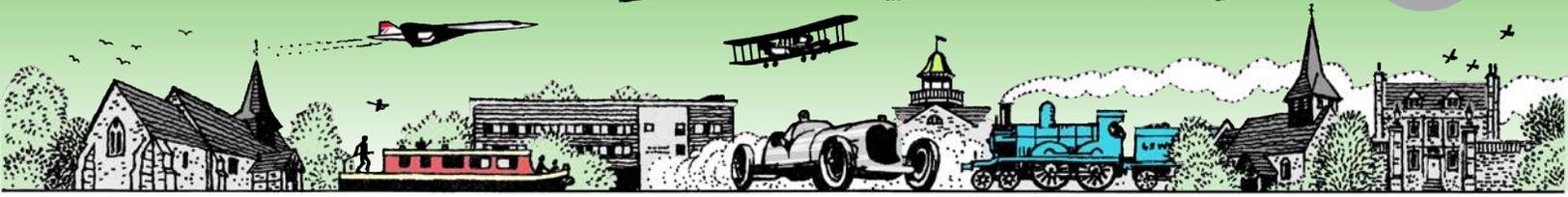


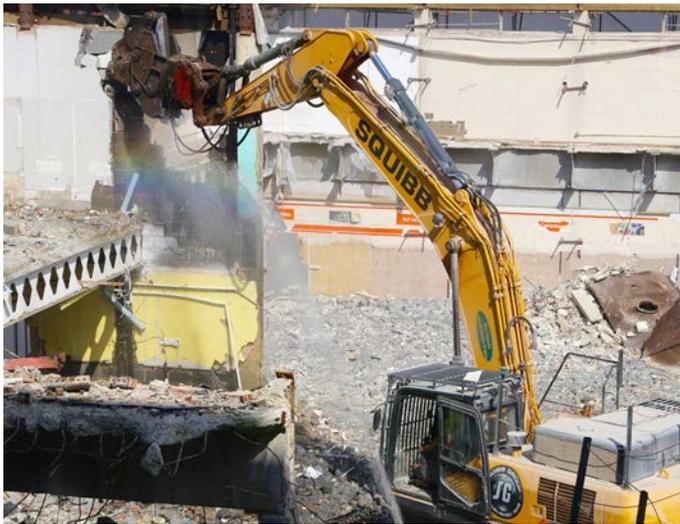
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The Newsletter of the Byfleet, West Byfleet & Pyrford Residents' Association

## WEST BYFLEET TRANSFORMATION FINALLY STARTS !!!!



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Welcome to the latest issue (Issue 167) of The Resident newsletter. I am pleased that this edition is a printed version and is being distributed by our wonderful Street Representatives, who will also be collecting any outstanding subscriptions. This issue will also be available on the RA website - [www.the-residents.org](http://www.the-residents.org).

At the time of writing, happily some Covid-19 restrictions have now been lifted and we finally have access to meet up with our families, eat in restaurants and drink in pubs. The vaccine rollout is making great progress with a very high percentage of the UK population having received their first jab with many also having had a second jab. This has been made possible by the huge effort made by the GP surgeries, NHS workers, support services and volunteers.

In this issue we take a look at how local businesses have coped following the various "lockdowns" that have taken place. There has been some real progress with the re-development of the Sheer House site in West Byfleet. The demolition of the shops and Sheer House has finally started and is featured within this edition. We of course have updates from three village representatives and Neighbourhood Forums.

On May 6th local elections were held, and we now have two new Woking Borough Councillors. They are new and enthusiastic and have great plans for our villages; they feature in an article, whereby we have a chance to get to know them better.

I am sure that you will enjoy reading Issue 167 of The Resident newsletter; it is the product of our committee and of the residents who give up their time to contribute and support it. Just a reminder that subscriptions are now due and details of how to pay are contained within the Membership report.

Please check the Residents' Association website for lots of useful information and any breaking news about our local community. It is updated on a regular basis - [www.the-residents.org](http://www.the-residents.org).

Thank you to those people that have posted comments on the RA website or have sent me articles to include within this and future editions. If you have any comments or suggested articles for future editions, please feel free to email me at [editor@the-residents.org](mailto:editor@the-residents.org).

**Thank you and I hope you all have a great summer !!**

Robert Munford  
Editor

### Membership Secretary's Report

I am delighted that we have been able to print and distribute copies of Issue 167 to members this time. We are very reliant on our Village Representatives and their respective team of Street Reps to have made this happen, so a Big Thank You to them all.



### YOUR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION \*\*\* NEEDS YOU \*\*\*

We continue to struggle to find local residents who are willing and able to give up a few hours a year to help support the work of the RA. It is a great way to get to know your neighbours, and the pandemic has shown how working together as a community can improve all our lives. If you would like to help, please do get in contact with anyone on the Committee – contact details are on back page.

Our membership numbers have remained stable at approximately 2400 households, but we are keen to inform new residents to the area what is happening across the three villages. If you know someone new has moved into your road, please do tell them about us.

Thank you to all those members who have paid their annual subscription. Given the restrictions in place during 2021, it is not surprising that the amounts that we have collected in subscriptions to date are much lower than in 2020. The level of the subscription remains at £5, but any additional donations are always welcome. If at all possible, we ask that you make your payments online. Please can you contact your Village Representative for details on how to pay, as well as confirming your email address to them:

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Andy Grimshaw,  
Pyrford Village Representative  
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Alternatively, you may send a cheque payable to "BWBPRRA" to The Residents' Association c/o Byfleet Village Hall, 54 High Road, Byfleet KT14 7QL.

As the summer weather encourages us outdoors, we are able to enjoy the area in which we live, and to recognise how fortunate we are to live where we do. If you have any questions about your RA membership, or are interested in becoming a member, please do get in contact.

Isabelle David  
Membership Secretary

### Yarn Bombing

Come on all you knitters why don't you do some "yarn bombing" around the three villages. A lot of villages around the UK have been carrying this out during the various Covid-19 lockdowns. It would really show some amazing community spirit and brighten up those post boxes.



Welcome to edition Issue 167 of our Newsletter. We have now reverted to a hard copy that will be delivered to your homes. I know that many of you have missed this, as it is easier to access and refer back to. Equally however, the electronic version has been a great success and so we will continue to make the Newsletter available online.



I began writing this message on the first day since the pandemic began with no recorded coronavirus deaths and 21st June (Freedom Day) within touching distance. Sadly this has proved premature and now we must wait another four weeks. It is clear that all age groups have their part to play in ensuring that normality, or something as close thereto as possible, returns as soon as is responsibly achievable.

Again I want to remind you all that under the "News" tag on the RA website we constantly post updates and items of important news (police, health, grants, scams etc.) that have an impact on our community. It is a source of helpful and pertinent information and I would encourage you to make use of it. Currently it is an under-accessed source of reliable material.

## Annual General Meeting

Our current Constitution is unhelpfully prescriptive as to the format of our AGM. Once we are permitted to meet in person, even with social distancing, the AGM will be held at which an updated Constitution will be placed before you for adoption.

## Woking Council Site Allocation Development Plan Document ("SADPD")

The public consultation on the Inspector's report with final modifications closed on the 14th December 2020. The RA submitted a detailed response which is available on our website. A subsequent statement reiterating our position on Green Belt was also posted. WBC have summarised the responses and all have been sent to the Inspector. Currently we do not know when his Final Report will be available.

## Woking Borough Council - Joint Study on the Future Infrastructure Requirements of the East of Woking

At a Council meeting on the 3rd December Woking Council adopted a motion that the "Council calls for a joint study with other authorities and partners on the future infrastructure requirements of the east of

Woking based on both current and future demand and that the terms of the study come to the next meeting of the Executive." The terms were agreed at the Executive meeting held on 4th February. The RA will be part of the infrastructure study and will be consulted at key stages.

The Study is being done in two phases. The first phase will focus on updating four key infrastructure areas - transport, education, flooding and health (see below) and the hope was that this would be completed by April/May 2021. The second phase will cover the remaining infrastructure areas and will be completed in August 2021.

The RA, working with Pyrford, Byfleet and West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forums, have submitted questions to Woking Borough Council under each of the Phase One headings.

Draft reports under Phase One have now been published. The RA and the Forums will now have further discussions with WBC.

In last September's Newsletter we published an **Active Travel Vision**. Keith Creswell (West Byfleet Village Representative) has now drafted a Public Space Vision for West Byfleet, which is under discussion. This will sit alongside the redevelopment of the Sheer House Complex and resulting traffic studies. Surrey County Council is also undertaking a consultation on Active Travel Schemes in Surrey.

## Health Care and Wellbeing

I wrote about this in our last Newsletter. With COVID-19 it has not been possible for the RA to pursue its ambitions in this critically important area.

To repeat part of what I said - at a local level we have seen the merger of some Clinical Commissioning Groups; SCC has subcontracted certain health care responsibilities to WBC; WBC is developing a Health and Wellbeing Strategy and is formalising a relationship with the North West Surrey Integrated Care Partnership; other committees have their Health and Wellbeing Task Groups with their own terms of reference and we now have the dawn of digital medicine.

Our intention is to become very much better informed and share that information with you.

## White Paper: Planning for the Future - Planning Bill

Last August the Government published a White Paper for Consultation on "Planning for the Future". The purpose was to deliver genuine reform of the planning system to "streamline and modernise" the planning process.

The RA and West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum both responded to the Consultation. Woking Borough Council also submitted a robust response focusing very much on the safeguarding of local democracy, local influence and retaining responsibility over local planning decisions.

The recent Queen's Speech included the intention to bring forward a Planning Bill. We await its publication.

## Local Elections

It was a higher percentage turn out than in recent years, which is welcome.

John Bond (Byfleet and West Byfleet) retired at this election and Graham Chrystie (Pyrford) was not re-elected. They have both given the community outstanding service over many years and the RA thanks them both for their assistance and counsel. Their support has been invaluable.

We welcome Josh Brown (Byfleet and West Byfleet) and Steve Dorsett (Pyrford) and look forward to working closely with them both on the many issues that are so important to our residents and in particular the social, economic and environmental concerns that impact upon our Community.

I have two final observations.

- Woking Borough Council has several Committees all of which play an important role in the administration and overview of the Borough. The Planning Committee is perhaps the Committee with which many of us are most familiar. Post the election the membership of that Committee has changed. I would urge all members to ensure that they are fully cognisant of WBC Core Strategy Policies (and associated documents) and those Planning Policies contained in the relevant Neighbourhood Forum adopted Plans. The Planning Committee is a quasi-judicial Committee and members have a legal duty to apply those policies in arriving at Planning Decisions.
- Local elections are a time for residents to deliver their verdict on how they wish their Council to be run. For the second election running that verdict has been delivered and it appears to me at least that the democratic request is clear and it is a cross party power sharing alliance.

