

# The RESIDENT

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

## VILLAGE PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



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## Welcome to the latest issue (Issue 170) of The Resident newsletter



I am pleased that this edition is a printed version and is being distributed by our wonderful Street Representatives.

A special thanks to all the Street Reps for delivering issue 169 of the Newsletter.

This issue will also be available on the RA website - [www.the-residents.org](http://www.the-residents.org).

In this issue there are updates on the Byfleet Fire station Trust, RA Orchard Project, Seed Share Scheme and many more RA activities.

I have added another Sudoku puzzle in this edition. We have updates on Botanical Place and the Broadoaks development in West Byfleet.

Many people enjoyed and celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by having street parties, we have captured these events and have included the photos within this issue. The British Legion need Poppy organisers for the Byfleet area (see page 10) - Please try and help if you can. We feature 3 local businesses in this edition.

I am sure that you will enjoy reading Issue 170 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.

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).

Best wishes from the editor.

Robert Munford  
Editor



## Membership Secretary's Report

### Village Membership Officers

I am delighted to be able to report that the Village Membership Officer (VMO) positions for all 3 villages are filled. A very big "Thank You" to each of:



Jeremy (Jed) Allen, VMO Byfleet  
David Bell, VMO West Byfleet  
John Tiller, VMO Pyrford

We will continue collectively to update existing members' contact details, add new members to our database, and allocate subscriptions received to those members who have paid.

We still need Street Representatives across all 3 villages, see below a description of the role & key responsibilities of the Street Rep:

- To deliver the Resident three times a year to members on their list
- To collect subscriptions once a year and to return subscriptions and updated membership lists to the Village Representative
- To be a conduit between members, the Village Representative and the Committee for raising members' concern about the area
- To contact new residents and make them welcome and aware of the Association
- To endeavour to recruit new members within their area

Please ... if you can spare a few hours to support the RA, do get in touch with either myself ([members@the-residents.org](mailto:members@the-residents.org)) or your Village Representative (see Committee contact details on the back page).

Isabelle David

Membership Secretary

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Welcome to edition 170 of our Newsletter.



I am sure that we all greatly enjoyed and indeed admired the wonderful celebrations both nationally and throughout the Commonwealth of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We now look forward to her Majesty becoming the longest ever ruling Monarch thus eclipsing Louis XIV!

There were several well organised events in our Three Villages. I think that a special mention is very much deserved for the Wit Knits of St. John's, West Byfleet who transformed the Village with their guardsmen etc. giving much pleasure and indeed pride - almost our own alternative Trooping the Colour.

It is wonderful to see the return of our own local summer events - St. John's summer fete; Byfleet Parish day and Pyrford and Wisley village show. All of these events require much organisation which means volunteers. I would just mention that going forward Pyrford and Wisley do now require additional support so, if at all possible, please do volunteer.

All three villages also require additional Street Representatives. I have always thought of you as our eyes and ears and our immediate point of contact with the Community but those standing down do need to be replaced. The Residents' Association is fortunate to have such capable and willing volunteers, and we are indebted to them for their hard work, expertise and commitment. However, we do need more support.

Another celebration in June was the centenary of the founding of West Byfleet Golf Club. Two prominent businessmen who lived locally were instrumental in the creation of the Club - F.C Stoop and J.H. Robinson. As many of you are aware our community has much to thank the Stoop family for over so many years. The Club is a special place, it is a community club and as testimony to that over the past twenty years it has donated over £650,000 to local charities. We thank you.

### Botanical Place

This is discussed in some detail elsewhere. Hopefully by the time you are reading this there will be better news as to progress. I think that we all have to accept that global and national events have made the logistics and negotiations significantly more complex and demanding. However as far as we are aware there remains a strong commitment to this project. Unfortunately, some of the posts on social media are uninformed and even rather offensive regarding the Council, Councillors and the Developer.

### Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill 2022

This has been a long time in the making and

whether or not it has been worth the wait is for others to decide. The Bill is currently going through its various stages in Parliament. It is not a great read and at 338 pages I shall restrict myself to a small number of extracts.

Ambitions of the Bill are to:

- Improve the planning system to give communities a louder voice, making sure developments are beautiful, green and accompanied by new infrastructure and affordable housing.
- Capturing more of the financial value created by development with a locally set, non-negotiable levy to deliver the infrastructure that communities need, such as housing, schools, GPs and new roads.
- Local plans will be given more weight when making decisions on applications, so that there must be strong reasons to override the plan.
- As well as giving neighbourhood plans greater weight in planning decisions, the Bill will increase the accessibility of neighbourhood planning by allowing parish councils and neighbourhood forums to produce a simpler 'neighbourhood priorities statement' which the local authority will be obliged to consider when preparing its local plan. The Bill also includes new 'street vote' powers, allowing residents on a street to bring forward proposals to extend or redevelop their properties in line with their design preferences. Where prescribed development rules and other statutory requirements are met, the proposals would then be put to a referendum of residents on the street, to determine if they should be given planning permission.

**Other elements of the Bill are:**

- Zonal system dropped and annual new housing targets in doubt.
- Giving residents more of a say over changing street names and ensuring everyone can continue to benefit from al fresco dining.
- Strengthening neighbourhood planning and digitalise the system to make local plans easier to find, understand and engage with; by making it easier for local authorities to get local plans in place, we will limit speculative development.

A fundamental change will be that Section 106 will be replaced by a non-negotiable levy on the value of new developments. It is hoped that this will allow house builders to "buy off" objections to developments by funding infrastructure such as schools, roads and primary care facilities. The level of the levy will be set locally.

- The government wants to make sure that more of the money accrued by landowners and developers goes towards funding the local infrastructure – affordable housing, schools, GP surgeries, and roads – that new development creates the need for. To do this, the Bill will replace the current system of developer contributions with a simple, mandatory, and locally determined Infrastructure Levy. The Bill sets out the framework for the new Levy, and the

detailed design will be delivered through regulations.

- The new Infrastructure Levy will be charged on the value of property when it is sold and applied above a minimum threshold. Levy rates and minimum thresholds will be set and collected locally, and local authorities will be able to set different rates within their area. The rates will be set as a percentage of gross development value rather than based on floorspace, as with the Community Infrastructure Levy at present.
- Retain the neighbourhood share of administrative portion as currently occurs under the Community Infrastructure Levy.

So, it would appear that the neighbourhood share of the Infrastructure Levy remains; neighbourhood plans will have greater weight; street vote powers will be introduced which are likely a recipe for neighbourhood disagreement and there is a greater focus on infrastructure.

### National Highways - M25 J10/A3 Wisley interchange

The Secretary of State for Transport has given permission to proceed. The intention is for work to commence September 2022. There have been a number of on-line briefings by Highways England. Please note (this is not a new proposal) that at Painshill coming from Seven Hills Road north side there will only be a left turn.

### Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) - 2022 Draft Consultation

From the 1st April 2013, Health and Wellbeing Boards have had a statutory responsibility to publish and keep the PNA up to date. The purpose of the PNA is to assess and set how the provision of pharmaceutical services can meet the current and future health needs of the population of Surrey for a period of up to three years.

The RA have responded to the consultation and we have a number of concerns.

### Housing Delivery Test

The Housing Delivery Test (HDT) was introduced by the Government in July 2018 and revised in February 2019. It is now published every year. The Government published the latest HDT on 14 January 2022. The HDT is an annual measurement of housing delivery against the planned housing requirement, in the case of Woking Borough during the Local Plan period to 2027 not less than 4964 net additional dwellings.

According to the Government's figures Woking scored 78%. It is not clear how this figure was arrived at but regardless, The Council will now have to prepare an action plan to demonstrate how the planned growth (100% or average of 292 dwelling p.a.) can be achieved.

I am told that my reports are too long and too boring. This one is shorter.

*Stewart Dick  
Chairman of The Residents' Association*

## BYFLEET

A happy Platinum Jubilee year to all!



The month of June saw Byfleet festooned in red, white and blue. The Byfleet Amenities Group and Friends of Byfleet Parish Day worked tirelessly for the village in the heat of 'flaming June' days! The Jubilee post-box topper appeared on the box near the Old Byfleet Fire



Station to replace the previous Easter topper.

