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St. Andrews Church:
www.windowonwoking.org.uk/sites/standrewschurchgoldsworthpark

Strollers Drop In Centre:
www.windowonwoking.org.uk/sites/strollers

The Alzheimer's Society:
www.windowonwoking.org.uk/sites/wokingalzheimers

And don't forget to keep in touch with our noticeboard.

Summer comes to the Park

Wimbledon started and so did the rain, though as we have a hose pipe ban, it is sort of welcome! Waitrose work continues and the Flower Man is in discussions with the agents still. Of recent concern is the Bus crash into a Bus stop on Kirkland Avenue on the 15th of June. We wish a speedy recovery to all those concerned.

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Councillors' Surgeries

The Goldsworth Park Councillors hold a surgery from 10am-11am on the first Saturday of every month (except August) at Strollers, accessed from the path between the shops and the lake.

Goldsworth News distribution

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Goldsworth Comment

Zippy do dah! Hurrah! Bravo! Hurray! and many other signs of happiness! So why has the usual very grumpy Mr Grumpy suddenly become so very jolly? The reason is that after all these months of writing about the state of affairs on Goldsworth Park. Remember poor recycling facilities, dangerous cyclists, parking in disabled parking areas, unsafe Goldsworth Park, irresponsible dog owners, parents driving children to school, being a good neighbour, third world poverty, Is life meaningless?. The antics of hallowe'en, bonfire "month", the Christmas story, a new start, Valentine's Day, the local bobbies, water shortages, bird 'flu, waste and recycling bins?

Mr Grumpy has found a soulmate please look at the Goldsworth Letters page in the May edition and you will find a lovely long letter from Mr Grumpy the Second. No he's not a friend or relative of mine, nor is he another of my pen names: he is just an ordinary, very concerned local citizen of Goldsworth Park. AND THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT!

In fact we need many more of his ilk or else we will find that we are going to be over run by a general sweeping apathy that will allow wrong to dominate and right to be swept away by a tidal wave of disinterest. So well done Mr Grumpy the Second long may you wish to put pen to paper and fight injustice with the written word.

And to all those Mr Grumpys all over Goldsworth Park, send in your views and your opinions, your thoughts and your desires and together we can make Goldsworth Park a far better place to live and work in. Come on everyone, write an article or send a letter into this magazine, sign it as Mr Grumpy the... and let the editor give you a number. Let's aim to have not just one Mr Grumpy, not just two Mr Grumpys but hundreds of Mr Grumpy writers contributing to the good of this area that we love.

Remember: freedom to free speech when it has right on its side! Or is just someone playing with my emotions and we'll never hear again from any other Mr Grumpys?

Mr Grumpy

Alzheimer's Society 'Memory Walk'

As you are probably aware the Alzheimer's Society run a Day Centre behind St Andrew's Church. Every year they do a short walk, 'Memory Walk', to raise awareness and remember relatives and friends who have passed away having had dementia.

This year they are thinking of a possible walk from the Day Centre, around the lake, back through the Goldsworth Park Centre (Shop area) and back to the Day Centre.

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County Council Report

Diana Smith, County Councillor for Knaphill and West Woking



Councillors and residents throughout, and meet with us on site to discuss the problems sympathetically and realistically. The resulting decision is that the two cushions between the mini-roundabout and the crossing will be removed entirely, and the rest of the pre-formed cushions replaced by tarmac ones which will be slightly lower, have a shallower side gradient and not give rise to that infuriating click-like sound as vehicles go over. Ideally this remedial work should be done soon, before the scheme is considered 'finished'.

Back on the roads

There was heated debate in Full Council at the 13th June on the state of Surrey's roads. John Doran, County Councillor for Horsell, put forward a motion saying that the 'condition of the County's roads is not meeting public expectations and urgent action is needed.' This was amended to 'recognise' that 'the condition of the County's roads is not meeting public expectations everywhere' with a list of things that should be happening to improve the situation, and the amended motion was passed.

