



Woodmansterne Green Belt and Residents' Association Autumn 2015 Newsletter

Committee news

The committee has a new Chairman, Penny Hext, voted in at the AGM along with John Dixon (Correspondence Secretary); Chrissy Page (Treasurer); Tina Davis (Minutes); Evan Gregory (Planning); Jo Hughes (Website); Jennie Auston; Anne Coward (Highways) ; George Jones and Jackie Potter.

The committee meetings are held at the Village Hall every third Wednesday of the month from 8 to 9.30 pm. These are open meetings which you are invited to attend. If you are interested in joining the committee please get in touch via wgbra@hotmail.co.uk.

Planning

There have been numerous proposed planning applications since the Spring most of which have been approved unopposed. However two projects in Croydon Lane have been opposed, one for a permanent wedding venue and another for a burial ground (strictly speaking this lies within the Banstead area but is very close to Woodmansterne residents). The other major application affecting the village is the Water Works Lagoon construction and upgrade of facilities at the Outwood Lane site. More information regarding this development below.

To look at planning online go to www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/planning or telephone 01737 276000.

Water Treatment Works Upgrade

This is a contentious issue which will have an impact on the village long term as well as in the short term. The plans for these essential works have been passed by Reigate and Banstead Council but there are some reserved matters to be resolved regarding the landscaping and fencing. For more information visit our website www.woodmansternerresidents.com.

Councillors contact details

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Telephone Reigate and Banstead Borough Council on 01737 276000
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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.

Top 10 Tips to Prevent Cyber-Crime

1. Treat all unsolicited emails with caution.
2. Don't assume just because an email is from a friend or colleague that it is safe – if the language or subject matter seems odd, their account may have been compromised.
3. Be extremely wary of email attachments and links, no matter how tempting they might be.
4. Make sure you run anti-virus software downloaded from a reputable source – some malicious software masquerades as anti-virus software.
5. Always download the latest software, anti-virus and operating system updates when prompted.
6. Don't reveal personal information on social networking sites or by email.
7. Choose strong passwords and don't tell anybody what they are – strong passwords don't necessarily have to be hard to remember.
8. Government agencies, banks and other large organisations will never request personal information such as PIN or bank details via email. If this information is being requested, it's a scam.
9. Microsoft/Apple will never unexpectedly phone you about problems with your computer. If you receive a call like this, hang up.
10. Remember your smartphone/tablet is also a target for viruses and spyware and the advice above applies equally to these devices.

ACTIONFRAUD: 0300 123 2040

FOR FURTHER ADVICE: www.getsafeonline.org

Property Marking

Do you need help marking your valuables? This can be done with the Forensic Property Marking Product. For further advice please contact <https://www.immobilise.com>

WGB&RA Website

We are constantly trying to improve and update our website www.woodmansternerresidents.com.

If you have any contributions you would like to make, please contact us via wgbra@hotmail.co.uk.

R&B Joint Enforcement Team (JET)

A talk was given at our AGM in April by Ben Murray regarding the work of the team. The team deal with the following,,,

- Abandoned vehicles
- Anti-social behaviour
- Beggars
- Blue badge enforcement
- Cycling offences
- Dangerous dogs and dog fouling
- Fly posting and tipping
- Graffiti and litter
- Highway obstruction
- Sale of alcohol
- Scrap metal
- Street drinkers and trading
- Taxi licensing
- Unlawful occupation
- Unlicensed skips
- Untaxed vehicles

To report any of the above contact

Online: www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/report

Phone: 01737 276300

Road Stewards

We are looking to recruit more road stewards in order to distribute the newsletters (twice yearly) and collect subs (once a year). If you are interested, please contact us via wgbra@hotmail.co.uk.

Advertising

If you would like to advertise your business or a service in this newsletter, please contact us at wgbra@hotmail.co.uk.

Police contact details

Emergency 999

Non-Emergency 101

Local Officer is PC Carmen Lambert
Singer ID 3519

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.oldwalcountians.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

WOODMANSTERNE GREEN BELT & RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (WGB&RA)
RECENT ISSUES

As the name suggests WGB&RA is concerned with the protection of the Green Belt and the welfare of the community in Woodmansterne. In recent months we have been involved with several local issues: - The resurfacing of Woodmansterne Lane needed a complaints procedure against Surrey County Council ending up with the Local Government Ombudsman at about the time that the remedial work finally started (just a coincidence?). The car parking problem in Merrymeet is ongoing but hopefully most parents of school children now respect the needs of residents to have access to their own property even at drop-off and pick up times. We look forward to more cooperation between Woodmansterne Primary School, the parents and local residents.

There have been a number of parking issues, particularly in lower Rectory Lane and we are waiting for a proposal from local residents that would enable safer parking and improved pedestrian access. Potholes are always with us and we ask residents to use the SCC website to register a complaint.

We have supported Banstead Village Residents Association in objecting to plans for cemeteries and Licensed wedding reception premises on green belt land adjacent to Croydon Lane

You have probably heard about the "Lagoon" and other works proposed by Sutton & East Surrey Water plc. This has caused much anger and concern to local residents and to WGB&RA over the way that the planning application has been presented. We have made an official complaint and a summary of our representations are outlined below. We acknowledge with thanks the perseverance and time spent by local residents Pat Thorpe and Christine O'Brien on this issue.

ACTION GROUP – WASTE WATER LAGOON

This Action Group was formed following the granting of permission by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council for Sutton and East Surrey Water Company (SESW) to build a waste water lagoon on land east of Rectory Lane (locally known as Drakes Field). SESW is upgrading its site in Outwood Lane to meet with new EU regulations which require the standard of drinking water to be improved. In order to carry out this work the lagoon on the current site will have to be relocated. Unfortunately land adjacent to the current works had been sold off for housing in the 1990s. After looking at a number of sites in the area, Drakes Field was chosen as the best option and planning permission was sought and granted.

At this point SESW gave a presentation of their intentions at a meeting of WGB&RA in July this year which was attended by a number of local residents. As the plans unfolded it was discovered that the footpath across the field wasn't registered even though it's been used by local residents for many years. This together with plans to enclose the site with a high fence resulted in some local residents forming an action group. The group have gone on to challenge many aspects of the development including the size of the entrance, the materials used for the fencing and roadways, the preservation of wildlife and registering the footpath. For more up to date information and further links regarding their activities visit their website: www.savewoodmansterne-greenbelt.com.