The month of July allowed Byfleet to revel in its annual Parish Day, after an absence of two years, due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

### Village Events and Initiatives

#### Easter Events

The community library hosted an 'Easter Eggstravaganza' arranged by The Friends of Byfleet Parish Day on 2nd April. 68 children coloured pictures of Easter eggs received a chocolate egg prize and entered their drawings into a competition to be the 'Royal Family' at Parish Day in July.

Separately, a resident and her son arranged a village Easter Egg hunt in which many families took part. Prizes of chocolate eggs were kindly donated by local businesses.



#### Jubilee Events

Our village schools created rich memories for their pupils, through their history lessons, activities and parties. Many residents arranged street parties. The Community Library held a Jubilee Coffee morning on Saturday 4th June.



Village events included Jazz at the Village Hall and a Jubilee Picnic in Plough Green on Friday 3rd June. Councillors and Borough dignitaries spent the whole afternoon with the villagers, even helping

tidy the Green at the end of the day. Stalls, picnic tables and a BBQ, arranged by The Plough pub, filled the Green. At the Children's Activities stall, 75 children (and some adults!) planted a seed to grow by Parish Day and 100 painted Jubilee paper plates! Many Byfleet residents

enjoyed the 100th Brooklands Park Run which coincided with the Jubilee.



#### Byfleet Parish Day 16th July 2022

By the time you read this, we hope we may have seen you at the RA stall now that we are finally able to enjoy this annual village event together!

#### The RA Free Garden Seed Share Scheme

The 2022 season launched on 12th March with a stall hosted by the Byfleet Community Library. Please see [page 15](#).

#### RA Orchard Project

'Our gardens -our virtual orchard!' Thank you for all the questionnaires returned so far. You can return them at any point- there is no deadline! Please see [page 14](#).

#### Waterways and planning River Water Quality.

CLr Amanda Boote is planning a working party with the University of Surrey and the Green Party to look into what needs to be done in our villages regarding air and water quality monitoring and improvement. The RA's Environmental Officer is pleased to have been asked to give input.

#### Other River-related items

Byfleet Angling Association ([www.byfleetanglingassociation.co.uk](http://www.byfleetanglingassociation.co.uk)), founded in 1910, supports our community through daily waterside litter picks. They are involved in other campaigns including one to fundraise and control invasive species such as floating pennywort. You will be able to read an article by BAA in our autumn Issue.

The Byfleet Boat Club Ltd ([www.byfleetboatclub.com](http://www.byfleetboatclub.com)) hosted a talk by Tristan Brown the National Trust General Manager and their January Edition of the 'By the Wey' newsletter raises the issue of water quality and pollution.

#### Sanway Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Environment Agency and partners in the SFAS Forum arranged a Drop-In for residents on 12th May 2022 at St Mary's Centre for the Community. Explanatory maps and diagrams were made available and there were ample project staff on hand to answer questions. The EA were very impressed with the number of residents who attended and were themselves thanked for giving up their Saturday for the good of the village and project. Subsequent zoom-format presentations were made available.

#### Former Manor School Site (on the corner of Sanway Road and Magdalen Crescent)

Surrey County Council appointed community consultation company 'Your Shout' to arrange

a consultation (online and by post) regarding the plans for new, high quality Supported Independent Living accommodation on the site of the former Manor School. Plans can be seen by typing ByfleetSIL.site into your browser or by calling 0800 955 1042 or emailing [ByfleetSIL@yourshout.org](mailto:ByfleetSIL@yourshout.org). It is hoped that the site will also accommodate a new Guide hut. A key question raised by some residents related to their understanding that the land had been bequeathed to the 'children of Byfleet'. The consultation team explained that SCC had done Due Diligence on all Land Registry entries and had received confirmation that SCC has title absolute to the land. While not objecting to the land use for Supported Independent Living, a number of residents felt that the pitch roofs/ look of the design was not in keeping with the surrounding features and gabled roof of nearby Sanway houses.

#### In other news

##### Community Meetings with the Police Borough Commander

Our Councillors arranged opportunities for the villages to meet the new Police Borough Commander and local neighbourhood officers. The meeting in Byfleet took place on 12th May 2022 and was attended by interested members of the public as well as by the Chairman and local members of the Neighbourhood Watch.

##### Binfield Bakery closed on 4th June 2022

It was with sadness that owner and manager Linda announced her retirement and the closure of Binfield Bakery which had been Linda's Family business since 1979. The village thanks Linda for all those years of wonderful service and delicious bread and cakes.



##### Byfleet Old Fire Station Trust

Councillor Boote was able to publicise the Trust's progress on Radio Woking on 11th May, during an interview by Zahir Ahmed, who grew up in Byfleet.

##### RA Subscriptions and Street Representatives

Thank you to those who have paid their 2022 subscriptions. Any remaining can be paid to your Street Rep in the RA envelopes provided or paid as a direct payment to the RA bank account. Cheques can be sent to us c/o Byfleet Village Hall's postal address which is on the back page of this newsletter. Cheques should be made out to BWBPRA.

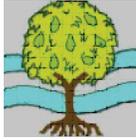
We have many roads without a representative- would you like to join the team to distribute The Resident just three times a year!? Please email [yrb@the-residents.org](mailto:yrb@the-residents.org).

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

## PYRFORD

### Members Subscriptions Received From Pyrford

Thank you to all our Pyrford members who have paid their 2022 subscriptions and thanks to all the Street Reps for collecting the all monies and delivering issue 169. Over £3,000 has been collected.



### West Byfleet Library

Pebble Rhymetime is back and is held every Friday at 10:30 for half an hour.

### Parking in Pyrford

Unfortunately, parking continues to be an issue in many roads around Pyrford but in particular around Marshall Parade shops.

Surrey County Council parking officers have reviewed the issues raised and various changes have been agreed by the Woking Joint Committee. These are outlined in more detail in the Pyrford Forum report:

### Street Representative Vacancies

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

Broomcroft Close, Broomcroft Drive, Coldharbour Road opposite School, Dorin Court, Hacketts Lane, Longridge Close, Old Woking Road, Orchard Lea Close, Pyrian Close, Roughlands, Rowley Close.

Any help would be much appreciated, as I am covering these roads myself as Pyrford Village Representative **Planning Applications**

A detailed Planning report can be found on the Residents' Association website, attached to the relevant minutes or on the Pyrford Forum website.

Andy Grimshaw  
VR Pyrford



The [Main Hall](#) boasts a stage and has a separate kitchen, we also have two meeting rooms one of which has a kitchenette.



### The Arbor Centre - Pyrford Village

The Arbor Centre is located in the heart of Pyrford. We are a community facility supporting the Guides and Scouts groups as well as [local clubs](#) such as Fitness, Badminton & Bridge.

The PGSPA (Pyrford Guides & Scouts Parents Association) was established in 1996 to maintain and run the facility so that the children, young people and residents of Pyrford and the surrounding area can take part in recreational and leisure activities all year round. The Arbor Centre is available for parties, dances, concerts and theatrical productions.



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## Pyrford Guides and Scouts Parents Association The Arbor Centre needs your HELP!

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- Do you have a spare hour or two to help?
- Do you have a skill/idea to help us with?
- Do you know anyone local that would like to help?
- Are you running an activity or club and looking for a venue?

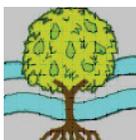
The PGSPA Committee members help to maintain the Arbor Centre facility for the benefit of the Guides and Scouts Units, local clubs and the local community. We also hire rooms for parties and events and host regular club and activities - see details on our website: [thearborcentre.weebly.com](http://thearborcentre.weebly.com)

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## PYRFORD

### Have your Say

So far, two issues have been raised - parking & speeding. Both are difficult issues to resolve but various proposals are being considered.



### Speeding

#### Old Woking Road Average Speed Camera

Following concerns expressed by local residents, the Forum, supported by the Residents' Association, submitted a detailed series of question at a Woking Joint Committee last year. Cllr Liz Bowes has confirmed that an average speed camera has been approved along the Old Woking Road from Sheerwater Road to Pyrford Common Road as part of the safety camera enforcement scheme list.

The Forum is very grateful to her support in achieving this important outcome for local residents.

