



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 61st 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. Wishing all of our residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Winter 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 December (1pm to 3pm) - Wood Street Infant School Christmas Fair
Saturday 18 December (4pm) - Carol Singing - Wood Street Village Green
Sunday 19 December (10.30am) - Fairlands Xmas Fair, Fairlands Village Hall

Flooding to Properties

During the recent heavy rainfall in October there were lots of areas in the parish which experienced flooding. A few of these were simply due to the volume of water, but some were flooded as a result of flytipped items.

Some of the flytipped articles included a very large mattress (which, of course, was even heavier when saturated with water), and a dinghy. In the past there have been paddling pools, a dog kennel, a double glazed window unit, 3-seater sofa, and white goods.



These items completely blocked grilles, which caused water to back up behind them, with the water subsequently flooding into, and damaging, properties.

This is something which can be easily remedied by correctly disposing of household waste.



Some larger items can be disposed of through the Guildford Borough Council 'Bulky Waste Collection' scheme, and whilst they may attract a small charge (some prices are available on their website, and for other items quotations can be easily obtained), they will be removed by a licensed waste contractor: <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/24523/Do-I-need-a-bulky-waste-collection>. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to speak to someone, please call 01420 489000 and leave a voicemail.

There is the possibility of discounted charges for those with low income, or those in receipt of unemployment and housing benefit.

If you choose to appoint your own contractor to remove any waste from your premises you have a legal 'duty of care' to ensure that they then dispose of the waste legally: <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/22216/Use-a-contractor-to-get-rid-of-rubbish>. If you do not appoint a suitable waste carrier, you can be fined and possibly prosecuted.

ALL SEWAGE FLOODING MUST BE REPORTED TO THAMES WATER IMMEDIATELY
<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/help/report-a-problem>

If you experience any flooding, whether to your property, garden, or you spot a flood on a highway, **PLEASE REPORT IT to the appropriate authority!** The Worplesdon Flood Forum, chaired by Angela Richardson MP, and attended by representatives from all key organisations, is very active in resolving local flood issues.





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Groundsman's Update

Peter, the Head Groundsman, has continued to deal with an array of issues, but a significant amount of his time has been taken up by dealing with flooding issues during the last 3 months.

Can we remind residents that rubbish should not be carelessly discarded. The Groundsman has spent a considerable amount of time removing debris from water courses, in addition to litter picking. This additional work takes him away from his other core tasks.

The dinghy and mattress included in photos on the front of this newsletter were pulled out by Peter, but not before they had contributed to water flooding into people's homes.

Very sadly, the community hall in Fairlands was also flooded, and significant damage has occurred to the hall flooring within the property.



Damage to Fairlands Hall floor

Flood Forum Hotspots

The Flood Forum meeting in November highlighted a number of wetspots across the parish that are likely to be an issue for road users, and in some cases pedestrians, during freezing weather conditions.

These are:

- Aldershot Road (A323) - at Silvesters Garage
- Aldershot Road (A323) near the Gravetts Lane junction
- Holly Lane/A322 Worplesdon Road roundabout
- Frog Grove Lane - near the Aldershot Road junction
- Woking Road (A320)/Salt Box Road roundabout

Armistice Day

On 11 November 2021, at 11am, two Armistice Day services were conducted simultaneously in Jacobs Well at the memorial in Queenhythe Road, and in Harry's Meadow at the memorial bench. The synchronised services were undertaken to ensure full accessibility for those less able to walk across the meadow.

The Clerk to the Council, Gaynor White, played Nimrod and the Last Post at the service held in Harry's Meadow.



Community Speedwatch

In the last three months there have been regular weekly deployments of the Community SpeedWatch team. There have been a total of 11 hour-long deployments, during which there were:

- A total of 2,881 passing through the deployment site in the direction of checking (i.e. one-side of the road only)
- A total of 70 vehicles exceeding the designated speed for the road.

We do know that we are having an impact on reducing vehicles exceeding the speed limit in two ways:

- We notice the nose of cars dipping as they approach the deployment site
- The road noise significantly reduces

There is a perception that vehicles are speeding based on the road noise residents report. From the experience we have gathered, we know this not to be the case during our active deployments. Indeed, at one site there were 615 vehicles passing in the hour slot, and only 1 of these was exceeding the speed limit.

