

Welcome to the 63rd 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

Freeman Sandra Morgan MBE JP - 1932-2022

Summer 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 <u>website</u> (if nonurgent) and 999 (if urgent). It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Freeman Sandra Morgan MBE JP. Sandra retired in 2021, after serving as a parish councillor for over 53 consecutive years. During her term of office, amongst other things, Sandra saved a number of historic houses, situated within the parish, from destruction. She represented the parish council on five school governing bodies. As a trustee of the Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Sandra was active in providing tennis courts for young people to learn tennis. She also represented the parish council at the Fairwood Helpers for many years.

Along with a friend, Sandra founded the Fairlands Women's Institute and was also president for a period of five years. She was active in a proposal which was later adopted by the Surrey WI, and spoke on the resolution at the WI National Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall. The WI group continued for a period of 50 years.

For over 50 years, Sandra was a poppy collector, and for 15 of those years was also the poppy appeal co-ordinator for the area. Sandra was an active volunteer on the FLGCA Committee for 30 years, and was secretary of the Fairlands Youth Club. Sandra encouraged the formation of a Brownie Pack on Fairlands in 1972, and also organised and participated in the Christmas children's parties.

Sandra was a diligent magistrate at Guildford Court for 26 years until 2002. Sandra lectured to groups about her experience as a Magistrate and attended a Royal Garden Party for her service. For ten years, she lectured at George Abbott School, Guildford, as part of their citizenship course. Highly respected throughout the community, Sandra was one of the most self-effacing people you could meet.

In 2021, Sandra became the first recipient of the Freedom of the Parish of Worplesdon in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the community over many years.



ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

September 2022—Jacobs Well Dog Show

11 November 2022— Armistice Day Events— War Memorial and Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well

December 2022—Carol Singing on Wood Street Village Green

Welcome - Cllr Mike Price

Mike Price was recently co-opted onto the Parish Council. He represents the ward of Jacobs Well. He has already volunteered to support numerous initiatives which accommodate his role as a volunteer ambassador for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. He enjoyed his welcome tour of the parish and was surprised to be introduced to areas within the parish which he was previously unfamiliar with, despite having lived here for many years!

If you think you would like to make a difference to where you live, please consider becoming a councillor: <u>https://</u> worplesdon-pc.gov.uk/ your-council/meetyour-councillors/ becoming-a-councillor/



Cllr Mike Price



Celebrating the occasion of Her Majesty

On the 6th February 2022 Her Majesty The Queen marked 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. In addition to the year-long Platinum Jubilee celebrations, a four-day UK Bank Holiday took place from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. This allowed people and communities throughout the UK to celebrate the historic milestone. In the Parish of Worplesdon, there were a number of celebrations which took place across the Parish to commemorate this momentous occasion. Every house in the parish received a brochure advertising the events which were planned, and banners were placed at key locations. Local newsletters and social media pages also advertised events. Lots of volunteers across the parish dedicated a significant amount of time to organising these events, and found it very rewarding! More volunteers are always welcome, because without volunteers, these wonderful events can't take place, so please contact your local village association to see if you can assist. Three specially commissioned beacons were lit at locations across the parish as part of a global initiative to mark the occasion.



<u>Fairlands</u>







Fairlands organised a hugely well attended Community Fun Day on Thursday 2nd June. The weather was absolutely glorious, and there were lots of competitions, a bring-your-own picnic event (in conjunction with The Big Jubilee Lunch), various live music performances throughout the whole day and into the evening, a BBQ, dog show, beer tent, lots of stalls and children's races.

The event culminated in the lighting of a commemorative beacon by ClIr Brigitte Ahier, Parish Councillor for the Ward of Fairlands, and a fantastic fireworks display which could be seen for miles around.





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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - June 2022 Wood Street Village



Wood Street Village started off their celebrations with the beacon lighting, by Connie Frith and Amelia Fear—the Flower Queens for 2021 and 2022. Phil Kerby played a specially written bugle call to fanfare the lighting, and Harry Wynne (Gordons School) played Diu Regnare on the bagpipes ('Long to Reign'). On Sunday 5th June, the morning opened with an open cricket match on the village Green, followed by maypole dancing - with the long weekend finished off by a Big Jubilee Picnic and children's races.





Worplesdon - Perry Hill

Worplesdon, like Wood Street Village, spread their celebrations across the long weekend. A concert of Her Majesty's favourite music at St Mary's opened the proceedings. Their beacon was lit at the top of St Mary's Church tower by the winner of a children's art competition, Jessica Jordan. On Sunday 5th June, St Mary's hosted a special church service for the occasion. A street party took place later on the Sunday which included pudding and crown competitions, a variety of entertainment, and lots of children's activities.









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Jacobs Well - Street Parties and Hog Roast

The village of Jacobs Well celebrated with street parties and a hog roast at the village hall! Judging by the beautiful looking cakes and the wide smiles a grand day was had by all!

Residents who are keen to be involved in putting on more community events should approach the Jacobs Well Village Association. Contact details are in the Jacobs Well Village Newsletter.







Jubilee Books - Gifted to local schools

Worplesdon Parish Council resolved to donate books to the three local schools in the parish as a lasting commemorative legacy to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.



A bookplate was affixed to each book referencing Worplesdon Parish Council and Her Majesty The Queen.

Cllr Nigel Mitchell, Chairman of Worplesdon Parish Council, personally delivered the books to each of the schools.

Each school had the opportunity to choose books which would best augment their existing library stock.