#### Other Local Roads

Another initiative, led by Cllr Gary Elson, is to set up a 'local speed watch' team in Pyrford. The critical mass is six people and training will be given. If you are interested, please email Gary at [cllrgary.elson@woking.gov.uk](mailto:cllrgary.elson@woking.gov.uk).

### Parking

Surrey County Council held a consultation which closed on 22nd July, about various proposed parking changes proposed in Pyrford Village, which were approved at the Woking Joint Committee on 4th April 2022.

These are:

Double yellow lines on both sides of Lincoln Drive at its junction with Old Woking Road

2hr timed parking in the two bays outside Marshall Parade Shops Monday to Saturday 8:30 to 6pm (no return within 1 hour)

Double yellow lines along Coldharbour Road opposite the shops towards the Church

Additional double yellow lines in Old Acre  
More details can be found at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/local-news-and-updates/woking/woking-parking-review-2022](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/local-news-and-updates/woking/woking-parking-review-2022) or by visiting West Byfleet Library.

If you any other local issues/concerns, then why not email [info@pyrfordforum.org](mailto:info@pyrfordforum.org).

### IMPACT OF PYRFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There are over 200 planning applications per annum in the Forum Area and the Forum does, on occasions, make formal objections. Since Newsletter 169, the Forum did so on seven applications:

Milestones, Pyrford Road	Erection of a first-floor side extension and internal alterations	Concern about impact on Locally Listed building next door
Beech Rise, Lock Lane	Formation of vehicular access onto Lock Lane	Impact on rural nature of Lock Lane
	Erection a single storey dwelling following demolition of existing stables	Inappropriate development in Green Belt and change of use of building
Farley Lodge, 62 Boltons Lane	Erection of a single storey front and rear extension to existing detached garage incorporating ground floor link to house and proposed conversion of garage into habitable accommodation	Neutral comment requesting Planning officer gives due weight to any impact on the setting of the Grade 2 listed building next door Bluegate Cottages
45 Lincoln Drive	Insertion of 3No front, 1No side and 2No rear rooflights and 2No skylights (retrospective)	Concern about amended plans still being out of character with the street scene
Tynings, Hazel Road	Erection of a two-storey replacement dwelling with accommodation in the roof space and a basement and erection of a detached garage with accommodation in the roof space following demolition of existing dwelling and garage	Concern about over development – subsequently WITHDRAWN
Pyrford Place Farm Estate	Replacement fencing along the Lock Lane boundary and alterations to existing access on Lock Lane (Retrospective)	Concern about appearance and impact of higher fencing

More detail on these and other planning applications in Pyrford can be found in a monthly update at [www.pyrfordforum.org/planning-application-news](http://www.pyrfordforum.org/planning-application-news). For the comments mentioned in Newsletter 168, the outcomes were:

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

To help improve the Forum's knowledge of the Planning process, the Forum requested a presentation by the Planning Department, Woking Borough Council. A few Committee Members attended, and everyone found it most informative. The Forum would like to thank Tom James & his team for their time in preparing and presenting the session face to face and to agreeing to regular follow ups.

This followed on from a presentation in January 2022 from the Planning Policy Team, Woking Borough Council. The Residents' Association and the Forum would like to thank Ernest Amoaka & his team for their time in preparing and presenting that session on zoom.



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*Pyrford NFR continued.*

## Forum Activities

### Walk on Wildside Tea Party

Following the very successful & over-subscribed event in October 2021, the second event was held on Saturday 30th July. This enabled attendees to see the rewilding land in a different season. Further feedback will be in the next newsletter.

### Heritage Conservation Assessment and Nature Surveys

The work continues with ongoing discussions with key stakeholders.

The key evidence base has already been collated into a report.

In the Forum area, there are just under 20 Grade 1 & Grade 2 listed buildings, a further 24 locally listed buildings, 2/3rds of the Forum Area is designated Green Belt mainly open fields, two ancient woodlands and a sizeable escarpment.

As part of the evidence collation, the Forum intends to carry out nature surveys of much of the open spaces in the area.

### 2023 Wildlife Calendar

To celebrate the variety of local wildlife found in Pyrford, the Forum, with the help of local photographer Mike Tibbotts, has produced a 2023 calendar. There are 13 superb pictures, and it is available for £12 by emailing [info@pyrfordforum.org](mailto:info@pyrfordforum.org).



Photo by Mike Tibbott

### Stall at Pyrford Village Show

The Village Show was held on Saturday 9th July where the Residents' Association and the Forum had a stall. I do hope many of you visited us to find out more about our activities.

To be kept up to date, then why not register to Join the Forum at [www.pyrfordforum.org](http://www.pyrfordforum.org) to receive the regular Newsletter.

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Andy Grimshaw  
Chairman Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum

## BYFLEET

We have made solid progress in forming our new plan and are planning to have the final draft completed by end September. Since re-forming we have taken advice from planning consultants, thanks to a grant from Tesco's community support fund, on plan structure, policies and the level of evidential support required by inspectors. We have also been liaising with Woking BC on our new policies to ensure that, whilst they protect and enhance the key aspects of our village, they also align with the Borough's core strategy.



There has also been a meeting with Julie Fisher, Chief Executive of Woking BC, to discuss priorities for Byfleet village. These meetings will now be a quarterly event and will also involve the other Chairs at West Byfleet and Pyrford

Forums and the Residents' Association. The objective is to keep a free flow of communication with Woking BC leadership team.

We will be taking a stall at this year's Parish Day event, the purpose to try and engage with a younger audience in forming our new plan. That said, we will welcome any input and will have information sheets and questionnaires available for those who wish to get involved.

Anti-social behaviour in Byfleet is an increasing problem and many from the committee attended a drop in event held by Woking Police to understand the challenges of tackling this issue, especially with Police resources becoming so stretched. The Forum committee have agreed to co-ordinate intelligence on anti-social behaviour hot-spots and hold a regular monthly update with our local beat team.

Anyone wishing to be involved with the Forum, and especially those with advanced social media and IT skills, please get in touch with our Chair at [andrewweiss@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewweiss@btinternet.com).

By Andrew Weiss,  
Chair of the Byfleet Residents  
Neighbourhood Forum



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## WEST BYFLEET



They say the course of true love never runs smoothly. This is certainly the case with the redevelopment of West Byfleet village centre. The scheme now has full planning permission and the old buildings have been demolished. The cleared site is ready for the builders to start. However, the economic outlook is blighted by the rapid increase in the cost of energy and other materials. It is affecting all of us and businesses too. Until things settle down getting a contractor to give a fixed price quote for a project which will take three years to complete, is difficult. The developer, Retirement Villages Group, is doing its best to move things forward. We must be patient and supportive of them.

Elsewhere in the village building work is moving at pace. Many homes have been completed in Broadoaks Park. The buildings containing 76 assisted living apartments have reached roof height and should be completed early next year.

The retail scene is positive with most of our shops occupied and I see that what was the Woking Hospice shop is under offer to a new occupant.

We have now taken the West Byfleet Community Gardening Group under our wing to save them the bureaucracy of running a separate organisation and allowing them to concentrate on plants and flowers. I am sure you will agree with me they are doing a great job. Have a look at the borders around the small car park by the Station, in particular.

I would like to add my thanks to the Wit Knits group for giving our village such a memorable Platinum Jubilee experience. Our regiment looked as good as the ones on the Mall!

The Forum is working hard on improvements to the Recreation Ground. We have asked Woking Council to fence the tennis court. The Council has told us they are negotiating a contract with the Lawn Tennis Association to modernise all the courts in the Borough. Ours will be part of that but we have to wait a bit longer.....

We are now trying to get exercise equipment put in.

The big project for us is to get a new Community Centre built. We have had several meetings with Julie Fisher, the Chief Executive of Woking Council and we are making progress.

This building will be very important for our community. As well as the traditional uses of such a building we intend for it to provide healthcare services to enhance those provided in our Health Centre and to be a hub for the health and wellbeing of our residents. There are a number of potential sites for the building.

There is still no news about the development of the land around West Hall to provide up to 600 new homes in West Byfleet. It is a significant project which will have a big impact here. I suspect that like the village centre redevelopment, the current economic situation is causing a delay. We will of course keep you informed should we learn any more about it.

