

Worplesdon Parish Council Newsletter



SUMMER 2025

Cllr Gordon Adam – 1958 to 2025



The Parish Council is deeply saddened to notify residents of the sudden death of Councillor Gordon Adam.

Gordon's journey with the Parish Council began in 2014, when he joined as a community member of the Parish Council's Traffic Committee.

From the very outset, his dedication to the well-being of our community was evident to all who worked with him. His insight, his passion, and his tireless commitment quickly became invaluable assets to the Council.

In May 2022, Gordon was elected Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, a role he served with distinction for the past three years. He also chaired the Staffing Committee for five years, providing steady guidance, sound judgement, and always a friendly listening ear.

Beyond these key roles, Gordon represented the Council on several important local organisations,

including the Slyfield Area Regeneration Plan, the Fairlands, Liddington Hall and Gravetts Lane Community Association, and the Worplesdon Memorial Trustees – where, in 2021, he was elected Chairman, serving until his resignation in 2024.

Gordon's contributions to our community cannot be measured by titles or positions alone. What truly set him apart was his effervescent personality, his kindness, his boundless enthusiasm for life, and his remarkable ability to connect with everyone he met.

He was, in every sense, a larger-than-life character, and his absence is deeply felt – not just within the Council chambers, but throughout the community he served so wholeheartedly.

Gordon leaves behind a legacy of service, friendship, and community spirit. His contributions will not be forgotten, and his memory will continue to inspire us in the work we do.

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 the Contact Centre on **0300 200 1003**.



To report **crimes** or **anti-social behaviour** do this directly to **Surrey Police** on **101** or via their **website** (if non-urgent) and **999** (if urgent).

Thames Water can be contacted on **0800 316 9800** for **sewage** flooding.

Flooding on highways and footpaths should be reported to Surrey County Council on **0300 200 1003** or using <https://tellus.surreycc.gov.uk/>.



Fly-tipping on public highways or council land will be dealt with by **Guildford Borough Council**: www.guildford.gov.uk/reportflytipping.



Grants

The Parish Council is immensely proud to have been able to give grants to a number of local organisations during the last year.

The Parish Council provides grants of up to £500 and local organisations are encouraged to apply.

The application form is available on the Parish Council website:



New Staff Member

We're pleased to welcome Neil Smart as Groundsman who has joined Andy Connor (Senior Groundsman).

Please feel free to approach the Groundstaff if you have any questions, comments, or even if you just want to introduce yourself!



Litter Picking – Equipment Loan

The Parish Council has recently loaned its litter picking equipment to National Highways for a litter pick along the River Wey in Guildford, and regularly loans the equipment to local Scout groups and other interested community groups.

If you would like to borrow the litter picking equipment (adult pickers, child-sized pickers, and rubbish bag hoops) please contact Victoria, Assistant Clerk:
admin@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk.



Congratulations, Merrist Wood!

Students from Merrist Wood were awarded Platinum and Best College Garden for their show garden 'Nature's Gallery' at the BBC Gardeners' World Spring Fair at Beaulieu Estate.

Students from the college have also kindly planted the planters which were recently installed on Perry Hill Green as a result of a S106 payment received from the developer at Bluebell Rise via Guildford Borough Council.

We think you will all agree that the students have done a super job. The planters will be watered by the Parish groundstaff.



What's on in Worplesdon!

- **Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 June – Sunday 29 June 2025** – 10am to 4pm – **Surrey Hills Country Fair**, Merrist Wood College [ticketed event]
- **Saturday 19 July 2025** – 12 noon to 5pm – **Wood Street Village Show**, Wood Street Village Green
- **Sunday 20 July 2025** – 1.30pm onwards – **Wood Street Jazz Festival** in aid of Challengers [ticketed event]
- **Saturday 15 August 2025** – 6pm to 9.30pm – **Worplesdon Summer Fiesta**, Worplesdon Memorial Hall Grounds [ticketed event]
- **Saturday 27 September 2025** – **Macmillan Coffee Morning and maypole dancing**, Wood Street Village Green



Worplesdon Garden Club

Worplesdon Garden Club is a flourishing group for gardening enthusiasts of all ages and abilities. With a history that traces back to the very early twentieth century and the Worplesdon Horticultural Society, we nevertheless have a forward-looking approach to horticulture with a dynamic blend of education, inspiration, and social connection for anyone with a passion for plants and nature.

