

Worplesdon Parish Council

Parish Newsletter

Welcome to the 43rd edition of our newsletter designed to keep you up to date with what happening in the parish.

Special points of interest:

- **Wood Street Summer Show Saturday 15 July 2pm** - All are welcome.
- **Maintenance of the flower borders Fairlands Ave** - These will be weeded on a monthly trial basis throughout the growing season.
- **Adopted phone kiosks** - The Parish Council wishes to extend its thanks to SCC for the £400 grant towards the restoration costs and to the Volunteers who will soon restore these iconic heritage landmarks to their former glory.
- **Sale of Burpham Court Farm** - The farmstead buildings are being sold off by Guildford Borough Council for residential use. There are plans to turn the farmland into a Wetland Reserve.

Due to a reduction in the funding provided to Surrey Wildlife Trust by Surrey County Council towards the upkeep of the Countryside Estate Surrey Wildlife Trust's Countryside Team has had to undergo a major restructure.

The role of Ranger has been made redundant.

The new Countryside Team now comprises:

Leigh Thornton - Estate Manager, three Practical Volunteer Leaders - Jon Gardner, Ross Packman

Whilst the Parish Council paid for new posts to be installed along Pitch Place Green, the lockable bollards had regrettably not been secured - albeit the gate was chained and padlocked shut. Unfortunately, the chain was cut and forcible entry gained. To prevent further

and Suzie Robson, three Liaison Officers - Lucy Bryce, Zoe Channon and Katy Fielding and two Countryside Surveyors - George Rockell and John Wilsher.

The Parish Council will continue to work in partnership with Surrey Wildlife Trust in a bid to keep the various commons across Worplesdon in good order.

Volunteer work parties recommenced at the beginning of June 2017. Work parties are being

carried out on Chitty's Common (nearest post-code GU3 3HL) on Tuesday 27th June - boardwalk completion and path maintenance and on Whitmoor Common Himalayan Balsam removal on Tuesday 25th July. Full details of both work parties can be obtained from Ross Packman on 07968 832504.

Details of all work parties can be found on Surrey Wildlife Trust's website:

www.surreywildlifetrust.org

Surrey Wildlife Trust

Traveller incursions

incursions additional security measures will now be considered.

The Parish Council is currently working with Surrey Police and Surrey County Council to resolve the issue.

There is a set procedure

which has to be followed in the event of Traveller incursions which can be found via Worplesdon Parish Council's website under Strategic Documents:

<http://worplesdon-pc.gov.uk/strategicdocuments.asp>

Mayor's Award for Service to the Community

The Parish Council would like to congratulate:

Mr Terry Cater
Dr Paul Cragg
Mr John Steer and
Mrs Mandy Welch

who were all nominated for and received the Mayor's Award for Service to the Community in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the community.

Ward Improvements

Over recent weeks a number of improvements have been carried out in mostly in Wood Street Village. These include repainting the Maypole, introducing new land drains into the Village Green to help resolve flooding issues. We would like to thank Guildford Borough Council for its grant of £5,200 towards the land drainage work.

The village sign is being renovated by Terrence Clark, our local and very talented Artist Blacksmith, overgrowth has been removed from and around the village pond and the ditch beside Nightingale Old Farm has been re-dug.

New safety surfacing has been introduced in the Worplesdon Play Area. New ropes will soon be fitted to the "Typhoon".

A new path is to be laid in the Fairlands Play Area and the safety surfacing beneath the bouncy seat on Wood Street Village Green is also to be replaced.

Surrey County Council is to undertake ditch maintenance along the Aldershot Road between "Dalmead" and the entrance to Fair Oaks after the bird nesting season.

Harry's Meadow - Jacobs Well

A grant of £500 has been awarded to the Wood Street Village Association to provide new gazebos for the Summer Show.

The Jacobs Well Residents' Association (JWRA) has asked the Parish Council to widen the use of Harry's Meadow, which is predominantly used by dog walkers.

Various suggestions were put forward. The Parish Council is considering the

following options:

- The installation of adult exercise equipment.
- The introduction of a wildflower meadow.
- The installation of benches & litter bin.

It is the Parish Council's intention to seek funding

for the adult exercise equipment and sponsorship for the wildflower meadow and benches.

We would very much appreciate your views on these proposals. Please do let us know via

01483 300094 or clerk@worplesdonpc.co.uk

Nevins Copse - Named after the late Cllr Mike Nevins

Volunteers for the Parish council have been working to clear Nevin's Copse at the top of Pinks Hill of dense undergrowth and entangled trees for several years. The objective being to restore this to a pleasant woodland with open spaces which can be enjoyed by our residents as well as providing a habitat for



Rhoda Nevins, Gaynor White and Paul Cragg

species and a wildlife corridor for animals traversing the commons. What was once a virtually impenetrable

indigenous jungle, due to it being left to grow wild for more than forty years, is now slowly turning into a haven of peace, dappled shade and tranquillity.

Rhoda Nevins, the former Chairman of Pirbright Parish Council, came to see the progress being made in the Copse,

named after her late husband Mike, a former County Councillor for Worplesdon. We will now concentrate on clearing invasive Laurel and bramble and hope to open up the old ditch which partly surrounds the site to improve drainage and access.

