



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 65th 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 2023

## 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](http://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).

## ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

**7 May 2023 - Coronation Celebrations - Wood**

**Street Village Green** - to include cricket, maypole dancing, scarecrow trail, races, and a bring your own picnic event.

**15 July 2023 - Wood Street Village Annual Summer Show**

**16 July 2023 - Wood Street Village Jazz Festival** - Ticketed event to benefit Challengers charity.

## Elections - May 2023

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

We're inviting people to stand as **Parish Councillors**. You don't even have to live within the parish boundary, as long as you meet the criteria listed below:

You must be at least 18 years old on the day of your nomination – **AND** –

Be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or European Union citizen – **AND** –

Meet at least ONE of the following FOUR qualifications:

- 1) A local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination
- 2) You are an owner or tenant of land or premises in the parish for 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election
- 3) Your main or only place of work during these 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish
- 4) You have lived in the parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Please contact Gaynor White, **Clerk to the Council**, for more information.

As a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support. You would have the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the 9,000 people you serve.

We have a wealth of information on our website to tell you more about the role, including some informative short videos about the role.



We 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. Even if you are just an interested local resident, our meetings are always open for you to attend.

The meetings take place at the **Parish Office (Unit 2 - Saxton, Parklands, Railton Road, Queen Elizabeth Park, Guildford, GU2 9JX), commencing at 7.30pm**. The dates are published on our website, and on our parish noticeboards.

## CALLING ALL COMMUNITY HEROES



**WORPLESDON PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!**

**MAKE A CHANGE  
BECOME A COUNCILLOR**

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT:  
[clerk@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk) or 01483 300094

## Parish Networking Event - 24 March 2023

On **24 March 2023**, we're excited to be hosting a networking event at Worplesdon Memorial Hall. From **7.30pm free cheese and wine** will be served whilst attendees have the opportunity to network with the local exhibitors who've been invited to attend.

Lots of local organisations have been approached to attend, so please do keep an eye on our website and social media pages to

see who will be there!

The organisations who have received grants from the Parish Council over the last financial year have also been invited to tell residents how the monies have been spent. There will be a short presentation by the Parish Council, followed by an opportunity for attendees to ask questions. If you wish to attend and/or ask questions, please RSVP to the Clerk.



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## Christmas Lights

Annually, Worplesdon Parish Council illuminate the row of trees along the Worplesdon Road edge of Perry Hill Green, opposite the former White Lyon and Dragon public house. In addition, the Parish Council provides two Christmas trees which are also illuminated – one on Wood Street Village Green and one on the approach to St Mary's Church, Worplesdon.

The Parish Council is seeking feedback from the wider community as to whether you are happy that a proportion of the funds raised through the precept (a small component of your council tax) are utilised for this purpose.

Please email comments to: [admin@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk).

## Sale of Equipment

There are a number of items of Stihl land management equipment which current councillors and staff members are no longer trained to use. The Parish Council has decided that these items should be disposed of whilst they still retain a residual value.

These items, will be advertised for sale, with no warranty, by sealed bid process, on our website and via our social media pages. If you would like to be notified when the process commences, please email: [admin@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk).

## Interpretation Boards

The Jacobs Well councillors, Mike Price and Jonathan Snowball, have worked hard at pulling together some ideas for wildlife interpretation boards to be located in Harry's Meadow and at Jacobs Well Recreation Ground.

They would actively welcome feedback from the parish residents regarding their initial proposals.

They can be contacted via their email addresses found on the back of this newsletter.



**Managing Harry's Meadow**  
More bees, butterflies, and insects, please!

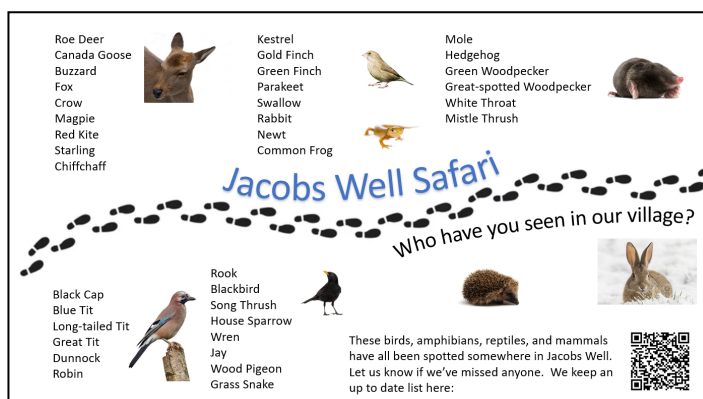
Worplesdon Parish Council recently commissioned an ecology assessment for Harry's Meadow. You can find it here:



One recommendation was to plant a native species mix of meadow plants and flowers. The best time to do this is September. The most important plant is probably Yellow Rattle, also known as the "Meadow Maker". This is parasitic on grasses, weakening them, which in turn allows space for native meadow species to establish.

We are, therefore, going to trial seeding two small areas to see how we get on in early Autumn 2023, (about 300 square meters). These will be fenced off to give a chance for the meadow making to get going in 2024. Once established, we hope the Meadow Maker will do its job and gradually spread to allow the native meadow species to colonise Harry's Meadow more widely.

