



Worplesdon Parish Council

Parish Newsletter

Welcome to the 47th edition of our newsletter designed to keep you up to date with what is happening in the parish.



CLlr Sam Fisk

Councillor Vacancies

A vacancy exists in the Office of Councillor for the Jacobs Well Ward and also for the Fairlands Ward.

If you are interested in either position, and would like to find out more, please go to our new [website](#), or contact the Clerk.

REPORTING ISSUES

If you notice any issues, such as potholes, flooding or leaks, don't leave it to someone else ... please report it!

Potholes, pavements, blocked and broken drains, flooding, trees and vegetation, can be reported to **Surrey County Council**.

This can be done [online](#) or if you consider a problem to be an immediate threat to life or limb, call their Contact Centre on 0300 200 1003.

Profile of Jacobs Well Councillor, Samantha Fisk

I joined Worplesdon Parish Council, in November, as I wanted to take a more active role in the community and village Jacobs Well, where I have lived for the majority of my life. My introduction to the parish council was a fun one, in the first week of me being co-opted, the Clerk, Gaynor White, had me out testing new play equipment for the Fairlands and Worplesdon memorial play areas. Well they do say start as you mean to go on...

Over the recent years many issues have arisen, whether they have been local ones or ones that have come down from Government that also

would impact my local area, which has ranged from speeding issues to the local plan. I was interested to find out more and be involved in what was happening with the community.

Being a councillor involves giving a part of my time to this and how much time you give is down to each councillor. I also work as a freelance journalist/photographer, so my hours can vary greatly and also call for me to be away, but with the aid of modern technology such as e-mail, etc being in touch and staying in "the loop" is manageable.

I enjoy my role as a parish

councillor and being involved in the community.

Worplesdon Parish Council is a great network and support for the community and has a vast wealth of knowledge of its area.

In my short time on the council I have encountered and learnt about many different topics and areas that the council deals with on a daily basis. Although living in the area for a long time, I'm still discovering other places in the parish that I have not yet been to, although may have driven past.

By CLlr Sam Fisk

Wildfire Warning

As summer approaches it's great to get outdoors and explore the countryside. In the UK we have some of the only Lowland Heath areas on the planet due to the unique climate but the hot weather makes wildfires on dry landscapes more common.

These can have serious consequences for humans, wildlife and the natural surroundings of Surrey's wooded areas.

Surrey Fire and Rescue Service

have a checklist to help stop fires occurring in the first place:

- Don't discard cigarettes
- Don't have BBQs in unauthorised areas
- Never leave a BBQ unattended
- Don't start campfires on the Commons
- Don't discard rubbish - particularly reflective materials
- Don't burn garden rubbish during hot periods or if you live close to woodland or during prolonged dry spells

If you see a fire:

- Do not try and tackle the fire yourself
 - Call 999 and request the fire service
 - Give an accurate location of the fire - nearest road/landmarks/locally known names
 - Move to a safe area
- If the fire is in a remote area, please meet the emergency services at the access point so you can guide them to the location.

With thanks to SCC



WW1 Beacon - Armistice Day - Roll of Honour



Bench and litter bin to be located in Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well

2018 marks the centenary of the end of the Great War. Worplesdon Memorial Hall was built in 1922 on land donated to the Parish Council for this purpose.

This year, to commemorate this important anniversary, the Parish Council has decided that a number of projects be undertaken.

The Parish Council are very grateful to Cllr Jan Messinger who has been undertaking comprehensive research into those men from the Parish

named on the Roll of Honour, and those who were not. Those shot for what was perceived as cowardice were not included, nor were those who died after the end of the war as a result of war-time injuries. The Parish Council will be commissioning a new Roll of Honour to reflect this additional information.

A pamphlet will be produced which includes all of the information Cllr Messinger has uncovered through her research.

A personalised commemorative

bench and bin will be installed at Harry's Meadow, to allow reflection and contemplation.

In the evening on 11 November 2018, the Parish Council will be taking part in the 'Beacons of Light' beacon lighting at Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well to link in with the nationwide 'Battle's Over' tributes and events. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

Further details will be publicised in the subsequent newsletter, on our website and on social media.

Esso Pipeline Consultation

Esso is replacing its underground aviation fuel pipeline running from Southampton to Hounslow and has been seeking views on the proposals.

Pipeline corridors provide a general indication of a potential pipeline route. These corridors can be up to 200m wide.

A shortlist of pipeline corridors had been created. One corridor shadowed the existing pipeline (J), and the other two corridors

(M and Q), passed through the parish.

The Parish Council responded highlighting our concerns:

- * Whitmoor Common forms part of the Thames Basin Heath Special Protection Area (SPA)/Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)/Local Nature Reserve (LNR)
- * Perry Hill Green is located within a Conservation Area and is designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Importance
- * Not all of the existing listed buildings in Worplesdon are showing on the

interactive map on the [SLP Project website](#)

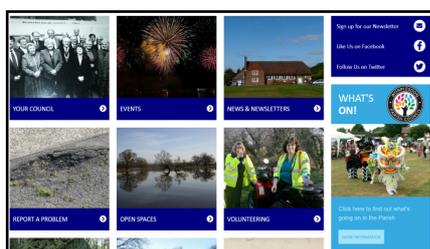
* The Parish Council recommends avoiding the use of the highway due to the significant level of traffic on our 'A' roads, being radial routes into Guildford (A323, A322 and A320)

The Parish Council supported corridor J. The three routes have been reduced to just one during early Summer 2018, and we are pleased to announce that Esso will be proceeding with the consultation process for preferred corridor 'J' in Autumn 2018.

