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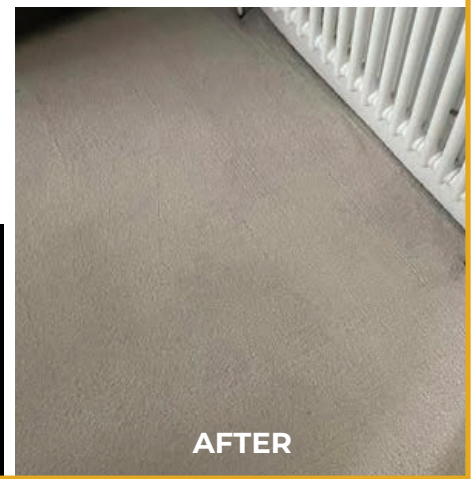
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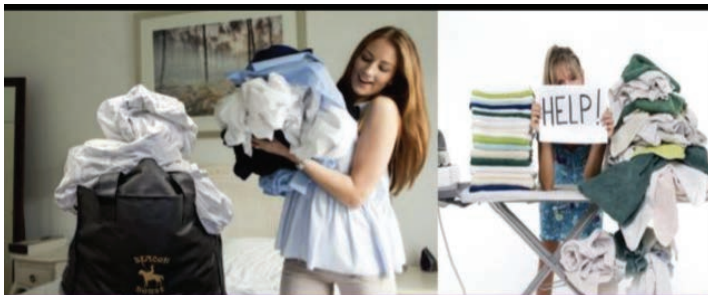
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Next public meeting Autumn 2026 which will be the GPCA AGM.

Membership of the GPCA is required to receive details of forthcoming meetings.

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## Editor's jottings

**Hello and welcome to the summer edition of Goldsworth News. I hope you are taking advantage of the lighter evenings and enjoying being able to be out and about taking advantage of what Goldsworth Park has to offer.**

Just as I started to prepare this edition, I learnt the wonderful news that the pair of swans who have chosen Goldsworth Lake as their home have produced 6 cygnets. Roger, in his article From the Lakeside on page 5, describes more about this exciting event – do take a look to see what Roger has to say. One point of note from the article being "Please don't be tempted to feed them at this stage as they need to learn how to forage on natural foods." I mention here as already a number of well-meaning visitors to the lake have been feeding the cygnets. Perhaps just enjoy watching them and leave nature to take its course.

I turn now to the EGM held on the 29th April. The primary but not sole purpose was to secure the future of the GPCA by seeking a number of trustees. I am very pleased to be able to share with you that a number of people have shown an interest in becoming a trustee with some having already commenced the formal application and appointment process. The current trustees thank those potential trustees and also all those who attended the meeting.

The GPCA has a number of upcoming events including resourcing the refreshments at the Woking & Sam Beare Dragon Boat Races and Family Fun day on the 7th June, paying for some fairground rides at the Goldsworth Park Summer Fair on the 27th June and supporting the Lakeview Summer Event with a litter pick starting at the Lakeview Community Centre at 12 noon on the 11th July.

Sadly, I share with you all that the GPCA quiz planned for the 17th April 7.30pm was cancelled due to lack of support. The GPCA may consider holding another quiz later this year – all depends on support for such an event.

Finally, I issue a clarion call for volunteer deliverers of Goldsworth News. I recently learnt that for a variety of reasons a number of volunteers will be unable to make delivers after this edition. Please do take a look at the list of roads in the list in the item below and offer your services. The GPCA gives a huge "Thank you" to all deliverers past and present – your support really does make a difference.

Enjoy your summer.

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# Lakeview Community Centre

By James Sanderson, Chair, Lakeview Community Action Group



## Lakeview Summer Event Saturday 11th July 11am to 2pm

At Lakeview, we are planning a different event this year after the Summer Fun Days we have run for the last few years. This year the focus will be on community engagement with the aim of reaching out to the local community to advertise what is already happening and find out what other activities local people would like to see at the Lakeview Community Centre going forward.

The Lakeview Summer Event will be held at the Centre on **Saturday 11th July between 11am to 2pm**. There will be a variety of activities run by local charities and community groups including the Salvation Army, St Andrew's Church and Lift Up Together, along with a litter pick run by the Goldsworth Park Community Association and a local councillors' surgery. The Lakeview Community Action Group will be running a survey about local community activities where all completed entries will entitle you to enter a free raffle!

It will be an opportunity to meet, share ideas and discover what is happening in and around Lakeview. You will be welcome to drop in at any time between 11am and 2pm. We will be serving light refreshments and we will run a Grand Prize Draw to help raise funds for the local community following the successful Draws we have run in previous years.

**Please let us know if you are interested in running an activity on the day. We are also looking for volunteers to help. If you would like to book an activity or can help volunteer then please contact us at [admin@lakeviewcentrewoking.org.uk](mailto:admin@lakeviewcentrewoking.org.uk)**

The Lakeview Summer Event will be an opportunity for the community to come together and help shape what happens next in our area.

## Natural Goldsworth Park Update



NGP's Project Manager, Bob Challoner, writes:

### TOAD PATROL

Towards the end of February, I was contacted by local resident Maz Puchalski who suggested organising a Toad Patrol around the Lake. Every year from late January to early March, Common Toads migrate to their ancestral breeding sites. Toad Patrols were started by the conservation charity Froglife to reduce the numbers of fatalities arising from vehicle traffic.

