

Welcome to the 62nd 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.

Spring 2022

REPORTING ISSUES

If you notice <u>any</u> 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 (www.surreycc.gov.uk).

This can be done <u>online</u>, 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 nonurgent) and 999 (if urgent).

Items of Special Interest:

Monday 2nd May— May Fayre, Jacobs Well Village Hall Saturday 7th May— Maypole Dancing, Wood Street Village Green

Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June— Jubilee Celebrations Saturday 16th July— Wood Street Village Show

Freedom of the Parish

In November 2021, Worplesdon Parish Council was proud to award the Freedom of the Parish to its first recipient, long-standing councillor and resident Sandra Morgan MBE JP. Sandra served as a councillor on the parish council for 53 years consecutively, until she announced her retirement in 2021.

She was presented with the honour, the first of its kind for the Parish of Worplesdon, at a reception in the council chamber. Her family were able to come to the ceremony, together with current and past members of the parish council, numerous local residents, and representatives from the Fairwood Helpers.

Sandra has also been a diligent representative on numerous school governing bodies, saved a number of historic houses from destruction, helped establish the Fairlands Women's Institute, and encouraged the formation of a Brownie Pack on Fairlands in the early 1970s. She co-ordinated the local Poppy Appeal for 50 years, which also included her selling them.

Sandra was presented with a framed certificate, and then unveiled the new honour board.

The honour can be awarded to anyone in the parish, who has gone the extra mile, making a major contribution to parish life, and enhancing its reputation. If you know of anyone who you feel deserves to receive this accolade, please contact the parish office.

There are a number of casual vacancies on the Parish Council. If you would like to join us to influence the decisions made on behalf of your local community, or even if you'd just like to know more, please contact Gaynor White (Clerk to the Council) on 01483 300094 or clerk@worplesdonpc.gov.uk.



Grass-cutting across the Parish

From Spring 2022 Worplesdon Parish Council will no longer be cutting the grass verges across the parish. This decision was taken by the Full Council, after extensive and wide-ranging deliberations. The areas which the parish council either owns or leases, such as Wood Street Village Green, Jacobs Well Recreation Ground, Harry's Meadow (Jacobs Well), Perry Hill Green, and Pitch Place Green, will still be cut regularly throughout the growing seasons to reflect the usage of the land at each specific location. The responsibility for maintenance of the grass verges has now reverted to Surrey County Council.



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations—June 2022

On the 6th February 2022 Her Majesty The Queen marked 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Whilst there will be year-long Platinum Jubilee celebrations, a four-day UK Bank Holiday will take place from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. This will allow people and communities throughout the UK to celebrate the historic milestone.

There will be a number of public events, community activities, as well as national reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service. Events are going to be held across the parish, with timings and details finalised nearer the time, so please keep an eye out for further information in local newsletters, banners in village locations, and on social media.

Fairlands

2nd June—A family fun day is planned at the FLGCA Hall and grounds, including entertainment and a family picnic, culminating in the beacon lighting event

Worplesdon/Perry Hill

2nd June—Beacon lighting event at St Mary's Church, Worplesdon 5th June—A special service will take place at St Mary's Church, following by a picnic Jubilee Lunch at Worplesdon Memorial Hall

Jacobs Well

5th June—Plans are being formulated to take park in the Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June. Further information will be provided in the Jacobs Well Village newsletter

Wood Street Village

2nd June—Beacon

lighting event on
Wood Street Village
Green

5th June—Big
Jubilee Lunch picnic
to be held on Wood
Street Village Green,
to include
entertainment, games
and cricket

Puddings and Tarts!

A nationwide baking competition is underway to find a brand new pudding to dedicate to The Queen. The winning recipe will be circulated to the public, with hopes that the pudding will be enjoyed at Big Jubilee Lunches during the Jubilee weekend, and by generations to come.

