

Welcome to the latest issue (Issue 168) 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.

I would like to thank Keith Creswell for his dedicated service to the RA and West Byfleet village. As the Village Representative he has supported and been involved in many campaigns to protect West Byfleet and make it a better place to live. A special thanks to all the Street Reps for delivering issue 167 of the Newsletter. This issue will also be available on the RA website, www.the-residents.org.

In this issue we look at some more new local businesses that have recently launched. There has finally been some real progress with the demolition of Sheer House site with the demolition team just needing to crush and recycle all the concrete. There is an update on the Byfleet Fire Station Trust, which also includes details of the new "post box topper" in Byfleet. Watch out for some fire hoses throughout Issue 168, how many can the children or grandchildren spot. You must read the very informative Crime article outlining the breakdown of the various crimes that occur in our villages. There are some tips on how to protect your property. There is an update on the SADPD plans with an explanation of what this means and the next steps (see the Chairman's report on [page 3](#)).

If you are looking for something to do during the winter months, have you considered looking into your family tree using genealogy (see article on [page 17](#)).

Issue 168 also has updates from the 3 Village Representatives and the Neighbourhood Forums.

I am sure that you will enjoy reading Issue 168 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 unpaid 2021 subscriptions need to be paid as soon as possible. Details on Membership Secretary's Report.

Please check the Residents' Association website for lots of useful information and any important news about our local community, it is updated on a regular basis, 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.

Best wishes from the editor and let's hope it is a much more normal Festive Season than last year!

Thank you and hope you all have a Great Xmas!!

Robert Munford
Editor

Membership Secretary's Report

There is no doubt that as RA members, you value your copy of The Resident, and especially now that we are back in print and able to distribute physical copies again. A Big Thank You must go to our Street Reps who have once again walked around our villages to distribute The Resident to members and also collect the subscriptions for 2021. As a result, the number of subscriptions received is creeping towards pre-pandemic (2019) levels. Many thanks to those members who have paid their 2021 annual subscriptions.



The annual subscription remains at £5. If you have not yet paid your annual subscription, there are several ways to do so.

1. The preferred method is to make a direct online payment. We have a separate bank account for each of the 3 villages, so please can you contact your Village Representative for details of how to pay, as well as confirming your email address to them:

Eleanor Grady,
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Andy Grimshaw,
Pyrford Village Representative
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2. Alternatively, you can contact your Street Rep to provide you with a subscription envelope in which to place your cash/cheque* and return the completed envelope to your Street Rep.

3. Finally, if you don't know who your Street Rep is, or perhaps the position is vacant, you may **send a cheque*** with your name and address to The Residents' Association c/o Byfleet Village Hall, 54 High Road, Byfleet KT14 7QL.

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would like to be able to communicate with as many of you as possible on a more regular basis. **If you have not received any emails from the RA in the past few months, it may be because we do not hold the correct email address.** So please get in contact so that I can confirm with you the details that we hold. (Note: We will only use your contact details for RA related matters which are relevant to our 3 villages. We will never share your details without your specific permission.)

Isabelle David
Membership Secretary
Email: members@the-residents.org

SAVE THE DATE

THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM

12th January 2022 at 7:30pm

Location

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Guest Speaker

Julie Fisher, Chief Executive of Woking Borough Council

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Welcome to edition 168 of our Newsletter.



The feedback that we received on edition 167 (our first hard copy for several months) was outstandingly positive and was just one example of normality returning to our daily lives.

Again, I want to remind you that under the "News" tag on the RA website we regularly 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. One recent helpful post was a factual summary of the Inspector's Final Report on Woking Council's SADPD.

Annual General Meeting

Our current Constitution is unhelpfully prescriptive as to the format of our AGM. We plan to hold our next AGM on **12th January 2022** when an updated Constitution will be placed before you for adoption.

Julie Fisher the Chief Executive of Woking Borough Council will be our guest speaker. See AGM Notice on Pages 2 + 11 + 15.

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

The public consultation on the Inspector's report with final modifications closed on the 14th of December 2020. The RA submitted a detailed response which remains available on our website. A subsequent statement reiterating our position on Green Belt was also posted.

The Inspector's Final Report with Main Modifications was delivered to WBC on 6th August 2021. This Report along with the recommendations from WBC were considered by the Local Development Framework Working Group on the 22nd of September 2021. This is a cross party review committee.

The Report along with the recommendations of WBC and LDFG was considered by the Executive on 7th October 2021 and recommended to the Full Council for debate on 14th October.

There was an informed, responsible, and full debate with the Report being adopted by 21 votes "for", 3 "against" and one abstention.

Based on the advice provided to Councillors as regards the implications for non-adoption and the implications/benefits for adopting the DPD this outcome was not unexpected.

Two consequences for Byfleet and West Byfleet are that sites GB4 and GB5 will now be safeguarded for potential residential development between 2027 and 2040 and that GB9 and GB9A will now be available for residential development (circa 555 family and affordable homes) and 15 Traveller's pitches subject to the conditions detailed by the Inspector.

So, unless there is a change in national policy (see below) which could effectively reverse this decision we now await a planning application. For those who suggest approval is a foregone conclusion, I do not agree. The Inspector has discussed the infrastructure requirements to support this development and they are onerous and demanding and will be hugely expensive. Our Planning Committee must be rigorous and bold.

White Paper: Planning for the Future Planning Bill

The recent Queen's Speech included the intention to bring forward a Planning Bill. Since then, Michael Gove has been appointed Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and both he and the Prime Minister have had much to say about protecting the Green Belt particularly in the South of England. We will see whether these fine words result in a change of policy. In the meantime, however, WBC remains under a legal obligation to deliver the number of homes that have been allocated to them.

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

At a Council meeting on the 3rd December 2020 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 2021.

This Study continues. The first phase which involved updating four key infrastructure areas - transport, education, flooding and health. The second phase was about Community Facilities and Green Infrastructure.

The RA and Forums Task Group continue their work on this important project. We have had responses on our concerns regarding Education and Flooding. It is of some concern that with Flooding it appears that certain information being used by the Environment Agency is out of date and inaccurate and some pertinent information is omitted. The recent report from the Environment Agency is timely. We await responses on Health and on Transport.

It is important that when responses are received from the "experts" that they are scrutinised and challenged. The recent report from the Health and Social Care Committee and the Science and Technology Committee (again cross party) has highlighted the risk of not doing so and the dangers of Groupthink.

Health Care and Wellbeing

There has been a volume of posts on social media regarding the difficulties that residents are experiencing in arranging appointments with our General Practitioners, certainly face to face and even considerable delays with telephone appointments which cannot be as thorough where illness indicators may be missed. It is not for me to comment as to whether or not these criticisms and concerns are justified, and on occasions the way they are expressed is regrettable. Of course, during the pandemic our health centre had to change its method of operation and health care and I doubt if anyone questions that necessity.

For most of us we continue to hope that we will still be able to see our doctor promptly and preferably in person. We know and understand that waiting times have lengthened and in-person appointments are much reduced. However, is it not time for surgeries to abandon the pandemic emergency procedures?

It is vital for us all that the relationship and trust between GP and patient does not break down and that any stress points in the healthcare social contract are quickly remedied.

Sheer House

The progress is there for all to see with the green crusher working overtime to ensure that over 90% of materials can be recycled. The main contractor should be on site this December or next January. The replacement Library has opened. In the meantime, enjoy the wonderful views of St. John's church.

Thank you and take care.

Have a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Stewart Dick

Chairman of The Residents' Association



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WEST BYFLEET

We desperately need street reps for the Claremont Road, Rivey Close and Madeira Road and related side roads.



We are now failing to get newsletters to members in these areas and to extend membership, save for those who use our website. Any potential volunteers should contact vrwb@the-residents.org.

Work with WB Neighbourhood Forum (WBNF) continues to be excellent. Much of the following also heavily involves WBNF.

WBC Infrastructure Plans and Site Allocations Development Plans (SADPD)

HM Inspector issued his approval of Woking's SADPD with some modifications. The bad news is that a substantial part of our Green Belt will be given over to housing. More information can be seen in the Chairman's message and the WBNF article.

Sheer House

The WB Village Centre Liaison Group, created by WBNF, the RA and RVG, continues to meet and has been of great benefit to the local community.

The Post Office has moved the priority post box further round Station Approach in front of the subway. The public toilets have been closed; unfortunately no alternatives have been provided. The toilets in the Rec apparently have damaged drains under the playground and are not scheduled for repair or reopening!

The public seating in the centre has been removed. In consultation with WBC's Community Officer, the RA and WBNF have agreed that the traditional style seating will be relocated to Birch Green, but the more modern styles are not reclaimable. We are pressing for additional replacement seating elsewhere in the village centre. Similarly, the two village signs have been removed; the modern blue sign to be relocated to Birch Green, and the Coronation Jubilee sign is in storage by WBNF for eventual use in an indoor community site. The developers are seeking to install bird and bat boxes around the neighbourhood; they are in touch with the Wild about Wildlife group at the allotments (who have erected an impressive bug hotel!) and the WB Community Gardening Group.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

The recently installed picnic benches near the playground have been well used and are very welcome.