New Parish Council Website

Worplesdon Parish Council has unveiled its smart new [website](#). The design is crisp and clear and it is hoped that it will be found to be more user friendly. We now have both [Facebook](#) (@worplesdonpc) and [Twitter](#) accounts (@WorplesdonPC) too so please 'Like us' or 'Follow us' for updates. We encourage you to have a look at our new website and to let us know any comments. All feedback is welcomed.

Special points of interest: Wood Street Village Show - Saturday 21st July 2018



Land Management

The Parish Councillors have been working hard siding out footpaths and clearing vegetation across the Parish despite the very changeable weather! Volunteers are always welcome to come along, and all tools will be provided by the Parish Council.

Please contact the [Assistant Clerk](#) if you would like to be added to the Volunteer Database.

Defra and Oak Processionary Moths

Avian flu, commonly referred to as bird flu, has been reported in Surrey over the last few months.

If you spot any dead wild birds the advice is **DO NOT** touch them. Instead, report the incident immediately to DEFRA's Hotline on 03459 335577.

Oak processionary moths have also been in the news recently. The caterpillars can affect the health of oak trees, people and animals. They feed on oak leaves,

and large populations can strip trees bare, leaving them weakened and vulnerable to other threats.

The caterpillars' tiny hairs can cause skin and eye irritations, sore throats and breathing difficulties in people and animals who come into contact with them years after the tiny hairs have fallen to the ground

The [Forestry Commission website](#) offers lots of information on how to identify them and their nests.



Oak Processionary Caterpillars

NRSA

In February the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Groundsman attended a day long training course in West Sussex. This course was for New Roads and Street Works Act training. All attendees successfully passed their respective courses (Clerk and Assistant Clerk as Operatives, and Groundsman as Supervisor) which now means that they are appropriately qualified for working at close proximity to the road, or in the carriageway, if necessary (with appropriate safety equipment). This training allows the Parish Council to safely and legally undertake works which would otherwise be contracted out to third parties, and therefore saves the tax payers' money.

Strategic Plan

Worplesdon Parish Council carried out a Residents' Survey in December 2017 seeking residents' views on the work of the Parish Council. In response, we have developed a Strategic Plan, which incorporates our understanding of the community's needs gathered from our day-to-day involvement with residents.

The Plan sets out five key priorities on which the Parish Council intends to focus:

- Community Engagement and Representation
- Governance and Fiscal Responsibility
- Business Engagement
- Management of Recreational Facilities

- Conserve and Improve the Environment

This Plan is a working document and aims to guide the Council in its long-term work. We will need the support and co-operation of both Guildford Borough Council and Surrey County Council in working to achieve our objectives. The Plan will be reviewed 6-monthly and will be used in the budgeting process, to plan activities for the following year and will enable the Parish Council to monitor its progress against key priorities.

The document will be considered by Full Council in June. Please do tell us what you think about the Plan when it's live on our website.

Elections 2019

On **Thursday 2nd May 2019**

Borough, Town and Parish elections will take place.

If you would like to stand as a **Parish Councillor**, please contact the [Clerk](#) for more information.

By becoming a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support - a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve.

GU3 Burglary Hotspot

The GU3 postcode was highlighted as a burglary hotspot in a recent [newspaper article](#). Taking just a few steps can make a big difference in keeping your home safe from burglary.

Here are a few tips:

- Lock doors and windows every time you leave the house
- Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and

away from the letterbox

- Install a visual burglar alarm and good outside lighting
- Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property
- Leave radios or lights in your house on a timer to make the property appear occupied
- Make sure garden fences are in good condition

- Secure bikes at home by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage
- Keep ladders and tools stored away
- Ensure side gates are locked
- Improve natural surveillance at the front of your property i.e. trim high hedges
- Mark your property

with postcode and house number and register your property for free with [Immobilise](#)

- Consider joining or forming a [Neighbourhood Watch scheme](#)
- Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows
- Securely store any high value items (i.e. jewellery, passports), preferably in a safe
- Report anything suspicious to the Police on 101

Tips from www.police.uk

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Worplesdon Memorial Trustees

We wish to recruit new members to join our strong governing body of Trustees to ensure our organisation continues to be managed effectively.

If you are interested, please contact the Chairman Terry Cater: terry.cater@btinternet.com

Play areas at Worplesdon and Fairlands

After very successful engagement with the pupils of Worplesdon Primary School and Wood Street Infant School, the Parish Council are very pleased to announce that the contract for the upgrades to the play areas has been awarded to Kompan. We look forward to the rejuvenated play areas being ready in time for the start of the Summer holidays.

Thank you to all those children who were involved with the voting process, whether they chose to vote or abstained because there was too much choice!

Multi-agency Flood Tour

Following the Flood Forum held in November 2017, it was decided that a multi-agency flood tour would be convened to visit some of the locations that are long-standing items on the Action Plan.

On a very cold, snowy day in February an intrepid group of attendees from Surrey County Council, the Environment Agency and the Parish Council, braved the elements. All attendees found the tour exceptionally helpful and it has allowed a large number of issues to be resolved and therefore removed from the Action Plan.

Parish Defibrillators

In 2013 the Parish Council gifted Defibrillators to all four villages. These life-saving devices can be used by anyone with no medical training being necessary since the equipment tells the operator exactly what to do in an emergency. These machines are the responsibility of each village association to house, insure and maintain. They are located at the Royal Oak public house - Wood Street Village, Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Jacobs Well Village Hall and FLGCA Hall, Fairlands.

Mayor's Award for Service to the Community

In April, Ann Phelps was awarded the Mayor's Award for over 20 years of voluntary service as Curator to the Sidney Sime Gallery, Worplesdon.

