



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 64th 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 2022

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** (www.surreycc.gov.uk).

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).

Elections - May 2023

On **Thursday 4th May 2023** Borough and **Parish** elections will take place.

If you are thinking that you would like to stand as a **Parish Councillor**, please contact the **Clerk to the Council** for more information.

By becoming a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support - a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the 9,000 people you serve.

We have lots of information on our website to tell you more about the role. There's a short video by the infamous Jackie Weaver, and also one by a former councillor explaining even more about what we do locally!



We would welcome anyone interested to attend any one of our meetings to allow you to find out more, and to give you the opportunity to meet some of our current councillors.

The meetings take place at the **Parish Office (Unit 2 - Saxton, Parklands, Railton Road, Queen Elizabeth Park, Guildford, GU2 9JX)**,

commencing 7.30pm. The dates are published on our website, and on our parish noticeboards.

All are welcome to attend our meetings whether interested in being a councillor, or just generally interested in parish events!

CALLING ALL COMMUNITY HEROES



YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU! MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

17 December 2022 - 4pm to 5pm - Carol Singing on Wood Street Village Green

May 2023 - Maypole Dancing and Plant Sale - Wood Street Village Green

15 July 2023 - Wood Street Village Annual Summer Show

Welcome - Cllr Jonathan Snowball

Jonathan Snowball was recently co-opted onto the Parish Council. He represents the ward of Jacobs Well. He has already enthusiastically volunteered to work with Mike Price on an ecological initiative for Harry's Meadow! Whilst he was familiar with an awful lot of 'off the beaten track' locations in the parish, we managed to surprise him with some facts and figures! If you think you would like to make a difference to where you live, please consider

becoming a councillor. Further information and two short videos are available on our website:



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Posthumous Freedom of the Parish - John Gunner

In September the Parish Council hosted the ceremony for the Freedom of the Parish to be awarded posthumously to John Gunner, Wood Street Village resident. As many of you will know, John sadly passed away earlier in the year before the honour could be bestowed upon him.

His son, Stephen, who is also very active in and around Wood Street Village and across the parish, unveiled his dad's name on the Freedom of the Parish honours board, in front of assembled guests.



Left: Stephen Gunner in front of the honours board bestowing the Freedom of the Parish on his late father



Above and Below: Parish and Borough Councillors attended, together with Alex Waugh (WSVA), Janet Sutton (Wood Street Village maypole dancing), and many other village residents



Armistice Day 2022

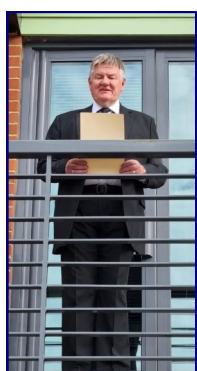
At 11am on 11 November 2022, wreaths were laid at important locations across the parish. Photos from left, Harry's Meadow (Jacobs Well), war memorial (Jacobs Well), St Marys Church (Worplesdon), St Albans (Wood Street Village), and war memorial (Merrist Wood Golf Course)



Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Following the notification of the passing of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, in accordance with protocol, numerous formal events took place.

The Chairman of Worplesdon Parish Council, Cllr Nigel Mitchell, and Clerk to the Council, Mrs Gaynor White, were privileged to be invited to the county reading of the Surrey



Proclamation of King Charles III at Guildford Cathedral on 11 September 2022. Following this proclamation, and the procession in the centre of Guildford for the borough reading, Cllr Mitchell read the proclamation to those assembled outside the Parish Office.

The public were also invited to take part in a National Moment of Reflection to mourn the passing of Her late Majesty, and reflect on her life and legacy.

The National Moment of Reflection took place at 8pm on Sunday 18 September, the night before the State Funeral, and was marked by a one-minute silence. The silence was marked privately at home, with friends and family, out on doorsteps or the street with neighbours, or at locally arranged community events and vigils. Community groups, clubs and other organisations across the country were encouraged to take part and observe the one-minute silence at 8pm local time.

Worplesdon Parish Council conducted an event at the parish office, and residents of Wood Street Village organised an event to take place on Wood Street Village Green.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926 – 2022



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Men in Sheds - Merrist Wood College

We are pleased to let our residents know that Age UK Surrey has entered into a partnership with Merrist Wood College. The College has provided a Men in Sheds space that officially opened on Friday 17th June 2022. The Parish Council were delighted to be invited to the opening event, together with the Mayor of Guildford, Dennis Booth, the chief executive of Activate Learning, Gary Headland, CEO of Age UK Surrey, Sue Zirps, and Deputy Surrey Lieutenant, Lady Elizabeth Toulson.



Sue Zirps CEO, Age UK Surrey said 'retirement creates a void and our research showed that lone men were less likely to engage in activities and social interaction than women'. Activities and

social inclusion help improve feelings of well being and fewer trips to the Doctor. Other activities organised from the Shed have included: local community projects, fishing, photography, and visits to places of interest.

The main Shed activity is woodworking, which is carried out in a well-equipped workshop which includes hand tools, portable power tools and small machines. Supervision is by well-qualified and experienced leaders. Men work on their own projects and also participate in making items for sale to help with funding for the Shed. These can be purchased here using the QR code:



New members are welcome. Just call the phone number below, or email: enquiries@ageuksurrey.org.uk

Want to join? Call us on 01483 503414

To join the shed or for more information do call or email us.

Grants up to £500

Did you know that each year the Parish Council offers local community groups, charities, and voluntary organisations the opportunity 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: <https://worplesdon-pc.gov.uk/transparency/grants-to-voluntary-community-and-social-enterprise-organisations/>

Past recipients include: 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, and Challengers. If you would like more information before making an application, please call or email the parish office.



Public Consultations - Wood Street Village & Jacobs Well

Residents of the wards of Wood Street Village and Jacobs Well will be aware that consultations have taken place over the last few months regarding issues affecting the residents of each area.

In Wood Street Village, the consultation was with regard to the ongoing anti-social behaviour involving vehicles being driven across the Green, causing significant damage to the grass. The outcome of this particular consultation was to approach the Designing Out Crime Officer at Surrey Police for further advice on measures to include CCTV. The Officer determined that CCTV would have to be monitored 24/7 to ensure an adequate response, otherwise it would offer no real deterrent, and to cover the Green (approximately 3.25

acres) there would need to be a significant number of cameras installed, plus a column and power installed for each camera. Raising the kerb level around the Green was suggested as an alternative, however this will not stop 4x4 vehicles.

The Jacobs Well consultation related to the recreation ground, and included the erection of a duck sign, the siting of football goal posts, and the provision of parking spaces adjacent to the pond, play area, and recreation ground. It was decided that the duck sign be removed, the goal posts be off-set, and the application be furthered to provide a small number of off-road parking spaces for recreation ground users.





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Centenary Celebrations at Worplesdon Memorial Hall

Worplesdon Memorial Hall Centenary Celebrations began during the afternoon of Friday 14 October with a commemorative clock unveiled by Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux DL. Lots of local residents were treated to an afternoon tea which was kindly arranged by the ladies from Worplesdon WI.



Over the remainder of the weekend Guildford Jazz performed on Saturday 15th, and renowned local historians David Rose and Geoff Burch talked about the history of the Worplesdon Memorial Hall and Grounds at an event hosted on Sunday 16th.