Thank you and take care.

Stewart Dick  
Chairman of the Residents' Association

## WEST BYFLEET

### Sheer House Redevelopment

Planning permission has been granted and demolition has started. The Library has new temporary premises that it will move into later this year. Retirement Villages Group (RVG) had undertaken to give us 3 months' notice of the existing car park withdrawal and it has been confirmed that Sheer House public car park will close on the 31st August 2021. Temporary alternate public parking provision has been agreed at the Station. Automatic Number Plate Recognition will manage it; further details need to be worked through.



There is a more detailed article on Sheer House re-development elsewhere in this Newsletter.

### Broadoaks Park

Construction continues on site and residents have moved into the first phase houses and we already have two street rep volunteers! The Care Home facility adjacent to the Parvis Road is progressing rapidly and advertising for residents and staff to start in the autumn.

### Political Representation

It is interesting to note that Byfleet and West Byfleet Ward is the largest ward in Woking. When Broadoaks and Sheer House are completed three votes in Goldsworth Park will be worth the same as four in WB and Byfleet (currently four to five), perhaps it is time for another Boundary review?

### Parvis Road Shared Path

This long promised cycle and pedestrian facility still shows no sign of being implemented, although the Woking Centre/Sheerwater/West Byfleet cycle path is undergoing consultation.

### Green Belt and Infrastructure

HM Inspector's Final Report on WBC's SADPD is expected later this summer. We will then know which if any sites the Inspector supports removing from the Green Belt for residential development. The main concern in our Three Villages is the land around West Hall. My main concern is the potential destruction of Tins Wood, Dodds Wood and Old Wood and the inadequacy of infrastructure to cope both with current expanded population and the extra proposals. Our concern as an RA is the removal of so much currently protected Green Belt land not just around West Hall.

### West Byfleet Community Gardening Group (WBCGG)

Unfortunately some of the planned activity of the Group has been curtailed by the pandemic lockdown but planting on and around the station is proceeding apace and is looking good. Our appreciation goes not only to the Group but also to South Western Railways and Network Rail for this.

### West Byfleet Live

Following advice from WBC, this summer's event has been cancelled but the WB Live Committee are determined to stage an even better event in 2022.

### Community Hall

Plans are being developed within the WB Neighbourhood Forum to provide a much-needed Community Hall. Further news in the Neighbourhood Forum report.

### Recreation Ground

The Neighbourhood Forum (WBNF) also have plans to enhance the Rec to make it more useable by the wider community, to refurbish the Pavilion and to enhance facilities especially for youth. A meeting of a WBNF rep together with Councillors, Council officials and police representatives was held recently in the Rec to progress this.

### Solar Farm

A group of residents have got together to try to promote a photovoltaic farm on the existing Camphill Tip site that is mostly owned by Byfleet United Charities and the remainder by WBC. This large wedge-shaped piece of land between Rive Ditch and the railway is "zoned" for light industrial use. The concept of a productive green use of the site seems sensible and has gained support from our local councillors, the Climate Emergency Committee, and the Leader of the Council. Unfortunately, the Council has frozen further capital expenditure so alternative investors are being sought.

### Businesses

Although the Sheer House shops are now gone, the rest of West Byfleet is very definitely open for business and doing well. It is particularly pleasing to see the new artisan baker in the village.

### Street Representatives

We still need to identify street reps for the top of Coldharbour Road, Claremont Road, Rivey Close and Madeira Road and related side roads. We also need better street rep coverage for blocks of apartments such as Globe, Magna West, Wentworth, Tattenhall and Rosemount. Anyone who is interested in giving a few hours back to the Community, should contact me (see contact details on last page)

Finally, on a personal note, I will be retiring at the next AGM. We have had no volunteers yet for my successor. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

*Keith Creswell*  
Village Rep, West Byfleet

### Wisley Airfield Garden Village

This is a 135-hectare site north east of Guildford town centre. The land is mostly owned by Taylor Wimpey who are proposing a residential development of circa 2,100 homes plus supporting infrastructure. It is expected that an Outline Planning Application will be submitted in quarter three of 2021. Should Planning Permission be granted the total scheme and build programme is scheduled to take between ten and twelve years.

It is not appropriate in this report to discuss the merits or otherwise of this major development scheme on our doorstep.

However should it proceed it is inevitable that it will have a potentially significant impact on our Three Villages.

These impacts must be reflected in the Infrastructure Joint Study referred to elsewhere and we rely on our Councillors to ensure that this is indeed the outcome.

*Stewart Dick*  
Chairman of the Residents' Association

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## BYFLEET

### Welcome back!

We are overjoyed that our members who have not been able to access an online copy of the last three editions, are finally able to receive their paper-copy newsletter. Thank you for your loyalty and for waiting so long for 'The Resident' to drop onto your doormat. Our Byfleet Community Library has a few reference copies of Issues 164, 165 and 166 if you would like to see the content of the lockdown editions.



We welcome our new and re-elected Councillors to their roles and express our gratitude for the commitment all Councillors show in putting themselves forward for election.

### Village Activity and Initiatives

Our Village is again vibrant with shops and businesses recovering their traditional pattern of trade and footfall. The RA would again like to thank all traders and restaurateurs for their very significant efforts to keep residents safe and well provided-for.

A very noticeable area of our communal social space in Byfleet is Plough Green. This shared outdoor space has proven its worth day after day during the pandemic. Newly installed and existing benches have been well used by all generations. A number of diligent residents take a personal interest in supporting Serco to keep the area litter-free.

We thank our Schools and sports clubs for their commitment to helping our children back towards being able to enjoy learning and playing with fewer constraints and apprehensions. Byfleet Community Library's management and volunteer team have done tremendous work refreshing displays for the Byfleet Heritage Society's 25th Anniversary, National Gardening Week, a celebration of Agatha Christie and providing a home for the RA's Garden Seed Share Scheme.

We thank the Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum for all their endeavour for Byfleet. The newly refurbished Sanway playground was organised and funded by the Forum and our Councillors and is being enthusiastically enjoyed! Importantly, BRNF and Councillors are looking into the re-establishment of the tennis court in the Recreation Ground that fell into disrepair many years ago.

Many of you will have seen the attractive new logo of the Byfleet Community News (BCN) as well as their regular, interesting and informative articles.

Friends of Byfleet Parish Day regret the

unavoidable cancellation of this year's Byfleet Parish Day. Please put Saturday 16th July 2022 in your diaries!

### Other Initiatives:

The RA Garden Seed Share Scheme pilot, housed at the Community Library and St Mary's Centre for the Community (Byfleet) is going well. Please see a separate update in this Issue. Byfleet Gardening Club Initiative – a number of residents hope to introduce this new initiative in the village. Once social distancing allows, interested parties and individual residents will be invited to share ideas so that plans can be formulated.

### Village Heritage

It is very fitting that in the year during which the Byfleet Heritage Society celebrates its 25th Anniversary, The Byfleet Fire Station Trust has been set up. Please see the separate article in this newsletter.

### Our Greenbelt, Footpaths and Planning

The importance of not building on our Greenbelt as well as of public access to our footpaths and bridleways cannot be overstated. This was again highlighted this winter when GB4 (one of the two Byfleet stretches of greenbelt at risk which represents an important waterside habitat) was flooded for protracted periods. Please see our Chairman's report for an update on the SADPD and on the application for a permanent 'diversion' of Footpath FP94, which runs along the front of the Manor House. Please also see the update on application RU.21/0207 (a proposed industrial estate off Byfleet Road). This Borough of Runnymede application is of serious concern to residents in Byfleet. Please see Keith Creswell's update regarding the targeted off-road footpath and cycle-path along Parvis Road between Byfleet and Broadoaks.

Of importance to the Byfleet street-scene as well as the quality of life of residents, is ensuring that building applications are appropriate to the look and feel of the village and show respect for neighbours' privacy, avoiding light and noise pollution. With this in view, along with many residents, the RA has objected to PLAN/2021/0281 at 90 High Road.

### In Other News

Swifts! Our annual visitors have arrived although numbers appear reduced year on year over Byfleet. Walkers via Sanway report very good numbers over Wisley. Byfleet's greenbelt, hedgerows and established tree canopy which host the swift's air-borne food source are critical.

Recycling: Just a reminder – you can recycle your 'scrunchable plastic' at the Vanners Parade (big) Co-op.

### RA Subscriptions and Street Representatives

2021 subscriptions are now due. Your Street Reps are enclosing a subs envelope with this Issue. You can either pay direct to the RA Byfleet Bank Account (details on the back of the envelope) or return the envelope to your Street Rep. Alternatively, you may send a cheque payable to "BWBPRRA" to The Residents' Association c/o Byfleet Village Hall, 54 High Road, Byfleet KT14 7QL. Thank you.

We welcome a new Street Rep for Lake Close and York Road. We need more Street Reps - would you like to join the team? Please email [vrb@the-residents.org](mailto:vrb@the-residents.org).

We wish you all a good summer, recognising it may not be all you had hoped it would be. If staying locally, perhaps families could have a project research day into Sir John Whittaker Ellis who established The Byfleet Fire Station!

*Eleanor Grady and Jean-Pierre Frossard  
RA Village Representatives for Byfleet*

### Sanway-Byfleet Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Sanway-Byfleet Flood Alleviation Scheme work, primarily by the Environment Agency, on this very necessary scheme to reduce flooding in the future for up to 153 properties, taking climate change into consideration, continues. A preferred scheme must be fully approved and partnership funding must be in place, which currently it is not. Providing the preferred scheme is fully approved and funding is in place, the earliest construction could be completed in autumn 2024. You can read more in The Resident Issue 164 in the article by Justine Glynn of the Environment Agency and Councillor Amanda Boote. Scheme detail, material presented at local public meetings and updates can be seen on the EA website via this link: [Sanway-Byfleet Flood Alleviation Scheme - Environment Agency - Citizen Space \(environment-agency.gov.uk\)](https://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/news-stories/sanway-byfleet-flood-alleviation-scheme)

*Article by Stewart Dick  
Chairman of the Residents' Association*



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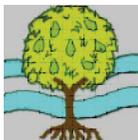
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## PYRFORD

### Members Subscriptions in Pyrford

Thank you to all Pyrford members who have already paid their 2021 subscriptions direct to the RA bank account. This is much appreciated.



