



Worplesdon Parish Council

Parish Newsletter

Worplesdon Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Parish a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!



Residents' Survey 2017 Prize Draw Fortnum and Mason Christmas Hamper Sponsored by [Worplesdon View Care Home](#)

Special points of interest:

- **New Assistant Clerk** - We welcome Victoria Fear to our team and wish her every success with her new role.



- **The Typhoon play equipment at Worplesdon Memorial play area** - Due to poor after sales care the Typhoon has regrettably been out of action for months. New ropes were fitted 17th November 2017.
- **Ditch maintenance** - Winter is the time to dig-out your ditches to avoid potential flooding. If you have a ditch on or near your property you have a RIPARIAN ownership responsibility to maintain it.



Casual vacancy - QR code

Worplesdon Parish Council is funded by a parish precept element of your council tax payment (currently £4.76 per month per Band D property). Our only other income is from the tennis courts and grants, however, in 2018/19 our income from grants will fall by £18,092.

We want to make sure that we are spending your money on the right things, given that funds are limited. The data we collect will help us to decide our budget for next year and our spending priorities.

Your responses are very valuable and will help the

council to finalise its budget, as our precept (council tax) request has to be submitted to Guildford Borough Council by 20th January 2018.

The questionnaire will be available for 3 weeks from 2nd December 2017 to 23rd December 2017.

It can be completed online via a link from the Worplesdon Parish Council webpage: www.worplesdon-pc.gov.uk.

You can print a paper copy using the download link on the Worplesdon Parish Council webpage and return it by post to the Clerk, Worplesdon Parish Council, West View, 84 Rydes Hill

Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 9UG.

Complete a copy and scan to admin@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk

Hard copies of the survey will be available in the Fairlands Drs' Surgery and local Post Offices (look for the sign in the window) – please return it by post to the Clerk. Copies can also be requested by phoning 01483 300094.



Residents' Survey QR code

We will publicise the results on our website in February 2018 and in our Spring newsletter.

Jacobs Well Casual Vacancy

Following the resignation of Cllr Derek Slaymaker, a casual vacancy exists in the Office of Councillor for the Jacob's Well Ward.

Eligibility criteria

To be a Parish Councillor you must be at least 18 years old on the day of your nomination – AND - be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or European Union citizen – AND - meet at least ONE of the following FOUR qualifications: A local government elector

for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination.

You are an owner or tenant of land or premises in the parish for 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election. Your main or only place of work, during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election, has been in the parish.

You have lived in the parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months

before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

If you are interested in local Government and community projects and want to help improve your local community why not apply to join the Parish Council?

Send your CV to the Clerk to the Council - Mrs G F White, West View, 84 Rydes Hill Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 9UG or email: clerk@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk

Half Term Sime Art Family workshop

**15th February 2018 -
2pm - 4pm Worplesdon
Memorial Hall**
for children 4 - 10 yrs
accompanied by an adult.
£2 suggested donation
per child email:
CMAssocs@aol.com or
cimbroughton@aol.com

Wood Street Village Green

Children from Wood Street
Infant School together with
generous members of the
WS Horticultural Society
combined forces to provide a
wonderful community
occasion, with a lasting
legacy, when 1,000 native
daffodil bulbs were planted
in two swathes on Wood
Street Village Green on 6th
November.

In addition, local Artist
Blacksmith Terrence Clark is
currently restoring the WS
Village sign to its former
glory. Our thanks to
everyone involved.

Fairlands Post Office Saved

We are delighted to advise
that the Fairlands Post
Office has been granted
'Stay as is' status following
overwhelming community
support.

The Parish Council wishes to
express its sincere thanks to
Mr and Mrs Charles for all
of their hard work in
achieving this exceptional
result.

As a result, additional
services are now available.
These include the new
travel currency card and
savings accounts including
Growth Bonds. These are in

addition to the following
valuable services:

- Fee-free cash
withdrawals for the
majority of banks
- Postage stamps, postal
orders and all Royal
Mail and Parcelforce
services
- Personal banking,
including paying in
cheques and cash
(either with a card or
paying in book
depending on the bank)
- Business banking
including paying in
cheques and cash
(again either with a
card or paying in book)
- DVLA car tax
- Transcash items
barcoded bills
only
- Philatelic - first day
covers and
commemorative
stamps issued
- Bureau de change
- Euros and US Dollars
always held, other
currencies to order
- Moneygram
- Gift cards (One for All)
- Change giving for
business customers
- Mail order/home
shopping returns
- National Lottery

ROGER AND MANDY WELCH

Worplesdon Parish Council and the Worplesdon Memorial Trustees wish a very fond
farewell to Roger and Mandy Welch after a long and productive relationship with the
community. Mandy served as Curate at St Mary's Church, Worplesdon for many years.
Roger was a Parish Councillor for 20 years and a Worplesdon Memorial Trustee for 12
years, recently overseeing the kitchen extension to the Memorial Hall. Everyone wishes
them a long and happy retirement.

A323 Work Party

Having sought consent from Surrey
Wildlife Trust an intrepid, dedicated and
enthusiastic group of councillors includ-
ing the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of
Worplesdon Parish Council, both of
whom are qualified to use chainsaws,
set to and on 17th October commenced
the clearance work which includes the
removal of blackthorn bushes, sapling

trees and brambles and "siding out"
the pavement to push it back to its
full width.

Whilst a lot was achieved, further
work parties will be required to com-
plete the task.

If you would be interested in adding

your name and contact details, to our
database of volunteers, please email:
admin@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk.