At least the truth was acknowledged that everything is not well in the management of Surrey's roads, and Surrey does not get the value out of working with contractors that we would like. Reports of problems with the contract with Carillion for work in the east of the county are now being matched by rumours of comparable difficulties with Ringway here in the west. For more details, keep an eye on the local papers.

Lockfield Drive

Meanwhile Surrey's remaining transport staff looking after Woking have taken seriously the complaints about the speed cushions in Lockfield Drive. About forty local people complained to the Local Transport Service, and more contacted Councillors. The Local Transportation manager said at the June meeting of SCC's Local Committee 'From past experience, we know that the precise height and shape of speed cushions are crucial to their performance. Consequently, we decided to use a pre-formed cushion so that we could be confident that they would be of an accurate shape and height. The cushions that we used conform to specified criteria but there appears to be some characteristics of them that in this application give a less than ideal ride and create a level of noise that is unacceptable to nearby residents.'

The traffic engineer most concerned with this scheme has taken enormous trouble to talk to

Slow progress

The Local Committee meeting brought news of a few more projects:

- The new Knaphill Library is now expected to open in February 2007. Local consultation on the layout should take place by September 2006.
- Safety issues have brought the proposed Pelican Crossing at Sythwood higher up the list of priorities. The plan is now scheduled to come to committee in November, and it is likely to be built considerably sooner than the first-proposed 2009/2010.
- The Local Committee asked last February for a wide consultation in Knaphill before deciding whether to take away a number of the on-street parking bays in the Broadway. I was disappointed it has not happened yet, and will only be done in time to be reported back next February. The only reason given for the delay was pressure of work and the need to make sure we get it right this time.

The committee was alarmed by the reduction in numbers of transport staff, the increased stress on them and the reduced services to local residents. We said so in an amendment to a paper about the new transportation structure, and will want to hear at our next meeting how the new systems are 'bedding down'.

Olympic Surrey?

Given the time it can take to make things happen, it's probably a good thing Surrey County Council already has people thinking about the 2012 Olympics. According to the answer to a question at Full Council earlier this week, Surrey might well host training camps for athletes. I was also surprised to learn we have a 'Sport Development Unit' which is 'working on using the build-up and the 2012 games as a means of delivering a "step change" in attitudes to sport and health'.

New regular opening times for Lakers

You may be glad to hear that Lakers has now got a regular weekly opening time for young people from the local area; Thursdays are now 'Lakers Days'! We will be open every Thursday night from 7.30 - 9.30 pm for general open sessions, with the youth committee meeting earlier on the same evening. Carla and Chloe from the youth committee said "Great news! Lakers is back in action. Now, unlike other times, it will be on every week. If you are up for fun, entertainment and cheese toasts; come on down because you have found the right place. There will be an entry fee of £1 each week."

Future plans for the centre include: long term project nights on Friday

evenings, giving young people opportunities to spend up to 10 weeks engaging in a specific activity resulting in qualifications or accreditation, starting with members of the youth committee learning how to run a café and other food related topics in preparation for Lakers opening as your local bistro! And starting in the Autumn we will be opening the centre on a second night each week for an open session. In the meantime keep your eyes peeled for special events, detached (street) work during the holidays and some big events over the summer... as ever you can read about it first in the Goldsworth News!

Surrey Air Ambulance

The Air Ambulance was called to the scene of a serious accident on the M25 in June 2006 which held up thousands of motorists. The helicopter responded to a call from Surrey Ambulance Service and arrived at the scene in fifteen minutes landing on the motorway.

The driver of the vehicle, a man in his late twenties was seriously injured. The specialist skills of the Air Ambulance's doctor and paramedic were put to excellent use to treat the man at the scene. Paramedics from Surrey Ambulance Service and a SIMCAS doctor also attended. The man was flown to Maidstone Hospital suffering from severe chest, abdominal and limb injuries.