If you haven't paid, please may I ask you to either pay direct to the RA Pyrford Bank Account (details on the back of the envelope) or return the envelope to your Street Rep.

Many thanks.

### Street Representative Vacancies

If you live in one of the following roads, and can spare a few hours a year to assist the RA, please do contact me (details on the back page) as there are vacancies in the below roads for Street Representatives.

Coldharbour Road opposite School  
Dean Close  
Broomhall Close or Drive  
Elveden Close  
Old Woking Road  
Orchard Lea Close  
Pyrian Close  
Rowley Close

### Marshall Parade Shops

All eight shops in the parade are now open.  
**PLEASE DO USE THE SHOPS.**

The building of the additional two units and flats is beginning to look like the pictures. The roof tiles are now on, the scaffolding is down, and doors & windows have been installed on the ground floor.

### West Byfleet Village Sign Coldharbour Road

The sign has now been moved to the grass triangle at the junction of Coldharbour Road and Oakcroft. Thank you to Woking Borough Council Neighbourhood team for responding so quickly to local residents' feedback.

### May 2021 Local Elections

As Liz Bowes was re-elected in the South East Woking County Division and Graham Chrystie (Liberal Democrat) was defeated by Steve Dorsett (Conservative) this means that in Pyrford Village all ward councillors are now Conservative.

Andy Grimshaw  
VR Pyrford

### Planning Applications

Since the last edition, the following key planning applications outcomes in Pyrford are of note.

#### REFUSED

##### In Green Belt

Pyrford Place, Pyrford Road	Two storey boathouse	(For second time)
Old House, Pyrford Road	Single storey boathouse	

##### Outside Greenbelt

Little Copse, Pyrford Road	New dwelling	Due to over development of proposed site including breach of Pyrford Forum policies BE1 & BE3
Loteni, Blackdown Avenue	New two storey triple garage detached garage	Due to overdevelopment of site including breach of Pyrford Forum policies BE1 & BE3

#### ENFORCEMENT ACTION

##### Twisted Stone Golf Club Pyrford Road

At the Planning Committee, planning application for "Temporary consent was sought for a period of 12 months for use of part of existing car park as a greenkeepers maintenance compound and siting of storage containers (retrospective)" was declined and enforcement action agreed.

#### APPEALS LODGED

Lock Lane	Bungalow in Green Belt (refused)	Refused
Twisted Stone Golf Club, Pyrford Road	Temporary storage compound	Enforcement

#### UNDER CONSIDERATION (at the time of writing)

Wisley Golf Club, Wisley Lane	"Engineering operations to The Garden Course to include replacement drainage and irrigation system, relocation of 5th and 8th tee boxes and re-profiling of section of the bank at the River Wey along with works to the bunkers to improve drainage and playability".
Pyrford Golf Club, Warren Lane	"Proposed floating composite structure and bridge on existing lake to provide pontoon style seating".

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## BYFLEET

### Byfleet Residents' Neighbourhood Forum

We hope everyone is pleased with the new play equipment that has recently been installed in the Sanway play area. It



is certainly proving very popular with local children! As reported in the last issue, this was funded by Innovative Community Infrastructure Levy and topped up by Cllr Amanda Boote with some of her community funding to enable us to provide the new picnic bench and also replace a damaged memorial bench on Plough Green.

Some of our committee members are involved in the fight to save our historic Fire Station and by the time you read this, will have run their first Fun Day to raise funds. The weather forecast is looking good so we hope it will be well supported and highly successful. You can also support them by making a donation at [www.gofundme.com/f/save-byfleet-fire-station](http://www.gofundme.com/f/save-byfleet-fire-station).

We are still waiting to hear the Inspector's decision on Woking's SADPD and our precious Greenbelt. In the meantime, we have collaborated with the West Byfleet and Pyrford Forums and the RA to provide Woking Borough Council's planning department with pertinent questions that we expect their Infrastructure Review to address. Watch this space!

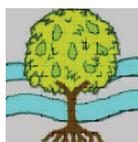
The Forum is currently going through the process of being redesignated, which has to be done every five years. Assuming that will be successful, we would love some new committee members! If you would like to get involved, we would really appreciate hearing from you and in particular, if you have the skills or experience to help us to finalise our Neighbourhood Plan. We meet once a month, currently on Zoom. Please get in touch by sending an email to [chairman@byfleetforum.org](mailto:chairman@byfleetforum.org)

Fiona Syrett  
Chair, Byfleet Residents' Neighbourhood Forum

## PYRFORD

### Impact of Pyrford Neighbourhood Plan

Since the approval of the Pyrford Plan, Pyrford Forum, as a statutory consultee, is sent by Woking Borough Council details of every planning application in its Area. These planning applications are reviewed by the Committee to ensure its local policies are not breached.



The Forum does on occasions, make formal objections and since Newsletter Issue 166 the Forum did so on two applications:

Little Copse – Pyrford Road  
Pyrford Place Farm Estate – Pyrford Road

More detail on these and other planning applications in Pyrford can be found in the RA Pyrford Village Representative report on page 6. There is also a monthly update on the Pyrford Forum website which can be found at [www.pyrfordforum.org/planning-application-news](http://www.pyrfordforum.org/planning-application-news).

### Pyrford Forum NCIL Funds Use

The £14,000 monies provided from Pyrford Forum Area NCIL, plus funds from many other sources, have resulted in significant improvements to the Clubhouse & other facilities around the Cricket field. Simon Clifton, the current Chair says *"the work has been completed in time for the new cricket season. There will be close to 100 fixtures at the club throughout the summer (juniors and seniors) and everyone is more than welcome to come and watch the cricket."*

### Heritage Conservation Project

Good news on two fronts:

1. The fundraising we launched for consultancy to support the Heritage Conservation Assessment project and totalling £ 13,224, has now been raised!! Our deepest and most sincere thanks go out to all those of you who have helped us raise this money, it has been a magnificent effort on everyone's part and is enabling us to prepare a professional assessment and set of recommendations in due course.
2. We have now largely completed the desktop study to record *"what is"* and we have started considering what we would like to see for the future. These ideas together with appropriate recommendations will be detailed in the coming months and appear in a final report to be submitted to Woking Borough Council.

The Forum will likely provide a detailed briefing of progress, to date, in a dedicated newsletter shortly and will follow up with regular news of deliverables through the regular Newsletter. To receive these updates, you will need to be a Pyrford Forum Member. To join the mailing group please go to [www.pyrfordforum.org](http://www.pyrfordforum.org).



### Wild Pyrford

The idea for developing a YouTube channel to highlight Conservation initiatives in Pyrford sprang from discussions that took place during meetings of the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum.



A link to the latest edition can always be found on the Pyrford Forum Website at: [www.pyrfordforum.org/conservation-noticeboard](http://www.pyrfordforum.org/conservation-noticeboard).

The Wild Pyrford Video Team are looking for an assistant to help produce further Conservation videos for the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum. The right person would ideally have an interest in Media Production but doesn't necessarily have to have experience.

If you are interested, please contact the Wild Pyrford Video team via [wildpyrford@gmail.com](mailto:wildpyrford@gmail.com).

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## WEST BYFLEET



If you have visited West Byfleet village centre in the past month you will have seen the impressive progress being made to demolish the Sheer House Complex. Demolition should be completed by the end of September. The redevelopment may well set a precedent. The developer, Retirement Villages Group (RVG), will construct the new village centre, retaining ownership afterwards and managing it. Its interests will be aligned with those of residents. We both want a successful and thriving village. We have a Liaison Group with RVG to help share information and ideas to enhance the scheme.

This is not the only large development taking place in West Byfleet. At Broadoaks Park huge progress is being made. Many homes have been completed and some occupied. A warm welcome to our new residents. The Social Housing is nearly complete and will be available to rent or part buy. The Care Home, which is nearly finished, is recruiting and will be a major employer in West Byfleet.

On a more sombre note we have not heard yet about the outcome of the SADPD Examination. The Inspector is due to report this summer. It is of major importance to West Byfleet. Woking Council want a large parcel of land around West Hall care home to lose Green Belt status to allow the building of up to 600 new homes and 15 Gypsy, Roma, Travellers pitches. We will of course let you know the outcome as soon as we find out.

Around us there are some big changes possible. The M25/A3 junction upgrade is one. The decision has been deferred again until November. Have a look at the Highways Agency website for more information. [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england).

The development of Wisley Airfield will have a big impact on our area. Guildford Council has allocated it for the building of 2,100 new homes and a developer is intending to put in a planning application this autumn. We have published a report on this on our website.

West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum is kindly mainly funded by the Residents' Association. Our membership is free and can be done by filling in a form online at [www.wbnf.org](http://www.wbnf.org). We are a planning group trying to influence the future built environment of West Byfleet, both commercial and residential. Developers have to

pay a levy to build and we get a say in how some of the levy is spent. Some has been spent improving our Recreation Ground and we have plans to do more there. We also want a Community Centre built in West Byfleet. We cannot do this ourselves and it will require the help of Woking Council to get it done. We are liaising with them about it.

This is a very exciting time for West Byfleet and the Forum will continue to try to enhance changes to improve the quality of life here for all residents.

On that note we have submitted to Woking Council a list of questions for their Infrastructure Study. We want to ensure that it has considered all of the concerns our residents have, particularly about Health, Education and Transport. This Study is due to be released shortly and we will let you know when it does.

The Forum Committee is very keen to have its AGM and to answer your questions in person. We will do so as soon as we can.

My best wishes to you and your families for an enjoyable summer,

Wade Pollard  
Chairman, West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum,  
[www.wbnf.org](http://www.wbnf.org)



## Sheer House Redevelopment

### Hoardings

As you know, protective hoarding effectively surrounds the old Sheer House site. We have had several people ask about ways of making this look more interesting. The most popular suggestion has been to decorate the hoardings with a community mural.

We have managed to involve a local artist, who has exhibited at the National Portrait Gallery, and the local Art College in our plans to paint a mural based on a horticultural theme (which chimes with our gardens, trees and biodiversity goals). Everyone seems very excited. The artist will lead the project, the local students will create the mural and we will affix it to the existing hoardings.

'Real demolition' of Sheer House itself is due to start on 21st June 2021, asbestos is currently being removed, it is double bagged and disposed of off-site, 95% of the other materials will be recycled.

