



Woodmansterne Green Belt and Residents' Association Autumn 2016 Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn newsletter.

This edition is full of information which we hope you will find useful with links to relevant websites. The big issue during the Summer was the consultation period for the Reigate and Banstead Development Management Plan which is a wide reaching plan to look at the land usage including town and local centres; open space; access and parking; green belt and landscape, biodiversity and heritage. There have been opportunities to view this at local libraries as well as online. The consultation closed on 10th October. Next a draft plan will be drawn up in 2017 before it is adopted by the council. For more information go to www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/DMP.

Sutton and South East Water has now constructed the lagoon on Lords Bank in Rectory Lane and it is in use. WGBRA has been in consultation with the company charged with landscaping the site which will include screening of the lagoon, softening the entrance, definition of the footpath and a wildflower meadow. When finalised, the proposal will go to the council for planning permission. The footpath at the bottom of the field has now been submitted for registration but this is a long process so no news so far. Work on the Outwood Lane site will continue for the next three years. See updates at www.waterplc.com/woodmansterne.

The committee has been looking at footpaths in and around Woodmansterne to assess if there are any others that may require registration. The registered paths can be found on an interactive map on the Surrey County Council website. We did find that there are many paths which are not on this map and it's very difficult to tell whether any should be registered for prosperity. If you know of a path which is not included on the definitive map and should be, let us know. Contact us at wgbra@hotmail.co.uk. Improvement work has begun on the footways and verges in Manor Way. Parking on verges and footways around the village has become an issue in some places causing obstruction for pedestrians. Please consider residents and neighbours when parking around the village.

Our website can be found at <http://www.woodmansternerresidents.com>. If you would like any local events advertised here, please let us know and we will try to include them.

Your Village Needs You!



Due to uncollected subs earlier this year and rising costs, we are in need of funds for printing and hall hire. If you would like to make a donation you can either pay directly online to account number 17645609, sort code 23-05-80 quoting the first line of your address as a reference or pay by cheque made out to WGBRA and posted to Chrissy Page at 13 Prestbury Crescent.

The Association is looking for new committee members to join us in acting on issues that affect residents in Woodmansterne.

Road Stewards are needed to deliver newsletters twice a year and collect subs once a year for Woodmansterne Street South and Woodmansterne Lane South; Hempshaw Avenue and Lower Rectory Lane. Many thanks to all the existing road stewards for your reliability and who do an important and excellent job.

For the above contact us at wgbra@hotmail.co.uk, or on 01737 279375.

OLD WALCOUNTIANS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Carshalton Road, Woodmansterne ,
Surrey SM7 3HU
01737 354348
www.oldwalcourtians.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

TENFORD BADMINTON

Woodmansterne Village Hall, Carshalton Road SM7 3HR
Wednesdays from 8pm to 10pm
Contact: david.collins63@ntlworld.com or David Collins 01737 350910

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 or Mrs H Cluff 01737 354115

Reporting potholes or damaged pavements

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

Recycling

There are now charges in place on some items taken to local amenity sites. Details can be found on Surrey County Council website under "Environment". It is possible to recycle things that could be reused on the freelywheely website where unwanted items can be either given away or sold. Large items of furniture can be collected by local council. Details can be found on the Reigate and Banstead website under "Bins and Recycling" where there is also a link to "Furnistore" in Redhill.

Streetwise

Streetwise is a social network for local communities with the aim to help people make the most of where they live by connecting with their neighbours and sharing practical information, advice and resources. People sign up with their postcode and email address and they are automatically connected to Streetlife users in their local area. www.streetlife.com.

Joint Enforcement Team

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

Dog Fouling

Failure to clean up after your dog is an offence and you may face a fixed penalty fine of £50. However, if the fine is unpaid, the owner may be prosecuted and be liable for a fine of up to £2,500. Dog faeces can carry and transmit disease to children, particularly toxocariasis which can cause blindness.

Fly Tipping is a Crime

Fly tipping is illegal dumping of waste and includes things like black sacks, fridges, mattresses and construction waste. It is unsightly, threatens wildlife, causes pollution, endangers public health and is expensive to clear up. Householders have a "duty of care" to make sure that any waste generated on their property is disposed of correctly or risk prosecution.

If you see it, report it. Recycleforsurrey.org.uk/flytipping.

Police reports

The WGBRA committee no longer receive reports from the police in person at their meetings or tailored monthly email reports. However to get updates on policing matters, you can sign up to receive emails directly by visiting www.intheknow.community

Woodmansterne – A Brief Historical Account by Sir Henry Lambert

After being out of print for more than 75 years the Banstead History Research Group has republished the little book on Woodmansterne by Sir Henry Lambert. Originally published in 1931, the book claims not to contain much that is new to those who have long known the parish. However, it aims to perhaps help others who have come to live in Woodmansterne to find interest in it and to gain some insight into its past.

The new book has been re typeset and the original illustrations enhanced. Also, a map of Woodmansterne in 1866 and a photograph of Sir Henry have also been added to complete this rare book of which very few original copies have survived.

The book is a must to anyone who wants to add to their collection of books on Woodmansterne. Priced at £3.99, it is on sale at The Look In newsagent at 7 Woodmansterne Street, the Banstead Library or the Banstead History Research Group website (www.bansteadhistory.com).

WGBRA website

The Woodmansterne Green Belt and Residents Association (WGBRA) website can be found at www.woodmansternereresidents.com.

On the Local Diary page we are currently listing the men who lost their lives in World War I in the Banstead, Burgh Heath area. They are being commemorated on the 100 anniversary of their death with a flag ceremony in the morning and by tolling the bell at All Saints Church in Banstead 100 times at noon. If you click on a name it opens a page with details of the man and of where he fought and died.

Contact us at wgbra@hotmail.co.uk.

Committee members

Penny Hext (Chair/acting Secretary); Chrissy Page (Treasurer); Tina Davis (Minutes); Evan Gregory (Planning); Jennie Auston; Anne Coward (Highways) ; George Jones, Jackie Potter and Debra Farrell.

Councillors contact details

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Generally local issues such as payments, recycling, planning, council tax, benefits and elections are covered by the Borough Council but matters such as highways and schools are Surrey County Council's responsibility.