New housing is an important topic. Woking Council is required by the Government to ensure that a minimum of 292 new homes a year are built over a 15-year period. We lost a big chunk of our Green Belt here to help them achieve that. The number built is now behind the required run rate even though the Council has provided enough land to meet the numbers. Please refer to the Chairman's message.

Our website ([wbnf.org](http://wbnf.org)) is now more up to date with details of Committee members, Local Councillors and minutes of meetings. You may notice that our banner which includes silhouettes of significant local building is now a bit out of date. Two buildings have been demolished, Sheer House and the Library. We may well have a competition for suggestions of what new images of West Byfleet we should use.

The Forum Committee meets once a month in the evening and if you feel you have time to help us in any small way please get in touch.

My best wishes for an enjoyable summer and remember to keep supporting our local businesses.

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



### West Byfleet's Jubilee Yarn Bomb

The West Byfleet town centre played host to a fabulous regiment of knitted Grenadier Guards over the Jubilee week.

The "yarn bomb" was the inspiration of Janet Hodges, a long-standing resident of West Byfleet and leader of a talented



and enthusiastic knitting group known as the WitKnits. Their creations are sold locally at Christmas and Easter, with the proceeds helping to fund additional patient services through the registered charity Friends of the West Byfleet Health Centre.



The extraordinary display was created by 92 volunteers in West Byfleet, who worked for months to create not only 120 knitted Guards, but three additional knitted Royal-themed displays including depictions of the

Balmoral countryside (complete with a Land Rover and a wellie-clad Queen), a Coronation (including a golden coach and the Queen in full regalia), and gem-encrusted Crown Jewels.

Many thanks to Woking Hobbycraft and the West Byfleet sponsors Waitrose, Seymours Estate Agents and the Surrounds art shop for their generous donations towards hundreds of balls of wool. Judging by the number of passers-by taking photos, the yarn bomb brought a lot of happiness and colour to West Byfleet over a very joyous celebration weekend.

Article by Pamela Witze



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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 justifiable grounds. Compliance with Neighbourhood Forum Plans is fundamental. Our preference is not to raise major objections.

Issues that concern us is where an application is in conflict with the adopted Neighbourhood Plan.

Other matters that might give rise to concern:

- Inappropriate development in the Green Belt which would be harmful by definition and would impact detrimentally on the openness of the Green Belt and no very special circumstances exist.
- Subdivision of plot
- Over-development
- Too close to boundaries - visual separation between buildings
- In conflict with and thus detracting from the street scene
- Overbearing impact due to bulk, proximity or outlook
- Harmful impact causing loss of privacy, daylight, outlook and amenity
- Parking and road safety.

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

Since the report in Newsletter issue number 169 the following are of significance:

## Byfleet

- (a) PLAN/2022/0247 (SDC Southern 90 High Road Byfleet) approved on casting vote of the chair.
- (b) Former Manor School Site - community consultation taking place.
- (c) SCC Ref 2022/0033/ PLAN/2022/0502 (Units 11 and 12 Wintersells Road, Byfleet)

Details of cycle parking, highway maintenance, fast charge socket, water suppression scheme for the management of dust, dust curtain, soft landscaping, external building materials, boundary fencing, hard surfacing and the weighbridge submitted pursuant to Conditions 7, 9, 11, 28, 29, 34, 37, 38, 39 and 40 of planning permission Ref: EL18/3802 dated 17 July 2020. NO OBJECTION

## Pyrford

- (d) PLAN/2021/0756 (The Brambles Pyrford Road) - Outline application (all matters reserved) for a new residential development of 26 dwellings, with associated access, parking and landscaping. PLAN/2021/0756). The RA have strongly opposed on a number of grounds including Green Belt. REFUSED

- (e) PLAN/2022/0236 (Beech Rise) - Erection a single storey dwelling following demolition of existing stables. REFUSED

- (f) PLAN/2022/0343 (Milestones Pyrford Road) - Erection of a first-floor side extension and internal alterations. The RA have objected. Pending consideration

## West Byfleet

- (g) PLAN/2022/0254 (Land Adjacent To 6 Old Parvis Road) - Change of use from utilities building to Cafe (Class E) and external alterations. The RA objected. REFUSED

- (h) PLAN/2022/0291 (Rosemount House) - Prior approval under Part 20, Class AA of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the construction of part one storey, part two storey extensions on top of the existing detached building to provide 13no. self-contained apartments (Class C3) (3no. 1b1p, 3no. 1b2p and 7 no. 2b4p) together with any or all associated works permitted by AA. -(1)(a) to (d) inclusive. The RA objected. REFUSED

- (i) HABREG/2022/0002 (Phoenix House) - construction of one additional storey immediately above the topmost storey of existing detached building to provide x8 new flats (x6 1b/1p, x1 1b/2p and x1 2b/3p) (Class C3). PERMITTED

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

Stewart Dick  
Chairman of The Residents' Association

## Sanway-Byfleet Flood Alleviation Scheme May 2022 engagement

In May 2022, the Environment Agency held a drop-in event and a Zoom meeting to update the community on progress with the scheme. We had a lot of good feedback which we are considering as the scheme progresses. We are still processing the feedback and hope to give you more information in the next issue of The Resident.

Find out about the scheme at [www.onsult.environment-agency.gov.uk/thames/sanway-byfleet-flood-alleviation-scheme](http://www.onsult.environment-agency.gov.uk/thames/sanway-byfleet-flood-alleviation-scheme)

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## The British Legion Need Poppy Organisers for Byfleet Area

The lifting of restrictions late last year enabled the Royal British Legion to mount the Annual Poppy Appeal in 2021 as normal. Collecting in West Byfleet and Pyrford areas, residents donated over £23,000 to this very worthwhile cause for which the RBL is very grateful.

This sum is some 25% greater than in the last comparable period in 2019, helped to a large extent by the ability to donate by contactless card in both Waitrose and Asda. Unfortunately, the previous Organiser in Byfleet was unable to help this year and no-one could be found to come forward to take on the role of organising the collections and collectors. This was a great pity as Tesco and local business customers historically have been very generous.



The Royal British Legion would very much like to fill this gap and are looking for one, or perhaps two people, to come forward to take the lead for the Byfleet area. It is not particularly complex but does need someone who is comfortable on-line, able to organise volunteers to do the actual collecting and free to offer themselves about half-time in the three weeks of actual collecting (end of October to mid-November).

The role is very rewarding, sociable and open to anyone who would like to come forward. If you feel that you could take on this role, could you please contact the RBL West Surrey organiser, Laura George, at [LGeorge@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:LGeorge@britishlegion.org.uk) or on 07732 404857 as soon as possible.

*Article by David Clubleby*

## West Byfleet Health Centre

We have finally started the refurbishment project in the Health Centre. This will provide a further six clinical rooms on the second floor for the use of the three practices. Apologies in advance for the disruption this will cause for patients and staff as, in addition to the new rooms, all three practices will be updated and

refurbished. The whole process is expected to take a year but we are very excited about the future of the building.

In addition to the current practice clinical staff, the additional space will also be utilised for our extended workforce which is growing to assist the practices in enhancing the care for all our patients. This includes clinical pharmacists, social prescribers, mental health practitioners and care-coordinators. In addition, we have a Spirometry service for our Asthmatics and a Physiotherapy service. For the physiotherapy service, patients do not have to be referred by a GP – our receptionists can book into this service. These services are in addition to our Ultrasound service and Echocardiography service.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Wit Knits from St John's Church for their amazing display of knitted guardsmen all over the village. The Wit Knits raise money for the Health Centre to help us expand our services and upgrade our equipment. This is organised by the Friends of West Byfleet Health Centre and details of how to donate can be found on each practice's website. It was through their hard work that we have some of the services outlined above.

Before the pandemic we disbanded our Patient Participation Group and have since tried to run this virtually through social media. However, we are very keen to start a new Patient Participation Group. We are looking for volunteers to join this group to meet to discuss practice issues and patient experience

to help us improve the service. If you would be interested and are a patient of one of the three practices, please forward your interest to me through [weyfamily@nhs.net](mailto:weyfamily@nhs.net).