The Pavilion is becoming quite dilapidated; we have urged the Council to complete repairs from their maintenance budget. The Council's Building Services team have received quotes to repair the cladding on the pavilion. However, at this time the Council is transferring certain maintenance responsibilities back from Freedom Leisure to WBC, which may result in a delay in the repairs. There has been a proposal for a substantial investment in an expensive subscription-based closed tennis court provision in the northeast corner. We do not believe this will meet the need of leisure facilities for the younger population or the residents at large and, being available, investment would be better in provision for facilities for youth and other residents. With the massive increase in WB's population, additional green leisure space is essential.

Community Centre

WBNF is continuing to work on this and is awaiting a response from Woking Council who have been asked for assistance to take it forward. (see WBNF report).

The WB Community Gardening Group (WBCGG)

The Group are continuing to weed and plant around and on West Byfleet Station and it is already improving its appearance.



WBCGG by Rebecca Bradshaw

Village Representative

As many know, I have decided to not stand again for this role as I feel it is time for the younger generations to take over, so this is my last report.

I would like to express my thanks for their support and contributions to my two deputies, Emma and Liz and also to Lisa, who is also retiring, from the role of Village Membership Officer.

It has been a delight dealing with the many people who have community benefit at the heart of what they do.

I am conscious that I leave many items for those continuing in the RA, Neighbourhood Forums and others - to see to fruition. Of course, together with the Borough and County Councillors of whatever political hue, their cooperation and support are hugely appreciated.

A few of the key programmes are as follows:

- Cycling and Walking Strategy for the east of the borough and fulfilment of our Active Travel Vision
- Youth project, to improve facilities in the three villages
- Traffic pollution monitoring
- West Byfleet Community Festival (West Byfleet Live)
- Camphill Tip PV Farm proposal
- Public space improvement including greening and trees
- And all the infrastructure developments necessary to meet our rapidly expanding population, including Community Centre and Rec Ground improvements.

Keith Creswell

Village Rep, West Byfleet

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BYFLEET

Autumn is upon us!

Byfleet has enjoyed the gradual return of annual events post COVID-lockdowns. Unlike in 2020, when numbers were restricted to a handful of attendees, the village was again able to gather on Remembrance Sunday 2021 to pay its respects.



Village Activity and Initiatives

Byfleet Amenities Group have organised the switching on of Byfleet Christmas Lights for 18th November. The Byfleet Village Christmas Market will be a daytime event this year. Please join the community on Plough Green on Saturday 4th December between 10am and 4pm.

Our Community Library's children's Summer Reading Scheme, which was to read six books, was well supported. Certificates were presented by Cllr. Amanda Boote on 30th September. For any summer reader who was unable to attend the presentation - your certificate is waiting for you when you call into the library!

St Mary's Centre for the Community's Services have been back in full swing and very busy. The welcoming 'Art Café' and the parent and toddler groups have been particularly vibrant.

BCN Byfleet Gardening Club Initiative

The first meeting was held on 8th September 2021. It is hoped that meetings will be approximately monthly involving interesting garden-related talks. Please contact m.i.harris@ntlworld.com for details.

The RA Free Garden Seed Share Scheme

Now is the time to collect spare seeds from your garden or seed-box for the 2022 catalogue! [Please see page 22.](#)

RA Fruit Tree Project

We have a rich heritage in fruit tree experts in our villages with historic connections to orchards in Wisley and West Hall. We will launch a project in 2022 intended to draw upon this heritage, discourage the loss of old fruit trees and encourage the planting of additional fruit trees. Please contact vrb@the-residents.org if you would like to be involved.

Village Heritage

Heritage Open Week 2021 – Open days took place at St Mary's Church on Sundays the 12th and 19th September and included a guided tour of the churchyard. £130 was donated by visitors to the Friends of St Mary's Church.

Byfleet Heritage Society

The society was pleased to be able to resume its traditional summer evening boat trip on 19th August, departing from Parvis Wharf. Monthly meetings have resumed. Pre-booking details can be found on BHS posters on village noticeboards, the [BHS website](#) and their [Facebook page](#).

The Byfleet Fire Station Trust has been active and their Planning Applications (PLAN/2021/0587 & 0890) to restore the building and convert it to a community hub, were approved on 29th September 2021.

Congratulations to the Trust and its supporters. At the Trust's stall at the Christmas Market on 4th December, you can learn more about their



plans and enter a competition to name the Byfleet fireman on the post-box topper! Please see the separate article [page 12.](#)

Our Greenbelt, Footpaths and Planning

A245. Off-road footpath and cycle-path along Parvis Road between Byfleet and Broadoaks. We would like to thank our West Byfleet RA Village Rep for pursuing dialogue with WBC regarding this footpath and cycle-path. A path now exists between West Byfleet and Broadoaks but the remainder of the path stretching between Broadoaks and Byfleet is still not approved.

River Weir between Blue Gates Hole and Plough Bridges - The RA is leaving up its warning notices, which were approved by our councillors in the summer, regarding entering the water.

Street Tree Removal

The WBC Planning Services Arboricultural Officer has advised that the council removed several street trees following a routine tree inspection. SERCO can be contacted regarding concerns and replacement planting.

Planning Applications Please see our Planning Coordinator's report for an update on Emerald House PLAN/2021/0870 and 90 High Road PLAN/2021/0281.

Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum

I am delighted to report that, on Thursday evening, the Forum committee voted for Andrew Weiss to become our next Chair. I believe the plan is for him to be formally voted in at an AGM once the Forum is officially re-designated. We're expecting that to be discussed at a council meeting in December. Fiona Syrett Current Chairperson - Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum

The Residents' Association would like to express its thanks to Fiona Syrett as she plans her handover as Chair of the Byfleet Residents Neighbourhood Forum. Fiona generously took up this role in the BRNF after the sudden death of Godfrey Chapples. The RA Committee

thanks Fiona for her collaborative interactions with the RA and for all that she has done in the interests of Byfleet over the last few years. We look forward to engaging with Fiona during the transition and to seeing Fiona at village events in the very near future!

*Eleanor Grady and Jean-Pierre Frossard
Village Reps for Byfleet on behalf of the
Committee of the Residents' Association*

In Other News

Godfrey Chapples' Memorial Bench

The Byfleet Community Library was proud to host the installation and blessing of Godfrey's bench on 17th July 2021. You can see a record of the occasion on [page 22.](#)

RA Subscriptions and Street Representatives

Thank you to those of you who have paid your 2021 subscriptions recently. We welcome three new Street Reps for Fullerton Way, Magdalen Close, Magdalen Crescent, and parts of Weymede. We have many roads without a representative-would you like to join the team? Please email vrb@the-residents.org. The task is not onerous but is so important for village cohesion!

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



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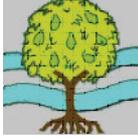
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PYRFORD

Members Subscriptions Received From Pyrford

Thank you to all our Pyrford members who have paid their 2021 subscriptions either direct to the Pyrford Collections Account or to their local Street Rep.



Thank you to the Pyrford Street Reps for delivering issue 167 of the Newsletter, the first printed edition since COVID struck. In two months, the monies received more than doubled year to date.

If you believe you haven't yet paid, please do check first with either me (my details are on the back page) or, if known, your Street Rep.

Street Representative Vacancies

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

Coldharbour Road opposite the School, Dean Close, Broomhall Close or Drive, Old Woking Road, Orchard Lea Close, Pyrian Close and Rowley Close.

Marshall Parade Shops

The building of the two retail units and flats continues slowly. The ground floor is being fitted out for a local dentist practice - Synergy Pyrford Dental Centre.

Helping Others

The service hours of Helping Others have been extended to between 09:30 and 17:00 on weekdays.

So, if you or a neighbour or friend needs a prescription collecting, lift to the Doctor, Dentist, Chiropodist or for a hospital appointment, or need some shopping done - or if your usual family friends or neighbour can't help - please do ring them on 07732 066314.

The service is available to everyone who lives in the **Parish of Wisley with Pyrford – churchgoers or not.**

The church provides this service to parishioners and could not do so without the amazing help of volunteer drivers. A small donation of 45p per mile is suggested.

If **YOU** could be a Helping Others Driver volunteer, please contact them on 07732 066314 for a chat.

New Local Sports Centre Opens

A local £26 million state-of-the-art leisure centre, the Eastwood Leisure Centre, has opened next to Bishop David Brown School, Sheerwater.

