



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 66th 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.

Summer 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).

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

12 July 2023 - Entries Registration for Wood Street Show - Wood Street Village Green

14 July 2023 - Worplesdon Flood Forum Walkabout - 10am to 12noon - Wood Street Village maypole

15 July 2023 - Wood Street Village Annual Summer Show

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

Elections - New Councillors

We are very pleased to welcome two new Parish Councillors to the Parish Council following the recent elections and subsequent Annual Meeting: Nuala Crampin, who is a long standing resident of Wood Street Village and is a keen equestrian, and Bob McShee, who was previously a Parish Councillor for many years, has re-joined the council. Both new councillors bring with them a wealth of experience and local knowledge.

We do still have two vacancies. Please contact Gaynor White, **Clerk to the Council**, for more information if you would like to join the Council. 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 would serve.

Our website can tell you more about the role, including some informative short videos. This QR code links to the website content:



Whether you are interested in joining as a councillor or are just interested in local matters, residents are welcome to attend any one of our formal meetings to allow you to find out more, and see how meetings are conducted.

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 both our website and parish noticeboards.

Cynthia Slaymaker - 1929 to 2023

The Parish Council were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Jacobs Well resident Cynthia Slaymaker. Devoted wife of former Parish Councillor Derek Slaymaker, she was a kind, caring, and supportive lady who dedicated her life to serving others and supporting the community.

The photograph shows Derek and Cynthia ready to attend a Royal Garden Party.



Number 10 Downing Street

In March, Head Groundsman Peter Trevena was introduced to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, as a community champion, at a special reception held at Number 10.

He was nominated by Angela Richardson MP for his commitment to going above and beyond, often fixing Flood Forum issues that are the responsibility of other authorities. If he sees a problem, he just gets on and resolves it!





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Coronation Celebrations



Over the Coronation weekend a variety of events were held across the parish. Roads were closed to allow street parties to take place, and communities put on events to mark the occasion.

The volunteers in Fairlands organised an afternoon of live music, stalls, children's races, a dog show, crown competitions, refreshments, a tombola, and lots, lots more!



Wood Street Village residents organised a Royal scarecrow trail around the village in the run up to the Coronation, and a fun afternoon which included a picnic on the Green, maypole dancing, children's tug of war, children's races, junior cricket match, bouncy inflatables, the choir from Wood Street Infant School, and more!

All of the events were organised and supported by lots of willing volunteers. These events really cannot go ahead without lots of helpers—so even if you can only assist for an hour, or even in the run up to an event, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please do offer your help to your local community association if you are able!





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Coronation Bookmarks

To mark the Coronation of King Charles III the Parish Council agreed to gift a commemorative bookmark to each child attending a primary school within the parish.

Prior to the Coronation, Chairman Cllr Nigel Mitchell visited each school to present the bookmarks for every child.

We hope the bookmarks build on the gift of books donated to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in 2022.



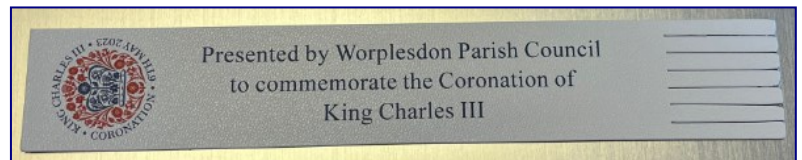
Karen O'Brien, Head Teacher
Worplesdon Primary School



School Council,
Wood Street Infant School



Head Girl and her Deputies,
Rydes Hill Preparatory School



Happy 25th Anniversary, Fairwood Helpers!

Fairwood Helpers is a voluntary car group helping local people to access medical appointments of any kind. They can also potentially help with other tasks, e.g. shopping for the housebound, collecting prescriptions, or to take people to visit relatives in hospital, etc. Service users contribute to the car's running costs (based on 45 pence a mile - as set by national guidelines). Anyone needing help can call Fairwood Helpers on **01483 237619** on a weekday between 10am and 12 noon when the phone line is manned. Out of hours callers can leave a voicemail to receive a call back.

Fairwood Helpers have completed over 12,000 'jobs' during 25 years of operation, and this will hopefully continue long into the future. Happy Anniversary, Fairwood Helpers and Thank You!



Community Grants

This year the Parish Council has been pleased to award a number of community grants to a number of local community groups and voluntary organisations. Amongst others, we have been please to provide grants to Wood Street Village maypole dancers for sweatshirts, and to both the Wood Street Village Association and the FLGCA to support their respective Coronation events in May.

If you would be interested in making an application for a financial grant of up to **£500** from the Council, please have a look at our website for further information: <https://worplesdon-pc.gov.uk/transparency/grants-to-voluntary-community-and-social-enterprise-organisations/>

Worplesdon Flood Forum

The Flood Forum walkabout is taking place in Wood Street Village this year. The walk will focus on long-standing issues at various locations from Wood Street Village pond, along Frog Grove Lane, all the way to the new homes near Silvesters on Aldershot Road. All residents are welcome to attend, but please wear stout footwear and be prepared for a 5km walk, at pace, over the 2-hour meeting, and bring water if weather conditions are warm.

The walkabout will take place on Friday 14th July, starting from the Wood Street Village maypole at 10am.



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K6 Phone Boxes

The two restored K6 phone boxes located on Frog Grove Lane and Liddington New Road are being well utilised as community book exchanges, and the box on Frog Grove Lane is being regularly decorated by a local resident to reflect significant events throughout the year, including the recent Coronation.



Both phone boxes, which adopted by the Parish Council for insurance purposes, are maintained by local residents at each location, and the Parish Council is very grateful for their ongoing efforts.

Parish Networking Event

On **24 March 2023**, the Parish Council hosted the Annual Parish Assembly at Worplesdon Memorial Hall. This meeting allowed attendees to have the opportunity to network with exhibitors from the local community. The exhibitors included Stella Hancock Riding for the Disabled, Fairlands Practice Patient Participation Group, Wood Street Village Cricket Club, Fairlands Women's Institute, Sime Gallery, Fairwood Helpers, Emmerge Advocacy, Guildford Health Walks, and many more!

There were multiple presentations from a variety of organisations who have received grants from the Parish Council over the last financial year, followed by a short presentation from the Chairman of the Parish Council - all of which everyone found very interesting.

The next Annual Parish Assembly will be held in the hall at **Fairlands on Monday 18 March 2024**, at 7pm.