The public's response was outstanding. In the two weeks of early evening Patrols, a total of 120 people took part. Many families brought their children and some people travelled from as far away as Pirbright and Bisley. 755 toads were safely moved to the lake side.

The Toad Patrol proved a phenomenal success and special thanks must go to Maz whose enthusiasm and commitment rubbed off on everyone. It has shown that despite toad numbers falling nationally, Goldsworth Park has a very healthy population and the Lake is a very important breeding site for them and other amphibians. We will arrange another Toad Patrol next year.

### NATURAL GOLDSWORTH PARK FACEBOOK GROUP

Immediately after the Toad Patrol we saw a large increase in the NGP Facebook Group's membership which currently stands at 323. If you are not a member but have an interest in the plants and wildlife on



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Goldsworth Park please do join us. You can find the page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/naturalgoldsworthpark>

### SITE OF NATURE CONSERVATION INTEREST: BACK TO SQUARE ONE

In 2020, two very rare moth species were discovered on the Meadow along with other locally scarce species and in 2021, the Meadow and woodland were nominated as a Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI). This encompasses the Meadow and woodland, also the wooded corridor linking the Meadow and Tracious Copse/Horsell Birch but excludes the Cycle Track area.

In the five years since making the nomination, nothing was heard regarding its progress. I have now learned that COVID, the resignation/replacement of a chairperson and redrafting of the selection criteria for SNCIs have left the body in Surrey responsible for selecting them with a massive backlog of nominations to consider. What is worse is that apparently not all the survey data sent to support the application was logged by

Surrey Wildlife Trust, and what they do have is now out of date. All the surveys more than 5 years old will have to be repeated for the best chance of securing a positive decision. When a decision will be forthcoming is anybody's guess.

Why is this important? Well back in 2015 the Meadow was threatened with development. Following public protests, Woking Borough Council agreed to defer any development for 10-years. That period expires this year. Recognition as a SNCI would offer a degree of protection as local authorities must take account of a site's acknowledged ecological and conservation importance when considering development proposals.



Proposed Goldsworth Park SNCI site area (Surrey Wildlife Trust/Natural Goldsworth Park)

# From the Lakeside



■ Roger Westcott is Goldsworth Park Angling Club secretary and fishing bailiff working in partnership with Woking Council to oversee fishing, monitor fish stocks and other wildlife, and keep the area clean and tidy.

In the early hours of May 11th by the water's edge hidden within the reeds something long awaited was underway confirmed by the sound of soft little squeaks and quarks, followed by the deep browning voices of our pair of swans, parenthood for the fifth year on the lake had begun.

By dawn only hours old, six beautiful little cygnets no bigger than a tea cup each covered in blue/grey down, black beak and eyes to match were out on the water with mum and dad taking their first steps, or rather paddles in their case, being escorted round their new world of water looking for their first meal.



Photo: Roger Westcott

On the menu will be all sorts of yummy things for their little tummies such as bits of weed or soft reed, grasses or a tasty midge, a beetle or fly all packed with nutrition for healthy growth. Please don't be tempted to feed them at this stage as they need to learn how to forage on natural foods. That also applies to all young birds and there are many on the lake at present; coots and moorhen families can be seen wherever you look plus duck and grebe.

This time of the year is the breeding and growing period for much of the natural world all of which rely on one thing, "water",



Photo: Pam Taylor

and we have plenty of it here on Goldsworth Park. You have only to walk round the lake and see nature in all its glory and beauty. Take a look at the trees, the shrubs, the reeds and wild flowers all bursting into life often with the scent of blossom wafting in the air. There is the sound of birds in the trees and if you look into the shallows of the water, you will see tadpole, fish fry along with an array of insect life. To all of this and more we at the angling club with support from the Environment Agency, Thames Water, and Woking Borough Council are working hard to protect and care for this most precious part of Woking.

You may have read in my last report that we have undertaken a number of water and silt samples from the lake for lab testing which highlighted a few concerns such as high levels of alga and low oxygen which, unchecked, may harm the health of the lake and its inhabitants. In the past we annually placed barley straw bales in the water to help cut down alga blooms but this approach was short lived being only effective for a few weeks and left a lot of organic matter to rot in the lake in affect adding to the problem. The solution to this we discovered is to still use barley but in a liquid form through fermentation in large vats which we have been able to achieve.

At the beginning of May we introduce the first measured dose of fluid. This process will be repeated every two weeks throughout the growing period which is from the beginning of May to the end of September. Our next step is to help improve oxygen levels which is well underway – not a simple task but achievable. Thames Water, Woking Borough Council and the Angling Trust are, as I write, being very supportive in this venture which we hope to start working on very soon. So, watch this space as they say as in the next addition I will update on how we are getting on.