Its facilities include a 25-metre swimming pool, teaching pool, five court sports hall, gym, two studios, floodlit 3G football pitch, two grass pitches, a junior rugby pitch, five outdoor tennis courts, four netball courts, café and a function room with bar. Facilities are available to the public and full details can be found at www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/eastwood-leisure-centre

West Byfleet Library Re-Opened

The temporary replacement West Byfleet Library has now opened in The Old Sorting Office, Rosemount Avenue. Surrey County Council do intend to move it into the new

Planning Applications

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

WITHDRAWN

1 Lovelace Drive	Erection of two storey front, rear and side extensions
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REFUSED In Green Belt

Beech Rise Lock Lane	Formation of vehicular access onto Lock Lane	Not been demonstrated that adequate visibility splays are achievable nor that there won't be detrimental impact to nearby trees
Twisted Stone Golf Club Pyrford Road	Variation of Condition 15 to allow ancillary use of existing "Golf Only" Clubhouse	Concern about noise levels and other disturbance to surrounding residential properties

APPEALS LODGED

At the time of writing the outcome from the following appeals is still awaited:

Pyrford Place, Pyrford Road	2-storey Boathouse in Green Belt (refused)	Refused
Lock Lane	Bungalow in Green Belt (refused)	on 1st November APPEAL 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".
45 Lincoln Drive	Insertion of 3No front, 1No side and 2No rear rooflights and 2No skylights (retrospective)
Pyrford Place, Pyrford Road	Erection of a single storey replacement boathouse following demolition of existing structure

Retirement Villages development (formerly Sheer House) once it is built, but to support this, please do try and make use of this temporary facility.

Sheer House Car Park Alternative

An alternative temporary replacement short stay parking can be found at West Byfleet Railway Station. The car park is available from 10am weekdays and **all day on Saturday & Sunday** costing, via RingGo,

1hr - £0.80 2hr - £1.60 3hr - £2.40 4hr - £3.20

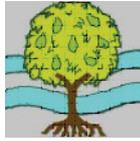
Note - there are no charges for parking on-road on a Saturday or Sunday for up to 4 hours.

*Andy Grimshaw
VR Pyrford*

PYRFORD

Site allocations DPD (SADPD)

The Site Allocations DPD was finally adopted by Woking Borough Council Full Council at its meeting on 14th October 2021. This is the outcome that the Pyrford Forum requested their local ward Councillors and all Councillors to support.



Before the vote, Pyrford Forum sent out a newsletter to all its members stating its position, which was subsequently forwarded to all Woking Borough Councillors. The full newsletter can be found on its web site at www.pyrfordforum.org/sadpd-statement-oct-2021.

Pyrford Forum recognises that there are significant infrastructure implications on the East of Woking from all the sites allocated being developed.

In the newsletter I also said:

“Pyrford Forum does understand the concerns about West Hall and is actively involved in a Joint Infrastructure Group with Byfleet, West Byfleet & Pyrford Resident’s Association (RA) and both West Byfleet & Byfleet Forums.

The Infrastructure Group has raised questions to both WBC & Surrey County Council (SCC) Officers, concerning the four initial areas (Transport, Flooding, Education & Health) that have been reviewed as part of the East of Woking Infrastructure Review requested by Woking Full Council in December 2020.”

Impact of Pyrford Neighbourhood Plan

The Forum does, on occasions, make formal objections and since Newsletter Issue 167 the Forum did so on five applications:

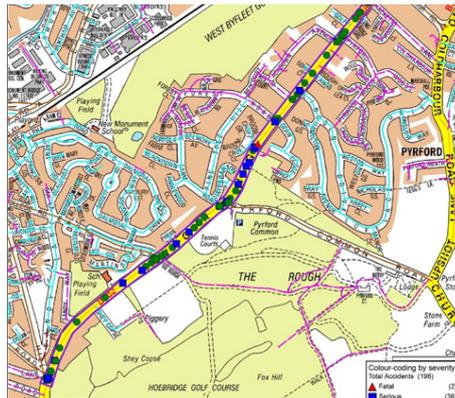
1 Lovelace Drive	Concern about overdevelopment of site
45 Lincoln Drive	(Retrospective) concern at being out of character
Lee Place Hazel Road	Lack of sympathy with the local listed building
Beech Rise Lock Lane	Inappropriate development in Green Belt
Twisted Stone Club House	Removal of Golf Club use only condition

More detail on these and other planning applications in Pyrford can be found in a monthly update at www.pyrfordforum.org/planning-application-news.

Old Woking Road Accident Levels

You may be aware that in June 21 there was unfortunately a fatal road accident on the Old Woking Road on the hill by Broomcroft Drive. This, like several other serious accidents, occurred late at night. Residents did attend immediately, but one can only imagine what they witnessed.

I have now received detailed data of accidents on the length of Old Woking Road between Sheerwater Road and Maybury Hill since 2000 which are shown on the map below.



The key statistics are:

- 195 recorded accidents - 2 fatal, 35 serious and 158 slight
- 280 casualties – 3 fatal, 55 serious and 222 slight
- 160 (82%) accidents involved a car and 14 pedal cycles
- 124 (63%) of accidents occurred at either T junctions or staggered junctions
- 109 (57%) accidents occurred at four junctions – Maybury Hill (27), Pyrford Common Road
- (19), Pyrford Woods (12) & Sheerwater Road (27)

The three fatalities occurred between midnight & 6am and half the serious & slight accidents happened during the morning and afternoon peaks (06:00 to 10:00 and 15:00 to 19:00).

Both fatal accidents, and 12 of the 35 (36%) serious accidents occurred on the stretch between Broomcroft Drive and Pyrford Common Road.

The Forum at the next Woking Joint Committee on 10th November tabled a question requesting traffic calming measures such as a reduction in the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph, an average speed camera and vehicle activated speed signs displaying the measured speed.

Updates on progress will be provided in the regular Pyrford Forum email monthly newsletter, available to members.

Heritage Conservation Project

Work continues with the project. The Forum provided a detailed briefing in a dedicated newsletter, which can be located via the Forum website under Newsletters.

To support our fundraising, why not consider buying **The PNF Heritage Conservation Assessment DVD** which is still available.

The video illustrates the richness and historical interest of many of the buildings in the local and surrounding areas, as seen from both the ground and from the air! Why not buy a copy and support our work to assess and conserve heritage in the community.

To order the Heritage DVD, priced at **£12.00**, contact Cliff Bolton on 01932 347313 or email him at cliff.bolton@gmail.com.

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.

Finally, if you are not already a Forum member, why not join at www.pyrfordforum.org. It is free to join, and you will receive a regular monthly Newsletter about Pyrford Activities and relevant local news.

Andy Grimshaw
Chairman, Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum
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It is very much one step backwards for two steps forwards in West Byfleet now. The village centre looks awful with hoardings around most of it and large bits of demolition equipment making a lot of noise during the week. Coupled with that we have utility work going on along the central roads which disrupts traffic. It is all in a good cause of course as the end product will be a revitalised village centre. That is though some way off so patience is required. The demolition should finish shortly and seeing new buildings going up next year will be more encouraging. The Forum is still working with the developer both to keep you informed with progress and to maximise the benefits to residents. It is great that the library has reopened in its temporary location. The Forum is working to spend some of the money we receive for the new residential developments. We want to provide more and better facilities in our Recreation Ground and we are working with our Local Councillors to achieve this. Our first spending was on benches and the picnic tables and it has been great to see them well used.

The news that will have an enormous impact on West Byfleet is the recent decision by Woking Council to take land around West Hall Care Home out of Green Belt to allow the building of probably 600 new homes. We tried very hard to stop this happening. We felt that the 200 apartments which are being built in the village centre and the 235 new homes being built in Broadoaks Park meant that our village was doing its bit to meet housing need. We must now work to ensure that these additional new homes are an asset to our community and that proper infrastructure improvements are made to maintain our quality of life.

Unfortunately, there could be fewer jobs in West Byfleet in the future as the owners of two office buildings have applied for permission to convert them for residential use. The Forum is powerless to oppose these as it is Government policy to allow this.

The Forum Committee is also very keen to have a new Community Centre in West Byfleet and we are liaising with our Local Councillors to try to bring this about. In our surveys this is the highest priority for our residents for the use of our funds. With the rapid increase in our population such facilities are badly needed.

We have room on our committee for a few more members to join so if you fancy giving a couple of hours a month to your community please get in touch. We meet once a month on a Wednesday evening. We could do with some help with our social media and website.

We are looking forward to having our AGM on Wednesday 24th November at 7pm at Camphill Social Club where members will get a chance to ask questions as well as hear from Committee members about planning issues locally and in the surrounding area.

The Forum has a Facebook group and we try to keep it for planning and environmental issues. We are happy though to post "lost cat" notices etc...! Please use "West Byfleet Families" page for other matters and advertising. Best wishes from your committee for what we hope is a more normal Festive Season than last year.