### Car Parking

Discussions between RVG and Network Rail concerning the possibility of allocating 60+ public parking spaces in the Station Car Park once the Sheer House Car Park closes at the end of August are continuing. We hope to have some further news soon.

### Library

We have been advised by Surrey Library Service that they are close to agreeing a temporary relocation for the Library during the redevelopment of the site. This will be close to its current location and is hoped to be ready to move towards the end of the summer.

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## Planning Report

Planning applications are discussed by the RA at their monthly meetings in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Forums and Councillors. A decision is then made as to whether an objection is appropriate and if so on what grounds.

Any resident who has concerns about a planning application should contact both the RA and their Forum.

Since the report in Newsletter number 166 the following are of significance:

### Byfleet

(a) Footpath 94 alongside Manor House, Byfleet. Currently taking no action but keeping matter **Under review**.

(b) Manor House, Mill Lane. Erection of outbuilding including a swimming pool and landscaping and erection of building for storage of machinery. **All refused**.

(c) Land west of Byfleet Road (rear of 98-138 Byfleet Road). This is actually in Runnymede Borough but the RA has objected on the grounds of traffic and loss of Green Space.

### Pyrford

(a) Qaro, Pyrford Heath. Called in but approved under Permitted Development Rights - no grounds for objection.

(b) Twisted Stone Golf Club. Use of car park for storage, etc. **Refused / Now being appealed**

(c) Loteni, Blackdown Avenue. Detached three-car garage block. **Refused**

(d) Pyrford Place, Pyrford Road - The erection of a two-storey boathouse after demolition of the existing one. RA and PNF objected. **Refused**

(e) Land on the south side of Lock lane. Erection of single storey dwelling. Green Belt. RA objected and refused. **Now being appealed**

### West Byfleet

(a) West Byfleet Village Centre Redevelopment (Sheer House). Approved with the full support of the RA, West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum and Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum.

(b) Woodlands, Woodlands Avenue/ Sheerwater Road. In spite of many objections including the RA, this application, having been turned down twice, was approved.

Other Planning matters are dealt with in the Chairman's message and the Forum reports.

*Planning Report by Stewart Dick  
Chairman of the Residents' Association*



## New Playground Equipment Sanway Road - Byfleet

Sanway Road Playground in Byfleet receives exciting new play equipment funded by Innovative Community Infrastructure Levy and Surrey County Council Community budget combined funding.

The Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum and County Councillor for 'The Byfleets' Amanda Boote have worked together to fund some exciting new play equipment for the Sanway Road Playground in Byfleet. The playground, which is aimed at the under 12s, sits on land owned by St. Mary's Church and so permission first had to be sought from Rector John McCabe and the Church before this new project could begin.

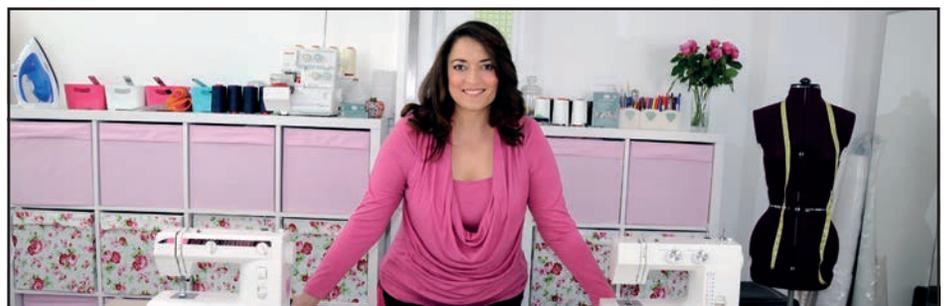
Councillor Boote and Fiona Syrett, Lynn Cozens and Alan Smith from the Byfleet Forum, working with the Woking Borough Council Leisure Services team, then had to identify what equipment would be optimal for the space available and to complement the

existing playground. Councillor Boote kindly donated £2,000 from her Surrey County Council Members' Community Fund towards the project and then the rest of the money (£7,000) was taken from the Community Infrastructure Levy fund that is available to the residents of Byfleet.

CIL money comes from developers when a new building takes place in an area and is a charge which can be levied by local authorities on new developments. It is an important tool for local authorities to use to help them deliver the infrastructure needed to support development in their area and for the local Neighbourhood Forum which represents residents' views about how they would like to see this money deployed.

The equipment was installed on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th May and Serco will also install a new picnic bench.

*Article by Amanda Boote  
Surrey County Councillor*



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## Newly Elected Police and Crime Commissioner - PCC – Lisa Townsend



My husband and I live in Ottershaw and have been Surrey residents for 12 years. Before becoming your Police and Crime Commissioner I worked for the Institute of Directors, and I have held several roles working for MPs in Parliament and in communications.

The role of PCC is to ensure that our police force understands the needs of Surrey residents and have the resources needed to keep us safe. My team and I also have a vital role in ensuring that victims are taken care of and to look after the most vulnerable in our communities. I want to take a proactive role in preventing crime – including anti-social behaviour and speeding offences, which I know have a huge impact on our villages. Serving Surrey's communities in this way is a dream role for me.

Now that I have been elected as your PCC, I am speaking to communities around Surrey in order to write my Police and Crime Plan, which will be published later this year. I want to hear from residents in Pyrford, Byfleet and West Byfleet and I will be consulting throughout the summer – so please get in touch!

I'm passionate about ensuring women and girls feel safe in Surrey and this is very important in how we commission services. Our young people are as likely to be victims of crime as they are to be involved in criminal behaviour and so I was delighted to nominate Ellie Vesey-Thompson to be my Deputy PCC – Ellie is already working hard with youth groups to ensure that children and young people across Surrey have the best possible opportunities.

We are very fortunate to live in a beautiful and safe part of the country, but everyone in Surrey deserves not just to be safe, but also to feel safe. Over the last year we have seen a reduction in crimes including burglary, but an increase in some other offences. As we all eagerly await the final easing of lockdown restrictions, our police are preparing for the opening of night-time venues and more vehicles on our roads, both of which present challenges.

A big challenge for me and Surrey's excellent Chief Constable, Gavin Stephens, is managing resource – ensuring that officers are visible while making sure we have the right officers and resources across Surrey in a mix of roles that respond to crime areas that are increasingly complex or hidden, such as fraud, modern slavery and online crime.

I'm your Commissioner for Surrey and want to hear your views. You can contact me at [surreypcc@surrey.pnn.police.uk](mailto:surreypcc@surrey.pnn.police.uk), on our social

media or by calling **01489 630200**.

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## Neighbourhood Watch Covering The Three Villages

There are two Neighbourhood Watch Facebook groups covering the villages of Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford.

Both groups were created with the aim of improving safety within the villages and for the local community to be alerted to and to share information regarding relevant police, crime and safety issues.

Both groups endeavour to include a range of information including police alerts; updates about scams; advice on how to improve home, personal, business and vehicle security as well as news about local incidents.

Members are welcome to add relevant posts and information.

If you would like to join, the link to each group is given below. Please note that there are a couple of membership questions which pop up when you select 'join request'. You do need to answer these. They do not ask for any personal information.

The West Byfleet and Pyrford Neighbourhood Watch group was established at the end of 2019 and now has 1.75k members.

If you would like to join, the link is: [www.facebook.com/groups/555297438641547](https://www.facebook.com/groups/555297438641547).

The Byfleet Neighbourhood Watch group was created 4 years ago and has a 2.9K membership. [www.facebook.com/groups/ByfleetNeighbourhoodWatch/?ref=share](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ByfleetNeighbourhoodWatch/?ref=share).

Article by Sheila Carroll  
West Byfleet and Pyrford Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

## West Byfleet Health Centre



The three practices continue to operate under increasing demand for our services and due to necessity, will continue to operate a telephone triage service. We are endeavouring to ensure all patients are signposted to clinicians and members of staff who are best equipped to deal with particular issues our patients' have. To this end we have now included as part of our team:

**Social Prescriber:** We have a new Social prescriber who will continue to work across the three practices as a link for patients with non-medical support. This will connect patients with care and support with physical activities, learning new skills, social isolation, finding local support services and referring patients who need care and support. Any patient can speak to their Practice to get referred.

**Care Coordinator:** A key part of this role is to coordinate with all our care homes; improving the continuity of care by acting as a point of contact for the care homes and professionals linked to these homes such as community organisations.

**Clinical Pharmacist:** Our pharmacists work as part of our clinical teams to improve the outcomes from medicines. This includes extra help to manage long-term conditions and advice for patients on multiple medications. This role is pivotal to improving the quality of care and ensuring patient safety. At the time of writing, the rate of Covid infection in the area had increased. We continue to work tirelessly to keep all our patients safe and well. We are currently planning for later in the year when we will be assisting in the delivery of a Covid booster programme alongside our annual flu programme.

Liz Reynolds  
Practice Manager, Wey Family Practice



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## Byfleet Fire Station

A committed team of residents supported by our Councillors has now set up the Byfleet Fire Station Trust (BFST). The Old Fire Station is a Grade II listed building established in 1885. Historic England's website entry (List entry 1392421) refers to Byfleet's Fire Station as 'a good example of a small late C19th fire station built to serve a local volunteer brigade.'

The vision is for a hub facility for community events and use by community groups. This is an important and exciting initiative to underpin the memory of this Victorian building's past and its ongoing contribution to village life, albeit in a different guise.

The Trust aims to raise £300,000 to purchase, repair and maintain the building for use. They are applying for a grant of £250,000 from Surrey County Council via My Fund Surrey and asking the community for support in raising £50,000. Interested individuals, groups or businesses can donate via the Trust's website and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ByfleetFireStn](http://www.facebook.com/ByfleetFireStn).

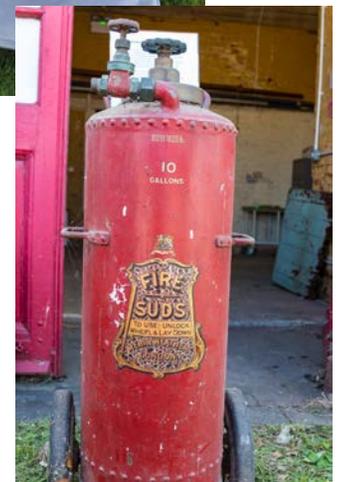


The BFST organised a very successful family fundraising day on Plough Green in Byfleet on Saturday 5th June 2021. There were several stalls including a Byfleet Fire Station information stall, a Fire Station Heritage Stall, children's stalls, community organisation stalls and some food stalls. There was even a visit by a vintage fire engine! The Deputy Mayor of Woking Borough Council, Councillor Saj Hussain, attended throughout the day and helped with the raffles. Everyone was also encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to visit the Fire Station.