ROGER



**Goldsworth Park  
Lake and Footpath**



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Thank you

# Goldsworth Park Scout Group



## 1st Goldsworth Park Scout Group 2026 Summer Update

**So since our last catch up all sections have been busy making sure our Young People get the most fun and learning life skills they can out of a 'once a week' meeting! To be honest it's not just once a week and many Leaders help with other Sections at weekend events and training sessions for our adult helpers.**

Take this year, so far... **Squirrels** have looked at the Stars & Planets, learnt First Aid skills, and made some Easter Eggs Nests (edible ones!). **Beavers** have been climbing, taken part in District Beaver Science Day, learned about Disability Awareness and taken part in the Guides and Scouts Gang Show to raise funds for the building maintenance. Cubs have looked at flight from the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch, to making and flying a kite, looked at our Solar System through a big telescope, have taken part in the Guides and Scouts Gang Show and most recently at Back 2 Basics Woking District Cub Camp. **Scouts** have looked at our 999 Emergency Services, taken part in a 'Frost Camp', taken part in team planning and discussions on

what they want the Troop programme to include, and taken part in the Guides and Scouts Gang Show.

In total the Guides and Scouts Gang Show raised over £1600 which will go towards the building's maintenance. Thank you to all who contributed or helped in any way.

Looking forward, we have many Young People on our waiting list and we can only expand if we have more adult support!

Leaders on board. So... If you want to give scouting a try please reach out to our Group Volunteer Lead, Dave for an initial chat with no commitment needed, who knows where it will take you.

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If you have any Generation Centre Hall or Baden Powell Room booking enquires please contact Sylvia on 01483 766001.

*Akela (Hilary) Cub Leader*

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# Goldsworth Park Girlguiding



**Community spirit continues to flourish in local Girlguiding offering a wide range of activities, achievements, and opportunities for all ages to get involved.**

A recent highlight has been the ever-popular Gang Show, a lively fundraising event organised by the Goldsworth Park Guides and Scouts. This much-loved production brought together an incredible range of participants, from 4 to 80, proving that there truly is a place for everyone. Filled with energy, humour, and talent, the show delighted audiences while raising vital funds to support and maintain the Generation Centre. As a key community hub, the Centre plays an essential role in hosting activities and bringing people together, making the success of the Gang Show all the more meaningful. The message from organisers is simple: everyone is welcome to join in Girlguiding and Scouts.

It has also been a busy and rewarding time across the different sections. The Brownies recently enjoyed a badge work sleepover, combining fun, friendship, and achievement in a memorable overnight experience. Meanwhile, the Guides took part in the Surrey Girlguiding takeover at Wildwoods in Guildford, embracing adventure and teamwork in an exciting outdoor setting.

There is more to look forward to in the coming months. Camp Goldsworth, taking place in July, will welcome 93 participants for either a day of activities or a full weekend away. With crafts, outdoor challenges, and onsite adventures planned, it promises to be a fantastic opportunity for young people to learn new skills and build lasting memories.

Achievements have also been celebrated, with an impressive 1 Rainbow Gold Award and 7 Brownie Gold Awards presented over the last two terms. These awards represent the highest level of badge work within their respective sections, reflecting dedication, perseverance, and enthusiasm from the young members.

Adding to the celebrations, Tuesday Rainbows are proudly marking 35 years of being open, providing a safe, fun, and nurturing environment for young members of the community. To honour this milestone, they will be hosting a special party later this term—an occasion sure to be filled with joy and reflection on decades of involvement from leaders, volunteers, and families.

Looking ahead, the groups are excited to continue strengthening their ties with the local community. They look forward to being part of the Summer Fair on Saturday 27th June, running from 10:30am to 3:30pm, where there will be plenty of opportunities to connect, learn more, and get involved.

For more information on joining a Goldsworth Girlguiding Unit or to get involved as a volunteer, please contact [gpbrownies4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gpbrownies4@hotmail.co.uk).



# Woking Sea Cadets

Are you interested in meeting new friends, having fun and developing skills? Then come and visit Woking Sea Cadets at TS Dianthus, Wishbone Way, Goldsworth Park. We are an inclusive community organisation committed to providing new opportunities and experiences for young people between the ages of 10-18.

We are not looking to recruit future military personnel but want to give all young people a chance to be heard, support their community and develop skills to become fantastic citizens in a fun, friendly and exciting way.

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number of cadets so that more can benefit from all the incredible things the Sea Cadets has to offer — whether it's sailing a boat, competing in sports, or developing technical and leadership skills for the future.

As someone who has been part of the Sea Cadets for many years, I can personally say it's been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I've grown in confidence, learned skills I never imagined I'd have, and made lasting friendships with people from all walks of life. It's helped shape who I am today and I truly believe every young person deserves the chance to experience that kind of growth

No experience is necessary, just a willingness to try something new and challenge yourself.

For further details, visit our website/social media pages linked below or pop along to one of our meetings (details on page 11 of Goldsworth News):

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We look forward to meeting the next generation of Sea Cadets.

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# Trefoil



**Four members of the Goldsworth Park Trefoil Guild joined 23 other ladies from across Surrey for a wonderful 4-day cruise aboard P&O Aurora in April 2026.**

The trip was filled with fun, laughter, and many memorable moments. Most importantly, it offered a fantastic opportunity to build new friendships and strengthen existing ones

— a truly enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Goldsworth Trefoil Guild meets on the first Friday of each month at the Generation Centre, offering fun and friendship to all. Membership is open to anyone over 18.

