



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 60th 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

Autumn 2021

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).

Items of Special Interest:

Saturday 4

September (1pm) - Novelty Dog Show,
Harry's Meadow,
Jacobs Well

10 to 19 September - Heritage Open Days - please see article on Page 3

Thursday 11 November (10.50am)
- Armistice Day event,
Harry's Meadow

'Thank you' Afternoon Tea Party

Worplesdon Parish Council was delighted to host a Covid 'Thank You' Afternoon Tea Party on Sunday 1st August 2021 in the Fairlands Community Centre, to thank the numerous volunteers who so selflessly rallied to help out many vulnerable people within the community during the global pandemic.



Beautiful individual table arrangements and a stunning arrangement of flowers to welcome in the volunteers, in vintage colours to complement the tables decorations, were provided by Mollie May-Flower (a local florist - <https://www.facebook.com/molliemayflower26/>). One lucky person per table was fortunate to 'win' the table decoration to take home with them. The stunning 'welcome' arrangement was raffled off for charity.

A delicious array of sweet and savoury food was prepared by Not Just Hampers (<https://www.facebook.com/Not-Just-Hamperscouk-105880451354453>), another local business, who also kindly contributed two hampers that were raffled off. The raffle – with the help of Cllr Brigitte Ahier – raised £185, which will be handed to the Royal Surrey County Hospital charity fund for the benefit of NHS staff.



Wonderful jazz music was provided by Andrew, Marianne, and Roger, whilst Guildford Borough Cllr Bob McShee entertained all of the guests with his 'Magic Bob' act, together with his amazing assistants, James Fear and Gaynor White!



Mrs Wendy Grimmond and A Nice Cup of Tea (<https://www.facebook.com/Anicecupofteavintagechinahire>) provided a charming array of vintage china, which greatly enhanced the event.

In addition to thanking the volunteers who so willingly gave, and in a lot of cases, continue to give, their time, we would like to thank everyone who helped organise this event, including the FLGCA for both their kind financial contribution towards this event and for providing the hall free of charge.





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Groundsman's Update

Peter, the Head Groundsman, has continued to deal with a multitude of issues across the parish, in addition to his regular checks and ongoing annual maintenance schedule.

Rubbish continues to be thrown from vehicles, which can end up blocking the flow of rainwater into the drains and watercourses. The Groundsman continues to litter pick at hotspots during the course of his 'rounds', even on land which is neither owned nor maintained by Worplesdon Parish Council.

Amongst the many issues that have been resolved recently were tree branches that had fallen, blocking the sightlines on the roundabout at Fairlands, were made safe by the Groundsman. It was also heartening to see that when a tree recently fell across the road at Oak Hill (Wood Street Village), the local community and affected motorists worked together, donned high-vis vests, and cleared the road rapidly, to keep this important route open.

May we use this opportunity to remind residents that the Head Groundsman is employed on a part-time basis, and whilst the parish council appreciates being informed about issues, it can be more expedient to report issues directly to the correct authority—i.e. the trees on Fairlands roundabout are the responsibility of Surrey County Council.

Peter is happy for residents to approach him about issues that are concerning them, whilst he is out and about in the liveried parish vehicle. The children from Wood Street Village Infant School regular highlight issues to him, such as fly tips, or other anti-social activities!



The Parish Council has continued to deploy Community SpeedWatch teams to carry out one-hour long deployments, at seven key locations, across the whole parish. Worplesdon Community SpeedWatch is part of a significantly wider initiative, supported by an ever increasing number of police forces across the whole of England.

Shown below is a table of the recent deployments, since the change in the controlling authority:

	Deployment 1		Deployment 2	
	Passing vehicles	Offences	Passing vehicles	Offences
Location 1	417	3		
Location 2	405	21	365	17
Location 3	48	0	66	0
Location 4	66	4	66	9
Location 5	141	6	233	6
Location 6	323	10	118	4
Location 7	130	25	115	4

As you can see from the table, our deployments are having an impact on the number of offences recorded.