Wade Pollard
Chairman, West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum,
www.wbnf.org



Reference: [Site Allocations DPD - Regulation 19.pdf](https://www.woking.gov.uk/media/1000000/site-allocations-dpd-regulation-19.pdf) (woking2027.info)

Land surrounding West Hall, Parvis Road, West Byfleet, KT14 6EY

Proposal reference: GB10



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Have your say on council's future priorities

Residents are invited to have their say and help shape the future priorities of the borough as part of a comprehensive programme of engagement and consultation, which will assist with the development of a new five-year corporate strategy.



The borough-wide consultation will assist the council in deciding where to focus its resources over the next five years. Residents will have the opportunity to tell the council what issues and services matter the most to them, and what improvements communities would like to see in the future.

As part of the consultation, a series of evening roadshows are being held during the coming weeks at venues across the borough, led by Leader of Woking Borough Council, Cllr Ayesha Azad, and Chief Executive, Julie Fisher.

All roadshows will be held between 7pm and 8.30pm on the dates and venues below.

- Wednesday 3 November, Parkview Centre for the Community, off Blackmore Crescent, Sheerwater GU21 5NZ
- Monday 15 November (recorded session), Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking GU21 6YL

- Monday 29 November, St Mary's Centre for the Community, off Stream Close, Byfleet KT14 7LZ
- Monday 6 December, St Andrew's Church, Denton Way, Goldsworth Park, Woking GU21 3LG

Each roadshow is open to all residents and stakeholders. To book, please visit www.communityforum.woking.gov.uk/have-your-say-on-the-council-s-future-priorities.

Due to COVID-19, capacity varies at each venue and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. For safety, each roadshow will have COVID-safe measures in place, including sanitiser stations and face masks available.

Complementing the roadshows is a questionnaire asking residents for their views on the council's future corporate plan and priorities. Whilst anyone can complete the questionnaire, 3,000 copies will be sent to randomly selected households across the borough.

The feedback gathered will be used to develop a new corporate strategy. Information will also be shared with public sector partners and other community organisations to improve working relationships to make Woking Borough an even better place to live and work.

*Article by Andy Denner
Marketing Communications Manager at
Woking Borough Council*

Email: residentspanel@woking.gov.uk

The Final Chapter for West Byfleet Library

A temporary library has been available in The Old Sorting Office, Rosemount Avenue, KT14 6LB in West Byfleet since Monday 11th October at 2pm.



Photos by Robert Munford
Editor, Resident Newsletter



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Christmas Village Events

Saturday 18th December, 12 noon to 4pm - Farmers Christmas Market

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Madeira Road, West Byfleet, KT14 6BH.
A wide variety of produce and gift stalls from local, independent businesses in our community.

Saturday 4th December, 10am to 4pm - Byfleet Village Christmas Market

Plough Green, Byfleet Village (Christmas gift and decoration stalls)

December 4th - 7th, 4pm to 8pm - Community Christmas Tree Festival

St John's Church West Byfleet. Trees decorated by local organisations including RA.
The trees are being judged the day before by the Mayor of Woking.

Become a Tree Warden

Network of fantastic volunteer tree champions around the country

Tree Wardens are local tree champions who plant, look after and stand up for the trees in their patch. Whether you want to get your hands in the earth and plant trees, raise awareness about trees in your local community, or simply be the eyes, ears and voice for the trees down your street, you have what it takes to be a Tree Warden.

What Tree Wardens do?

Tree Wardens plant, protect and promote their local trees. No training or experience in tree management is needed – just a love of trees and a few hours to spare.

Tree Wardens are organised into local groups. Each group is managed by a co-ordinator and is autonomous, meeting regularly to decide what they would like to focus on. Some of the projects Tree Warden groups have done include:

- Arranging local tree planting days
- Pruning, watering and giving vital aftercare to local trees after planting
- Working with local authorities to plant and care for our precious street trees
- Rejuvenating local woodlands in need of management
- Raising funds and identifying suitable land for local tree planting projects
- Going into schools to talk to young people about the value of trees.

Training is also provided.

Further information can be found at www.treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/tree-wardens.



The RA and Woking Borough Council will support the establishment of a network of Tree Wardens in the three villages. If we can set up a new group, it would be a member of the Surrey Tree Warden Network and would be on their Newsletter distribution list.

For further information please contact:

vrwb@the-residents.org or
Dave.Frye@woking.gov.uk or
James.Veats@woking.gov.uk for further information and the Surrey Network coordinator details.

With thanks to the Tree Council for their permission to use their material.



M25 junction 10

Latest information: The Secretary of State has decided to re-set the statutory deadline for decision on the M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange improvement application to 12 May 2022.

This to allow for further consideration of environmental matters.

For more information visit our [M25 junction 10](http://M25junction10) web page.

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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 167 the following are of significance:

Byfleet

(a) Emerald House, 30-38 High Road An application for change of use from office to residential. Now approved but a missed opportunity to provide high quality accommodation and enhance an unattractive building.

(b) 90 High Road Demolition followed by erection of a two-storey comprising one-bedroom flats and a commercial unit. Refused. The RA objected.

(c) Wey Retail Park - consolidation of two units to make a single food retail unit. Changes to car park lay out. RA has written expressing concern.

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

Pyrford

(a) An application to sub-divide Nutfield in Hollybank Road was refused. The Planning Officer made interesting comments re subdivision and street scene. The RA objected.

(b) Beech House - formation of vehicular access onto Lock Lane was refused.

(c) 154 Old Woking Road. Under Consideration. The RA objected as not in accord with Pyrford Neighbourhood Plan

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

(e) Cherrywood, Blackdown Avenue, Pyrford. Erection of part two storey and part single storey side extension to existing dwelling (planning permission PLAN/2020/0863 granted 25/02/2021) and creation of new dwelling with associated parking and amenity space. Under

consideration

(f) Pyrford Place, Pyrford Road. Construction of a replacement boathouse. Under consideration. On this occasion the RA will not be objecting.

West Byfleet

(a) West Lodge, Station Approach. Application to install masts was refused.

(b) Phoenix House, Pyrford Road (approved) and Rosemount House, Rosemount Avenue (under consideration. Both change of use to residential).

(c) Rivendell Pyrford Road. Erection of two storey side and rear extension and sub-division of property to create 2x semi-detached dwellings. Refused.

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

*Article by Stewart Dick,
Planning Coordinator*

West Byfleet Health Centre

Our health services continue to be under enormous pressure. We are trying to ensure that all our patients get the right care, in the right place and at the right time appropriate for everyone's needs. GP reception staff are a vital part of the health care team and will ask questions to direct you to the best support and care. Please help them and give them the information they ask for. Can we ask that our staff are treated fairly and politely, whether on the phone, face to face, in writing or on social media. Please use your Practice's complaints policy if you need to raise concerns about our care or service.

The pandemic is not over. All of the GP practices are working hard to provide a service but continue to try and protect everyone. To this end, we must maintain safe infection control and minimise unnecessary physical contact. However, all practices have increased the number of face to face consultations. Can we remind everyone that wearing face masks continues to be mandatory within a healthcare setting and must be worn in the Health Centre. All three practices have different methods and ways of booking appointments. Patients should visit their practice website or listen to the practice telephone message for the best way of booking appointments.

Parking - We have received a good deal of feedback over the last few weeks about the introduction of car parking controls at the Health Centre. These controls were not introduced by the practices. As there are numerous other tenants in the health centre, such controls have been introduced by the Landlord and the practices have no control or financial gain over the parking restrictions. If all visitors to the Health Centre add their car registration to one of the terminals, there is no charge up to 2 hours. Patients also have 10 minutes grace for drop off.

Vaccinations - We are currently in the middle of our flu campaign and Covid booster vaccinations. When you are eligible for your Covid booster, you will be contacted; please do not contact your practice. Each practice is running their flu vaccination programme slightly differently. If you are eligible, please contact your practice to book. However, some patients may have to wait due to the fluctuating delivery of the flu vaccine.

Weight management - Here in Surrey we now have access to a new digital weight management platform and also access to MAN v FAT Football, new weight loss programme MAN v FAT Challenge and Challenge At Work as well as remote tier 2 group support. If any of our patients are ready to make positive changes about their weight, please speak to your GP who can ensure you are triaged to the most effective weight management support option.

*Liz Reynolds
Practice Manager, Wey Family Practice*

SAVE THE DATE
THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM
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The Byfleet Fire Station Trust has had a busy summer, working hard in our continued effort to save our precious fire station. We are proud to announce that our fundraising total currently stands at an amazing £34,027 - this consists of cash donations, local fundraising and pro-bono services - we would like to thank everyone who has donated, supported and provided services to our campaign.

After the huge success of the fire station fun day, we have had lots of meetings to discuss our next steps. We were approached by a fantastic architect, Iris Kouneni and her company, aThink Architects to bring the trust's objectives to life with a set of 3D planning drawings and videos all provided pro-bono. With aThink Architects' support we have now successfully gained planning permission to turn the derelict building into a unique community hub for all residents and neighbouring villages to enjoy for years to come - the building was still classed as a fire station even though it has not functioned as one since the sixties!