The core of the Club's annual programme of activities is its monthly evening meetings, held from 8–10 pm at Emmanuel Parish Centre in Stoughton on the second Tuesday of each month. These meetings feature a talk by an invited expert speaker where we gain insights into garden- and wildlife-related topics, together with the social side of gardening – a plant stall and a nice cup of tea or coffee!

Speaker topics are intentionally diverse and have ranged from Japanese Gardens to Alpines, Salvias to Clematis, the Soil Food Web to Birds of Prey, and everything in between.

Beyond the monthly speaker talks, the Club offers seasonal garden visits to both public and private gardens, a barbecue and other social events, as well as a friendly Summer Show where members can compete across a wide range of horticultural and handicraft classes. With a warm, welcoming atmosphere and a shared enthusiasm for all things green, Worplesdon Garden Club is more than a club—it's a community. Whether you have a window box or an acre of land, you'll find inspiration, friendship, and support to help your garden—and your love for gardening—truly thrive.

For more information on the Club's activities or to receive our monthly Club Newsletter with gardening advice and information, please visit our website at: www.worplesdongardenclub.co.uk, email us at info@worplesdongardenclub.co.uk, or call Tim on 07708 455096.



The Thames Basin Heaths Partnership are buzzing about Heath Week 2025 which will take place from Monday 28th July to Sunday 3rd August this year.

It's a fantastic opportunity to share in the passion for the Thames Basin Heaths with a week packed full of free events across Surrey, Berkshire and Hampshire. With a family-friendly focus, we invite you to join us to explore incredible heathland wildlife, ranging from the majestic Nightjar to rare butterflies and an incredible six species of native reptile! There'll be interactive quizzes, nature trails, creative crafts and other engaging activities, designed to inspire both children and adults alike!

Come along and meet the friendly team and celebrate the magic of the heathland landscape. For those that visit the heaths with canine companions, Heathland Hounds will be on hand with free advice and dog treats. If you are looking for new dog-friendly walks to explore, they have all the information!

Heathland is precious and we can all play a part in protecting it, so we hope to see you there!

Please follow the events calendar for up-to-date information at:
<https://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/events/>



Can't make it? Why not follow the fun on Facebook at Thames Basin Heaths Partnership and on Instagram at [tbhpartnership](https://www.instagram.com/tbhpartnership).



WONDERFUL WORPLESDON.

We think that residents will agree that Worplesdon is a really great place to live. The Parish of Worplesdon encompasses four distinct villages: Fairlands, Jacobs Well, Perry Hill, and Wood Street Village.

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to become councillors.

Do you love where you live? Do you want to find out more about the decision-making behind some of the activities of the council and be involved in making future decisions? If you're interested to know more please watch this video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vgjav6VmciU> or do come along to one of our meetings to learn more.



Volunteering opportunities

Each village has a team of hard-working volunteers diligently working throughout the year to litter pick, organise fairs, maypole dancing, cricket matches, Macmillan coffee mornings, and lunches for the elderly but none of these can go ahead without people volunteering.

Even if you can spare just an hour of your time it can make a difference.

Do you have some spare time to be a Fairwood Helper?

Fairwood Helpers is a Good Neighbour Group helping residents with transport and other needs such as form-filling. They currently cover residents in: Fairlands, Wood Street Village, Perry Hill, Liddington Hall, and Gravetts Lane.

In August 2024 Fairwood Helpers had to reduce their phone line hours due to a lack of volunteers to staff the phones. Fairwood Helpers are in particular need of Duty Officers to staff the phone lines as this role is continually being performed by a small cadre of people. You do not have to be a Driver to be a Fairwood Helpers Volunteer! Similarly, you don't have to be a Duty Officer either and if there are any residents seeking low demand voluntary work who have Financial, IT, or Admin skills please contact as they'd like to build up resilience in these areas.

If a significant number of volunteers were to come forward from Jacobs Well there is a possibility that the scheme could potentially be extended to encompass Jacobs Well too. More information can be found on their website www.fairwoodhelpers.co.uk or call 01483 237619.



BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR 2025

Residents are reminded that replacement kerbside food waste caddies can be collected from the Parish Council office, by appointment.

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Thank you for reading!

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