



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 57th edition of our parish newsletter designed to keep you up to date with that is happening in Broadacres, Fairlands, Jacobs Well, Perry Hill and Wood Street Village

Winter 2020

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, fallen trees and overgrown vegetation, can be reported **directly** to **Surrey County Council**.

This can be done **online** or if you consider a problem to be an immediate threat to life or limb, or do not have internet access, call their Contact Centre on **0300 200 1003**.

The same applies to **crimes** or **anti-social behaviour**. Please report incidents **directly** to **Surrey Police** on **101** or via their **website** (if non-urgent) and **999** (if urgent).

PERMANENT CLOSURE OF WORPLESDON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The church have sadly held their final service in the premises and have now vacated the Perry Hill Chapel in Rickford. There had been an independent/congregational church on this site for the last 198 years.

Welcome to our newest Parish Councillor!

My name is Tony Webber, and I am pleased to be one of the newest Councillors for Wood Street Village. My journey started by wanting to help a community that has done so much for me.

I applied to Worplesdon Parish Council in October and was co-opted in November. Due to COVID, my first meeting was done virtually via Zoom, which was enjoyable and assuring to know that the parish council was still operating during these trying times. I was able to listen to the councillors and see first-hand what it is that they do.

I believe in community and feel that everyone in an area has the right to know what is happening to the local area and I would like to be the link to a generation who may feel under-represented.

I have always lived in Guildford: Worplesdon, Slyfield, Bellfields, Guildford town centre, and then I returned to Worplesdon four years ago where I currently reside with my fiancée, who works at the Royal Surrey County Hospital. I have worked at the University of Surrey for the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management for the last ten years.

Having lived in different areas, I have experienced for myself the issues and hardships that some areas have to deal with on a daily basis, however, I also have enjoyed the offerings that other areas have too. I feel that this unique overview gives me a good ability to help my local and surrounding community.

The Parish Clerk, Gaynor White has been helpful and very welcoming. Her induction was perfect. If anyone reading this has any part of them that thinks 'I would like to be involved', then do it! It was a straightforward process, and now I can make my local community's voice heard.

Go well, stay well!

Cllr Tony Webber



Councillor Tony Webber
- representing Wood Street Village





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Parish Groundsman

The Head Groundsman has been kept on his toes by the amount of rainfall over the last three months! Peter, amongst his many other regular tasks, checks the grilles around the parish. The flow of water effectively through these structures is what prevents a significant number of roads, and homes, from flooding.

The photos are from some of the grilles in Wood Street Village and show the amount of debris that gathered after just one week of rainfall. Please can residents be mindful to not drop items into the watercourses or ditches which should be disposed of more appropriately, i.e. car tyres, mattresses, white goods, garden waste, etc.



Peter has also been continuing to treat the remainder of the benches and bus shelters that we own and/or are now responsible for.

In response to concerns about litter and dog mess in Pinks Hill, near Wood Street Village, Peter met with Guildford Borough Councillor Bob McShee and a local resident who organises regular litter picks in the area, together with one of the classes from Wood Street Infant School. They went to have a look at the 'hot spots' that attract the most litter and dog poo. Please can we remind everyone to take their rubbish and dog poo off the common, and dispose of them appropriately.



Community Speedwatch

As lead councillor for Community Speed Watch (CSW) and Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS), I would like to thank all the volunteers for their help since January in deploying the CSW and achieving the required number of deployments per site, by the end of September. Earlier in the year, it was difficult to achieve successful deployments due to the inclement weather and then subsequently, due to the suspension of the scheme by Surrey Police as a result of the Covid-19 lockdown. Even now, because insurance for volunteers is provided by Surrey Police, we can only have 2 socially-distanced volunteers on-site during each deployment, hence why some volunteers might not have been contacted since the scheme recommenced in June. Training sessions for new volunteers are also currently suspended. If anyone would like to volunteer to be trained, when sessions recommence, please contact admin@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk.

The number of residents that approach us with positive feedback during a deployment is encouraging, and with the use of CSW and VAS we will continue to try to reduce speeding at locations across the parish.