An appeal for an Air Ambulance service for Surrey was launched in June last

year by Kent Air Ambulance. The helicopter is available to respond to serious medical emergencies in Surrey from its base near Maidstone, but when the appeal reaches its target a second helicopter which will be based on the Surrey/West Sussex borders will be deployed.

Information about the Surrey Air Ambulance Appeal can be found on www.surreyairambulance.com or by ringing Julie Jenkinson, Campaign Manager on 07843 336720. Surrey Air Ambulance Appeal 01622 833833

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4 Goldsworth Park (Rough) History Guide

The area covered by Goldsworth Park was mainly in the parish of Woking (Woking Hundred and Goldsworth/Goldings tithing), but the north-east was in Horsell parish (Godley Hundred and Sythwood/Sithwood tithing). A small sub-manor in Goldsworth tithing is recorded as 'Hollands' and was located around the area known now as Harelands.

1229 The name Goldsworth is first recorded. Derived possibly from 'la Goldhord' that may record a find of gold coins. Goldsworth then was a few houses in the area where Goldsworth Road is now, but also gave it's name to the tithing of Goldsworth (sometimes called Goldings) which covered most of the north-west of Woking Parish (including Brookwood, St Johns and Knaphill).

1500 Long Lane Cottage which is now in Clifton Way, and Langmans which is now in Langmans Lane, are both thought to have been built in this century (16th Century). They are now Grade II Listed buildings and are Timber framed. 1760 James Turner bought from the Earl of Onslow, owner of Woking Manor, some land in the "Tithing of Goldings".

1790 James Turner on his land in the "Tithing of Goldings" started a nursery south of the canal near Langmans in 1790 and he later passed it on to John Slyfield. He then later passed it to a member of the Jackman family, who in the early 1800s passed it onto Robert Donald and it then became known as Goldsworth Nursery. Goldsworth (Langmans) Bridge was built around this year. It is a brick



Parley Brook

bridge over the Basingstoke Canal and is now listed as a National Scheduled Ancient Monument.

1791 Canal from the Wey Navigation to Basingstoke opened as far as Horsell. 1792 Basingstoke Canal opened as far as Pirbright. 1836 Goldsworth Road was built. 1838 London and Southampton Company railway opened as far as Winchfield. Woking Common Station opened (now called Woking Station).

1851 Surrey Constabulary begins policing rural Surrey. 1856 First building in the 'New Woking', the Albion Hotel is built. Robert Donald passes Goldsworth Nursery on to a partnership consisting of William Chandler, Charles Waterer and George Jackman.

1877 Partnership sells Goldsworth Nursery to Walter Slocock who, in time, expands the nursery by buying land to the north. 1889 Surrey County

Council formed 1894 Woking Local Board formed, first met in Goldsworth Hall. 1895 Woking Urban District Council, replacing the Local Board (affecting Woking parish) and Chertsey Rural District Council (affecting Horsell parish) formed. Horsell Parish Council is formed.

1902 Woking and Bagshot Light Railway proposed that would have run over what is now Goldsworth *Park on the Woking side of the Woking/Horsell parish boundary. By 1910 the project died out.

1907 Horsell merges into the Woking Urban District Council. Now all of the future Goldsworth Park area was in Woking. 1920 In the 1920s-1930s, on what was later to become the Goldsworth Park playing fields, thousands of flint tools are found. Left probably by a small group of people, settled in the valley of Parley Brook (though there may be a small chance that the actual original location may have been somewhere else, if they had been moved by glacial ice).

1945 V2 rockets launched by Germany, one lands on Woking. 1947 Navigation on the Brookwood Canal stops. 1965 Revised Plan foresaw a population of 97,000 by 1981 and proposed building 3 new housing schemes, one of which was known as 'Slococks', to be built on nurserylands owned by the Slococks.

1967 Master Plan decided that the Land Commission should buy the land and drain and service the site. Then sell it to developers.