All volunteers are welcome. All that you need to do to join us, is to pass a short online test and then you can accompany the team on future deployments. Please contact Victoria, Assistant Clerk (admin@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk) for further information.





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PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

There are a number of casual vacancies on the Parish Council.



We are a proactive and friendly parish council who engage in a wide variety of tasks. Would you like to join us to influence the decisions made on behalf of your local community?

Being a Parish Councillor involves:

- Participating in the management of the Parish - including attendance at meetings, setting policies, strategies, the annual budget (council tax), service delivery, etc.
- Representing the interests of the local community
- Putting something back into your local community and environment
- Using your skills to benefit the community

Come and shape the future of your parish!

Anyone wanting to know more, or who would like to make an application, should contact **Gaynor White, Clerk to the Council**: 01483 300094 or clerk@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk



Use this QR code to watch a YouTube video and find out more about what's involved with being a parish councillor.

Resident's Survey 2021

Thank you to all of the residents who completed and returned this year's Resident's Survey! We're very grateful for all of varied feedback that was received. Comments have been taken onboard during our budget setting process for 2022/23.

All of the completed surveys returned by the closing date, had a chance to win a lunch for two at [The Jolly Farmer, Burdeshott Road](#). The lucky winner was Mr Roger Philo.



Phil from The Jolly Farmer handing the prize to Roger, with Cllr Brigitte Ahier

The Parish Council would like to thank Phil for the very generous donation of this lovely prize!

Local Heaths in Winter

As summer drew to a close, the nightjars left Whitmoor Common, Ash Ranges and the Pirbright Heaths to make their epic journey to sub-Saharan Africa. But not all heathland birds take this option. As the weather turns colder, spare a thought for our Dartford warblers. These brave little birds have spent most of the summer working hard to rear as many chicks as possible and must now face the winter. The Dartfords 'choose' to sit out the winter rather than risk a hazardous journey to warmer climes. It's a trade-off that will pay dividends if we have a mild winter, but won't end well if we have a harsh one! If you're new to birdwatching and would like to get to know heathland birds, start with a stonechat. Much easier to see than the secretive Dartford, it often perches on the top of gorse bushes, even in winter, flicking its wings and making a loud call like two small stones being hit together, "chip, chip; chip, chip". It's also one of the few birds that stays as a pair throughout the winter, so you might spot the male, and the slightly drabber female in the same vicinity. Once you've got your eye in on stonechats, they might lead you to a Dartford warbler, as they can sometimes be seen together. People say the warblers are picking off the insects disturbed by the larger birds. So if you see a pair of stonechats, look out for a Dartford warbler skulking along behind them! A fleeting glimpse might be all you'll get at this time of year. The Dartford warblers rely on gorse bushes to get them through the winter. A dense thicket of gorse will provide food, such as spiders and insects, and shelter from the elements. Listen out for their buzzy calls on your winter walks. More information can be found at www.tbhpartnership.org.uk. **Sarah Bunce—Thames Basin**



*Photos by Rob Solomon
Top: Stonechat
Bottom: Dartford Warblers*



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



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Volunteers needed for FLGCA

The Fairlands, Liddington Hall, Gravetts Lane Community Association (FLGCA) is a charity which provides a centre for communities activities, a community hall, and keeps the recreation ground in good order. Several long-standing committee members have recently stood down, and the association needs the support of local residents to keep going.

Some of these volunteers don't even live within the catchment area of the association, but have still supported this association for long periods of time, and in some cases, decades. Any local residents who are interested in finding out more, and how they can support this valuable community resource should contact secretary@fairlands.org.uk.

NEW CRICKETERS NEEDED!

FOR THE 2022 SEASON / ALL AGES WELCOME



CONTACT US ONLINE TODAY
WOODSTREET.PLAY-CRICKET.COM

Lots of other organisations are also looking for volunteers, such as the local Scout and Girlguiding groups. Volunteering really is very rewarding and gives you the chance to have a positive impact!