The Fun Day raised £3880.72. The total raised so far including this amount (i.e. from other donations etc) was £12,000 up to 12.06.2021)

*Eleanor Grady and Jean-Pierre Frossard  
RA Village Representatives for Byfleet*



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[www.uk.gofundme.com/f/save-byfleet-fire-station](http://www.uk.gofundme.com/f/save-byfleet-fire-station)

You can research further on Historic England's website [www.historicengland.org.uk](http://www.historicengland.org.uk) or on the Byfleet Heritage Society's website [www.byfleetheritage.org.uk](http://www.byfleetheritage.org.uk).

Councillor Amanda Boote's recent article on the Fire Station and the Trust in The Woking News and Mail on 3rd June 2021 is extremely informative.

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### Impact of Coronavirus Pandemic Upon Local Businesses in Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford

For my article in this edition I decided with the Editor to focus on some of our much-valued local businesses and the effects that the Coronavirus pandemic has had on their trade and operation. I thought a good balance would be for me to meet with two traders from each of our three villages. Unfortunately The Pyrford Bakery was closed for holidays so I was unable to meet with them or find an alternative at short notice. I would hope to feature other businesses in future editions in order to promote our local shops and encourage residents to use independent traders whenever they can.

All the business owners that I met asked me to convey their thanks and appreciation to their loyal customers for their much valued support and custom.

Article by Gary Elson, Chairman,  
West Byfleet Business Association and Local Councillor for Pyrford Ward



#### Richard and Joanne's Florist

27 High Rd, Byfleet, West Byfleet KT14 7QH

Richard and Joanne's Florist situated at 27 High Road Byfleet is a family run business which has been supplying local customers with beautiful flowers, displays and small gifts for nearly forty years. Like many other businesses considered as being non-essential, the coronavirus 'lockdown' periods have made it very difficult for them to operate normally. For much of the time they decided to work behind 'closed doors' and while stock and supplies were still available, the wholesale prices had increased although they were at least still able to serve their loyal customers. Both Richard and Joanne are optimistic about what the future may hold in terms of their business and they were appreciative of the financial assistance provided by the government.



#### Runa Take Away

174 High Rd, Byfleet, West Byfleet KT14 7RG

The Runa Takeaway opened at 174 The High Street Byfleet in 1994 and is the oldest establishment catering for Indian and Bangladeshi cuisine in the village. Over the years they have continued to successfully provide excellent, flavoursome dishes to residents in Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford. I caught up with Manager and Head Chef Abdul Karim and two of his team Abul Hossain and Abdul Matin to ask them if the coronavirus had affected their business. Supplies had not been an issue, order levels had remained steady throughout the 'lockdowns' and they were delighted to have received the 'Good Food Award' Winner for 2021, which had brought in some new customers. I reminded Abdul Karim that I was told when they first opened that they wouldn't last two months, 27 years later they are still here!



#### No57 Boutique

57 Station Approach, West Byfleet KT14 6NE

Ancy Fenton opened No57 Boutique at 57 Station Approach West Byfleet in May 2016. They sell and supply a wide range of quality gifts, clothes, cards and other goods. Ancy was in a very optimistic mood, when I met with her in the newly refurbished store to ask her how life had been for the business during this pandemic and how she had managed to keep afloat, particularly when forced to shut the store. She told me that supplying 'Helium Balloons' from her house and making good use of the grants received from the government had helped to save the business. Reopening before Christmas had been a blessing as footfall had been very good. She had experienced some delays with stock; some to do with import issues caused by Brexit, others by demand and supply.



#### Sweet Passion Cakes and Artisan Patisserie

59 Old Woking Rd, West Byfleet KT14 6LF

Sweet Passion has been in West Byfleet since 2015 when Director and Cake Decorator Jo Schwarzkopf and partner and Head Patisserie Istvan Gaal first opened their doors. They make and sell a wide range of delicious cakes, savouries and patisseries all created and baked on the premises. I called on Jo to have a chat about her experiences and the effects that the coronavirus restrictions and the 'lockdowns' had on the running of the business. Forced closure had had a marked effect on daily life although they had been able to produce some cakes and other goods for delivery. Supplies had not really been affected but the effects of Brexit had increased costs. As with the other businesses the grants made available by the government had been vital.



#### Graham Turner Butchers

3 Marshall Parade, Coldharbour Rd, Pyrford, Woking GU22 8SW

Graham Turner family Butcher located at 3 Marshall Parade Pyrford has now been firmly established in Pyrford for a number of years. They provide an amazing range of fresh meats, pies, barbeque ready foods and other artisan products and bespoke produce. Even before coronavirus days there would be a healthy queue outside their shop waiting to be served. The business is truly a 'family' affair with many members actively working in the shop. I popped along to see Graham and co. in one of their rare quieter moments to see how they were getting on. Coronavirus has of course had an effect on the way they do business; having only a small shop has meant restricting the number of customers that can be inside the shop at any one time. However the trend for people to cook at home during 'lockdown' meant business remained relatively brisk although that has now levelled off to the norm, which is a positive note to end on.

## (Good) Morning Byfleet!

In these days of worry and uncertainty maybe we need a bit of light-heartedness!

I meet a lot of people when walking Marley, our yellow labrador, around the village, particularly by the river at the Manor House and across the M25 to Wisley Common, and up and down the towpath on the Navigation. Whether it's because I'm a Northerner or whether in my old age I've become less reserved, I try to



Mike and Marley (dog)

say 'Morning' to everyone I meet. It's striking how many people respond, but not until I've greeted them. A few simply smile an acknowledgement; others are too consumed by whatever they're listening to on their earphones to notice me while

a few simply do not respond even if they may have seen me – one or two even refuse to look at me.

What I've said so far is all well and good but it's qualitative whereas in today's world we are supposed to believe data and not just hearsay. So, I started to make notes (on my phone of course) and then transcribing the results into a spreadsheet after getting home. My observations were made over 10 days in a two-week period in April 2021.

In order to allow people the chance to speak to me first I did not say my 'Morning' until I was approximately 3m from them. In cases where I had previously had conversations with an individual or group I did not include the result because one or both of us would probably have given a salutation at a greater distance than 3m. Of the total of 106 cases there were 50 F and 56 M. The largest numbers were walking (37F, 33M) while 12F and 13M were running. Only two runners, both F, had dogs while similar numbers of the 47 walking F had dogs (20) or not (17); of the 11 cyclists only 1 was the lone F cyclist and she had a dog. No M runners had dogs.



John McCabe, Rector of St Mary's, and his wife

The responses made were predominantly positive, i.e. a verbal response (usually '(Good) Morning') to my '(Good) Morning': 79 out of a total 106 cases. In 13 cases the responder spoke to me spontaneously before I had chance to speak to them; there were 7 acknowledgements and in only 7 cases was there no discernible response. Unsurprisingly, the number responding was highly significantly greater than the spontaneous cases, the acknowledgements or those not responding at all, while there was no significant difference between these latter three categories.

The number of cases was too small to warrant investigation of interactions, e.g. 'was the proportion of M vs F with dogs different from M vs F without dogs?'. Of course, increasing the number of observations might well yield clearer conclusions but, in my defence, I decided that the risk of counting the same people more than once on different days could skew the data. I invite other local walkers to collect data which we could add to mine! It could be provided on paper, as a text file or a spreadsheet.

Bear in mind that these observations were made on public footpaths; while I often greet strangers in the village streets I would not attempt it in busy towns (or even in West Byfleet!).

We are quite a friendly lot, really! However, a lot more of you could be saying 'Good Morning' to strangers as a matter of course. Could we ever get to 50% SPONTANEOUS greetings?

Article by Mike Forbes  
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The data recorded for each 'encounter' was:

<b>Gender</b>	Male (M) / female (F) /mixed group (FM) Two or more of the same gender were counted as just one observation; male and females in the same group were counted alternately as male or female (see below)
<b>Mode of travelling</b>	Walking (W) /running (R) / cycling (C)
<b>Dog</b>	With (D) /without (N) irrespective of how many dogs
<b>Response</b>	'Good morning' or similar (R) / spontaneous (S) – they said it first/acknowledgement (A) as a smile, nod or other signal of reply/no response (N)



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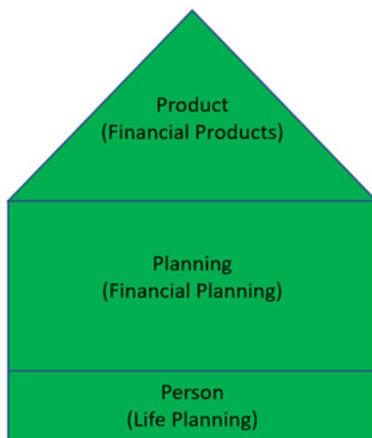
### Retirement Planning – An Overview

For many, retirement planning is dramatically different from that of previous generations. This is driven by several factors, including increasing life expectancy, fewer final salary pensions being offered in the private sector, and the concept of a “job for life” becoming extinct meaning that people typically have several pension pots as they approach retirement. A Nobel Prize winner in Economics once described retirement planning as the nastiest, hardest problem in finance, with the three future unknowns of life expectancy, inflation and investment returns making for a complex answer to what, on the face of it, seems like a simple question: “will I run out of money before I die?”

For some, retirement planning can seem a daunting challenge. Making the first step on the journey can be the most difficult, and something easier to put off for another day. As Desmond Tutu once said, “there is only one way to eat an elephant: one bite at a time”, and while establishing and building a retirement plan can be a time-consuming task, it is one that, if broken down into manageable chunks, is undoubtedly achievable.

Many people’s first thought when starting this process might be: “What’s the best pension/ investment fund to buy?” However, in the same way that you have to build the foundations and walls of a house before putting the roof on, each retirement planning task should be undertaken in a certain order to give you the best chance of success.

1.



Life planning (foundations): Here you build a vision of how you want to spend the next chapter of your life, and how much this is likely to cost. Are there any “big ticket” items you have in mind, such as the round the world trip you’ve always promised yourself, or helping the children out with house deposits? Might your spending patterns change as you get older?

2. Financial planning (walls): Once you’ve estimated what your desired lifestyle will cost, it’s time to build a retirement plan to understand how achievable this is given your

current and future incomes. If the plan fails, what are you prepared to compromise on? The most common “levers” are: working for longer, saving more before retirement and spending less in retirement.