Parish work parties will be held on
Wednesdays and Sundays in 2018.
The first date will be Wednesday 10th
January 2018 at 10am.



Before



After

Jacobs Well Armistice Day Ceremony 2017

At 10.53am, led by Chairman of the Parish Council Dr Paul Cragg, members of Worplesdon Parish Council, representatives of the JWRA (Jacobs Well Residents' Association) and members of the public gathered to commemorate all those lost in conflict. This year special recognition was given to the Battle of Passchendaele. We mourn the loss of these lives each year on Armistice Day.

In particular the community remembers the four American airmen who lost their lives in Jacobs Well in October 1944 when the Lilly Bell II crashed into a field close to the War Memorial - Click [here](#) to read the full story:
Pilot, 1st Lieut. - Mercer W Avent - Aged 28, North Carolina
Co-Pilot, Flight Off. - John E Wright - Aged 32, New York State

Flight Eng. Tch. Sgt. - John R Hillmer - Aged 21, Detroit and
Radio Op, Staff Sgt. - Dale E Dellenger - Aged 21, New Mexico.
A two minute silence was held at 11am.
Local piper, Kenneth Thomson, played "The Bloody Fields of Flanders" and "Flowers of the Forest".
Wreaths were placed beside the war memorial on behalf of the Parish Council by Mrs



Victoria Fear (Assistant Clerk) and on behalf of the JWRA by Mrs Heather Kidman.

Great War 1914 - 1918

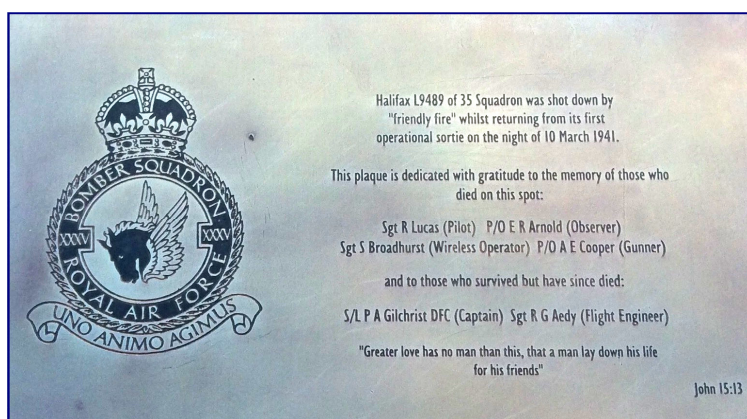
To coincide with the installation of the poppy-themed benches and litter bin in Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well in 2018, to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War, it is the intention of the Parish Council to hold a beacon lighting ceremony. Alexander Dennis, who made military vehicles for the War Office, and who are now based in the Parish of

Worplesdon have kindly agreed to fund raise towards the cost of the benches. The Parish Council have been extensively researching the men, who are on the Roll of Honour having lost their lives in the Great War (1914 – 1918). The Parish recognised the 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War, by holding an exhibition in the

Worplesdon Memorial Hall displaying the information uncovered about these men. In 2018 a booklet will be produced which details this, and subsequent research, relating to the men of Worplesdon who served in the Great War. *If you have any information on relatives who served or died in WWI, please contact Councillor Jan Messinger.* A new, framed centenary roll

of honour will be sited inside the Memorial Hall including the names of men who were not on the original roll of honour e.g. those shot for cowardice. On Armistice Day 2018, the Parish Council will be holding a one-off wreath laying ceremony in Harry's Meadow to mark the centenary of the end of the Great War. Further information is available on the Parish website.

Merrist Wood - WWII Halifax Bomber Plaque



Working alongside Merrist Wood Golf Club, as a community project, Vice-Chairman, Chris Venables has undertaken a significant and very careful voluntary restoration of the Halifax Bomber plaque located between the 14th and 15th tee of Merrist Wood Golf Course.

The plaque commemorates Halifax L9489 of 35 Squadron, shot down by 'friendly fire' whilst returning from its first operational sortie on the night of 10 March 1941. Four crew members were killed, whilst two survived.

Visit the [Normandy Historians](http://normandyhistorians.co.uk/aandp27.html) website for full story.
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'Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends'
John 15:13

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**Carol Singing
Wood Street Village Green
Saturday 16th
December 2017 - 4pm**

This much loved traditional
festive village event is open
to all.

Chairman - Dr Paul Cragg
Vice-Chair - Chris Venables
Gordon Adam
David Bird
Neville Bryan
Jan Messinger
Nigel Mitchell
Sandra Morgan
Beth Nagle
David Snipp
Pauline Snipp
Helena Unwin-Golding
Jane Wray
Lisa Wright
Gaynor White (Clerk to the Council)
Victoria Fear

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Community Recycling Centres

**Surrey County Council has resolved that
with effect from:**

4th December 2017 - There will be no free daily
allowance of chargeable non-household waste such
as rubble, plasterboard and soil.

There will also be restrictions on which CRCs vans,
trailers and pick-ups can be taken to.

**From 8th January 2018 Slyfield
Recycling Centre will be CLOSED on
Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**

The changes will enable the County Council to make
savings while still maintaining a comprehensive
service for Surrey residents.

To find out more about the changes to the CRC
service please visit surreycc.gov.uk/recycling

**Worplesdon Memorial
Trustees invite you to**

CPR & Defib Training

WHEN
17th January 2018
7:00pm-9:00pm

Where Worplesdon Memorial
Hall, Perry Hill, GU3 3RF

TO BOOK: email
cimbroughton@aol.com
01483-233869



FREE
To local residents,
Hall users,
Worplesdon
sports clubs and
Community groups

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