



# Woodmansterne Green Belt and Residents' Association Spring 2019 Newsletter

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## Welcome to the Spring newsletter

The committee meet regularly together with the local and county councillors to discuss local issues which affect our community and endeavour to make a difference. There are many aspects to this, such as, trawling through local planning applications and commenting where appropriate; updating the website; reading and replying to emails; reporting highway issues, such as pot holes; working with other local resident associations; fundraising; composing, printing and distributing this newsletter; maintaining a current list of road stewards; investigating wider concerns and matters; arranging and taking minutes of meetings; keeping and auditing accounts, to name a few. If you think you could help us with any of these tasks, please come along to one of our meetings. They are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 8 pm in the Village Hall in Carshalton Road.

The April meeting is devoted to our AGM and is held alternately at St Peter's Church Hall and the Baptist Church Hall. This year it will be held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm** at the Baptist Church Hall in Pine Walk. The councillors will be giving a summary of local and county news.

The changes to the ward boundaries will come into effect in May when the local elections are held. This will mean voting for three new councillors to represent Chipstead, Kingswood and Woodmansterne. At the time of going to press the candidates have not been finalised but it is hoped to have a list available at the AGM in April.

There were some Festive Lights on the village green at Christmas. Thank you to all those who helped to purchase and set up the lights. It proved tricky to get them to the top of the trees but it is hoped to overcome the problem for this year. Any suggestions to help with this are welcome.

The Reigate and Banstead Development Management Plan has been inspected and some main modifications have been identified. These can be viewed on the council website under DMP. The window for comment will close on 18<sup>th</sup> April.

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## Subs 2019

If your subscription (£2) has not been collected you may wish to pay it directly into our bank account referencing your address (Account number: 17645609; sort code: 23 05 80) or at The Look In or to your road steward or directly to the treasurer at 13 Prestbury Crescent. Thank you.

Name.....

Address.....

## Fraud and Scams

The number of scams and frauds aimed at stealing our money and/or identity are on the increase and ever more daring ways are being used by the perpetrators to trick us. Here are some guidelines to help stay safe whether online, on the phone or at the front door.

- Never give out personal or financial data including usernames, passwords, PINs, ID numbers or memorable phrases. Reputable organisations will never ask you for these.
- Never click on email attachments from unknown sources as they could well contain malware\*. Delete them, and take the details to report if appropriate.
- Do not click on links in emails from senders you do not know. Instead, roll your mouse pointer or finger over the link to reveal the actual sender. If different, it is probably a scam.
- Do not attach external storage devices like USB sticks or hard drives or insert CD-ROMs/DVD-ROMs into your computer if uncertain of the source. This is a favourite way for fraudsters to spread malware\*.
- Do not buy, sell or trade from an uninvited cold approach.
- Sign up to the password scheme with your Utility companies.
- Use known and approved traders only.
- Register with the Mail Preference Service: 0845 703 4599.
- Register with the Telephone Preference Service: 0845 070 0707.

\* 'Malware' is an umbrella term used to refer to a variety of forms of hostile or intrusive software, including computer viruses, worms, Trojan horses, ransomware, spyware, adware, scareware, and other malicious programs.

Here are some top tips for online dating.

- Avoid giving away too many personal details when dating online. Revealing your full name, date of birth and home address may lead to your identity being stolen.
- Never send or receive money or give away your bank details to someone you've only met online, no matter how much you trust them or believe their story.
- Pick a reputable dating website and use the site's messaging service. Fraudsters want to quickly switch to social media or texting so there's no evidence of them asking you for money.

For more in depth information about the above, go to the WGBRA website and click on the link to the "Little Book of Scams" under the Current News tab.

**Report any fraud to Action Fraud by calling  
0300 123 20 40 or at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)**

## Woodmansterne to Purley Water Pipeline

This scheme is a large undertaking to improve the distribution and quality of water locally. There has been some disruption whilst this has been in progress. The aim is to complete the scheme by the end of this March.

For updates on these works go to [seswater.co.uk/woodmansternetopurley](http://seswater.co.uk/woodmansternetopurley).

## Woodmansterne Village May Queen

Woodmansterne Village May Queen Fete takes place on the Village Green on **Monday the 6th May 2019**. The procession will leave from The Readens at 12.50pm and travel up Chipstead Way, arriving on the Village Green at approx. 1.15pm.

This year's May Queens are Amber Masini and Molly Ingram. They will be crowned by the Worshipful Mayor of Reigate & Banstead, Cllr Dorothy Ross-Tomlin and her Consort, Mr Jim Ross-Tomlin.

Amber and Molly are both aged 12 and have lived in Woodmansterne all their lives. They have been friends since they were 6 months old and wanted to always be May Queens' together. They joined the May Queen Group in 2011. Both girls attended Woodmansterne Primary School and are now at The Beacon School. Their hobbies include dancing.

Stalls at the fete this year will include a bouncy castle, children's rides, face painting, tombola, 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 Crohn's & Colitis UK (Registered charity no: 1117148) and RSPCA (Registered charity no: 219099) both of which are fantastic Charities which are close to the girls' hearts.

Please come along and help support the local event which is now in its 53rd Year!!

### Local Planning Applications

The McCarthy and Stone retirement apartments planning permission has gone through on appeal (18/02583/F). The number of residences has been increased from 25 to 28 but with no extra parking provision.

Two applications have gone to appeal for a garden development at the rear of properties in Chipstead Way (18/00030/OUT and 18/00031/OUT).

The boundary and landscaping details of the area around the SES water soakaway lagoon east of Rectory Lane have been approved (14/02077/DET03 and 14/02077/DET04). The footpath along the south of this development was due to be registered but at the last minute the land owners objected. This decision will now go to a public enquiry.

For details of all planning applications go to [www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/planning](http://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/planning) or click on the link on our website.

### WGBRA AGM

This will take place at the Woodmansterne Baptist Church Hall in Pine Walk on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8 pm**. The local and county councillors will give a summary of local news.

### 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](http://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/report) or telephone 01737 276300.

### WGBRA CONTACTS

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

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Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/WGBRA](http://www.facebook.com/WGBRA)

### Road Stewards and Subscriptions

The road stewards do an excellent job delivering the newsletters in the Spring and Autumn and also collecting subs in the Spring which mostly goes towards hiring the Village Hall, paying for the website and printing the newsletters. We are currently looking for stewards to cover Woodmansterne Lane and the even numbers of Lakers Rise. If you would be able to help with this please contact us at [wgbra@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wgbra@hotmail.co.uk).

Many thanks to all of you who have paid your subs (£2) but it's not too late. If you would like to pay online the bank account number is 17645609, sort code 23-05-80, please quote the first line of your address as a reference. You could also pay at The Look In, direct to your road steward or to the Treasurer at 13 Prestbury Crescent.

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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.

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