Finally, I just wanted to update on access arrangements into the healthcare we provide. Each practice provides access slightly differently but access includes through the NHS App, through the practice websites, and if you need an urgent on the day appointment, through the telephone (details of ways to access your practice are on the message provided when you ring the surgery). You can also access a GP via a video link using the LIVI App. This will give you contact with a GP who can access your clinical notes. Also, please do not forget to utilise your local pharmacy who can give advice on a variety of medical conditions. We are dealing with unprecedented demand on our services and are constantly trying to ensure that patients' needs are catered for by the best and appropriate clinicians.

*Article by Liz Reynold, Practice Manager, Wey Family Practice*

## Reverend Canon Philip Gardner R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that the community heard of the death of Reverend Canon Philip Gardner. Rev Gardner was the former Rector of Wisley with Pyrford and also held the position of Canon of Guildford Cathedral. He was a much-loved community leader and friend to many. He retired in 1987 and celebrated his 100th birthday in Byfleet in 2021.

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## Byfleet Easter Eggstravaganza 2022!

The Friends of Byfleet Parish Day arranged the annual Easter Eggstravaganza on 2nd April 2022. The event was hosted by the team at the Byfleet Community Library. The turnout this year was exceptional with 68 children up to the age of 11 entering the competition. The Heritage Room was a flurry of excitement and colouring.



Completed egg-colouring pictures were handed-in, in exchange for a chocolate egg. The library and our local primary schools were thanked for making the entry forms available in advance.

As part of the event, with parents' and guardians' permission, children were asked whether they would like to enter the competition to become part of the Byfleet Parish Day 2022 Royal Family. Four excellent entries were chosen and the children who created them attended a 'Royal Family' photoshoot (a Queen, a King, a Princess and a Prince!) at the Village Hall after school on 28th April.

On Parish Day, which took place on 16th July after an absence of two years, the 'Royal Family' ceremoniously paraded through the village

with the Mayor in a horse-drawn carriage to officially open the day. The 'Royal Family' wore their Parish Day purple sashes, crowns and tiaras. Apart from the long-devoured easter egg, the four winners received a gift voucher prize and free fairground rides. They are often asked to help with duties such as giving out prizes for events such as the Dog Show. Their 'royal portraits' featured in the Parish Day Programme and the local press!

Very well done to all 68 accomplished artists!

The Royal Family (left to right in the below photograph) are:

- Prince Ben B, aged 6 (St Mary's school)
- Queen Holly Cozens, aged 11 (St Mary's)
- King William Seymour, aged 8 (Byfleet Primary)
- Princess Chloe Withers, aged 7 (Byfleet Primary)

Photos by Bob Holmes

Article by Nicola Oakley

## Celebrating Byfleet Library

We're celebrating!!



Volunteers have been running our lovely Byfleet library for ten years now. Yes, that's right, ten years, so we're planning to celebrate this amazing achievement on our anniversary on 22nd September. There will be live music - hope it doesn't rain - Simon Phipps and the Fabulosos Band from 3 -5pm then the Martini Quartet. Of course, there will be refreshments. Our MP Jonathan Lord will be with us at approx. 5pm and Cllr. Amanda Boote will be there too so do please come and support us - don't forget - we do it for you.

We're very proud to have achieved this milestone despite initial opposition and would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers past and present - we couldn't have done it without you all. If you have some free time, we always welcome new volunteers so please call into our library at any time.

Article by Lynden England Chairman, Management Committee, Byfleet Community Library





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are working in partnership every Wednesday between 12pm and 2pm at Byfleet Methodist Church. As well as the Foodbank being open, Citizens Advice Woking advisers are available to speak to. Residents can drop into the Church, where you will be offered refreshments by the Foodbank volunteers and if you want, meet with a Citizens Advice adviser.

Citizens Advice offers free, confidential, and impartial advice on any topic and with the cost-of-living crisis and the rising price of energy, their information and advice has never been needed as much. Advisers can help to solve problems with welfare benefits, debt, and housing issues as well as ensuring the correct income is being received by your household. Advisers can refer residents to the Foodbank for a food parcel and if necessary, make an application to United Byfleet Charity for support.

Since opening at the beginning of November 2021, information and advice has been given to more than 90 clients on a wide variety of issues including completion of application forms to claim disability benefits, challenging parking fines, dealing with creditors and property disrepair. Grant applications have been made to help with the cost of household expenses and the purchase of white goods which have been a lifeline for those who have received the help. Citizens Advice is for everyone, so if you have any issue, big or small, the advisers on Wednesdays will be able to help. So, why not drop in and meet one of the team.

Article by Lorraine Buchanan  
Chief Executive Officer,  
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## The Weybridge Beekeepers Teaching Apiary at Byfleet Manor

Weybridge Beekeepers (WBK) is a Division of Surrey Beekeepers Association and currently has about 150 members.

Bees are essential for a healthy environment. One third of the food we eat would not be available, but for bees and other pollinating insects. In the UK about 70 crops benefit from visits from bees, which also pollinate garden flowers and many wild flowers.



There has been around a 75% decrease in the number of hives in the UK in the past 100 years. Now there are around 274,000 hives, mostly kept by approximately 44,000 amateur beekeepers, most of whom have just a few hives in their garden.



A key objective of Weybridge Beekeepers Association is to train new beekeepers. These days, with bee diseases and hive pests, it is not possible to be just a 'Bee Owner', it is necessary to manage the bees and thus be a 'Bee Keeper'.

Each year WBK runs a theory course in January to March, followed by a practical course in April to July. We needed a new location for our teaching apiary in 2022, and through one of our members we approached the owner of Byfleet Manor. We are grateful for permission to use part of the land.



There are three main types of hive at the site. One is a WBC, a traditional British hive and is a hive within an outer box. The more common hive today is the National hive and we also have Nucs or Nucleus hives, which are small boxes for small colonies of bees.

WBK will be holding 'Bee Taster Days' on 10th and 13th August to which members of the public can come and experience handling bees; bee suits will be provided. To book a place, please email [weybridgebees.training@gmail.com](mailto:weybridgebees.training@gmail.com). These events are free and provide an opportunity to help decide whether to sign up for training the following January. Under 18s are welcome, but must be accompanied by a guardian/adult because of safeguarding regulations.

A question often asked is how much time is required to keep bees. To keep just a few hives in your back garden, you need to allow an hour or two a week between April and August and then a couple of hours a month for the other months. We hope to see some of you at our Taster Days.

Article by David Parker

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# Village Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



Photos by Bob Holmes



**Retirement Villages Group's Terry Unitt leads the project delivery of Botanical Place. He is part of the group's sustainability committee charged with spearheading the sustainability programme. In this article he describes how sustainability is at the heart of their work to ensure Botanical Place in West Byfleet not only creates a place that is desirable, enjoyable, and crucially, sustainable.**

While everyone understands that like many sectors, the construction sector has been significantly affected by a number of shocks in recent months, that does not stop us from feeling frustrated by the consequences of this. Nevertheless, we have not deviated from our commitment to bring the project forward and to create a truly green and sustainable environment which will be enjoyed by our residents, visitors, and the whole community for generations to come.

Placemaking is about strengthening the connections between people and place. For Retirement Villages Group, sustainability is fundamental to ensuring placemaking benefits the environment as well as the community. Placemaking offers a valuable tool for communities to take back control of their environment. Botanical Place, and the landscape it sits in, is designed to complement the local area with sustainable, interconnected micro-habitats that will see an increase in biodiversity and a more favourable environment for people and wildlife.



Having the right consultants involved from the outset of the project was important as this gave us the confidence to take a holistic approach and to aim high.

As such the landscape design team, led by Angeli Ganoo-Fletcher, landscape director at PRP Architects, have created a tree planting scheme based on strategically selected species that will respond to the seasons and provide interest all year round.

Along the pavement on Old Woking Road, we will be planting Ginkgo Biloba 'Fastigiata' – an emerald green, upright tree that resembles a poplar in shape. This amazing tree, sometimes called a 'Maidenhair', turns a striking golden-yellow in autumn which will bring a delightful splash of colour to the street scene.

The elegant Ginkgo trees are ideally suited to our changing climate and will cope well with the evident changes affecting our seasons,



including the increased likelihood of drought and high temperatures. This striking, deciduous conifer needs only minimal maintenance, saving on energy and resources.