We also have lots of exciting projects planned in for the coming months and are working with the local schools and activity groups to get them involved. The Byfleet Amenities Group will be holding a range of Christmas events and the Byfleet Fire Station Trust are pleased to announce that we will be at the Byfleet Village Christmas Market on Saturday, 4th December from 10am to 4pm. Please do come along and have a chat with the Trustees about our vision for the building.

If you would like to get in touch with the Trust, you can email us at hub@byfleetfirestation.co.uk or contact us via our [Facebook Group](#) - Byfleet Fire Station.

Thank you

Article by Krista Rooney
Byfleet Fire Station Trust



Would your children or grandchildren like to hunt for the tiny pictures of a fire alarm bell dotted through the pages of this issue of The Resident!? They could come and tell the Trust team how many they spotted on Christmas Market day in Byfleet or just enjoy the search as a bit of fun at home! (excluding those on this page)

The answer to how many bells is on the bottom of page 23.

£50,000



£40,000

£34,027

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Dear Byfleet residents,

Did you see me?!

I was keeping watch over the old fire station building and over you all, for four weeks this summer!

I was hoisted onto the post-box near the old fire-station, under a cloak of secrecy, early in the morning on 24th August. I have been taken down from my watch for a rest before I am on parade again on Plough Green at the Byfleet Christmas Market on 4th December. I am quietly pleased about this, as part of my topper is made from cardboard and I would have wilted a bit in the autumn rain!

I understand that I am the first post-box 'topper' in the village. I was made by three multi-generational knitters from a Byfleet family. I exhibit multiple crafts in that I am knitted, crocheted, and embroidered. I, personally, am based on a standard pattern (of an evidently dapper-figured officer!) The topper-makers, however, wanted to replicate the Byfleet Fire Station exactly, rather than use a generic building pattern, so they copied a local photo onto plastic-based canvas and embroidered my Byfleet fire-station. I am also proud to be part of the recycling initiative in that I was made from left-over ends of wool-balls bought for other garments!

My makers have been so pleased about the number of people who have stopped to admire me and have commented on me on social media.

Those who made me did so to support the publicity and fundraising for the Byfleet Fire Station Trust. The idea came to them at the BFST Fundraising Day on 5th June 2021 when they saw how keen the village was to save my old Fire-station building. They also made me to remind residents of the past fire-engine volunteers of Byfleet, the first of whom volunteered in 1885 - I hope you think I represented them well!

One request - I need a name! Can you come to say 'hello' to me at the Christmas Market on 4th December please? Do take part in the competition to give me a name!

Yours

*The Byfleet
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Canal Watch

Canal Watch is an excellent example of the community coming together to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour following reports of several indecent exposures and suspicious incidents targeting women and young girls.

Launched in April 2021 and covering around 14 miles of canal path between Woking and Byfleet, the initiative is fully supported by the local Woking neighbourhood policing team working with partner agencies including the Council, Neighbourhood Watch, Basingstoke Canal Authority and the Basingstoke Canal Society.



Regular patrols aim to make the area safer for everyone and in the first 5 months volunteers have undertaken over 150 patrols with no new incidents reported since July. Investigations continue and there have been several arrests.

In the meantime, the police and Surrey's Police and Crime Commissioner have successfully secured £175k in government funding to help improve safety further. This money will go towards installing extra CCTV cameras and signage along the canal footpath, the removal of foliage and graffiti to improve visibility and the purchase of four E-bikes for community and police patrols along the canal.

If you see something that is suspicious, please report it **immediately** as timely reporting is crucial. (See 'How to Report' to the police).

Crime within Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford

We are fortunate to live in an area with a relatively low level of crime and over the previous 12-month period Woking area has experienced some very positive results, with crime on catalytic converter thefts significantly reduced, and key arrests of drug suppliers. The police have also continued to develop their Early Help intervention work with vulnerable young people to help provide support as soon as a problem emerges.

But there are indications that some crime is rising with burglaries starting to increase; and regrettably bike thefts continue.

- **Bike thefts:** did you know that it can take a thief less than 3 seconds to steal a bike? The most important thing to remember is to double lock your bike (use two **quality** locks, at least one of which is a D-lock); and register your frame number on a cycle database such

as [BikeRegister](#) as this helps return stolen bikes to their owners. Woking Police regularly set up free bike marking events. And do remember to lock your bike securely at home - just as you would on the street - as thieves will help themselves if it looks easy. Check out Crime Prevention Advice: www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe.



- **Burglaries:** from October 2019 to October 2020 there were 326 burglary offences in the Woking area (these included not just residential homes but sheds and other buildings). During the same period in 2020-2021 burglary numbers reduced by around 30% but, perhaps inevitably with the easing of lockdown, people returning to work and darker evenings, numbers look to be rising. However, there are things that we can all do to help prevent crime by considering how our homes look to a burglar. Does it look occupied? Does that shed lock look secure enough? A favourite entry point is from the back and side; gates should be locked - even during the day! There is lots of advice on the Surrey Police website on what you can do to protect your home: www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime.

How to report crime/suspicious incidents to the police

If you see something that is suspicious, please [report to the police at the time](#) as it provides them with vital local intelligence and helps to prioritise. Don't expect someone else to do it. If several people report their suspicions in an area, it is more compelling in terms of identifying local hotspots. Ways to do this:

- If a crime is in action or if someone is in immediate danger call 999.
- Message via the blue message button on Woking Beat [Facebook](#) page.
- Livechat on Surrey Police website www.surrey.police.uk.

- Online via the Surrey Police [how to report crime webpage](#).
- Call 101.
- If you do not wish to leave your name, please call the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Neighbourhood Watch Groups

There are two Neighbourhood Watch Facebook groups in the area sending out up to date alerts on community safety and sharing information on police and crime issues. Anyone can join.

West Byfleet and Pyrford Neighbourhood Watch Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/555297438641547

Byfleet Neighbourhood Watch Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/ByfleetNeighbourhoodWatch/?ref=share

Article by Sheila Carroll

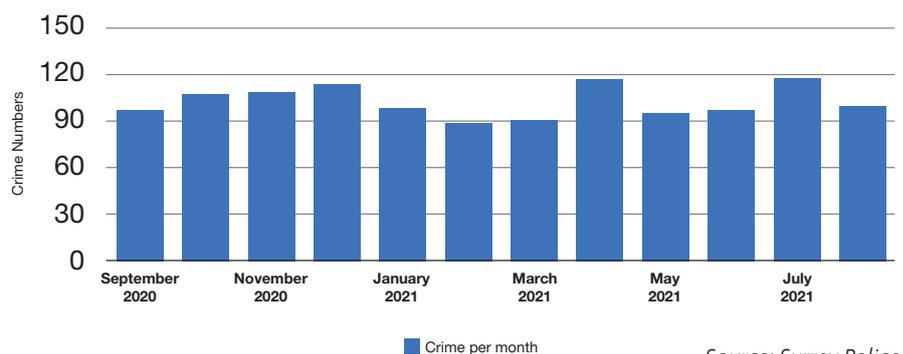


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Crime for September 2020 to August 2021



Source: Surrey Police

A Midsummer Night's Dream at Pyrford Cricket Club

On September 2nd, Pyrford Cricket Club hosted Scoot Theatre's productions of The Comedy of Errors and A Midsummer Night's Dream. These family friendly one-hour versions of Shakespeare's comedies were touring Cricket Clubs throughout the Summer and Pyrford was fortunate enough to receive them. As many will know, before I became a Councillor, I was a stage actor, so I was not about to miss the opportunity to catch some live theatre in my own ward!



I caught the Midsummer Night's Dream performance and I thought it was excellent. The show was wonderfully staged - all the cast were in cricket attire and really made the location part of the story. It was a whistle-stop ride through one of the bard's most famous plays and utilising everything from live music to puppetry to slapstick, they kept the audience enthralled and the hour flew by. The audience that was made up of many children, who all sat wide-eyed in amazement at what, I'm sure for many, would have been their first experience of Shakespeare.

I know how challenging it can be to successfully impart Shakespeare to those who may not have experienced it before. The incredibly talented cast were able to tell story with bags of energy and buckets of enthusiasm, all playing multiple roles and multiple instruments. The "play within the play" at the end of the story had everyone in stitches, especially with the corpse getting bored with being dead and deciding to burst into a verse of Jerusalem (it is cricket themed after all).

A huge thank you to Scoot for coming to visit us in Pyrford. And a MASSIVE thank you to Simon Clifton, Vicki Sullivan and everyone involved at Pyrford Cricket Club for organising this and bringing some Shakespeare into the heart of the village. I will always support live theatre in Pyrford and I thought it was a roaring success - bring on the next one!