For more information, please email: [Sylvialambart@gmail.com](mailto:Sylvialambart@gmail.com)



# News from St Andrew's by Revd Scott Smith

**A few weeks ago, on May 24th, St Andrew's, along with churches across the world, celebrated the festival of Pentecost – often described as the Church's 'birthday.'**

Rather than merely being a historical moment to be remembered though, it's a festival that invites us to live differently.

In the story of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit comes upon the disciples ten days after Jesus' ascension to heaven. The Holy Spirit comes not to keep the disciples gathered as a holy huddle in a small room, but to send them out into the world filled with heavenly power, courage, clarity, and hope.

There is something deeply powerful about the shift we see in the disciples at Pentecost. The disciples, once afraid, unsure and hidden away, are transformed into people willing to speak, serve, and step into the uncertainty of

daily life with renewed purpose.

For St Andrew's, as a local church, the Pentecost festival raises an important question: are we only looking inward, to our own particular needs, or are we being shaped to look and live outwardly?

Our weekly Sunday gatherings to worship, pray, and be family together are essential. They root us, strengthen us, and remind us that we are not alone.

But we don't gather simply for our own encouragement. We gather so that we might be sent out into all the world filled with heavenly power, courage, clarity, and hope.

Living 'outwardly' doesn't necessarily mean doing dramatic or extraordinary things. More often, it is found in the ordinary places of life—at school-gates, in workplaces, in conversations with neighbours, in acts of kindness that go unnoticed.

It is found in the patient listening to someone who feels unheard, the encouragement offered to someone struggling, or the quiet commitment to serve without recognition.

Pentecost speaks into these moments. The same Spirit that inspired courage in the early Church is still at work today, shaping ordinary people into bearers of peace, hope, and compassion in their communities.

In a world that can often feel fragmented or self-focused, the Church is called to be a different kind of presence—one that looks beyond itself.

As we move into the early days of summer, perhaps Pentecost invites us again to ask: where might we be sent in our own daily lives? And how might we carry a little more kindness, courage, and faith into the spaces we already inhabit?

In that sense, Pentecost is not just something we celebrate once a year. It is something that all of us are invited to live out every day.

As I've said before, St Andrew's Church was founded by the conviction that God had called us to:

- Make a significant contribution to the life of Goldsworth Park.
- Be a church with a welcoming face and a worshipping heart.
- Be a church with worship and service as its priorities.

St Andrew's continues to be a church for Goldsworth Park, a church family that is loving God with all our heart and reflecting God's heart to Goldsworth Park and beyond.

You'll know too if you glance at the 'Dates for your diary' pages of this magazine, that there's a lot going on in the life of St Andrew's, much of it community-focused.

On Saturday, June 27th St Andrew's (with Goldsworth Park Community Association and Girlguiding) are delighted to be partnering once again, to host the Goldsworth Park Summer Fair. We're obviously hoping (praying) for a gloriously sunny day so that we can enjoy rides, live music, stalls and performances from local schools and dance groups. Do put the date in your diary – we'd love to see you there.

Finally, as I say each time, I'm not just here for the church family that gathers week-by-week, Sunday-by-Sunday, but for all of us who call Goldsworth Park home. Every single person, whether you used to come to church, have never come, go elsewhere or have no intention of ever coming.

Alongside (and outside of) Sundays, there's always plenty going on at St Andrew's week-by-week. Do check out our website (<https://www.standrewsgwp.org/>) for more information.

With every blessing for the Summer.  
*Scott*



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# A personal view

Royer Slater



**Goldsworth Park is gorgeously green and full of nature – a great place to live or work for, as we’re often, switching off from the modern techno world and spending time in nature is good for our mental and physical wellbeing. That could be going on a nature-noticing walk, or lazing while watching birds, butterflies and bees go about their businesses.**

While doing yourself some good, you could also help wildlife. Researchers want us to tell them about the wild birds and butterflies we see while out and about.

Several nature lovers have told me that taking part in the *RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch* can be disappointing because it takes place in a January weekend when there are fewer birds in gardens – a windy or wet day may mean none at all.

There are many more wild birds about in spring and early summer, which is when a new survey *Birds in Greenspaces* takes place. Launched by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) – the UK’s leading bird research charity – *Birds in Greenspaces* runs over three months, from 1 April to 30 June. It also differs in that we’re asked to count birds in “public access greenspaces” – and we’re blessed with lots of those in Goldsworth Park – instead of gardens.

The BTO says that the way public landscapes are managed determines which bird species use them, and how many of each.



Photo: Gerry Smeethers

Our feedback through the *Birds in Greenspaces* survey can then be used by managers of public spaces, guiding them towards changes that benefit wildlife and us.

The BTO wants you to tell them about the greenspace(s) you visited, how long you were there, which birds you saw and how many. You can record your data using the BTO’s mobile phone app for Android and Apple devices, or on a paper form if you’d rather submit your data on a computer later.

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- Invitations to community events
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*Birds in Greenspaces* is open to all ages and experience levels. For full details visit the *Birds in Greenspaces* webpage at [bto.org/greenspaces](http://bto.org/greenspaces) and in the app. Both have lots of spotting tips and bird species info to help you even if you can’t tell a jay from a jackdaw.