An important part of this stage of the process is to understand how the retirement plan would fare if unfortunate outcomes were to occur. For example, if one half of a couple were to pass away soon after retirement, would the surviving partner be able to afford their desired lifestyle?

3. Financial Products (roof): These will provide an income in retirement to help ensure your retirement plan is a success. Some of these may have returns that are linked to the performance of the financial markets. For these, it’s important to understand how they may perform if you were to experience unfavourable market returns in retirement, and how this might impact the sustainability of the retirement plan. Furthermore, are you confident that you would stick with these investments choices and not be tempted to capitulate and sell, which could place plan viability in jeopardy?

Whether you plan to undertake retirement planning on a DIY basis or partner with a professional, the sooner you start the process the sooner you can build a vision of your future and give yourself peace of mind and clarity.

Article by Noel Watson

### Noel is an Independent Financial Adviser and Retirement Planning Specialist at Pyrford Financial Planning.

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### Reverend Canon Philip Gardner - 100th Birthday Celebrations

The event was on Thursday 4th March at Barnes Wallis Court, Byfleet. As well as the people in the photographs, Julia Lamaison, his daughter and her husband Ian, attended the event. Philip Gardner was born in Liverpool on the 4th of March 1921 – a date which was always a source of amusement for the family, as it was “4/3/21”.

He joined the Royal Navy in 1940 and saw service on D-Day and in the Far East until VJ Day.

After the war, he qualified as a chartered accountant until he decided to become a priest. He was ordained in 1950 and married in 1951. His first curacy was at Ashstead, followed by Bromley and then he became vicar at Larkfield in Kent.

He moved to Pyrford and Wisley in 1970 and was vicar until he retired in 1987.

The Pyrford and Wisley Parish Magazine ran an article with memories of Canon Gardner. Those who knew him as Vicar of the Parish clearly fondly remember him in that role.



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## Wild Pyrford

The May Edition of Wild Pyrford is the first edition to be using video that we were able to shoot in April. They are not 'repeats'! We made a special outing to a churchyard in the delightful company of Jimmie Walker. Jimmie maintains the 16th century church of St Nicholas in the company of a team of gardeners who also regularly look after and maintain the grounds of the two other churches, COGS (Church of the Good Shepherd) and that of Wisley.

It's been a funny sort of spring with hail and snow, bitter winds and long periods of sunshine. Some say that Nature arose late from her winter bed and, as a result, despite the calendar announcing we were in May, still believed it was April. But the sun shone during our filming session as Jimmie discussed her Conservation brief for the church grounds and pointed out the blossoming cherry trees and her bête noire, the alkanet! In our June edition, also shot in late April the crew assembled one chilly morning on Pyrford Common. It's a popular venue for dog walkers and families and, like the many open spaces in our neighbourhood, is an important Conservation area with its animal and insect habitats, so important for the general ecology of the region.

There we met Rachel Jones, senior Ranger,



based at Horsell Common, but whose area of responsibility includes Pyrford's green spaces. She speaks enthusiastically of her role and tells us how local residents, too, have an important part to play.

The social restrictions that have, for so long, prevented us from getting out and about have at last been partially lifted. We still have to observe social distancing, and this has meant we've had to adapt the way we produce our videos. One thing we changed immediately was the way we 'collect' the sound. No longer could we use 'personal' microphones, sometimes called Lavs or Lavaliers. These would, in normal times, be clipped to a lapel or jacket and provide relatively unencumbered audio.

Since we restarted our productions, we've used the so-called Rifle Microphone. This is the



'furry' object you occasionally see, appearing unexpectedly at the top of the picture, by mistake it should be said, allowing us to pick up sound from a distance, so that social distancing can be observed. There are other changes too, but perhaps the greatest change we so desperately want is some warmth! It can get very chilly standing about in the wild, holding a microphone above someone's head!



Link to Wild Pyrford YouTube Channel - [www.youtube.be/qKfr3a0wkyk](http://www.youtube.be/qKfr3a0wkyk).

Article by Tim Matthews

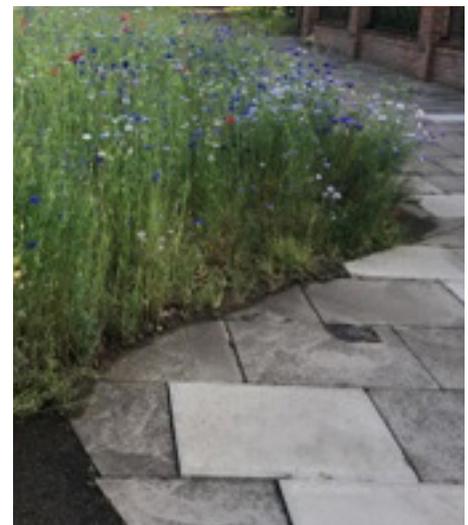
## 3 New Picnic Tables

The 3 new Picnic tables now installed on West Byfleet Recreation Ground were paid for out of the levy we receive on new homes built here and were organised by The West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum and our Local Councillors.

Wade Pollard  
Chairman, West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum



## Should we let the grass verges in our three villages become populated with wild flowers?



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### Insights from behind the hoardings at Sheer House, West Byfleet

Based on an interview with Tony Jackson, site manager for Squibb Group by Spencer Neal, of Keeble Brown.

People impressed by the pace at which the Sheer House site is being cleared can thank Tony Jackson, Squibb Group's man on the ground. With over 24 years in the business, Tony's role is to oversee the demolition of one of the most significant landmarks in West Byfleet.

For many, demolition conjures scenes of violent, even explosive, destruction. We caught up with site manager Tony to understand what demolition really means and to ask if it is perhaps also the essential starting point for a modern, sustainable development project.

Tony explained, "The difference between people's perceptions and reality is recycling. The objective is to clear the site of all the previous structures, but this is achieved through methodical recycling and salvage; stripping away each layer so that as much as possible can be re-used."

"Squibb Group is aiming for 95% to be recycled."

The initial stages involve a careful assessment of all the components, deciding what to rip out and what can be preserved and reused, from toilet bowls and sinks to wooden flooring and steel beams.

Retirement Villages Group's environmental and sustainability targets include the whole of the demolition process. This means everyone pays attention to how much waste is generated, as well as the amount of material that is salvaged for recycling or reuse. Squibb Group's waste and environmental management plans estimate the quantity of each category of waste and the preferred destination for each waste type alongside other environmental resource considerations.

As Tony says, "Waste costs money. It costs to break up the structures safely, and it costs to properly dispose of it. Far better if we can reuse it. This means that everything, windows, bricks, roof tiles, even the rubble must be properly sorted and graded so that it can be used elsewhere."



Squibb Group uses software licenced by the UK's Building Research Establishment (BRE) to generate a BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) compliant, site-specific waste management plan. The Group's Transport and Logistics Division use Fleetmatics software to compute best routes avoiding residential and congestion areas and record emission levels for things like NOX.

Carbon emissions attract the headlines, but most people's concerns are noise, dust and vibration, so these are all carefully monitored.

Dust control is achieved with a range of measures. Squibb Group has obtained a licence from the local fire authority to allow it to use a nearby fire hydrant to supply water to the site. This is then used with Squibb Group's TechnoAlpin V12 'dust busters', as well as the dust suppression nozzles on the demolition machines, which spray water at the point of contact as the munchers bite into the masonry.

The reinforced wrapping around the main scaffolding contains the dust, as well as helping to baffle the sounds generated on site. Behind the scaffolding frames and protective sheeting, there is a hive of surprisingly technical activities, each requiring specialist training and careful supervision.

"At any one time," Tony explained, "I will have several teams working on different aspects of the project. In one part of the site, there are plant operators breaking up masonry, while elsewhere there will be scaffolders putting up supports. Meanwhile, the specialist asbestos team will be working in a sealed off area and then, on another floor, people will sort materials that have already been pulled out. It's essential that everything is done carefully."

While he may have started out with a shovel and lump hammer, Tony says that his role these

days is focused on the people and safety.

"Things have changed since I started 24 years ago. Sometimes I might have to nag a chief scaffolder to keep his safety harness on. If he is 20 years older and an expert scaffolder, I will not say he welcomes my intervention. But ultimately, he knows that the safety rules are for everyone, and they are there to make sure everyone gets to the end of the job in one piece. I think some of the guys call me 'Mum.'"

Good organisation and considerate operations are crucial, especially when, like Sheer House, the site is in a busy, built up area. However, Tony and his team are confident that they will reach their milestones. This means the so-called 'long reach' demolition of the tower will commence before the end of June and complete by the beginning of August. Tony's team plan to take over the public car park and old library building by the end of the summer. Looking further ahead, Squibb Group expects to be able to clear the site ahead of the next phase by mid-autumn.

"This is a great project to work on," says Tony. "We have made an important start to a transformation in West Byfleet that a lot of local people have been looking forward to for a long time. It's good to be part of that."



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## Edible Flowers

One of the more interesting things I grow in and amongst my vegetables are some flowers.

These are fantastic for attracting pollinators to your vegetable crops and can even ward off pests. As well as that some are actually edible themselves and can really pack a flavour punch as well as adding interest to summer salads and refreshing summer drinks and even fun ice cubes and cake decorations.

Most of us will have seen the beautiful electric blue Cornflowers but did you know they could also be eaten?



Although they don't have a strong fragrance they have a sweet, spicy clove flavour when eaten and are delicious when one or two is sprinkled over a summer salad. If you want to try and grow some sprinkle them in a pot and pop them somewhere warm and sunny keep them well watered.

Cornflowers take up to three weeks to germinate so be patient. If you don't want to wait the garden centres are full of them at this time of year



Borage is another great vivid blue flower that has the most fresh, cool cucumber like flavour that really enhances summer drinks. They freeze really well in ice cubes and are a perfect pairing for a

glass of Pimms.

To sow Borage seeds just place them in a pot and cover with a little compost. Keep them well watered and they germinate really quickly so you should be able to pick the flowers in a month. Once the flowers have appeared pick them off and pop one of them in an ice cube tray. Top up with water and freeze. Perfect in a summer Pimms .

Borage self-seeds really well so I find once you have it in the garden you never need to sow it again. The bees love it and you have a gorgeous edible flower too.

Another of my edible favourites is Nasturtium. They are one of the easiest edible flowers to grow.