On Station Approach, soft prairie planting

will generate movement and flow. Interspersed among the grasses, perennials, bulbs and ferns will be a mix of flowering shrubs. Alluring to pollinators and appealing to the eye. Aside from creating a sense of welcome, these plants will provide food and shelter for wildlife, visual enjoyment and improved acoustics.



Integrating the green spaces, with their carefully designed selection of species, with the built fabric and architectural elements, means we can help control internal areas and take advantage of conditions that are created

by the weather, such as temperature, wind and rainfall.

Using the UK Green Building Council's framework for net zero carbon buildings, Botanical Place will be the first whole of life net zero carbon scheme in the UK's Retirement living sector. This means that over its whole development and operational lifespan, Botanical Place will not have contributed at all to the UK's carbon emissions. West Byfleet really is at the forefront of the UK's drive towards net zero carbon.

Of course, it is important that once complete, Botanical Place makes a positive contribution to West Byfleet for the people already living and working in the area, but a part of my role is to ensure that Botanical Place makes West Byfleet a great place to be for future generations too.

*Article by Terry Unitt,  
Senior Project Manager,  
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## Stylish later living homes, exclusively for those over 60, to be launched this Autumn at Pegasus West Byfleet

Pegasus' new development in West Byfleet will be a brand-new community of 75 later living homes and is planning on launching this Autumn with a stunning collection of one and two-bedroom homes, exclusively for those aged over 60. Situated in the heart of West Byfleet, just a short stroll from the town centre, the design features two red brick buildings with beautiful stone and bronze coloured detailing, accentuating the windows and peaceful balconies. The buildings will be joined together by a covered colonnade, creating a welcoming sheltered entrance, perfect for meeting friends as the seasons change.

The collection of homes is situated on Broadoaks Park, in company with listed buildings such as the Mansion House and Coach House dating back to 1876, all set in a designed Victorian garden. As you approach Pegasus West Byfleet, the tree lined Parvis Road provides the community with a distinctly rural feel. The landscaping of the development itself has been designed to promote a tranquil environment to relax and socialise in, along with providing allotments for community gardening and vegetable growing. Featuring two south facing gardens, securely enclosed by the development buildings, the beautiful landscaping creates a meaningful space for homeowners to overlook and enjoy spending time in.

Only a 9-minute walk to West Byfleet station and with a forecourt of plenty of car parking, you can feel connected with a range of travel options on your doorstep. A handy guest suite will be available for private booking by family and friends. Visitors can enjoy the shared



facilities and be given peace of mind that festivities and catch ups do not need to be cut short.

With respect to the history of the site, references to the existing buildings and gardens will be reflected within the landscape design. Original landscape features and planting will be restored where possible, to ensure that new elements are in keeping with the existing character of the building and its setting. Pegasus is part of Lifestory and offers an exceptional range of high-specification homes and services, created to get the very best out of a time in our lives where we can pursue our passions, live in comfort and take better care of ourselves. Our Pegasus West Byfleet homes will be ready to be moved into in 2023 and will provide an exceptional later living experience in an outstanding location.

For more information, call on **01932-911092**, email [westbyfleet@lifestory.group](mailto:westbyfleet@lifestory.group) or visit [www.lifestory.group/pegasus](http://www.lifestory.group/pegasus).

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## The RA Orchard Project – ‘Our gardens – our virtual orchard’



The RA Orchard Project was launched in March 2022 in Issue 169 of The Resident. The project has received an encouraging and interested response from members. The RA also show-cased the project at RHS Wisley's Gardening for Well-being seminar in May 2022.

You may recall that our project scope is threefold:

-  The past - to research our local fruit tree heritage and share this with residents
-  The present - to find out which fruit tree varieties residents have (or had) in their gardens
-  The future – to encourage the succession planting of more fruit trees and to discourage the removal of older, viable fruit trees

## The past – Feature article on West Hall's fruit trees and bushes

A snapshot of West Hall's gardens, documented in 1945, offers an insight to the rich and varied fruit harvest afforded by West Hall's 147-acre site.

The Surrey History Centre holds an Auction Sale Particulars Brochure from 1945 from the time when the West Hall estate was up for sale. Thanks to the Surrey History Centre and this sale brochure, we are able to take a walk through the gardens of the past. The below is part of the description as it relates to this project.

*'Beyond the Dutch Garden...[are] borders flanked by old fruit trees covered by rambler roses. The Fruit and Vegetable Garden... abundantly stocked with mature fruit trees... broad paths-two of which are spanned by arches of fruit trees to form pergolas ... and containing asparagus beds and ample bush fruit. The Heated Glasshouses...comprising three ranges of vineries, a three-division Peach and Fig House... [an] early Peach and Nectarine House and a lean-to vinery. There is also a Nut Walk. Three Productive Orchards... the largest of which contains some 700 trees of choice varieties in full bearing.'*

We can only dream (and weep?) ... and perhaps plant another fruit tree in our garden!

Features in subsequent editions will include West Hall variety listings from the time of Head gardener George Carpenter and location of past orchards across our three villages.

## The Present – Results of Questionnaires to June 2022

Grateful thanks to all members who have returned their questionnaires containing interesting and useful data. We have particularly valued your additional notes regarding your memories of what your parents told you about past trees, beloved trees lost to fungus or storms and about varieties favoured by local deer!

Fruit tree type	Name of variety	How many do you have?	Approx age of tree, if known?

As we explained in Issue 169, this is a long-term project and you can return your questionnaires, memories or records of new plantings at any point over the months and years to come.

Based on replies received by the beginning of June 2022, we can tell you that we have received 105 completed questionnaires listing 308 fruit trees or bushes.

30 returns from Byfleet residents (85 trees listed)

28 from West Byfleet residents (125 trees listed)  
47 from Pyrford residents (98 trees listed)

Understandably, there is a predominance of certain varieties across many gardens but there are some more unusual heritage varieties too. The oldest (minimum age in brackets) listed so far across the villages are:

### Byfleet

Bramley (90)  
James Grieve (75)  
Conference Pear (65)  
Russet (60)

### West Byfleet

Bramley (80)  
Monarch (80)  
Blenheim Orange (80)  
Conference Pear (60)

### Pyrford

Bramley (60)  
The Reverend W Wilkes (60)  
Lane's Prince Albert (50)  
Conference Pear (50)

## The Future – recent plantings

Many of your questionnaires show that a good number of new fruit trees have been planted in gardens over the last 12-18 months. The Marist Catholic Primary School on Old Woking Road has just planted a number of apple trees.

Please keep your questionnaire returns coming in! In time, we will share more complete data with members. Do contact us with any ideas you have regarding the project. We would love to hear from you. If anyone is keen to join the project team, please also let us know. Our contact email and postal address is on the back page of The Resident.

Article by Eleanor Grady and Jean-Pierre Frossard



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## Sales Soar at Broadoaks Park

Following Broadoaks Park's major launch of homes earlier this year, demand for the fourth phase at the prestigious country estate continues to accelerate, with just six properties now remaining. Part of a new development comprising 126 properties, the fourth phase of 20 expansive family homes have sold extremely quickly.

Attracting a wide range of individuals, from professional couples to retirees and families, sales at Broadoaks Park have firmly established itself as one of Octagon's most successful developments to date. Demonstrating its desirability, 25% of homes in Phase Four at Broadoaks Park were reserved within one week of launching in early 2022.

Tim Banks, CEO of Octagon, comments: *"Broadoaks has been one of our most successful sites to date, and we are confident it's popularity will continue over the next few years. We are well known for selecting the very best locations to build family homes and there is no doubt that the location of Broadoaks, the heart of West Byfleet, with excellent connections into London, has been a major factor in the development's popularity."*

Featuring both new-build and restored properties, Broadoaks Park is one of Surrey's most sought-after new developments, creating a low-density neighbourhood characterised by greenery. Through the front gates, an expansive green with 150-year-old Oak tree sets the scene for the estate, whilst pockets of rich landscaping are interspersed throughout the 25-acre site.

The fourth phase follows a highly successful



string of earlier releases, with all of phases One, Two and Three fully reserved and many new Octagon clients now moved in.