If you’re a butterfly lover you’ll love the *Big Butterfly Count*, organised by the charity Butterfly Conservation. It runs from Friday 17 July to Sunday 9 August, when we’re asked to count numbers and types of butterflies (and some day-flying moths) we see over a 15 minute period during sunny conditions. The UK-wide survey helps Butterfly Conservation assess the health of our butterflies, which is also a sign of how our environment is faring.

You don’t have to know your butterflies – there are dedicated web pages and a spotter app to guide you. What might you see? Perhaps the colourful Peacock, the hedgerow-loving Gatekeeper or the Comma with its scalloped wing edges, which loves nettles. Maybe you’ll spot the Painted Lady, an annual visitor to our shores. And I mustn’t forget the Common Blue, which provides a lovely dash of colour!

Since the *Big Butterfly Count* started 17 years, over 1.35 million Big Butterfly Counts have been done by hundreds of thousands of people across the UK, spotting almost 13.8 million butterflies and helping Butterfly Conservation with its vital science and conservation activities.

For full details and to take part, visit Butterfly Conservation’s web site: [www.bigbutterflycount.org](http://www.bigbutterflycount.org).

Happy nature spotting this summer, whether you’re taking part in a nature survey or simply relaxing in a green space. It’s scientifically proven to do you good!

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# Dates for your diary



## Regular Events

\*Events marked with an asterisk, and possibly others too, may take a break during school holidays. We recommend checking with the organisers.

■ **WARM WELCOME Tuesdays, drop in 9am–midday** | Friendly chat and company on in Andy's Community Café at Goldsworth Park Centre. Free entry and with free tea, coffee and biscuits.

■ **COFFEE AND CHAT First, third and fifth Tuesdays of each month, drop in 10.30am–midday** | Conversation and company at **Warm Welcome** in Andy's at Goldsworth Park Centre. Church pastoral assistants are available to offer support to those struggling in any way.

■ **TODDLER GROUPS Mondays and Wednesdays, drop in 10am–11.30am.\*** | With toys and ride-ons, crafts and singing. Run by St Andrew's Church during school term times, in A2 Youth & Community Centre (next to the church). These are drop-in groups but entry may have to be restricted if max number is reached. Optional donation £2 per family. Details: email [toddlers@standrewsgwp.org](mailto:toddlers@standrewsgwp.org)

■ **BUMP & BEYOND Fridays, drop in 10am–11.30am** | Relaxed group for parents-to-be and parents with babies not yet walking. Offers support and opportunities to make friends and share experiences. Fun for babies with toys and activities. Run by St Andrew's Church in Andy's Café (or the A2 Centre if there is an event in the church). Optional donation £1 per family. Details: email [bumpandbeyond@standrewsgwp.org](mailto:bumpandbeyond@standrewsgwp.org)

■ **SING GOLD Wednesdays, 2pm to 3.30pm** | Goldsworth Park's Community Choir meets to have fun singing songs of all kinds in the Chapel at St Andrew's Church, GP Centre.

■ **WOKING YOUTH Wednesdays, 6.30pm–8.30pm** | Drop-in for young people aged 11-19 in Lakeview Community Centre, Tracious Close. See [www.wokingyouth.org.uk](http://www.wokingyouth.org.uk) for details. Volunteers needed to help at sessions: for info please email [admin@wokingyouth.org.uk](mailto:admin@wokingyouth.org.uk)

■ **YOUTH EVENING Alternate Fridays, 7.30pm–9pm\*** | For young people aged 11–16, with games and activities, and a termly trip out. Run by St Andrew's Church in the A2 Youth & Community Centre at GP Centre. For information and dates email [youth@standrewsgwp.org](mailto:youth@standrewsgwp.org).

■ **LIFT UP TOGETHER Thursdays, 12pm–3.30pm** | Social self-support group aiming to destigmatise mental health issues in a safe environment. With lunch, newspapers and magazines and activities such as bingo, quizzes and games, in Lakeview Community Centre, Tracious Close.

■ **ANDY'S COMMUNITY CAFÉ Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10am–12pm (during term times)** | We serve great barista coffees, a selection of teas, scrummy cakes and toast. Toddler-friendly play space with train track, books and toys, free Wi-Fi, comfy sofas or tables to work from, dog friendly. Andy's is on the ground floor at St Andrew's Church, GP Centre, GU21 3LG. Details: [www.standrewsgwp.org/andys](http://www.standrewsgwp.org/andys)

■ **CRAFT GROUP Thursdays, 10am–11.30am\*** | With a variety of craft activities in Andy's Community Café. Materials provided, all FREE.

■ **ART GROUP Thursdays, 10am–12pm** | Creativity, conversation and coffee. All abilities welcome. Meet and make friends in Andy's Community Café. Materials provided, all FREE. The event does not take place when the leader is away, so it's recommended you check with the St Andrew's Church office on 01483 723879.