Paul Cragg

Public rights of Way

Maintenance of the public rights of way network in Surrey is undertaken by the County Council's Country-side Access Team. The County Council faces unprecedented financial challenges, as a result of which further budget reductions will be required. This will cause significant challenges in meeting its statutory duties, ensuring public

safety and keeping paths open. Enforcement work will continue as normal as will dealing with planning matters and working to deliver schemes where external funding has been obtained.

Maintenance will however be significantly reduced. In future if a surface cannot be made safe then a closure may be necessary to protect

people from harm.

With the assistance of the County Council it may be possible to establish a volunteer work scheme if there is sufficient local interest.

If you are interested in joining such a group, please do contact us on 01483 300094 or clerk@worplesdonpc.co.uk

Bridge strikes - Salt Box Road

The Parish Council has been liaising with Surrey County Council, the Rt. Hon. Anne Milton MP and Network Rail regarding the increasing number of bridge strikes and associated problems experienced when over-height vehicles use Salt Box Road.

Network Rail has given its assurances that the bridge is structurally sound and that visible damage is purely cosmetic.

Devolved services - Additional costs to WPC

Due to the escalating cost of Adult Social Care, Surrey County is having to cut its expenditure in all departments. The County Council is therefore looking to the Town and Parish Councils to assist in terms of the discretionary services the County

Council provides e.g. grass cutting, maintenance of public rights of way, overhanging vegetation etc.

The Parish Council is therefore incurring additional costs on behalf of local residents to ensure that no drop in service occurs.

This year the Parish Council is paying for an additional cut along Salt Box Road, for pedestrian safety and will also meet the cost of siding out footpaths and cutting back vegetation as necessary despite the loss of and reduction in various grants towards this work.

UK Power Networks

Need extra support during a power cut?

Register for free: ukpowernet-works.co.uk/priority
@psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk
Text POWER and your postcode to 80876 or phone 0800 31 63 105



Project Aspire is Guildford Borough Council's message that Every Person Matters.

At its core is a vision to create stronger communities where neighbours look after each other and where local residents can look after their own health and wellbeing.

It is about improving children's health and wellbeing, helping develop a preventative approach towards illness, promoting emotional wellbeing and mental health, improving the health and wellbeing of older adults and safeguarding the population. To do this, Project Aspire grants are

available to Community groups and it is **very easy to apply**.

Project Aspire is also about working with partners to make the best use of resources and to ensure things get done for our communities quickly - it is about building connections.

If you wish to apply for a grant or know of groups that can help mentor other community groups across the borough please contact:

Samantha.hutchison@guildford.gov.uk
or
Stephen.benbough@guildford.gov.uk

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Please note our new website address:
<http://www.worplesdon-pc.gov.uk>

USEFUL NUMBERS

Guildford Borough Council

01483 505050 (main switchboard)
01483 564821 (out of hours
emergency)

Surrey County Council

03456 009 009

Gas Emergency - 0800 111 999

Police/Ambulance/Fire - 999

Thames Water (burst water main) -
0800 714 614

Thames Water - Sewage Flooding

0845 9200 800

Environment Agency - Flooding Hotline

0345 988 1188

Highway Emergencies -

0300 200 1003

UK Power Networks - (Electricity) - 105

Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111

Royal Surrey County Hospital -

01483 571122

Fairlands Doctors' Surgery -

01483 594250

Anti-terrorist hotline - 0800 789 321

Surrey Wildlife Trust - 01483 795440

<i>Chairman - Dr Paul Cragg</i>	<i>01483 531597</i>
<i>Vice-Chairman - Chris Venables</i>	<i>01483 233803</i>
<i>Gordon Adam</i>	<i>01483 234830</i>
<i>David Bird</i>	<i>07999 944601</i>
<i>Neville Bryan</i>	<i>01483 237838</i>
<i>Rob Clark</i>	<i>07913 790138</i>
<i>Jan Messinger</i>	<i>07761 589768</i>
<i>Nigel Mitchell</i>	<i>01483 232538</i>
<i>Sandra Morgan</i>	<i>01483 233344</i>
<i>Beth Nagle</i>	<i>01483 232036</i>
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<i>Lisa Wright</i>	<i>07776 301845</i>
<i>Gaynor White (Clerk to the Council)</i>	<i>01483 300094</i>

Celebration Concert Worplesdon Parish Choir

St Alban's Church,
Wood Street Village
Saturday 17th June, 7.30 pm

Admission: adults £10, children £5,
families £25

Tickets available from the parish office:
[churchoffice@worplesdonparish.com/](mailto:churchoffice@worplesdonparish.com)
G. 233091

St Alban's Festival United Worship

Sunday 18th June
10.00am St Alban's

Please join us at our very special patronal festival
on Sunday 18th June, when the Bishop of Guildford,
the Rt Revd Andrew Watson, will be presiding.

Flower Festival

*Celebrating our
life in flowers*

St Alban's Church,
Wood Street Village

Friday 23rd June 10.30 – 7.30
Saturday 24th June 10.30 – 5.00
Sunday 25th June 11.30 – 4.00

Admission free

Refreshments

Wood Street Infant School Choir
Worplesdon Parish Junior Choir
Children's competitions,
Display of church history



ST ALBAN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY
CHURCH