The vision of Octagon Development's inhouse design team was to complement the 19th Century architecture of the Grade II listed Broadoaks Mansion. Octagon were determined to create a virtual hamlet of new build homes, classically designed and in harmony with the existing listed Seth Smith properties, meticulously restored by the pioneering developers.

Perfectly complementing the original architecture, pitched roofing, intricate brick detailing and large sash windows give each of the new homes at Broadoaks Park a neo-Victorian elegance, with a mix of red and yellow brick finishes giving the estate personality. Inside, bespoke kitchens house

lacquer finished cabinets with quartz work surface, a full range of Siemens appliances and boiling water hot tap, whilst the impressive bathrooms include white sanitaryware by Villeroy & Boch, finished with polished chrome fittings. High-tech additions include whole house ventilation, RAKO mood lighting controls, automated garage doors and underfloor heating.

With such high sales volumes, each month that passes leads to a new wave of residents moving in, and the vision for creating a great village community edge ever closer to being realised.

Some of the earliest purchasers at Broadoaks Park, Angeliq and Ameer, comment, *"Every month a new tranche of residents moves into Broadoaks Park, and it is becoming a great village community. It attracts a wide range of individuals, some with families, some retired, and some like us, professional couples, settling into a home where we expect to be spending a major part of our lifetime"*.

Marking the next significant milestone at Broadoaks Park, Phase Five is due to launch later this summer and will comprise a mix of 2-bedroom apartments, and 3 / 4-bedroom family homes.

Remaining available homes at Broadoaks Park start from £1,900,000 for a five/six-bedroom home arranged over two floors with a private garden.

Please visit: [www.broadoakspark.co.uk](http://www.broadoakspark.co.uk) or call **020 8481 7500** for more information.

Article by Kate Geraghty  
Octagon's Group Marketing Manager





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## A 'Masterplan' for Woking Town Centre: have your say

Residents can have their say on a new framework that will guide future development in Woking Town Centre, as part of a 12-week consultation run by Woking Borough Council starting on Monday 25 July 2022.



The masterplan will establish an overarching vision for Woking Town Centre that will enable sustainable development, a thriving retail and business environment as well as strengthening Woking's cultural and leisure offer.

Working with residents and stakeholders, the masterplan will provide a long-term vision of what Woking's skyline could look like by 2030 and beyond, as well as setting out detailed standards and principles such as building heights and density.

To make the consultation as simple as possible the masterplan has been split into 10 key topic areas:

- Sustainable construction
- Flood risk and surface water drainage
- Green infrastructure and biodiversity
- General infrastructure
- Heritage assets
- Leisure and culture
- Economy
- Housing
- Townscape Strategy
- Transport

The 12-week consultation starts Monday 25 July, and you can give us your feedback by visiting [www.wokingcommunityforum.co.uk](http://www.wokingcommunityforum.co.uk) where you'll find:

- copy of the draft masterplan
- film explaining more about the different aspects of the town centre masterplan
- interactive maps allowing you to leave your feedback.



Visit the shop unit at 2 Mercia Walk where you'll find detailed information on each of the 10 topic areas and where officers will be on hand to answer your questions.

If you would like to ask a question about the masterplan or provide Woking Borough Council with your feedback, please write to Planning Policy, Woking Borough Council, Gloucester Square, Woking GU21 6YL or email [planning.policy@woking.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@woking.gov.uk).

The masterplan consultation closes Monday 17 October 2022.

*Article by Lynette Lawson-Tyers,  
Lead Engagement Officer,  
Woking Borough Council*

### Heritage Walk

Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum was pleased that local historian, Iain Wakeford, kindly agreed to host a guided walk around Pyrford Village, talking about various local heritage assets, on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd July.

The walk started from Wheeler's Farm Barn on Warren Lane and took in views of Pyrford

escarpment, heritage assets around Pyrford Green Village and The Old House, the views from the escarpment and the Pyrford Village Conservation Area around St Nicholas Church and then back to Wheeler's Farm.



There were plenty of stops, during which Iain gave historical details of various buildings and other features, including the village rich history.

The walk was over-subscribed, so thought will be given to another walk. Any details will be announced in the monthly newsletter. Go to [www.pyrfordforum.org](http://www.pyrfordforum.org) and register to Join the Forum.



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### Introducing Helen Orledge – RA Environment Officer

After a 30-year career as an Environmental Advisor in the commercial sector, I'm looking forward to taking up the RA Environmental Officer role and striving to make a difference in the area where I live. Ensuring Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford are environmentally sustainable is a core aim of the RA and significant sustainability activity is already underway. However, there's always more we can do and my aim is to develop a sustainability plan for the three villages which is aligned with the [Surrey CC Greener Futures Delivery Plan](#) and [Woking BC Nature and Sustainability Plan](#). If you have any suggestions about things you would like to see in our plan, please email me at: [environment@the-residents.org](mailto:environment@the-residents.org).



Helen Orledge

### New RA Committee Members

It is great news that we have some new people that have joined the RA Committee to help support the residents of our 3 villages. These people bring along many new skills and experience to the committee. Just so that you can put a face to a name, please see photograph above and committee role below:



Jeremy Allen  
Byfleet Village Membership Officer  
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RA Stall at the Pyrford and Wisley Village Show

### Puzzle Corner

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Answers on Page 27

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**Much of my working life has been dedicated to helping and inspiring others to succeed in their business and personal lives. I have been fortunate to have met and worked with some incredibly talented individuals whose advice, enthusiasm and dedication has set a shining example to me and others.**

My desire and interest in seeing people and businesses succeed continues through my role as Chair for the West Byfleet Business Association and as a Woking Borough Councillor both give me the opportunity to give advice, help and support those when it is required.

My article for this edition, over the next couple of pages, concerns two different types of businesses / organisations which can not only be proud of their successes and achievements but of their vision and plans for the future.

I popped down to Byfleet for a cup of coffee and a chat with Graham and Clare Cross at their very smart and newly branded company showroom now called Vita Nova Interiors, formally Raycross Interiors. Raycross has been



established in the village since 1980 when it was set up by Graham's father Ray who in 1976 had previously owned a Decorating Shop along Vanners Parade called Lawcross. My wife Suzi and I first met Ray in 1981 when we commissioned Raycross to fit a new bathroom in our house in Church Road. We had been recommended by a number of people to use them and we were truly impressed with the quality of products and the expertise in the complete installation. Over the years Raycross became a truly family business with Ray's wife Lily and children Steve, Graham and Debbie all playing their part in the continuing success of the business. Graham assisted by Clare took over the business a few years back when Ray retired, Steve and Debbie moved on to other ventures and so the business continues to



evolve.

I asked Graham about the changes they were making to the business and what had prompted them: He explained that they had decided to concentrate on high - end quality design and fitted kitchens only as the market for bathrooms and standard types of kitchen equipment had become saturated and very competitive. He went on to say that given his wealth of knowledge and the experience gained over many years of working in the kitchen industry that he wanted to use his skills and expertise to advise and guide clients on the many aspects of home renovation projects which are often complex.

Attention to detail, continual communication with architects and builders at every stage ensures that when it comes to the installation of the kitchen there are no compromises to be had from the original plan, that's just one of the key reasons to do business with Vita Nova added Graham...!

Clare has worked alongside Graham for the past 10 years or so, her passion for interiors and interior design has now become more intense as she now offers clients guidance on colour palettes and furniture styles to complete the open plan kitchen, diner and living spaces.

I put Clare on the spot and asked her what she thought were some other key reasons to choose their company over other competitors. She told me that she had met recently with a group of local business owners; on the agenda was a point for each attendee to come up with 6 reasons why clients should choose their respective business over a competitor, these are the ones that she cited and believed make

a difference: We Care, Our Knowledge and Experience, We are Friendly and Approachable, We are Honest and Trustworthy, Our Personal Attention, Our Product Ranges and of Course Our Reputation!



Finally, I asked Clare about the change of business name from Raycross to Vita Nova Interiors, 'a difficult one' she said, 'having enjoyed so many years of the Raycross brand and reputation it was a real wrench to rename the company but Graham and I both decided that we should effectively start anew. This is not only a new beginning for us but for what we can create for our clients, it also a new beginning in the way they enjoy their home. We tried many new names so in the end I put new beginning /life in to Google and it came up with La Vita Nuova and we put our take on Vita Nova.'

