



Woodmansterne Green Belt and Residents' Association Spring 2016 Newsletter

Chairman's Comments

It's been a busy and eventful year in Woodmansterne keeping the committee meetings full of content. The main item on the agenda has been the construction by Sutton and East Surrey Water plc of a waste water lagoon in Drakes Field, as well as the upgrade of the treatment works in Outwood Lane. This project has highlighted the fact that a footpath at the bottom of the field, which has been in use for a number of years, is unregistered. Registration is now being applied for and, in order to avoid this situation in the future, a survey of the footpaths around the village is being undertaken. The Countryside Access Officer, Catherine Valiant is due to update us on the new footpath legislation at our AGM on 20th April.

Condition of the local roads and parking are ever present topics to which there are no easy answers. Woodmansterne Lane was resurfaced last summer after a wait of 2 years resulting in a slight improvement.

In Woodmansterne we are fortunate to live in a low crime area compared to some of our neighbours. Policing is changing again in Surrey and we welcome Police Inspector Angie Austin to our AGM on 20th April to give more details about this change. An overview can be found in this newsletter.

Local planning applications are monitored by the committee and objections and comments made where relevant. You can look at the details of any application to Reigate and Banstead Council on their website www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/planning.

WGBRA AGM will be held at St Peter's Church Hall on Wednesday 20th April at 8 pm. The speakers will be Police Inspector Angie Austin (changes to local policing) and Catherine Valiant the Countryside Access Officer (new footpath legislation). All residents welcome.

Your Village Needs You!

The Association is looking for new committee members to join us in dealing with issues that affect residents in Woodmansterne. Contact us at wgbra@hotmail.co.uk, at the AGM on Wednesday 20th April or at the next committee meeting on Wednesday 19th May.

Subs 2016

If your subscription (£2) has not been collected you may wish to pay it directly into our bank account (Account number: 17645609; sort code: 23 05 90) or at The Look In or to your road steward.

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Address.....

BLOOMFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Woodmansterne Village Hall, Carshalton Road SM7 3HR

<http://www.bloomfieldshortmat.co.uk>

Sunday 6.30pm to 9.00pm Monday 7.30pm to 10.00pm

Thursday 2.30pm to 5.00pm

Beginners welcome [Contact: cluffs@ntworld.com](mailto:cluffs@ntworld.com) or Mrs H Cluff 01737 354115

TENFORD BADMINTON

Woodmansterne Village Hall, Carshalton Road SM7 3HR

Wednesdays from 8pm to 10pm

Contact: david.collins63@ntlworld.com or David Collins 01737 350910

OLD WALCOUNTIANS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Carshalton Road, Woodmansterne ,

Surrey SM7 3HU

01737 354348

www.oldwalcouintians.co.uk

WOODMANSTERNE SPORTS CLUB

The Club House, Woodmansterne Street,

Woodmansterne, SM7 3NH

01737 350109

www.woodsports.co.uk

WOODMANSTERNE OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY (WODS) is an amateur society and aims to put on three shows a year - February (junior WODS pantomime), May (usually a musical) and October (a revue, play or variety show). All shows are performed at St Peter's Church Hall in Woodmansterne and details of performance times and how to purchase tickets will be advertised on our website as soon as the box office opens before each show. Contact details: www.wods.org.uk info@wods.org.uk boxoffice@wods.org.uk

CHIPSTEAD PLAYERS AT THE COURTYARD THEATRE operate from a converted stable block (the Courtyard Theatre) in the grounds of Longshaw, towards the top of Hazelwood Lane, near High Road Junction. The players are entirely an amateur group and have been presenting shows in Chipstead village since 1924 and, since 1995 in their own fully equipped 98-seat theatre and bar. The 2015-2016 programme can be viewed on their website:

www.chipsteadplayers.org

Membership Secretary donaldhindle@btinternet.com

FIRST WOODMANSTERNE (St. Peter's) SCOUT GROUP meets at Scout HQ, Scout Hut, Carshalton Road, Woodmansterne on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday evenings.