They will happily climb if given some support but are equally happy trailing down if they don't. Pop them into some compost and keep them warm and well watered, at this time of year they won't take long to start poking up in the pot. They are great companion plants; they attract blackfly



and encourage hoverflies (that eat blackfly). Their flowers, leaves and seedpods are all edible and they have a sweet peppery taste and are delicious battered and fried or used fresh in salads. The flowers and leaves taste their best when freshly picked so pick them just before you eat them.

You can also eat the seed pods as a '*poor mans caper*' - Always pick them when they are still green

### Ingredients

200 grams nasturtium seedpods  
250 ml white wine vinegar  
1 teaspoon of salt  
6-8 lightly crushed peppercorns

### Method

Rinse and dry the seedpods on kitchen roll  
Pour the seeds into a clear sterile jar  
Bring the vinegar, salt and pepper to a boil and pour over the seedpods  
Then seal the jar and store in the fridge  
They will keep for three months in the fridge.

Viola is a later flower that you can use in the autumn and Winter and I tend to buy plug plants from the garden centre. They are not fussy and will grow in hanging baskets or a reused flowerpot and as long as it is in full sun will flower for most of the year. The bees love them and they are such a delicate flower to have in the garden. Not only do they look good they are also edible.



They have a lighter more 'pea like' flavour and taste fresh in salad or sprinkled over a summer dessert. They also look fantastic when crystallised and popped on top of homemade cakes. It is so simple to do and it looks amazing atop a celebration cake.

### How to Crystallise Violas

Pick the flowers fresh and brush lightly with egg white, both inside and outside the flowers, lay them on some parchment (remove the stems) and sprinkle with caster sugar.

Leave them somewhere dark and warm for around 48 hours until dried

Then pop them into an airtight container with some sugar

They look amazing as fairy cake decorations too

All of these could be planted together in a pot in the garden as an edible one-stop pot. A real win for pollinators as well as a pot full of edibles for us too.

Article by Claire Crawford

## RA Garden Seed Share Scheme – Summer 2021 Update

The launch of our initiative to share garden seeds in the community free of charge was announced in the last newsletter. The scheme is intended to allow sharing of garden seeds with other residents, donation of seeds harvested from our own gardens or part/unused commercial packets, thereby enhancing the community spirit of sharing. Additional benefits include fewer seeds being discarded that could be sown, our pollinators being encouraged and increased opportunities for children to have a go at planting seeds. The use of locally harvested seeds is also positive for the environment since it reduces the risk of introducing unexpected weeds from plants and seedlings bought in soil. The scheme also provides increased opportunities for residents who aren't able to get to garden centres and may not be comfortable with online shopping.

Seeds remain available to be collected from the Byfleet Community Library and from St Mary's Centre for the community (Byfleet). The RA has been topping up the supplies to keep up with demand, as well as making a few individual deliveries. Anyone unable to visit these locations can email [vrb@the-residents.org](mailto:vrb@the-residents.org) to arrange for seeds to be delivered. We would like to thank residents who have contributed part or unused packets of seeds already!

The list of seeds we have had available in the 2021 scheme can be seen on our website at [www.the-residents.org/ra-garden-seed-share-scheme](http://www.the-residents.org/ra-garden-seed-share-scheme).

We look forward to your donations of seeds in the autumn so that more are available to all next spring. You can just leave them in a bag or envelope in the box at our community library or drop them off in the porch at 53 Rectory Lane, Byfleet, KT14 7LU. Simply leave a note of the name of the flower or vegetable if they are from your garden.

It is hoped the scheme will grow in popularity as more people take part and enjoy the harvests to come!

Thank you.

Eleanor Grady and Jean-Pierre Frossard  
RA Village Representatives for Byfleet



## Across Surrey there are 42 different species of butterfly that may be seen in a good year.

As our climate in Britain is largely temperate, most of our butterflies have clearly defined flight periods depending on species and weather. Butterflies spend the winter months in hibernation from severe weather and become active when the weather gets warm enough.

This article will focus on butterflies, which may typically be seen flying in Surrey from mid June to September depending on species. It is quite possible to see Red Admirals, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies in gardens during this period. The other three butterflies mentioned here, Gatekeeper, Marbled White and Silver Washed Fritillary will require a trip to woodland or open meadows to see them.

### Species of Butterflies

#### Gatekeeper

Also known by early lepidopterists as the Hedge Brown. The Gatekeeper is typically seen from early July to the end of August, peaking in the first week of August. The upper wings are orange, bordered in brown, with two eyespots. Unlike the female, the male also has two brown smudges on the orange upper wings. Gatekeepers are commonly found on the edge of woodlands and in hedgerows and are often mistaken for the Meadow Brown although the Gatekeeper is brighter in colour and smaller in size.



#### Marbled White

The flight period for the Marbled White is from mid June to mid August. This very attractive butterfly is to be found on Southern English downlands with the male of the species



constantly patrolling the meadow in search of a mate. Rather confusingly for a butterfly, which looks black and white, it is actually a member of the Browns (aka Nymphalidae) family. The chequered

wing pattern is nature's way of warning predators that the Marbled White is toxic if eaten.

#### Peacock

First adults emerge in late July through to the end of September. As an adult, the Peacock butterfly can live up to 11 months (hence some may be seen earlier in this year, as survivors from last year). The upper wing pattern, which mimics that of a Peacock bird's eye, is a highly

effective defence against predatory birds. The underwings of the Peacock when closed resemble a dead leaf and provide excellent camouflage. Sunny woodlands, rich in flowers, are the favoured site of the Peacock. In gardens, as elsewhere, the Peacock will feed on any of the following: Hebe, Red Valerian, Dandelion, Grape Hyacinth, Wallflower and Buddleia.



#### Red Admiral

One of the largest and strongest flying butterflies in Britain, the Red Admiral is either to be found having overwintered here as an adult or having migrated from Southern Europe, which many do each year in large numbers. The Red Admiral is particularly conspicuous in gardens in autumn providing a most welcome flash of colour. Typical food plants for the Red Admiral include Michaelmas Daisy, French Marigold, Bramble, Lavender and Buddleia



#### Silver Washed Fritillary

To be seen flying between mid June and mid August, the Silver Washed Fritillary is found almost exclusively in woodlands. This butterfly gets its name from the silver markings on the underwings, visible when the wings are closed. In flight, this is a highly attractive butterfly, appearing on the edge of one's visual range as fast flying and bright orange. Males are often visible spiralling with females in courtship. When settled, regularly on bramble, one can see the intricate upper wing pattern of black marks on orange decreasing in size to the wing tip. The Silver Washed may be seen locally on Bookham common.



#### Small Tortoiseshell

The Small Tortoiseshell is capable of overwintering as an adult, often in sheds or garages. It can be seen in flight as early as March with those of later broods through to September. It is a cause for concern that the Small Tortoiseshell has declined massively in numbers and in territorial range, both locally and nationally. Often mistaken for a Red Admiral, the



Small Tortoiseshell is actually bright orange rather than red with distinctive blue crescent shaped markings on the outer wing edges. The Small Tortoiseshell is regularly found feeding in nettle beds and a visitor to gardens, especially with Buddleia.

#### Location

Surrey has a large number of great places to view butterflies. Many of the best sites for both variety of species and numbers of butterflies seen are situated along the chalk ridge that is the North Downs. Below, there are links to three sites where the six butterflies mentioned above might be seen along with many others.

#### Sheeples

Situated near East Horsley, Sheeples is a mix of woodland and fine chalk meadows known as Summerhouse and Coronation. The grasslands provide an ever changing mix of wildflowers across spring and summer which attracts more than 30 species of butterfly including Small Tortoiseshell, Marbled White, Common Blue, Brown Argus and Silver Washed Fritillary. The conservation of Sheeples is managed by Surrey Wildlife Trust with a map and further details on their website, [www.surreywildlifetrust.org/nature-reserves/sheeples](http://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/nature-reserves/sheeples).

#### Box Hill

Donated to the National Trust in the early part of the twentieth century, the site known as Box Hill also includes many chalk grasslands which are well suited to a wealth of butterflies. Of the 42 species to be found in Surrey, 38 may be seen at different sites on or around Box Hill. These include the beautiful Adonis Blue together with Chalkhill Blue and Small Blue. Dark Green Fritillary, White Admiral and White Letter Hairstreak may also be found. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/box-hill/features/box-hill-butterflies](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/box-hill/features/box-hill-butterflies).

#### Pewley Down

Situated on the North Downs ridge at the top of Guildford, Pewley Down is a local nature reserve within the Surrey Hills. There is a steep slope facing South with half of the grassland on chalk. There are between 25 and 30 butterfly species to be found here, depending on the time of year relating to the life cycles of individual species. Marbled Whites may be seen in large numbers together with Meadow Brown, Small Heath and Gatekeeper. Small Tortoiseshell and Speckled Wood are also to be found. [www.getoutside.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/local/pewley-down-guildford](http://www.getoutside.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/local/pewley-down-guildford).

Local to our three villages, there is likely to be an increase in the number of butterfly species as a result of rewilding work and the planting of meadows. Further, as councils are now mowing grass verges less frequently this really helps wildflowers to emerge and attract pollinating insects, including butterflies.

Article by Tony Williams

#### Conservation

If you are interested in saving Butterflies, Moths and their habitats throughout the UK the national charity to join if you are not already a member is Butterfly Conservation – [www.butterfly-conservation.org](http://www.butterfly-conservation.org).

**This spring saw the highly anticipated release of 21 four bedroom detached houses at Octagon’s phenomenally successful Broadoaks Park development on Parvis Road – and now just seven of these homes remain.**

The search for more private space, both inside and out, has triggered this unprecedented demand for detached homes, and so these classically designed three storey houses - with architectural detailing honouring the centrepiece Grade II listed 19th century Broadoaks Mansion - have been quickly snapped up.

Offering a generous 2,183 - 2,525 sqft of living space, all with either integral garages, carport or designated off street parking and secluded rear gardens, the family homes are located



towards the back of the parkland development, with some overlooking a courtyard garden.

New resident and interior designer Jenny Weiss has moved into her three-storey townhouse in Broadoaks Park – her third Octagon home.

*“I knew Octagon well; they were former clients and I have always loved their own obsession with quality and design. They built two of our former houses, the latter in St Georges Hill, both generously sized and ideal for our growing family.”*

*“I was ready to find a new nest that I could customise to my own personal needs and passions - so, imagine my delight when I discovered they had secured the Broadoaks Park Estate, not far from one of my son’s home, and really convenient for our Weybridge design studio and showroom.”*

*“I approached them very early on, when they had barely started the groundworks, and chose an amazing corner plot of a row of what would*



*be just three townhouses. It has a South-facing garden, and sits adjoining woodland, so real perfection in my eyes.”*

Broadoaks Park residents have plenty of landscaped communal areas to enjoy on this highly desirable 25-acre private estate, carefully

designed by Octagon’s inhouse architects with idyllic community living in mind.