I wish Graham and Clare every success in their new business venture, I think the following quote sums up the passion of the Cross Family past and present.

*'The only way to do great work is to love what you do'.*

Article by Gary Elson  
Local Councillor

## M.I.T. >>>

**I first became aware of MITskills back in 2010/2011 when I visited their premises located on the Camphill Industrial site in West Byfleet.**

I was then a local Ward Councillor and having just left a full-time role as Director for Learning and Development with a Global Technology Company I was interested to learn about their organisation. I remember meeting with Hisham Zubeidi the Managing Director who kindly spent some time with me explaining what MIT did and how they operated, Hisham even invited me to sit in on one of their classes that was currently taking place when students were reporting back on what they had previously learned and giving feedback to the Trainers. I remember being extremely impressed!

Following a recent mail out to the members of the West Byfleet Business Association, Hani Zubeidi Director of Operations for MIT got in touch with me and invited me to meet with him and his brother at their West Byfleet skills centre for an update on the progress that the organisation has made since my last visit.

I started by asking Hani to give me an overview of the organisation, he went on to explain that MITskills is a unique and successful training provider specialising in work-based learning; Pre-Apprenticeships, Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Study Programmes and that they are OFSTED rated good. They reach all parts of the country not just West Byfleet and its locale. 'We have vast experience in developing successful national apprenticeship programmes and manage training contracts with a large number of employers, an apprenticeship is a great way to employ or upskill employees he added'.

I was amazed to learn that they had experience in 56 different sectors of industry and had placed over 12,500 learners in the past 10 years



with over 70% going on to further education or employment.

Hisham then said that 'employers can gain a competitive advantage by employing the right people for their business which helps with

Working with their partners, MIT Skills has over the years successfully placed literally thousands of apprentices with hundreds of different employers.

In 2018, Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, awarded MITskills with a prestigious quality mark relating to the Mayor's Construction Academy to assist house building and enhance stand-alone skills within the construction Industry. Within the award notification, the mayor commented:

*'This is a significant achievement that recognises the high standard and industry-relevance of the construction skills training that you offer to learners.'*

Understandably both Hisham and Hani beamed when they told me how proud they were to have received the award. I was also pleased to hear that our MP Jonathan Lord and the ex-CEO of Woking Borough Council Ray Morgan had also met with Hani and Hisham in the past, both had visited the skills centre and seen first-hand the amazing work that the organisation does and the opportunities that arise for the learners.

There is no doubt that Hani and Hisham are absolutely committed to their cause, they make a valuable contribution to the community and to employers.



the sustainability and success of a business'. 'Hiring apprentices can be more cost-effective than hiring skilled employees plus the overall recruitment and training costs are lower'.

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## Byfleet's Victorian Fire Station has been saved

The Byfleet Fire Station Trust is delighted to announce that the derelict Victorian Fire Station has been saved and will be sensitively restored and handed back to Byfleet as a community hub and an important historical asset for Byfleet.



The Campaign to save the fire station started some 15 years ago when local residents, led by Julian Temple and Jim Allen, BEM, came together to create The Friends of Byfleet Fire Station after the building went into disrepair due to being left empty for decades. The Friends team successfully gained Grade II Nationally Listed status for the building in 2008 as it was in danger of being demolished and turned into flats. Years of campaigning helped to keep the building in a state of repair. Then in March 2021 the Byfleet Fire Station Trust was formed, led by local Councillor Amanda Boote. The main objective was to persuade Surrey County Council that there was a viable use for the building within the community.

Surrey County Council's intent remains to facilitate the project to enable a transfer of the completed shell (to enable the Trust to fit out) by way of a long lease under a Community asset transfer agreement.

Cllr Amanda Boote added "I am absolutely delighted to have been part of the team who after 16 months of passionate campaigning have been able to save our wonderful Victorian Fire Station. This building is so unique and precious, and it will now be fully restored to its former glory for all of our future generations to enjoy. I would specifically like to thank the Leader of Surrey County Council, Tim Oliver and also Graham Glenn of their Property Services team who have been instrumental in getting approval to fully renovate the listed building and pass it to the Trust to safeguard as part of Byfleet's heritage, also my team on the Fire Station Trust, as well as all of the residents and people from around the world who have donated to our Crowdfunding and fund raising efforts."

The first Byfleet Volunteer Fire Brigade was formed in 1871 by Sir John Whittaker Ellis of Petersham House (until recently Lloyds Bank). After a fire on his property, he equipped three of his gardeners with an ancient manual pump and three lengths of hose. This equipment was kept in the potting shed until Sir John funded

the building of a separate Fire Station in High Road in 1885.

In 1948 Britain's fire brigades were nationalised, and responsibility for Byfleet Fire Station was passed to Surrey County Council. Finally, as part of a county-wide reorganisation, the station was closed in 1963.

Jim Allen, BEM, Chairman of Byfleet Heritage Society and founding member of the Byfleet Fire Station Trust, said: "This building, some of which is 140 years old, is a significant part of Byfleet's conservation area. It served the area for nearly 100 years as a fire station, and it is excellent news that it is to be restored for the benefit of the community. There has been much local support for its restoration, and I thank everyone who has spurred us on to this positive outcome".

To keep up to date with the Byfleet Fire Station restoration progress and fundraising activities visit the Byfleet Fire Station Facebook page.



Article by Krista Rooney,  
Byfleet Fire Station Trust

## The RA Garden Seed Share Scheme

The 2022 planting season's launch was hosted by Byfleet Community Library on 12th March 2022. The stall offered residents of all three villages locally harvested or bought seeds for free. We were pleased to welcome many gardeners to the stall during the afternoon and especially pleased to supply seeds to our youngest gardeners.



Our launch was enhanced by seed tray artwork created for the RA by our Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme student, as you will see below.

The scheme launch made 500 packets of 90 varieties of flower and vegetable available to the community, as well as over 100 strawberry plants donated, for free, by a local allotment holder. Allotment holders also provided bumper supplies of



runner and dwarf bean seeds for the scheme. The scheme is growing steadily. Our pilot in 2021 made 260 packets of 70 varieties available.

RHS Wisley were approached in May, as scheme stocks were running low. They generously contributed 1001 packets of 82 varieties of flower seeds. These include rock plants, plants for shade and plants new to RHS Wisley in 2021 from their RHS Well-Being Garden. The seeds are left over from their RHS Members Seed Scheme which has been running since 1905, with disruption only due to the war and Covid 19. We are extremely grateful to RHS Wisley's Seed and Well-Being team who were pleased to support this community project.

Remaining stocks will be available over the summer in Byfleet Community Library and St Mary's Centre for the Community. This year, we also have a seed tray in West Byfleet Library. Why not nip along to support our lovely temporary library in Rosemount Parade and pick up some seeds!



The RA attended the RHS Wisley Gardening for Well-being

seminar on 10th May 2022. St Mary's Centre for the Community in Byfleet kindly allowed us to share their table to showcase the RA Scheme.

As your garden seeds ripen now and through the autumn, do consider keeping any you do not need for yourself, for the scheme! We can collect seeds from you. All you need to do is to keep them in a paper bag or envelope in a cool, dry place away from strong light. Unused or part-used bought packets would also be gratefully received and used by another villager!



Our contact details are on the back of this issue.

Article by Eleanor Grady and  
Jean-Pierre Frossard

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

Date & time	Event	Details
Wednesday 10th August and Saturday 13th August	Beekeeping Taster Session on to which members of the public can come and experience handling bees; bee suits will be provided.	To book a place, please email <a href="mailto:weybridgebees.training@gmail.com">weybridgebees.training@gmail.com</a> .
Saturday 24th September	Byfleet Heritage Society - Coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire	Further details to be announced - refer to website or Facebook page for information.
Saturday 12 November, 10.30am to 2pm	Shepherds Market	Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford
Thursday 2nd September, 3pm to 5pm	Byfleet Celebration 10 Years Live music	Byfleet Library Simon Phipps and the Fabulosos Band from 3-5pm then the Martini Quartet
Saturday 15th October, 2pm to 4pm	RA Drop-in for Issue 171	Lantern Room, Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford

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