The Chairman, Cllr Nigel Mitchell, handing the books over to some of the children attending Wood Street Infant School

Headteacher of Rydes Hill Preparatory School, Sarah Norville, with two pupils receiving their chosen books from Cllr Nigel Mitchell

Rydes Hill Preparatory School chose a broad selection of horse related books—with a balanced mixture between fiction and non-fiction, and books covering the full age spectrum of children who attend the school. Wood Street Infant School chose a range of books which reflect the Queen's love of wildlife and the environment, together with a theme of inclusivity. Worplesdon Primary School selected a wide selection of books for their avid readers, including a variety of modern classics.

We are very grateful for the warm welcome that was extended to us during our visits, and hope that the books can be read by a large number of children for many years to come. It really was lovely to meet so many enthusiastic young people, and their teachers, who were very appreciative of the gift of additional resources.



Two groups of children at Worplesdon Primary School receiving books from the Chairman





Heath Week 2022 - 25th to 31st July

FREE activities for all the family! Kick off the school holidays with a local adventure! Accept an invitation to join us for Heath Week 2022 and we'll take you on a heathland adventure to discover a local landscape that's rarer than rainforest! There'll be nature walks, fire engines to clamber into, arts & crafts, scavenger hunts, our popular Reptile & Amphibian Roadshows and much more.

What's it all about?

Not far from where you live is a precious heather-clad landscape! Perhaps you already know it, but didn't realise how rare it is? In the last 200 years, we've lost around 84% of the heathland we once had, and the remaining fragments are super-

20 is Plenty

20's Plenty for Us is a 'not for profit' organisation with over 600 local groups campaigning to make cities, towns, and villages around the world better places to be. They campaign for a **speed limit of 20mph to be normal** on residential streets and in town and village centres, unless full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit on particular streets. *They believe that communities can decide that "20's Plenty Where People Live".* A significant number of the UK's larger cities have adopted 20mph for their residential streets (Wales is about to implement a 20mph national default for residential roads).

For those residents who may be interested in the initiative for their local area, please look at their website for further information: <u>https://www.20splenty.org/</u>



special. We'd love you to discover it for yourself, so we're putting on a whole week of free events to celebrate our heaths, their wildlife and their cultural history.

To whet your appetite, there are amazing nocturnal birds that come all the way from Africa to breed here, rare butterflies you won't see elsewhere, native lizards & snakes, and so much more. Heathland is wonderful and precious and we all need to play our part in protecting it. Join us for a <u>free</u> activity and discover how.

Find the full line-up of activities and booking details for bookable events at: <u>www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/heath-week/</u>.

Grants up to £500

Did you know that each year the Parish Council extends the opportunity to local community groups, charities, and voluntary organisations to apply for a financial grant of up to £500 from the Council.

There are certain criteria that must be met to be eligible for a community grant, these are set out in the Council's Grants Policy which is available to download from this link: <u>https://worplesdon-pc.gov.uk/transparency/grants-to-voluntary-community-and-social-enterprise-organisations/</u>

Past recipients have included: Safe Drive Stay Alive, Citizens Advice Bureau, Crimestoppers, Whitmoor Common Association, Worplesdon Memorial Trustees, St Alban's Church, 1st Rydes Hill (St Mary's) Scout Group, Fairlands Medical Practice Patient Participation Group, Worplesdon Primary School, Wood Street Infant School, Challengers, and Wood Street Village Association. If you would like more information before making an application, please call or email the parish office.

Community SpeedWatch

Community SpeedWatch has continued to be deployed regularly across the Police-approved locations within the Parish. New equipment to support this initiative is due to be ordered imminently. The equipment used is confirmed to meet the requirements established by Surrey Police prior to being ordered, and is calibrated at the start of each deployment.

In addition to Community SpeedWatch, we also deploy a Speed-Data Recorder (SDR). This unit simply notes the volume, size (or class), and speed of each vehicle which passes by. We would like to thank the Surrey Safer Camera Partnership (Surrey County Council) for their invaluable support with this regular deployment. The SDR can be deployed on roads of concern across the Parish when a suitable siting post can be identified. On some roads, such as the A322 at Perry Hill, whilst residents perceive that vehicle speed is the most significant issue at this specific location, the SDR results highlight that it is the volume of vehicles utilising the road which is the most significant issue.

Surrey County Council have indicated that, in response to the concerns of the residents, they will assess the speed related signage at this location, upgrading it where appropriate.





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There are currently councillor vacancies. Please contact the **Clerk to the Council** or look at our websitefor further information.



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Centenary Celebrations at Worplesdon Memorial Hall

Worplesdon Memorial Hall Centenary Celebrations begin during the afternoon on Friday 14 October this year, for a weekend of entertainment!

On 15 October 2022, Guildford Jazz are performing and Fish and Chips will be available, and on 16 October renowned local historians David Rose and Geoff Burch will be talking about Worplesdon Memorial Hall and Grounds Centenary, in conjunction with Sunflower Productions. Sunflower Productions, based in Guildford, stage shows



to raise money for good causes.

Look out for more details on both the Memorial Hall's website (wmh.org.uk) and social media pages as more events and information are confirmed.

More Bins for Fairlands!

In response to a request from the FLGCA, Worplesdon Parish Council purchased and installed two additional bins in the vicinity of the community hall.

The bins were gifted to the FLGCA so they are the responsibility of the FLGCA to empty.

It is hoped that more waste will be deposited in these bins, rather than be left littering the recreation field and surrounding area.