1970 Land Commission abolished by the Conservative Government. New Ideal Homes and Woking Borough Council agree to a partnership to build 'Slococks'. Houses in the Mead Court area were built in this year and therefore are not part of Goldsworth Park, they were a separate development.

1973 Plan to build approved by the Government. Project first called 'Goldsworth Park'. Work started in Goldsworth Vale (phase one was Wilders Close e.t.c. with the first houses being started next to the current site of Goldsworth School near the Bridge Barn). Planned to build approx. 4,500 homes for approx. 15,000 residents. It also planned for a lake, sports facilities, golf course, shops, swimming-pool, library, industrial estate, youth centres, pubs, churches, fire station and social facilities.

1974 Woking Borough Council is formed, replacing the Urban District. First home completed and first buyer moves in to Goldsworth Park! 1977 Sythwood School first building opens. Goldsworth Park Residents Association Allotments Society formed (now called



Wayside

the Goldsworth Park Allotments Society). The first 70 plots were in Westfield Avenue. This had been the local household refuse tip, which had been closed for more than 50 years.

1978 Approx 1,000 homes completed. First organising of Goldsworth Park Scout and Guides, started at local schools. 1979 Beaufort School first building (Oak) completed. The Church met at the school as it had no building of its own! 1981 First Vicar of the new St Andrews Goldsworth Park Parish. Wayside Community Centre opens in an old Nursery Building.

1982 Shops built. Mobile Library started. First with trailers and now with a proper mobile library. 1986 Goldsworth Park Health Centre opens. Parley Brook (a small river) between the new Lake and Littlewick Lane is covered over at some time in the eighties. It now comes out through a grate on the other side of Littlewick Lane next to Parley Brook Farm.

1988 Goldwater Lodge and St Andrew's Church built. Approx 3,000 homes completed. 1990 During the 1990s the last homes were built on Goldsworth Park. 1991 Brookwood Canal formally reopened along its whole length following renovation by volunteers. 1993 Rosie Sharpley from Goldsworth is the 20th Woking Mayor for 1993-1994.

1994 Goldsworth School moves location to Bridge Barn Lane from Kingsway. Woking's STD telephone code's prefix is changed from '0' to '01' (i.e. 0483 to 01483 in full) on Phoneday. Between 1989 and 1994 it had changed from 04862 to 0483

1995 Goldsworth Park Allotments Society had to move to a new 90-plot site at Brookwood. The soil at the old site was deemed to be unsafe. 1999 Woking Council Wards changed. Goldsworth Park Ward is split into 2 wards, Goldsworth West and East. Goldsworth East gained extra areas around Goldsworth Road and the Town Centre and lost parts of Knaphill, Horsell and St Johns. 2000 Elections for the new wards in Woking Borough Council. Goldsworth Care Launched. Ian Eastwood from Goldsworth is the 27th Woking Mayor for 2000-2001.

2001 C+A closes its Swiftflow distribution depot on Goldsworth Park Trading Estate. 2002 Local Fire Hero saves two toddlers lives! Sam wins a Judo Gold Medal at the Commonwealth Games!

Yes, we may have got some dates and facts wrong, but we are not experts. We also have left out much that you may know about. If you can fill in the gaps please email us with your information.

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More Reasons to be Grumpy

1) WBC claim one of the reasons why wheelie bins have been imposed is for "health & safety" reasons. Bin Men get hurt using sacks! So why does my Bin Man look inside the horrible object (wheelie bin) extract the sack that I still use and happily carry it away rather than make a racket dragging the heavy bin to the lorry and returning it to somewhere near my property? Presumably because despite what WBC say like me he knows that carrying a sack is preferable to the bin. Also WBC presumably are not too bothered that I have to carry much heavier garden refuse sacks a very considerable way to where there is a chance that it may be collected.

2) It seems that in addition to 2 bins we are going to be the lucky recipients of an additional "box" for glass no doubt because we all have so much spare space in our houses and gardens to store all WBC toys! The bins take paper, plastics and tin-why not also glass?

