



# Woodmansterne Green Belt and Residents' Association Spring 2018 Newsletter

## Welcome to the Spring newsletter

The committee members have met regularly throughout the year discussing a variety of topics affecting local residents and the wider community. It is difficult to give up to date information regarding ongoing topics such as planning and so, for the latest news and developments, go to our website [www.woodmansternereressidents.com](http://www.woodmansternereressidents.com).

Some of the issues which have been achieved are the refurbishment of the noticeboards around the village as well as the installation of four benches around the Soloms/Scratch Wood area (thanks to John Dixon and co). The "entrance gates" to the village have been cleaned and repainted thanks to Anne Coward. Double yellow lines were painted on the corner of Kingscroft Road and Woodmansterne Street to stop parking in a dangerous place and enabling local residents to exit their driveways safely. Although the street lights go off at midnight to 5am, as Chipstead Way is a bus route, the lights stay on until 1am. After much campaigning the 166 bus route will now operate unaltered for the next 5 years. It had been proposed to terminate the bus at Banstead with no service to Epsom Hospital.

Planning permissions are always on the agenda, particularly when the Green Belt is affected. The burial site proposal in Croydon Lane was twice successfully challenged at the appeal stage but there may be further applications. Look on our website for current applications and appeals of interest. Two in particular are a McCarthy Stone development at the bottom of Chipstead Way where it meets Outwood Lane, also development of the land to the rear of 224 to 230 Chipstead Way.

If you would like to know more about the topics discussed at committee, you are welcome to attend. The meetings are usually on the third Wednesday of the month and are held in the Village Hall, Carshalton Road at 8pm. Meeting dates can be found on our website.

**WGBRA AGM** will be held at St Peter's Church Hall, Chipstead Way on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 8 pm. The speakers will be Mark Howells on the subject of scams and Graham Knight from the Reigate and Banstead enforcement team. All residents welcome.

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### **Lagoon site east of Rectory Lane**

As you may be well aware a lagoon has been constructed by SES Water on Lord's Bank, next to Rectory Lane, to replace the one inside the Water Treatment Works in Outwood Lane. This lagoon is to hold, temporarily, any excess water from the works. The project of building a new filtration system at the works is ongoing at the Outwood Lane site.

During this process it was discovered that the footpath at the bottom of the lagoon field and others around the edge of it were unregistered and therefore likely to close. These have been used by local residents for many years. Since then a lengthy and detailed campaign to retain and register the paths has been taking place due to the tenacity of a few local residents. Meetings have also taken place regarding the landscaping of the site. There have been many battles along the way and the war is not yet won but on the positive side the footpaths have been approved by Surrey County Council and are going through a period of appeal. Many thanks to all the residents who have contributed to this fight and, if successful, will be a victory for local resolve.

### **Benches near Soloms and Scratch Wood**

There are 4 benches in this area made from recycled plastic. It looks and feels like wood but has all the wonderful properties of plastic, so you don't have to sacrifice the aesthetics of wood. Plastic wood never rots and will never need painting, with a high level of UV protection against fading. Kedel Plastic Wood is made from recycling crushed CD cases and old coat hangers and similar polystyrene products that would otherwise end up in landfill or incinerators. Many thanks to the gang of workers who installed the benches which are appreciated by local walkers and their dogs.



### **Road Repairs and Resurfacing**

A collapsing manhole cover was replaced in Woodmansterne Lane near to the junction with Kingscroft Road recently. Also areas of Rectory Lane have now been resurfaced and re-marked making a smoother ride for motorists. Work is about to start (as we go to print) in Chipstead Way which is in much need of improvement.

Damage to highways or pavements can be reported online at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/highways](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/highways) or telephone 0300 200 1003.

## Woodmansterne Community Garden

The garden is situated next to the allotments on the Carshalton Road. The entrance being just beyond the Scout HQ gates. It was created 10 years ago by and for the use of local residents. A lot of hard work has gone into the planning, planting and landscaping. There are fruit trees, a mound and benches, as well as a pond creating areas of interest and encouraging wildlife.

The maintenance of the garden is ongoing and demanding. In recent years it has fallen to one person, Roger Stevens, who has done a magnificent job. However he is unable to carry on and therefore the garden is looking for a new champion to take this project forward. There have been offers of help which need coordinating to allow for work to be carried out throughout the seasons.

If you, or anyone you know, would like this challenge, please contact via [wgbra@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wgbra@hotmail.co.uk).



## Woodmansterne Village May Queen Fete 2018 - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

This year's May Queen is Ella Norman. She will be crowned by The Worshipful Mayor of Reigate & Banstead, Cllr Roger Newstead and the Mayoress, Mrs. Mary Newstead MBE.

The Procession will leave The Readons at 12.50pm, arriving at the village green at approximately 1.15pm. Stalls at the fete this year will include a bouncy castle, children's rides, face painting, tombola's, raffle, refreshments and many more.

If you would like to book a stall at the Fete, or have any items that you would be willing to donate that would be suitable for raffle or tombola prizes please contact the May Queen Group at [mayqueengroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mayqueengroup@hotmail.co.uk).

This year we will be raising money for local charities as well as The Alzheimer's Society, registered charity number 296645 and Asthma UK, registered charity number 802364, both of which are fantastic Charities which are close to Ella's heart.

## Woodmansterne Operatic and Dramatic Society (WODS)

Presents "Little Shop of Horrors" from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May in St Peter's Church Hall.

Box office: 01737 555009.

Website: [www.wodsweb.co.uk](http://www.wodsweb.co.uk).

### **Consultation on Ward Boundaries for Reigate and Banstead**

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking local people for their help to draw up a new pattern of council wards for Reigate and Banstead Borough Council. The aim of the electoral review is to recommend ward boundaries that mean each councillor represents approximately the same number of voters. The aim is to ensure that the pattern of wards reflects the interests and identities of local communities as well as promoting effective local government. To achieve these aims, the ward boundaries across Reigate and Banstead need to be redrawn.

To have your say and for more information go to [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk). The consultation will close on 9th April 2018.

### **Reigate and Banstead Development Management Plan**

The Local Plan provides information about when and where development, to deliver the new homes, jobs, services, facilities and infrastructure we need, will take place in the borough and includes policies against which proposals for new development are assessed. It can be viewed on the Reigate and Banstead Council website [www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk](http://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk).

There have been periods of consultation regarding this over the last year and local input has been invited. In March the plan will be submitted for independent examination before being adopted.

### **WGBRA website and Facebook page**

The Woodmansterne Green Belt and Residents Association (WGBRA) website can be found at [www.woodmansternereresidents.com](http://www.woodmansternereresidents.com).

Contact us at [wgbra@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wgbra@hotmail.co.uk).

Visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/wgbra](http://www.facebook.com/wgbra).

### **Current WGBRA Committee members**

Penny Hext (Chair/acting Secretary); Chrissy Page (Treasurer); Tina Davis (Minutes); Evan Gregory (Planning); Debra Farrell; Jennie Auston; Anne Coward (Highways); George Jones; Vicky Field; Christine O'Brien and Pat Thorpe.

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Generally local issues are covered by the Borough Council but matters such as highways and schools are Surrey County Council's responsibility.