Octagon have an unrivalled reputation for creating classical homes using the finest contemporary materials – and the interiors are no exception. Homes at Broadoaks Park feature the highest standard of finishes,

with high quality appliances, sanitaryware and specification throughout, as befitting the Octagon brand.

With the luxury housebuilder now offering a complete interior design turnkey service, purchasers at Broadoaks Park have the opportunity to work with Octagon’s inhouse expert interior design team for their own decorative and furnishing requirements.

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*confidence and comfort. They know we can deliver a luxurious and timeless interior to complement the company’s superb build quality, and within an acceptable budget, saving new homeowners money on their furnishings and decorative details.”*

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Prices for the detached homes in Phase 3 range from £1,285,000 to £1,320,000.

Viewings at Broadoaks Park are available by appointment only. Call Octagon on **020 8481 7500** or browse the website [www.broadoakspark.co.uk](http://www.broadoakspark.co.uk) for more details.

*Article by Tim Banks, CEO of Octagon*



Resident Jenny Weiss has settled into her new Broadoaks Park home – with her garden primed for summer entertaining

## With the right team in place, anything is possible!

The West Byfleet Community Gardening Group (WBCGG) could not resist the offer of not one... but three concrete planters, which needed to be relocated from Sheer House.

And there was plenty of support for the move from the most unlikely of people.

But the most important support was from the men who did the installations – thank you to the team from Squibb (pictured here with representatives from WBCGG and SWR).

Article by Isabelle David  
Membership Secretary



## Incursions by Travellers in West Byfleet and Pyrford

Earlier this year Travellers arrived and 'camped up' in the car park of the Harvester in West Byfleet. What started as a relatively small number of vehicles and caravans / trailers soon grew to a far larger number. Whilst originally there was little disturbance to residents immediately in the vicinity the situation soon deteriorated with noise at all hours and huge amounts of rubbish that was accumulating and getting ever closer to the public footpaths and highway.

Many residents took to social media and contacted the Police, Woking Borough Council and our Residents' Association and other Community Groups in an effort to have them moved on. Frustration grew as the situation worsened with the news that unless unlawful acts were being committed the Police and the Local Authority were powerless to act as the Travellers were on privately owned land. In these circumstances it was for the Land Owner or its agents to apply to the court to obtain a lawful eviction notice.

A number of angry residents contacted Mitchells and Butlers the Land Owner / Operator of the site, to protest and demand action. Our RA Chairman Stewart Dick made direct contact with a Senior Director of the Company and started a helpful dialogue in which Stewart was informed that Mitchells and



Butlers had begun the legal process to obtain an eviction order but owing to the Court backlog this was taking longer than normal.

However before the application was heard by the Courts the Travellers left the site and dispersed into the car park of the Inn at Maybury (also owned by Mitchells and Butlers) and into the bottom of a local farmer's field opposite the 'Bothy' along Pyrford Common Road.

I contacted the Farmer who was 'on the ball' and had already alerted Burhill Hill Estates the owners of the land; within 24 hours bailiffs attended the encampment with an eviction notice that was served without disturbance and the Travellers moved on. They also left the Inn at Maybury car park around the same time although I am not aware of what prompted their departure.

In March this year the government announced that it would strengthen police powers

and create a new criminal offence to tackle unauthorised encampments.

The new offence will target trespassers who intend to reside on any private or public land in vehicles without permission, and where they are causing significant disruption, distress or harm to local communities.

Furthermore the police will be given powers to seize vehicles and arrest offenders. These measures will target harmful encampments, which reflect badly on the wider nomadic community as a whole, the majority of whom are law abiding.

Further details of the government's proposed measures may be found by accessing the government website. [Government to give police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-give-police-powers-to-tackle-unauthorised-encampments)

Article by Gary Elson  
Pyrford Local Councillor



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## Woking – Residents’ Panel

A new, online civic space for consultation and engagement, establishing an effective, two-way dialogue with residents and other stakeholders is a priority for the council, giving a voice to all members of the community.



A new, online civic space, called Woking Community Forum, and reinvigorated Residents’ Panel have been set up so that the council can better listen and respond to community concerns. Over the coming months and years, the Council will be engaging with residents, businesses, partners, councillors and staff to inform the direction and development of a long-term strategy.

The Residents’ Panel will provide people who live in the borough the chance to be a sounding board for new initiatives whereas the online civic space will enable stakeholders in the borough the chance to more easily share their views about our services and future plans.

To explore the Woking Community Forum and discover live consultations, as well as find out more about the Residents’ Panel, visit [www.communityforum.woking.gov.uk](http://www.communityforum.woking.gov.uk).

Article by Debbie Hickman  
Marketing Communications Officer  
Woking Borough Council

## Woking Borough Council Changes



Giorgio Framallicco has now been officially appointed as the new Director of Planning at Woking Borough Council. He will not be deputy CEO as was his predecessor as the management structure will change somewhat.

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**Steve Dorsett,  
Woking Borough Council,  
Local Councillor,  
Pyrford Ward**

My name is Steve Dorsett and I am the newly elected Borough Councillor for Pyrford Ward, which covers Pyrford Village, Maybury and the Western side of West Byfleet. I grew up around this area, having gone to school at Fullbrook and indeed my first ever job, at the

age of 15, was working at weekends at Brittens Music store in West Byfleet. My family live in Pyrford, many of my old school friends still live in Pyrford and it is an absolute honour to represent it as Councillor. I was always politically inclined and I joined my local association in 2016 wanting to get more involved. When the chance to run in Pyrford came I jumped at the opportunity, winning a selection of the local members and started to prepare my campaign.

One of the things I would like to achieve in my first term as Councillor is improved communication between residents and elected representatives. Last year I created the Facebook group - “The Pyrford Village Voice”, a group to allow residents, business and community groups interact and support each other through Lockdown. I feel the group has been a great success and we currently have over 1,300 members. If you would like to join the group, you can find us at [facebook.com/groups/273359563740081](https://www.facebook.com/groups/273359563740081), or just search Facebook for “Pyrford Village Voice”. I am also documenting my journey as a new Councillor on my own Councillor Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/CllrSteveDorsett](https://www.facebook.com/CllrSteveDorsett) I also intend to hold live streamed Q&As, in-person surgeries and be putting out regular updates. It will never be hard to find me or get in touch.

You can contact me through the CllrSteveDorsett page or you can Email me on [cllrsteve.dorsett@woking.gov.uk](mailto:cllrsteve.dorsett@woking.gov.uk).

I stood on a platform of defending our green spaces, protecting the character of our village and working with our County Councillor Liz Bowes to get better roads and pavements in our area. I’ll also be working on the East of the Borough infrastructure study to ensure that our part of Woking isn’t forgotten or playing second fiddle to Woking Town Centre. Our local economy and shops are incredibly important and the Council needs to support them too. I know it’s just outside my ward, but I am determined to see the Sheer House regeneration be a success. Pyrford looks to West Byfleet as its hub and we need our village centre back. The shops in the village are the lifeblood of our community and we need to see it restored.



**Josh Brown,  
Woking Borough Council,  
Local Councillor,  
The Byfleets Ward**

As a lifelong resident of Byfleet and West Byfleet, I have had the great pleasure of growing up, working and volunteering in our community. I am excited to represent our two unique villages

at Woking Borough Council.

Having lived in the area my whole life, I am passionate and dedicated to tackling our shared problems and making our two villages an even better place to live. I identified a range of local concerns but failed to see local representatives offering solutions.

As a young person, I want to secure solutions for not only our current generation of residents but for our future generations too.

I have already given a tour of our villages to the Director of Planning and raised residents’ concerns regarding the protection of our green belt. I will continue to press our shared concerns in protecting and enhancing our green spaces.

Alongside engaging with residents’ concerns and my duties as Councillor, I also hope to meet the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner to address concerns that many residents have highlighted regarding the increase of anti-social driving.

We have several challenges that face our two villages: the protection of our greenbelt, the Sheer House redevelopment, tackling anti-social behaviour and ensuring our roads and pavements are kept to a high standard. My election campaign recognised these issues and throughout my whole term, I am determined to ensure that these important concerns are addressed and resolved.

People can contact me through my Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/josh4thebyfleets](https://www.facebook.com/josh4thebyfleets) or alternatively, you can send me an email [cllrjosh.brown@woking.gov.uk](mailto:cllrjosh.brown@woking.gov.uk).



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	Amanda BOOTE	Independent	01932 344811	<a href="mailto:cllramanda.boote@woking.gov.uk">cllramanda.boote@woking.gov.uk</a>	
	Mary BRIDGEMAN	Independent	07890 045375	<a href="mailto:cllmary.bridgeman@woking.gov.uk">cllmary.bridgeman@woking.gov.uk</a>	Councillor surgeries plan to start from Saturday 18th September 10am at Byfleet Library
Pyrford	Steve DORSETT	Conservative	07729 829658	<a href="mailto:cllrsteve.dorsett@woking.gov.uk">cllrsteve.dorsett@woking.gov.uk</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CllrSteveDorsett">www.facebook.com/CllrSteveDorsett</a>	Surgery 1st Friday each month, 9-12am, Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford
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Further details of elected Councillors can be found at [www.woking.gov.uk](http://www.woking.gov.uk) and [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk).

\*Councillor Surgeries for Pyrford, Byfleet and West Byfleet wards are cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19 restrictions, if you need access to a Councillor please contact them by email (details are above).

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Date & time	Event	Details
	West Byfleet Festival (WB Live) Cancelled for 2021	Focusing on extra Special 2022 event
Last Saturday in the Month	West Byfleet Farmers Market	Car park of 'Our Lady Help of Christians RC Church', Madeira Road

### \*\*\* YOUR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU \*\*\*

We continue to struggle to find local residents who are willing and able to give up a few hours a year to help support the work of the RA. It is a great way to get to know your neighbours, and the pandemic has shown how working together as a community can improve all our lives. If you would like to help, please do get in contact with anyone on the Committee.

We really need new Street Representatives to help distribute The Resident Newsletter to Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford. Please contact the relevant Village Representative listed below:

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Keith Creswell, West Byfleet Village Representative  
Andy Grimshaw, Pyrford Village Representative

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