3) The toilets near Waitrose remain closed. The notice contains some platitudes but the sub text is "we have given in to vandalism". Rather than use the purported £10,000 donation from the supermarket to mess around with the adjacent bus stop lay by this money should be spent on CCTV and/or a security guard to ensure that the toilets are open at least when Waitrose is open. Vast sums have already been wasted on filling in bus stop lay bys causing unnecessary queues of traffic which in time will no doubt lead to a head on accident.

4) Speed humps in Lockfield Drive. Where does one start? Lockfield Drive is a Clear Way - supposedly to move traffic speedily and effectively out of Woking in general and GP in particular- if fact it performs a function akin to a by pass. Why must we cater for incompetent pedestrians and drivers? Cameras could be installed to catch and prosecute both sets of culprits rather than inconveniencing the majority who

use the road as it should be.

As it is unless you own a Chelsea Tractor that straddles the humps you will soon wreck the suspension of your car- unless that is you use Robin Hood Rd instead. I bet the residents there will be delighted! In the mean time the slow moving traffic including many vans and lorries crawl along, change gear and significantly increase the amount of polluted air all of us and particularly the children in the near by school inhale. Also there is the additional risk of subsidence to houses along the route.

Also hope that you never need an ambulance that has to rush to or from an emergency, particularly in relation to a severe spinal accident as either it will travel so slowly that the delay may put you at greater risk or move faster and potentially aggravate the injury. Alternatively they and anyone else wishing to avoid these ridiculous obstructions in the road may end up being tempted in to using the cycle lane and/or grass verge. Yes, stupid regulations have unfortunate consequences.

The western end of Lockfield Drive is being destroyed. If like me others use every available "rat run" to avoid it traffic will be pushed on to smaller and more residential routes. Is this the effect desired by our Councillors/WBC? Please Counsellors do not insult our intelligence by offering some useless compromise such as reducing these speed humps by a millimetre or two. Admit you are wrong and get rid of them. For once do the right thing.

Mr Grumpy the second

Why can't the lake be tranquil?

About five years ago we came to live by the Lake on Goldsworth Park. During the day the scene is tranquil - fishermen quietly enjoying their sport; the sea cadets learning to sail and row; the model yachts being raced; parents and children enjoying themselves in the play area or feeding the birds on the Lake.

Come nightfall the peace and friendliness of the

lakeside becomes a nightmare - young adults and teenagers congregate around Goldsworth Lodge, and start creating a lot of noise, and often mindless damage. This is particularly noticeable on Friday and Saturday nights when the shouting, screaming and screeching of car tyres can be heard all across the Lake, and these often continue until the early hours of the following morning, (as late as 3.30am, when all hope of a night's sleep has been lost!). Obviously those causing this disruption have no thought for the many living around the Lake, and probably do not realise that conversations carried out across the Lake are audible to all who are prevented from sleeping.

Just what are these irresponsible young people about and where is the disciplining of the parents? Where are the people in positions of authority who should be helping to control these increasingly noisy, destructive disturbances? Just recently the mid-June Funfair arrived over-night with lorries, trailers, caravans and equipment, and not a sound was heard. We awoke next morning to find them on site!

Lockfield Drive speed cushions

Have you had enough of driving over Lockfield's speed cushions or do you live near enough the road to be exasperated by the 'click-click' (especially at night)? I understand that campaigns by residents in other places have led to the removal of speed cushions, so it can be done, residents can make a difference if they just make their feelings known!

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Events at the Surrey History Society

Traditional songs collected by Lucy Broadwood and her friends

A concert celebrating the folk song activities of Lucy Broadwood, including songs collected by Lucy herself, and some pieces collected by friends such as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Cecil Sharp in Surrey, Sussex and Middlesex. With Vic Gammon, Annie Dearman and Steve Harrison.