■ **BOAT TRIPS ON THE BASINGSTOKE CANAL** – The Basingstoke Canal Society owns two passenger boats providing pleasure trips on the Basingstoke Canal. *Kitty* operates from Town Wharf in Woking, while *John Pinkerton II* operates from Odiham. For details and bookings visit [basingstoke-canal.org.uk](http://basingstoke-canal.org.uk)

■ **THE LIGHTBOX – Tuesdays to Sundays, times vary (closed Mondays and Bank Holidays)** | Art exhibitions (changed regularly), Woking's Story (museum) plus workshops for adults and families with young children. visit [thelightbox.org.uk](http://thelightbox.org.uk) or call 01483 737800.

■ **WOKING REPAIR CAFÉ operated by Woking Environment Action (WEAct).** | Volunteers offer free repairs for small household electricals, battery-operated clocks, ceramics, small items of furniture, toys, computers, garden tools, clothes and textiles. Donations welcome to help cover running costs. If possible, email beforehand with details of what you wish to bring: [wokingrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:wokingrepaircafe@gmail.com). Only items that can be carried by one person will be accepted. No petrol-driven items. Doors pen 10am, last entry 12.30pm, monthly on Saturdays: **13th June** and **8th August** at Old Woking Community Centre, Sundridge Road, GU22 9AT; **11th July** and **12th September** at Trinity Methodist Church, Brewery Road, GU21 4LH. See [wokingenvironmentaction.com](http://wokingenvironmentaction.com) for more info.

## Diary Dates

### June

■ **WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE Hearing aid clinic: drop in from 1pm–3pm** | NHS hearing aid general maintenance including cleaning, retubing, general advice and free NHS batteries. St Andrew's Church, GP Centre. Free service run by NHS-trained volunteers. For details visit [www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing](http://www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing)

■ **FRIDAY 5 JUNE Trefoil Guild, 7.30pm–9.30pm** | Monthly meeting for current and past Guiders who enjoy meeting like-minded folk. The Generation Centre, GP Centre, Denton Way.

■ **SATURDAY 6 JUNE Woking Borough Council Councillors Surgery, 11am –12pm** | Meet your local councillors in Quackers Café, Wishbone Way, Woking GU21 3RT.

■ **SATURDAY 6 JUNE Andy's 'Out of Hours', 7.30pm–10pm** | Live music and entertainment in the comfort of Andy's Community Cafe, with licensed bar and food. Tickets FREE (donations accepted) but book here: [tinyurl.com/andysooh](http://tinyurl.com/andysooh)

■ **SUNDAY 7 JUNE Woking & Sam Beare Dragon Boat Races & Family Fun Day** | Goldsworth Lake 10.00am to 3.00pm. For more details see: <https://wsbh.org.uk/event/dragon-boat-races/>

■ **SATURDAY 27 JUNE Goldsworth Park Summer Fair, 10.30am–3.30pm** | Our big summer day out! Games, fairground rides, entertainment, food, market stalls, local charities and more. In and around the Church and the Generation Centre at Goldsworth Park Centre. Hosted by St Andrew's Church in partnership with Goldsworth Park Guides, and supported by the GPCA. Free entry.

### July

■ **WEDNESDAY 1 JULY Hearing aid clinic: drop in from 1pm–3pm** | NHS hearing aid general maintenance including cleaning, retubing, general advice and free NHS batteries. St Andrew's Church, GP Centre. Free service run by NHS-trained volunteers. For details visit [www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing](http://www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing)

■ **FRIDAY 3 JULY Trefoil Guild, 7.30pm–9.30pm** | Monthly meeting for current and past Guiders who enjoy meeting like-minded folk. The Generation Centre, GP Centre, Denton Way.

■ **SATURDAY 4 JULY Woking Borough Council Councillors Surgery, 11am –12pm** | Meet your local councillors in Quackers Café, Wishbone Way, Woking GU21 3RT.

■ **SUNDAY 5 JULY Messy Church, 3pm–5pm** | Join us for fun, crafts, games, songs and food. Aimed at families with children aged 4-10 (primary school age), but older/younger siblings are welcome). St Andrew's Church, GP Centre.

■ **SATURDAY 11 JULY Lakeview Summer Event, drop in anytime between 11am–2pm** | A relaxed community event at the Lakeview Community Centre. Free entry. Meet, share ideas and discover what's happening in and around Lakeview. Say what you like about Lakeview and what you'd like in the future. Chat with local community organisations and service providers. Learn about local activities, groups and services. Enjoy a cuppa, light refreshments and friendly conversation. There will be a Grand Prize Draw to help raise funds for the local community.

■ **SATURDAY 25 JULY Indoor Car Boot Table Top Sale, 9pm–12.30pm** | Organised by Goldsworth Park Scouts, in the Generation Centre (next to the church) at Goldsworth Park Centre, GU21 3LG. Free entry for buyers. Sellers: Contact Akela on 07762 935300 to reserve a table (£10 per space, set up from 8am); local parking available.

## August

■ **SATURDAY 1 AUGUST Andy's 'Out of Hours', 7.30pm–10pm** | Live music and entertainment in the comfort of Andy's Community Cafe, with licensed bar and food. Tickets FREE (donations accepted) but book here: [tinyurl.com/andysooh](http://tinyurl.com/andysooh)

■ **WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST Hearing aid clinic: drop in from 1pm–3pm** | NHS hearing aid general maintenance including cleaning, retubing, general advice and free NHS batteries. St Andrew's Church, GP Centre. Free service run by NHS-trained volunteers. For details visit [www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing](http://www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing)

■ **FRIDAY 7 AUGUST Trefoil Guild, 7.30pm–9.30pm** | Monthly meeting for current and past Guiders who enjoy meeting like-minded folk. The Generation Centre, GP Centre, Denton Way.