CSW was also deployed during the Europe-wide 'Project Edward' scheme which co-ordinated to support Surrey Police's 'One Road, One Week' campaign between 14 and 18 September. More information on Project Edward (Every Day Without A Road Death) can be found at: <https://projectedward.org/>.

Cllr Nigel Mitchell



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Litter Picking Angels!

After the first lockdown, there was a sudden and very noticeable increase in the amount of litter and fly tipping across the parish. Please can we remind residents to check that any contractors undertaking works have a current waste carriers licence with the **Environment Agency**. Any fly tipped waste is then removed by a local council, which ultimately ends up costing the tax payer—so a cheaper contractor will not end up being cheaper in the long run. A significant increase in the amount of dog poo and litter has been reported on the verges in Fairlands, and in particular, at Pinks Hill and Broad Street Common.



In response to this, children from Wood Street Infant School have made some super signs to remind people to dispose of their waste responsibly. Maisie W from the school even did a sponsored litter pick! Well done, and thank you to Maisie and all our other litter picking angels!

Christmas Lights

Our Christmas lights and Christmas trees have been erected and illuminated at Perry Hill Green, St Mary's Church and Wood Street Village Green.

Due to Covid, there will be no official 'switch-on' this year to discourage large gatherings of people from different households.

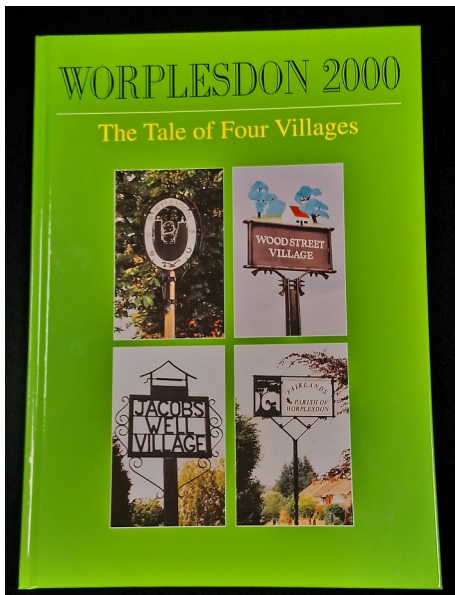
It is hoped that these lights will, as in previous years, continue to raise spirits and bring enjoyment to the residents of the parish in what has been an exceptionally challenging year.



Christmas lights at Perry Hill Green

Parish History Books

Did you know there is a 119-page hardback history book, written to commemorate the millennium, amalgamating lots of interesting historical information about the villages across our parish?



Copies can be purchased from the Parish Office, adhering to the social distancing rules in place at the time, for £10 per copy. If you would like to reserve a copy, as they would make a great Christmas gift because they are easy to post, please contact the **Parish Office**.

Street Naming

The Taylor-Wimpey development on the land North of Keens Lane is well under way, which will eventually see over 140 houses, and a care home built. The first street nameplate to be installed is Deacon Way, and a property on this new road is already home to its first residents!

The street names for this development were proposed by the Parish Council and all commemorate local men who died during World War 1. Deacon Way is named after Herbert James Deacon (Boy 2nd Class - Royal Navy (HMS Powerful)), who was just 17 years old when he died on 19 September 1918 in the Royal Navy hospital at East Stonehouse. He was buried in at St Mary's, Worplesdon on 24 September 1918.





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There are currently two vacancies. Please contact the **Clerk to the Council** for further information.



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Major Tree Surgery Works

On receipt of our annual tree survey report, it was evident that significant tree works will need to be undertaken at locations across the parish - and a large amount of this work will need to be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

Additionally, an Oak Processionary Moth nest was identified in Jacobs Well Recreation Ground, on an oak tree near the main road and height barrier, and this will require specialist removal and disposal. We would ask residents to avoid the immediate vicinity of the tree and recommend that they remain vigilant when checking their own oak trees as these caterpillar hairs contain an irritant which causes a severe rash.

Budget Setting

We are currently going through the process of setting the budget for 2021/22, taking into account the significant effect that Covid-19 has had on the principal authorities.

The budget will be set at the Full Council Meeting on 10 December 2020. Members of the public are welcome to join the virtual meeting. Please see our website for further details and how to request joining instructions.