Article by Cllr Steve Dorsett

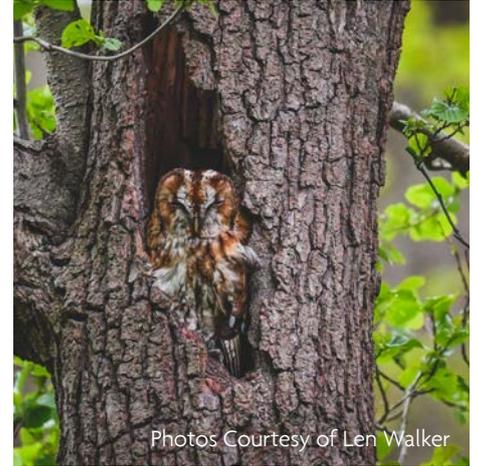
Wild Pyrford

As Autumn begins its slow descent into Winter, we at Wild Pyrford have been keen to reflect the changing season in our [YouTube videos](#) and, more importantly, to record just how busy Pyrford residents have been in their environmental and conservation activities. Over the next couple of months, we'll follow the scheme to put up Owl Boxes in West Byfleet and visit one resident who's built his in a marvellously old Oak Tree.

There are signs that, although the box has only been there a short time, it is already 'in use' probably by a tawny Owl. Down the road in West Byfleet, at the Allotment, a brilliant plan has been hatched to create a series of 'Bug Hotels' on the periphery of the land, to attract insects and stimulate pollination, so important for any sort of food cultivation. The first of these 'insect housing developments' has been built out of some old wooden pallets. Filled with damp straw, rotting wood and airbricks, it is already providing shelter and breeding grounds for a variety of creepy-crawleys! Members of the Allotment, in company with their relatives and offspring, came over one damp weekend in August to help put the Bug Hotel together.



Various names were considered for the new insect accommodation including 'Btingham Palace', my favourite, but, after much discussion and debate, it was settled as the 'West Byfleet Bee & Bee'!



Photos Courtesy of Len Walker

Finally, news of one enterprising Pyrfordite who, on losing part of the garden to their new house extension, decided to 'reclaim' hitherto unused space - on their kitchen roof! The 'living



roof' with its sphagnum moss has, almost overnight, become a haven for wildflowers and insects. The roof will stay green all year and provide the habitats that were lost when the building works reclaimed the back lawn and some of the flowerbeds. Follow 'Wild Pyrford' on [YouTube](#) to meet the people who are helping to green up our neighbourhoods and keep Conservation uppermost in our minds.

Article by Tim Matthews



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Sanway-Byfleet Flood Alleviation Scheme

You will be pleased to hear that work on the appraisal of options for the Sanway-Byfleet Flood Alleviation Scheme continues. This essential scheme aims to reduce flood risk to up to 153 properties in the Sanway area which you can see on the location plan below. In March 2021, the Environment Agency engaged with residents through Zoom meetings and shared information via a project website to inform residents and get their feedback. It was not possible to hold events in person due to the pandemic, but the virtual events proved very popular with residents with over 50 people attending. Further responses were made online and via email.

The Environment Agency is always keen to hear your views anytime and not just during the engagement events so please do get in touch. At the March 2021 engagement event, residents asked questions and provided feedback on several key areas. There were queries raised on visual impact of the flood defences, landscaping, access and use of Common Meadows, not increasing flood risk elsewhere, maintenance of Broad Ditch in Wisley, temporary flood barriers and on potentially lowering of the water levels in the River Wey at Byfleet Mill weir.

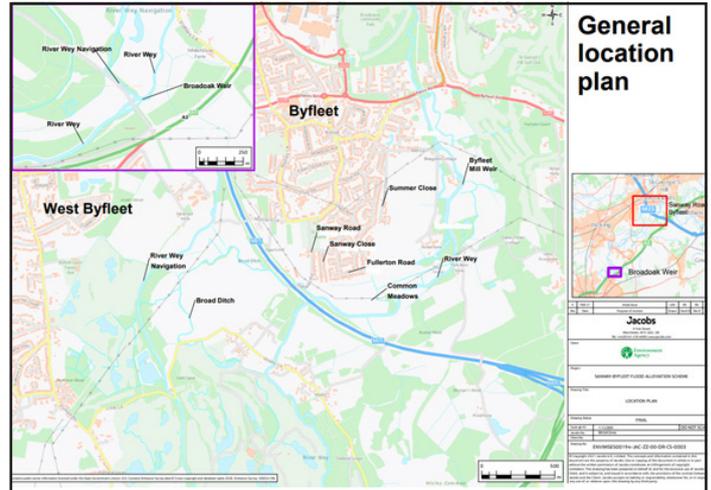
The Environment Agency is considering all the responses made and is taking these into account in the development of the scheme. From the online responses, support for the scheme remains very high with 67% strongly

agreeing or agreeing with the proposals, 28% neither agreeing nor disagreeing and 5% disagreeing.

In April and May 2021, the Environment Agency undertook ecology surveys for the scheme and discovered that bats are roosting in several trees that are on the route of the proposed flood defence behind some of the houses in Fullerton Road. Bats are rightly protected under environmental regulations. The Environment Agency is now developing alternative proposals for this part of the scheme to avoid disturbing the bats. The Environment Agency is engaging with Fullerton Road residents affected by these proposals to help identify a preferred option.

It remains the case that for the scheme to be delivered, it must be fully approved and with the correct planning permission. The partnership funding must also be in place, where currently there is a shortfall. The Environment Agency is working with other partners, including Woking Borough Council and Surrey County Council, to secure this additional funding for the scheme.

Justine Glynn from the Environment Agency and Councillor Amanda Boote have both been leading the engagement with Sanway residents.



We will continue to provide updates in future issues of The Resident.

In the meantime, the website for further information and the scheme contact email address are:

Website:

www.consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/thames/sanway-byfleet-flood-alleviation-scheme

Email:

thm.schemes@environment-agency.gov.uk



Annual General Meeting of Byfleet, West Byfleet & Pyrford Residents' Association

The Annual General Meeting of Byfleet, West Byfleet & Pyrford Residents' Association will be held at 7:30pm on **Wednesday, 12 January 2022 at Our Lady Help of Christians Roman Catholic church in Madeira Road, West Byfleet**. The meeting starts at **7:30pm**.

The agenda, Treasurer's Report and any proposed policy changes will be made available on the website together with nomination forms for committee positions - www.the-residents.org.

Any proposals for an alteration to the rules of the Association must be notified to the Secretary in writing, not less than 1 calendar month before the AGM i.e. **by 12 December 2021**.

Any additional agenda items, motions and/or proposals must be notified to the Secretary, in writing, not less than 1 calendar month before the AGM i.e. by 12 December 2021.

There are vacancies for a Advertising Manager, Events Co-ordinator, Village Representatives (West Byfleet Village only) and Associate Membership Officers for all three villages. Volunteers are being sought for all these positions.

Volunteer street representatives are always welcome - more are particularly needed in West Byfleet and Byfleet. Please get in touch if you are interested.

Nomination forms for the vacant posts are available on the website - www.the-residents.org.

Please note that nominations for Committee positions should be sent to secretary@the-residents.org by **10pm on 12 December 2021**.

We look forward to a full house!

Afterwards there will be a talk from Julie Fisher, Chief Executive of Woking Borough Council followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet your committee.

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Community-led Regeneration

As working patterns, consumer habits and tastes change, the value of regeneration continues to demonstrate itself. Yet, in many areas, the process can too often spark fears of displacement, housing inequality and gentrification. Since starting on site earlier this year, Retirement Villages Group (RVG) has been working with West Byfleet residents to ensure that the redevelopment of Sheer House has the local community at its heart.

As a leading provider of retirement communities across the country, RVG knows that for any regeneration project to have value in the community, it must be bottom-up – a genuine community-led mission to deliver something new. This means not just engaging with prominent representatives in the local community but involving everyone – from councillors and resident associations to local students and gardening groups. Since acquiring the former Sheer House site last summer, this has been at the very core of the team's approach.

Good regeneration is not simply about removing what is already there to build something else – it is about incorporating the best aspects of an existing place and building on them to create something that links the heritage and history of the past with the possibilities of the future.

Earlier in the summer, RVG worked closely with South Western Railway and the site's demolition contractor, Squibb Group, to arrange for three much-loved concrete planters, which were previously located at the Sheer House site, to be granted a new lease of life at West



Byfleet railway station. The re-homing of the planters was part of a much wider initiative by RVG to reduce waste as much as possible. Rebecca Bradshaw from the West Byfleet Community Gardening Group, which recently 'adopted' the station, said: 'Since launching last year, the West Byfleet Community Gardening Group has been working hard to transform West Byfleet into a haven for wildlife. We're



delighted that RVG has been able to donate the planters, which will now be cared for by the local community.'