Contact details: www.woodmansternescouts.org.uk 1stwoodmansterne@gmail.com

SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

Reverend Douglas McHardie

www.saintpeterschurch.org.uk

Hall Booking hall@saintpeterschurch.org.uk

WOODMANSTERNE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pine Walk, Woodmansterne

Reverend David Meseg

www.woodmansternebaptistchurch.com

Changes to Policing in Surrey

In the past 3 years, reports of rape have increased 153%, sexual Offences 122% and domestic abuse 34%. In that same time house burglaries have reduced 24% and thefts from cars 32%. Changes in technology have seen an increase in the use of the internet for crime. In short our demand is increasing in different but less visible areas.

However, at a time of increasing demand on Surrey Police, our funding is decreasing therefore we have had to re-think how we deliver services to make savings and be more efficient. This has led to us considering what our demands are and also how we recognise and respond to changing threat and risk whilst delivering the necessary savings.

The changes are focused on effective call management and the use of technology meaning that Officers will actually spend longer on the beat thereby maximising their availability. In essence our focus will be on core policing matters.

For neighbourhood policing specifically, the local presence in the community will be retained and enhanced as Officers will no longer be working from separate teams of Response, Investigation and Neighbourhood. Instead:

- Officers will be Borough and District based
- Identifiable local contacts remain, which will be the dedicated Neighbourhood Borough Inspector and the PCSO team
- Options for contact with us will be promoted – giving a choice of a call, visiting a Police Station, or using on-line facilities
- There will be more focus on, and people working to protect the vulnerable

Surrey Police remains committed to providing visible neighbourhood policing to communities across the county. However, we do this against a backdrop of reducing resources and competing demands which mean that we are required to make some difficult decisions about our response to wider policing activities, such as the holding of regular police panel meetings. Panel meetings will be held in response to specific policing issues raised in a particular area – such as chronic and repeat issues causing the most police related demand within the locality – rather than as a matter of routine.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team will continue to carry out high visibility patrols across the Borough and will be available to respond where there is a specific policing need. The public can be reassured that officers are available to carry out core responsibilities; which include protecting life and property, preventing offences and bringing offenders to justice.

NEED HELP WITH FUEL PAYMENTS?

If so, 'Woodmansterne Charities' may be able to assist. We are a local charity and we may be able to help with your fuel payment, if you are struggling to pay your fuel bills. In order to qualify, you must have resided in the Parish of Woodmansterne for a period of at least three years. If you would like to be considered for assistance, then please contact us by post or by e-mail, as follows:

Woodmansterne Charities
C/O St Peter's Church
Rectory Lane,
Woodmansterne, Banstead,
Surrey. SM7 3NR

e-mail: office@saintpeterschurch.org.uk
web: www.saintpeterschurch.org.uk

Registered Charity Numbers: 239690 and 239691

Reporting potholes or damaged pavements

You can report potholes or damaged pavements online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/highways or telephone 0300 200 1003.

Joint Enforcement Team

To report abandoned vehicles, anti-social behaviour, fly tipping, graffiti, litter etc please contact the Joint Enforcement Team (JET) online at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/report or telephone 01737 276300.

Community Award

The village has been given a Community Award from the local Councillors of £1000. It is hoped to put this towards the refurbishment of the village gates and noticeboards and the replacement of the benches overlooking Soloms Wood. If there are any other projects you would like to see in the village we may be able to obtain further funding through Surrey County Council's localism scheme. Let us know via wgbra@hotmail.co.uk or through one of the committee members.

Advertising in this newsletter

If you would like to place an advertisement in this publication which has a circulation of 1500 in Woodmansterne, please contact us at wgbra@hotmail.co.uk.

WGBRA website

The Woodmansterne Green Belt and Residents Association (WGBRA) website can be found at www.woodmansternerresidents.com. Contact us at wgbra@hotmail.co.uk.

Current Committee members

Penny Hext (Chair); John Dixon (Correspondence Secretary); Chrissy Page (Treasurer); Tina Davis (Minutes); Evan Gregory (Planning); Jo Hughes; Jennie Auston; Anne Coward (Highways) ; George Jones and Jackie Potter.

Councillors contact details

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John Stephenson cllr.stephenson@reigate-banstead.gov.uk) Woodmansterne Ward
Telephone Reigate and Banstead Borough Council on 01737 276000
Ken Gulati ken.gulati@surreycc.gov.uk) Surrey County Council
Telephone Surrey County Council on 0345 600 9009
Generally local issues are covered by the Borough Council but matters such as highways and schools are Surrey County Council's responsibility.