If you wish to join us in this worthwhile exercise, please contact [Victoria \(Assistant Clerk - contact details on the back page of this newsletter\)](#) who will send details of the short online training session, and a test that needs to be successfully completed, before practical training takes place at a roadside deployment.



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Litter Picking

Lots of residents continue to litter pick in and around their properties, for which the parish council would like to extend their grateful thanks. The Parish Council has invested in some litter pickers and hoops, including some litter pickers for children, to allow organised litter picks at locations which are attracting significant volumes of rubbish. If any groups wish to borrow the equipment, such as to take part in Keep Britain Tidy initiatives, or even just more local litter picks, please contact [Victoria \(Assistant Clerk\)](#) to organise collection and return.

Blue Heart Scheme

Surrey County Council are actively supporting the BLUE Campaign - <https://bluecampaignhub.com/councils>, which is a collaboration with PLANTLIFE. This campaign is a simple, but effective action, to turn roadside verges into native flower meadows. No wildflower seeds are required, just minimal cutting.



Photo from the BLUE Campaign website

Worplesdon Parish Council encourages all residents to read more on this scheme, and to follow Surrey County Council's progress.

Resident's Survey 2021

This year's Resident's Survey is ready to 'go live'! As most residents will remember, similar surveys have been undertaken previously in both 2017 and 2019. The survey focuses on matters which are of relevance to the parish.

As a result of Covid-19 we will not be able to leave copies in public spaces (as had happened previously), but hardcopies can be made available for collection from the parish office (please call ahead to ensure a copy can be printed off ready for your arrival). Surveys can be returned either by post to Unit 2—Saxton, Parklands, Railton Road, GU2 9JX, or by email to [Victoria \(Assistant Clerk\)](#).

A link to the survey will be posted on our website, and also on our social media channels, when the survey period commences. The QR code to directly access the survey, which will be live from 1st September until 30



QR Code to access the Resident's Survey 2021

September 2021, is included below. All completed surveys, returned by the closing date, will have a chance to win a lunch for two at [The Jolly Farmer, Burdeshott Road](#). The Parish Council are very grateful for the kind donation of this super prize!

Heritage Open Days—10 to 19 September 2021



[Heritage Open Days](#) are a national festival of history, whereby locations across the country open their doors, free of charge, for some events taking place between 10 and 19 September 2021. Those properties and locations taking part, are advertised on this website: <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>.

Guildford's event, which regularly features over 100 properties, is one of the largest in the country: <https://guildfordheritageforum.co.uk/category/events/heritageopendays/>.

St Mary the Virgin Church at Perry Hill, and the Sime Gallery (located at Worplesdon Memorial Hall) take part, but there are also nearby events, just outside of the parish, at Wanborough (including the Great Barn of Wanborough, and The Church of St Bartholomew), Puttenham Barn Bunkhouse (which has over 250 years of history), Prior's Field School, and

Guildford Cathedral, without including the multitude of events and properties in the town centre who also take part.



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



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Worplesdon Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground

Worplesdon Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground will be celebrating their centenary between 14 and 16 October 2022. The land was gifted by Sir James Walker, and together with monies from Sir Laurence Halsey KBE, this allowed the building of the hall as a memorial to those who died in the Great War. The Women's Institute were the first users, and they still meet at the hall 100 years later. The Parish Council lease an area in the grounds to provide a popular children's play area. The Worplesdon Recreation Ground is also home to well-established football, cricket, and tennis clubs.

Many events have been held in the hall over the last 100 years, and the trustees would welcome your photos, stories, or memories as they prepare for the weekend of celebrations. It is hoped that lots of residents will join them in October 2022 to celebrate. As part of the celebrations the memorial hall will be producing a booklet encompassing the 100 years of history. Please contact Jan (one of the trustees) directly by email (jan@wmh.org.uk) with any recollections.