Most recently, the project team has continued in this vein, liaising with Woking Borough Council and the West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum to ensure that valued artefacts, such as benches, street signs and a much-used post box can be salvaged for use elsewhere in the village. This has included restoration where necessary, so that treasured items such as the West Byfleet sign gifted during the Silver Jubilee of 1977, can continue to be enjoyed for decades to come.

However, RVG understands that it is not inanimate objects, but the people, that truly makes a community. As well as continuing to meet regularly with village representatives through the West Byfleet Community Liaison Group to discuss progress and local issues, RVG has explored ways to involve those who can often be overlooked in the process, including younger generations.

As those walking past the site over the past few months will have noticed, local art students at Woking College recently lent their creative talents towards the project, painting a botanical-themed mural for the site's hoardings. The design includes intricate and colourful references such as lavender fields, drawing inspiration from West Byfleet's rich local history in producing essential oils, and has quickly become a focal point of the village.

Carmen Noble, one of the art students who helped make the initiative a success, said: '*Being a part of such a unique and fun project has been great. With our class having not seen each other as much as we would have liked to this year, it's been really fun to work on something together.*'

Thanks to the hard work of these outstanding young local artists, the artwork is proudly displayed in the village centre for all to enjoy.

With the old former brutalist office block now largely gone, the project has come a long way from when RVG first purchased the site last year. As the redevelopment of Sheer House



continues to progress, the process will continue to involve the local community. Regeneration is more than simply knocking down an old eyesore and replacing it with something new. The process is an exciting chance for the community to redefine what that space is for generations to come. For the redevelopment of Sheer House to be as successful as it possibly can, it should be shaped by those that call West Byfleet home.

Article by Terry Unitt,
Senior Project Manager at RVG

RETIREMENT
VILLAGES

Something to do.... when you have some spare time...

Don't know if you have ever thought about following up on your family history. It is something I have been interested in for quite a while and once you start it is amazing what you uncover.

The things you can discover can be very exciting. With technology, I have been on virtual guided walks of Yorkshire towns along streets where my ancestors lived all from sitting in the comfort of my own home. It is good to see the buildings of an area and learn about the local pastimes and occupations.

You may find lots of interesting facts, in my case links to prison, the brewing trade and family inheritance that got squandered by marriage. Visiting the places your relatives have lived and worked via old maps is also fun. Being part of a history society, whether it is nearby or further away means you are part of a group of like-minded people. You also get more of an understanding of different parts of the UK.

With technology, one can find out a lot about one's family history and learn new skills, plus, meet lots of interesting people and increase one's social history knowledge via the internet through zoom sessions.

The benefits from learning about a bygone era include listening to talks from people who still live in the areas where one's ancestors lived.

A good starting point is by joining U3A or joining a local history society

Woking U3A provides a Genealogy beginner's course. It's an excellent introduction to setting off on the right track. It is a little-known fact that U3A is open to anyone provided you are not in full time employment.



The Beginners Genealogy monthly meetings are provided by Jan and Barbara. Held via zoom on the first Wednesday of the month: 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Membership of U3A costs £ 15.00. For more information contact Jan on 01932 347710 www.wokingareau3a.co.uk.

Join a local Family History Group and/or in an area close to your roots.

It is good to look at specific geographical areas where you are interested in doing research. Membership will usually cost £12 to £16 per year. You will get a regular magazine and there are members who live locally who will be pleased to help.

In the Woking area, we have the West Surrey Family History Society. They are always looking for new members and to join it costs £13.00. Their quarterly journal is full of useful ideas,

information and advice.

Being a member includes meeting people from all around the world. You start to recognise friendly faces and share laughter as well as learning lots.

For more details visit www.wsfhs.co.uk.

Surrey History Centre

The history centre has a variety of sources to assist you. They are available to guide you through your first steps. Located at 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND www.shs@surreycc.uk. Telephone 01483 518737

Byfleet History Society

This is a friendly local organisation that when time allows, hold history talks and provide a newsletter of local historical interest. They also have a drop-in session at Byfleet Library on the first Saturday of the month between 10.30 - 12.30.

To **contact the Society**, leave a note at Byfleet Library or

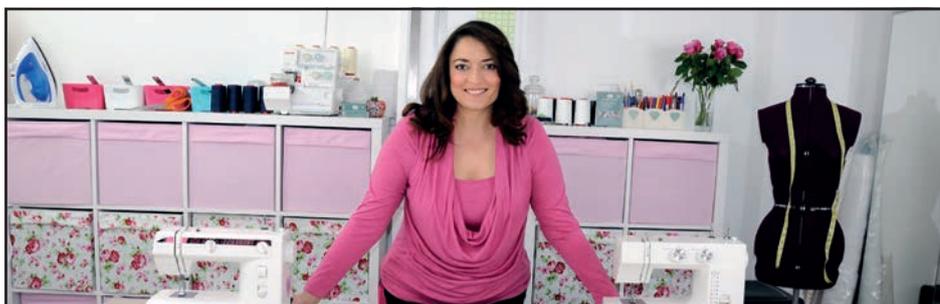
Email: info@byfleetheritage.org.uk
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FREE WEBSITES:

The following sites were listed in the Family History Federation 2019 leaflet:

- www.sog.org.uk
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Article by Jane Armitage



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Octagon, the developers behind West Byfleet's much sought after Broadoaks Park, were the proud sponsors of the West Byfleet Golf Club charity event in September, which raised over £11,000 for Shooting Star, a leading children's hospice charity caring for babies, children, and young people with life-limiting conditions.

Following 18 holes on the stunning course with a 'sports celebrity' in each group, the day was followed by a 3-course dinner.

Kate Geraghty, Octagon's Group Marketing Manager, comments:

"I was delighted to attend the evening dinner on behalf of Octagon, which was joined not only by some sporting legends but also the Ryder Cup, which sat proudly in the club house available for photographs! The evening was fantastic, made better by raising such a wonderful amount for Shooting Star, a charity we have supported and worked with in the past."

The community is growing every week at Broadoaks Park, with thirty homes now occupied, and more families getting ready to move into their new homes over the coming months.



"It is lovely to see the new owners enjoying life at Broadoaks Park - not only their own homes



Shooting Star
Children's Hospices

www.shootingstar.org.uk

and gardens, but the beautiful grounds on this spectacular 25 acre estate" comments Sandra Casali, Octagon's Regional Sales Manager.

children, where individual space for work, study and play are key requirements."

"We already have growing interest for the next phase of family houses expecting to be released in late Autumn. These will include several larger five-bedroom detached homes with double garages and generously

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Article by Kate Geraghty,
Octagon's Group Marketing Manager



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Green shoots of business recovery seen in West Byfleet and Pyrford

My article in this edition focuses on 3 local businesses, two that have started up and one that has expanded during the pandemic and post pandemic period that some say we are currently in. It is refreshing and reassuring to see the energy, belief and optimism coming from the owners of our local businesses who continue to trade in difficult and uncertain times; **please support them when you can.**

It is hoped that we will again have Christmas lights with a centrepiece tree in the Station Approach area of the West Byfleet village. Local traders and the WBBA are seeking sponsorship to enable us to 'light up' the heart of the village.

Article by Gary Elson
Pyrford Local Councillor

KeyOsteopaths

I first met Anna VP a couple of years back when I needed treatment for an old sports injury to my shoulder and neck; She had been highly recommended to me by a friend who told me that she had worked wonders in easing her problematic back pain. I decided to have a chat with her during my most recent visit whilst she was stretching my neck!

Key Osteopaths was originally founded 10 years ago during the economic slowdown; hardly a great time to start a business says Anna! Sadly, the clinic that she was renting a room from ceased to operate and the business closed. This didn't deter her and as she puts it "I was kindly taken in by West Byfleet Physiotherapists located near the station where I was able to continue to see my patients'. 'Slowly but surely positive reports from very appreciative and relieved patients have seen my list of referrals and requests for appointments continue to increase."

She then relocated and rented a room in the West Byfleet Health Centre with Jennifer Clayton the Podiatrist where she continued to

practice successfully for many months even during the worst spells of the pandemic.

This September she felt the business had reached a point where it was busy enough to expand and take on another practitioner and realise her ambition to open her own clinic (despite Covid!). "I was lucky to find a beautiful, bright little space in Park Court on Pyrford Road and so able to remain in the heart of West Byfleet," said Anna.



Anna says that "Osteopathy is a treatment for aches and pains throughout the entire body; the ethos of Osteopathy is to look at the body as a whole - something we take very seriously". "Our

goal has always been to try and provide the highest form of personal care and treatment, looking at every patient individually; their lifestyles, their weaknesses, their strengths and really try to help them understand their body and what they can do to help 'fix' themselves and optimise their health."

The calming and yet energy filled atmosphere in our new clinic creates a space that encapsulates our love for wellbeing; where patients can have a moment for themselves and make a step in feeling mentally and functioning a little better.