An additional recipe, designed by the <u>Country Women Countrywide</u> national rural community group, has also been released for a <u>Platinum Jubilee tart</u>. The recipe incorporates ingredients representing each of the four nations of the UK: Cheddar cheese (England), smoked salmon (Scotland), potatoes (Northern Ireland), and leeks (Wales). The recipe is available online within the Guide to Taking Part: <u>www.queensjubileebeacons.com/</u>



Platinum Jubilee Beacons

The United Kingdom's long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings, and Coronations with the lighting of beacons will be continued to mark the Platinum Jubilee. Over 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, and UK Overseas Territories. The Principal beacon will be lit in a special ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

Beacons will be simultaneously lit at locations across the parish including St Mary's Church tower, Wood Street Village Green, and Fairlands at 9.45pm on 2nd June 2022.





The Queen's Green Canopy



Green-fingered communities across the UK, and in countries within the commonwealth, are coming together to support the <u>Queen's Green Canopy</u> initiative. The initiative was launched by Her Majesty The Queen to celebrate her 70th year on the throne. Residents' Associations, Scout and Guide groups, youth and sport clubs, etc are all encouraged to get involved and 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee'! The Woodland Trust has partnered with The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC), and their <u>Free Trees for Schools and Communities Scheme</u> is a great way to get involved with tree planting! They have over 3 million saplings available. Applications for saplings can be made through the <u>Woodland Trust's website</u>.

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

Please remember to plant the right tree in the right location, and always ask for permission if the intention is for the tree to be planted on land which you do not own. This is the perfect opportunity to plant a tree in your garden, and there are such a wide variety available, that you can plant something wholly appropriate to the space you have identified.

Once planted, the tree/s can be photographed, and you can upload further details to the Queen Green Canopy map.

If you want to mark the tree planting with a commemorative plaque, the QGC are offering both physical and virtual commemorative plaque options. The virtual plaque is in keeping with the environmental initiative.





Big Jubilee Lunch

The Big Lunch is intended to encourage communities to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better, coming together in the spirit of fun and friendship. The Big Lunch 2022 will bring the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community, with events planned across the length and breadth of the country.

Fairlands will be holding a picnic on Thursday 2nd June, with Worplesdon, Wood Street Village, and Jacobs Well holding picnics on Sunday 5th June. Please look out for further details relating to all of the planned events which will be advertised nearer the time! This will be on social media, so do like or follow your local organisations, or on banners at each location. The parish council's social media accounts will be publicising all events across each of the villages.





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Sime Gallery secures National Lottery funding

The Sime Gallery has received a grant from National Lottery Heritage Fund for the next 3 years. The grant will be utilised to achieve a wider audience under the direction of a community engagement officer. It is envisaged that the grant will allow external exhibitions of Sime's work to take place, enable further restoration and conservation of art works, increase retail opportunities, facilitate connections with other art organisations and schools, and appoint a Gallery technician to assist in display and exhibition preparations, as well as improving visitor experiences. This significant financial commitment from the Heritage Fund recognises the importance of local artist Sidney Herbert Sime (1865-1941) and the Sime Gallery (which houses a vast collection of his varied artworks). For more information go to www.sidneysimegallery.org.uk and follow Sime Gallery on Instagram and Facebook for details of this hidden gem.

Worplesdon Memorial Hall Centenary Jacobs Well May Fayre

Worplesdon Memorial Hall celebrates its 100th anniversary in October this year! So many events have taken place within the hall over the last 100 years.

Jan Messinger, Trustee of the Hall, is seeking photographs taken inside the memorial hall, and the Trustees would welcome any photos, stories, or memories—particularly if you could email them to jan@wmh.org.uk, as they prepare for their weekend of celebrations.

On May Bank Holiday, May 2nd, at 2pm, Jacobs Well Residents Association are holding a May Fayre at the Village Hall. Attractions include kiddies roundabout rides, fairground stalls, entertainment, and the crowning of the May Queen. Free parking and free entry. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and entertainment.