Do you want to get involved? Do you have any comments? Let me know. [Email to: clr.jonathan.snowball@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clr.jonathan.snowball@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk)




**Jacobs Well Safari**  
Who have you seen in our village?

Roe Deer	Kestrel	Mole
Canada Goose	Gold Finch	Hedgehog
Buzzard	Green Finch	Green Woodpecker
Fox	Parakeet	Great-spotted Woodpecker
Crow	Swallow	White Throat
Maggie	Rabbit	Mistle Thrush
Red Kite	Newt	
Starling	Common Frog	
Chiffchaff		

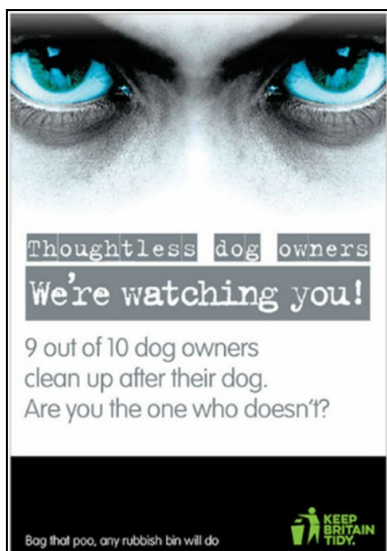
  

Black Cap	Rook	
Blue Tit	Blackbird	
Long-tailed Tit	Song Thrush	
Great Tit	House Sparrow	
Dunnock	Wren	
Robin	Jay	
	Wood Pigeon	
	Grass Snake	

These birds, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals have all been spotted somewhere in Jacobs Well. Let us know if we've missed anyone. We keep an up to date list here:




## Dog Poo in Public Areas



**Thoughtless dog owners**  
**We're watching you!**

9 out of 10 dog owners clean up after their dog. Are you the one who doesn't?

Bag that poo, any rubbish bin will do



Disappointingly, we are again receiving a significant number of reports about dog mess. It is particularly prevalent in Harry's Meadow (Jacobs Well) and around the maypole on Wood Street Village Green.

There are plenty of dog poo bins and dual purpose bins available for dog waste to be put in.

Please can **all** dog owners and dog walkers ensure that they keep dogs under a watchful eye and under control, so all dog poos can be picked up and suitably disposed of.

Not only is standing in dog poo unpleasant, dog poo can carry diseases, including toxocariasis which can cause blindness.



**There's no such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy.**

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## Parish Council Grants

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/>



Applications are welcomed from all groups - even those who have already received a grant. If you would like more information before making an application, please contact us.

## Footpath Dedication

Guildford Borough Council has submitted its application to re-route the footpath around the new allotment site near Harry's Meadow (Jacobs Well) to the Planning Inspectorate. Full details are available on the home page of the Parish Council's website: <https://worplesdon-pc.gov.uk/>

## Councillor Surgeries

The Parish Council has decided to reinstate Councillor Surgeries. These will run quarterly, and whilst residents from across the parish will be welcome to attend any surgery, the location for the surgery will rotate to ensure greater accessibility for all. Please keep an eye on our website and social media pages for further details.

## United Reformed Church - Bench

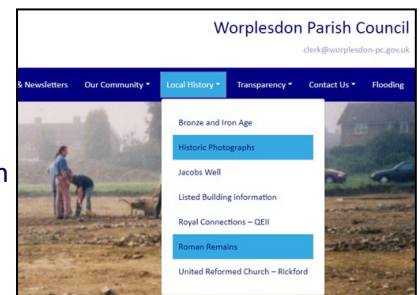
Following a generous donation from the United Reformed Church at Rickford, made when the church closed, a commemorative bench has been installed at Perry Hill Green.

The bench has a plaque affixed, kindly paid for by a local resident whose family have had close links to the area for over a century. The resident has provided a wealth of photos and historical information which has been added to our website: <https://worplesdon-pc.gov.uk/former-united-reformed-church-rickford/>. The bench will shortly

have a plaque with a QR code attached, to allow interested visitors to read more about the local history.



The Parish Council's website also contains lots of other interesting historical information. On our website there's a Local History tab, with clear links to each individual page.



## Grange Park Opera

Grange Park Opera, based at the Theatre in the Woods, a five-tiered, 700-seat opera house on the estate of the 14th century West Horsley Place, Surrey.

The 2023 season presents three great love stories, a Welsh Knight, and another of their highly acclaimed productions created on location and available for the whole world to stream for free. The renowned Bryn Terfel will also be performing in July!

More information is available on their website: <https://grangeparkopera.co.uk/> They are always happy to answer queries over the phone and via email too.

## Worplesdon Flood Forum

The Flood Forum continues to meet throughout the year, and undertake a walkabout once per year, to address flooding issues across the parish.

Please can we remind residents of their responsibility to maintain any ditches or streams which cross, and in some cases border their property (Riparian ownership).

Any items emailed to the Assistant Clerk to be added to the Flood Forum agenda **MUST** be accompanied by an appropriate reporting reference number, and ideally a photo, because a photo speaks a thousand words. <https://worplesdon-pc.gov.uk/flooding/>





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## Coronation Celebrations

Events to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III have been confirmed as taking place at Wood Street Village Green on 7 May 2023. Please follow Wood Street Village on social media for more details as they are announced.

It is likely that other villages will be organising their own events, so please do support them by volunteering and/or attending!



## Newsletter Deliveries

Following reports of sporadic deliveries of newsletter by our delivery agents, the Parish Council has decided to trial deliveries using councillors, and, where appropriate, village associations.

If you have any comments to make on the delivery of your newsletter, or would like to volunteer to assist with local deliveries, please email:  
[admin@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk).



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