Wednesday 23 August starting at 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50. There are a limited number of places. To book telephone 01483 518737

Stone Age summer - Meet Michelle Paver

Michelle Paver, author of popular children's books "Wolf Brother" and "Spirit Walker", stories about the life of Torak, a young boy living in the Mesolithic, will be talking about how she created Torak's Mesolithic world, taking inspiration from the Inuit and scavenging for food in the forests of Finland!

Saturday 22 July 2006 10.30am - 12.30pm and

1.30pm - 3.30pm. Flint knapper Allan Course will demonstrate how to make flint tools. Leather worker Piers Chandler will demonstrate how to prepare and

use animal skins. Tickets £2 each, booking essential. Telephone 01483 518737 for a booking form.

Also on the day: Study real Mesolithic finds from the North Park Farm excavation

Handle the replica Mesolithic tool kit, with adze, arrows and a long bow. See artwork from "Wolf Brother" by artist Geoff Taylor. Parents and Guardians remain responsible for their children at all times.

Stone Age Summer - TV Archaeologist Julian Richards talks Stone Age living!

TV Archaeologist Julian Richards will be leading workshops looking at Mesolithic living and how archaeology helps us build up a picture about Stone Age life. Saturday 9 September 2006 10.30am - 3.30pm There will be three sessions throughout the day, aimed at different age groups:

Session 1 10.30am - 11.30am Children

Session 2 12.00pm - 1.00pm Teenagers

Session 3 2.30pm - 3.30pm Adults

Also on the day: Study real Mesolithic finds the North Park Farm excavation

Handle the replica Mesolithic tool kit, with adze,

arrows & long bow. North Park Farm excavation displays. Parents and Guardians remain responsible for their children at all times. Booking essential - £2 per person.

Telephone 01483 518737 for a booking form.

Heritage Open Day at Surrey History Centre

Saturday 9 September 2006

Come and have a look behind the scenes at Surrey History Centre. FREE tours starting at 11.45am and 1.15pm. To book a place on a tour telephone 01483 516737. Drop in and meet the Archivist. 10am - 12noon in the foyer at Surrey History Centre. Archivist Di Stiff will be available to answer your questions on family history, sources at Surrey History Centre and how to care for your documents. Found some archaeology in your garden? 2pm - 4pm in the foyer at Surrey History Centre. Surrey's finds liaison officer, David Williams, may be able to tell you more about it.

No need to book - just drop in.

Second hand local history book sale throughout the day in the foyer at Surrey History Centre.

New website "DisabledGoWoking" gets lift-off

A new website for Woking, which provides access information about almost 1,000 venues in the Borough, went live on 16 June 2006 during a special launch event at the Holiday Inn. The Mayor of Woking, Cllr John Kingsbury, and representatives from local groups and organisations attended the event to find out more about the new site which provides disabled people with detailed information about access to goods and services in the Borough.

The finished product has been created following the completion of a two-

month survey to look at how accessible many of the Borough's key venues are. Restaurants, banks, shops and pubs are just some of the places that have been included to give disabled people the opportunity to decide whether a venue is accessible to them and empower them to take advantage of the services that are on offer.

DisabledGo is a national initiative which was founded by wheelchair user, Dr Gregory Burke, to help disabled people across the country to make informed decisions about their local

services. It has already worked with over 30 towns and cities and it hopes to expand the service further in the future.

The new Woking site has been funded by Woking Borough Council and DisabledGo's partner Marks and Spencer and supported by Woking Town Centre Management and Woking Access Group, and is another indicator of the commitment that exists locally to making places and services available to all.

Speaking about the new website, Cllr Rosie Sharpley, Woking Borough Council's Portfolio Holder for Equalities

and Social Inclusion, said: "We hope that residents and visitors will benefit from the site and that local companies and organisations continue to make their premises accessible to all."

Further information about DisabledGo can be found on the website www.DisabledGo.info Details about accessible services in Woking Town Centre can also be found in the Council's free guide "Welcome to Woking, The Accessible Town". Copies in large print, braille and tape from 01483 720103.

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