■ **SATURDAY 8 AUGUST Woking Borough Council Councillors Surgery, 11am –12pm** | Meet your local councillors in Quackers Café, Wishbone Way, Woking GU21 3RT.

■ **WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST Seniors' Event** | Free entry (donations accepted). In Andy's Community Café (within St Andrew's Church). We 'll be showing the multi-award-winning movie Bella (2006): 90 minutes, with a break for ice creams. Booking essential. Start time to be advised. For details call the church office: 01483 723879.

## September

■ **WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER Hearing aid clinic: drop in from 1pm–3pm** | NHS hearing aid general maintenance including cleaning, retubing, general advice and free NHS batteries. St Andrew's Church, GP Centre. Free service run by NHS-trained volunteers. For details visit [www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing](http://www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing)

■ **FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER Trefoil Guild, 7.30pm–9.30pm** | Monthly meeting for current and past Guiders who enjoy meeting like-minded folk. The Generation Centre, GP Centre, Denton Way.

■ **SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER Woking Borough Council Councillors Surgery, 11am –12pm** | Meet your local councillors in Quackers Café, Wishbone Way, Woking GU21 3RT.

■ **SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER Messy Church, 3pm–5pm** | Join us for fun, crafts, games, songs and food. Aimed at families with children aged 4-10 (primary school age), but older/younger siblings are welcome. St Andrew's Church, GP Centre.

## Local Organisations in Goldsworth Park

### ■ GOLDSWORTH PARK GUIDES AND SCOUTS

Meetings are in The Generation Centre at The Goldsworth Park Community & Shopping Centre.

**GUIDES:** Rainbows (ages 5-7) – Monday, Tuesday and Friday 4.45pm to 5.45pm; Brownies (ages 7-10) – Monday, Tuesday and Friday 6pm to 7.30pm; Guides (ages 10+) – Tuesday 7.45pm to 9.15pm. Contact: Hannah Lambert on 01483 766001 or email [gpbrownies4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gpbrownies4@hotmail.co.uk)

**SCOUTS:** Squirrels (ages 4-6), Beavers (ages 6-8) – Wednesday 5pm to 6pm; Cubs (ages 8-10) – Thursday 5.45pm to 7.15pm; Scouts (ages 10+) – Thursday 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Contact: Dave Morris on 07985 684086 or email [gsl.gpark@gmx.com](mailto:gsl.gpark@gmx.com). Leaders/helpers needed so they can accommodate young people on the waiting list: please contact Dave to discuss.

### ■ GOLDSWORTH PARK RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Grassroots football opportunities for boys and girls, based at Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground. Details: visit [gprfc.org](http://gprfc.org) or email [clubsecretary@gprfc.org](mailto:clubsecretary@gprfc.org)

### ■ SEA CADETS WOKING

Through activities and adventures, we learn teamwork, respect, loyalty, self-confidence, commitment, self-discipline, honesty and how to be the best version of ourselves. We meet at the Dianthus Building, Wishbone Way GU21 3RT. Sea Cadets (ages 12-18) – Mondays and Thursdays 7pm-9pm; Junior Cadets (ages 10-12) – Mondays 7pm-9pm; Royal Marines Cadets (13-18) – Mondays and Thursdays 7pm-9pm. Details: visit [www.sea-cadets.org/woking](http://www.sea-cadets.org/woking) or email [info@wokingseacadets.org.uk](mailto:info@wokingseacadets.org.uk) or call 01483 901909.

### ■ WOKING HOCKEY CLUB

With many teams (men's, ladies, mixed, youth and touring sides), plus "back to hockey" sessions, the clubs offer hockey to players of any ability. Details: [www.wokinghc.com](http://www.wokinghc.com) or email [secretary@wokinghc.com](mailto:secretary@wokinghc.com)

### ■ GOLDSWORTH PARK BADMINTON CLUB

The club seeks new members who currently play or are thinking of restarting badminton. Meets every Saturday, 1pm-3pm in Woking High School Sports Hall. The club plays with feather shuttles and has a friendly but strong level of badminton whilst enjoying the fun and social side. Details email [paulrussell01@aol.com](mailto:paulrussell01@aol.com)

### ■ FOSTERS BADMINTON CLUB

A mixed, friendly and competitive club for those looking for competitive badminton. Meets every Monday, 7pm to 9 pm in Woking High School Sports Centre. The club plays with feather shuttles and has men's and mixed league teams. Details email [dave@daveglynnmanagement.co.uk](mailto:dave@daveglynnmanagement.co.uk)

### ■ ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Goldsworth Park's friendly, community-focussed parish church, at the heart of Goldsworth Park near the shops. Our church family is made up of all ages and backgrounds from a variety of nationalities and cultures. We'd love to welcome you at a Sunday service in our upstairs Worship Area (we have a lift!) or during the week at our many events downstairs in Andy's Community Café. Details: [www.standrewsgwp.org](http://www.standrewsgwp.org) email [office@standrewsgwp.org](mailto:office@standrewsgwp.org) or call 01483 723879.