For more information and to learn how Anna Van Piggelen may be able to help you, get in touch with:

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Email: Keyosteopaths@gmail.com



Located at 9 Marshall Parade, Coldharbour Road, in the former premises of the Pyrford Bakery, The Pear Tree is a cosy, family-owned coffee shop. It opened its newly

painted doors on 6th September 2021; it is already a firm favourite with many locals who have been longing for a place in the heart of the village where quality coffees, fresh cakes, pastries, and light lunches are available daily.

Selling superb, Sharetrade, Chimney Fire Coffee, which is brewed in the nearby Surrey Hills, is a massive drawcard for serious coffee lovers in the area. I met with the new owners, Wayne and Alice Fernandez and Brian and Lelani Pereira (Wayne and Lelani are brother and sister) they were so excited to bring Pyrford a coffee shop it can be proud of and have already implemented

suggestions from locals such as introducing outside tables & umbrellas, broadening the menu to include healthier options such as



roasted vegetable salad, gluten free bakes and a growing variety of vegan options. Not to mention

ensuring that dairy-free milks such as oat, soya and almond are available for those coffee lovers who prefer them.

A further goal at The Pear Tree is to help other small, local businesses gain more exposure.



They already stock delicious locally produced honey from Pyrford based beekeeper, Marion Malcher who has been beekeeping since 2001.

Being parents of children attending school in the area, Wayne, Alice, Brian and Lelani are also keen to support local schools with their annual events and fundraising. To this end, they're already building links with two local primary schools and are hoping to extend this further. Please do like and follow @ThePearTreePyrford on Facebook and Instagram for news, specials and events for children and families leading up to the festive season.

The transformation has been amazing; I was particularly pleased to see some familiar faces from the previous bakery still working there.

The Pear Tree,
9, Marshall Parade,
Pyrford,
Woking,
GU22 8SW



West Byfleet Farmers Market is the brainchild of West Byfleet residents Maria Ryan and Adam McLaren which they launched in October 2020. The market is open from 12.00pm until 4.00pm on the last Saturday of each month and is held in the car park of Our Lady Help of Christians RC Church Madeira Road in West Byfleet.



Many residents will remember that Adam and Maria set up McLaren Fine Foods in early 2020 in the shop unit of what was previously 'The Pantry' in Station Approach.

Adam has a wealth of experience in delivering high quality food as an ex-London based Executive Chef while Maria has a background in corporate events and travel. Both were considering their career options as the industries in which they were employed were suffering badly because of the Coronavirus pandemic, so they decided to help the suppliers and the local community who were worried about going to supermarkets and started offering fruit & veg boxes for delivery to keep themselves busy.

They then moved on to making exquisite afternoon teas which they also delivered to doors all over Surrey. This proved to be a massive success; Maria told me that since April 2020 they delivered over 10,000 teas, Mother's Day being very popular!

The idea of starting the Farmers Market was born out of a desire to help bring the community back



together in a safe and exciting way. Today the popularity of the market is continuing to grow month



by month with over 28 stalls supplying a wide variety of high-quality products and produce. Thanks to Father Alex, not only does the market operate in the car park but space has been provided inside the Church Hall.

An enthusiastic Maria and Adam say 'Come along and celebrate all that is local while supporting Independent Businesses in our community. We have a host of fantastic traders with a wide variety of wonderful produce and gifts and don't forget that our Christmas Market will be held on Saturday 18th December!'

For more information regarding the market or if you would like details on how to secure a 'pitch' please contact **Maria Ryan:**

Telephone: 07841 393385
Email: Maria@mclarenhospitality.co.uk
Website: www.wbfm.co.uk

Article by Gary Elson
 Pyrford Local Councillor

Memories of Sheer House

Having been born in West Byfleet and worked at Sheer House for 40 years I have been asked to record some personal memories. This first part covers the area about the time Sheer House was built in the early 1960's.

Facing the Old Woking Road was the derelict



Sheer House Hotel with rooms, restaurant, catering for weddings, the library and where children were taken as a treat for tea. Troops were billeted there in the war. At the rear there were concrete ramps over a pit where I used to grease my Austin Somerset. Opposite the hotel was Garnett Jones (Desire). I loved watching the Lamson tube system

which sent your bill from the counter to the cashier's kiosk for payment. A couple of doors away was Summers' grocery store.

Howards Garage (Globe House) was opposite the post office (New Haweli). I bought a 12" sewer pipe for a HIFI speaker cabinet at Knowles builders' yard (Koyal). It stood 3ft high in my bedroom and sounded great.

Dr's Jack and Lloyd had their surgeries in their homes which were about where Boots was.

An interesting article "West Byfleet's Award-Winning Sheer House" by Ian Wakeford can be seen at www.wokinghistory.org/onewebmedia/180420.pdf How many cars do you recognise?

Article by Derek Berriman

Litter Picking Pyrford Common

Several Committee Members and friends joined a litter pick organised by Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum on Pyrford Common.

Thank you to those members of the public



who, when they came across us, thanked us for our efforts. We unfortunately picked up much more rubbish than we expected.



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The installation of a memorial bench for Godfrey Chapples 17th July 2021

The Community Library was proud to host the installation and blessing of Godfrey's bench on 17th July 2021. Pauline Chapples and her family attended as guests of honour and were joined by representatives of the community and donors who had contributed towards the cost of the bench and plaque.

Deputy Mayor Saj Hussein and councillors attended to pay tribute to Godfrey for all the work that he and his wife Pauline had done for the community over many years.

Reverend John McCabe blessed the bench and spoke about Godfrey's life in Byfleet. Godfrey was an active member of St Mary's Church faith community, being on St Mary's Church Parish Council and initiating Byfleet Community News. He was on the Byfleet Parish Day Committee and was instrumental in ensuring the continuation of this annual event. Godfrey was also involved in the Byfleet Oral History Group millennium project. Importantly, to the lives of our village's youngest children, Godfrey read stories to them at the weekly library 'Rhyme time.' He brought stories and characters to life with his very own panache and expression!



The RA is particularly indebted to Godfrey as past Chairman and Village Representative for Byfleet for many years.



The beautiful bench sits in front of the library garden recently created by Jim England and his team. Pauline invites you to enjoy sitting on the bench and surveying the scene with all the interest and hopefulness which Godfrey would have felt!

Article by Eleanor Grady and Jean-Pierre Frossard



Godfrey Chapples

The RA Garden Seed Share Scheme - Autumn 2021 update

The RA is pleased to advise that the seed share scheme pilot in 2021 was a great success and we will be expanding the scheme in 2022 and beyond. The scheme offered over 35 varieties of flower seeds and the same number of varieties of vegetable seeds. It was open to residents of all three villages. Our thanks go to Byfleet Community Library and St Mary's Centre for the Community who made the seeds available throughout the growing season.

Many thanks too to residents and allotment holders who contributed spare seeds and seeds they collected!

Article by Eleanor Grady and Jean-Pierre Frossard



RA Garden Seed Share

Free gardens seeds will again be available from
12th March 2022!

From Plough Green, Byfleet from 12th March 2022
And then from March to October 2022 from:
Byfleet Community Library, Plough Green.
St Mary's Centre for the Community (Byfleet), Stream Close.

If you have spare seeds collected from your garden or part-used packs, these can be donated to the scheme at the above locations or email vr@the-residents.org or call/text 07968 228417.

Thank you!

On behalf of the Byfleet West Byfleet Pyrford Residents' Association (RA) Nov 2021

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Pyrford	Steve DORSETT	Conservative	07729 829658	cllrsteve.dorsett@woking.gov.uk www.facebook.com/CllrSteveDorsett	Surgery 1st Friday of each month from 09.00am until 11.00am Church of the Good Shepherd
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There are 5 Fire Station Bells in this issue (excluding those on page 12)

SAVE THE DATE
THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM
12th January 2022 at 7:30pm

Location
Our Lady Help of Christians Roman Catholic church in Madeira Road, West Byfleet

Guest Speaker
Julie Fisher, Chief Executive of Woking Borough Council

RA Committee meetings take place on 3rd Wednesday of each month (except August & December) – check RA website for further details (www.the-residents.org).

Date & time	Event	Details
Last Saturday in the Month except December	West Byfleet Farmers Market	Car park of 'Our Lady Help of Christians RC Church', Madeira Road
Saturday 4th December 10am to 4pm	Christmas gift and decoration stalls	Byfleet Village Christmas Market Plough Green, Byfleet Village
4th - 7th December 4pm to 8pm	Community Christmas Tree Festival Byfleet Trees decorated by local organisations including RA	St John's Church West Byfleet The Trees are being judged the day before by the Mayor of Woking
Saturday 18th December 12 noon to 4pm	Farmers Christmas Market A wide variety of produce and gift stalls from local, independent businesses in our community	Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Madeira Road, West Byfleet, KT14 6BH

*** YOUR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU ***

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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vrb@the-residents.org

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Andy Grimshaw, Pyrford Village Representative

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