### ■ SALVATION ARMY

We invite you to join with us on Sundays at 11am for our worship meeting. In addition, we offer many programmes at our Community Church throughout the week so please know that you're welcome at The Salvation Army Community Church, Sythwood, Woking GU21 3BE. For details visit [www.salvationarmy.org.uk/woking](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/woking) or email [woking@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:woking@salvationarmy.org.uk) or call 01483 793704.

### ■ LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meets Sundays at 10am for worship, teaching and Holy Communion in the Dianthus Building in Wishbone Way, GU21 3RT. Other meetings during the week include Holy Communion, prayer and house groups. For more information visit [lcfwoking.wixsite.com/lakeside](http://lcfwoking.wixsite.com/lakeside) or email [lcf\\_woking@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lcf_woking@hotmail.co.uk) or call 01483 870045.

### ■ RADIO SAILING WOKING

Sails model boats on Goldsworth Park Lake on Sundays from 11am (weather permitting), for general sailing or events, as listed on web site. For details see [www.radiosailingwoking.uk](http://www.radiosailingwoking.uk)

### ■ GOLDSWORTH CARE

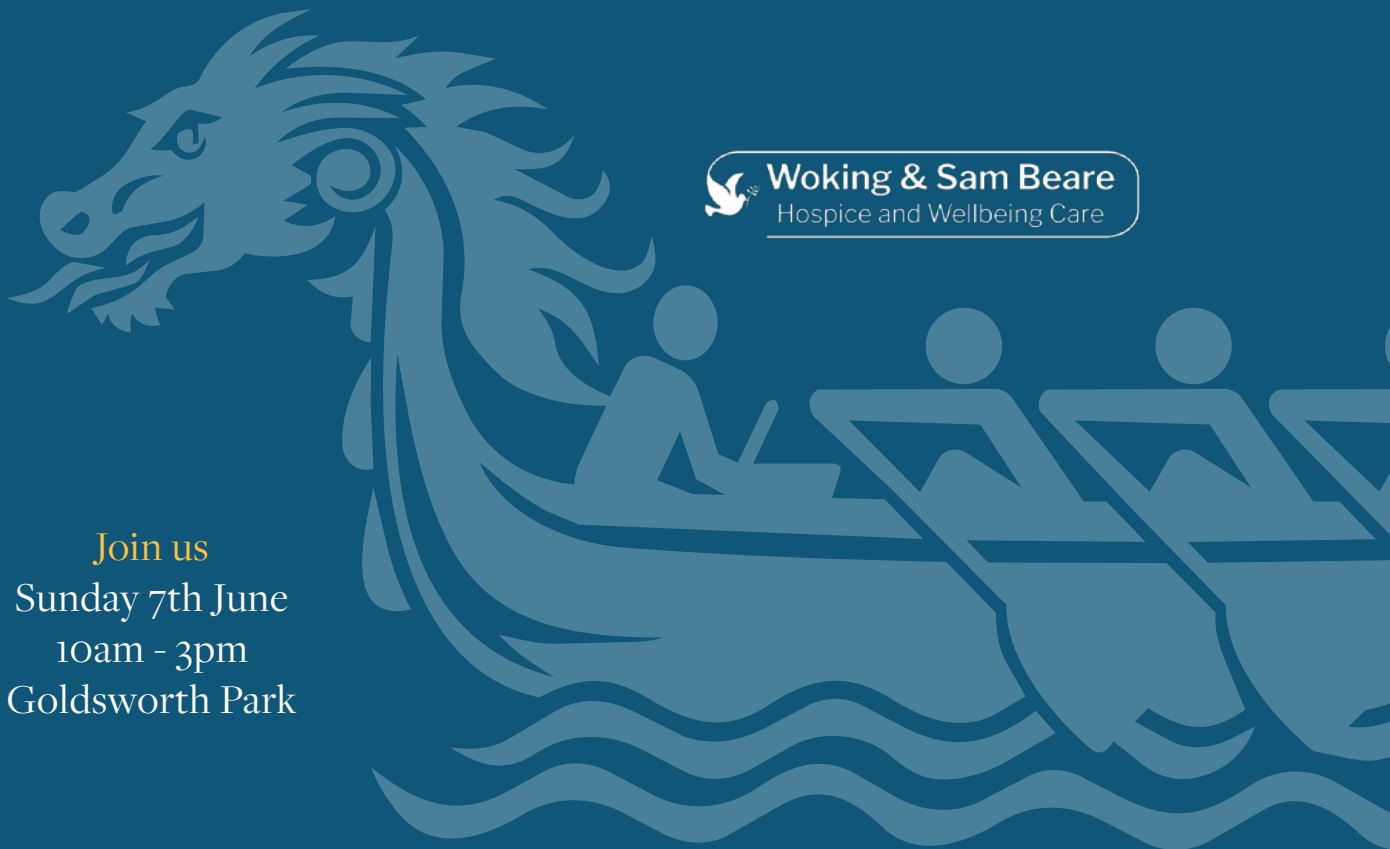
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### ■ WOKING SHOPMOBILITY

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