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Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of Bellfields and Slyfield Pages!

This is your magazine about what's happening in our community. We hope you'll find events and groups you'll want to join in with and stories about the people who live here.

We Need your input and Help!

Would you like to be a roving reporter?

Do you have a story that would interest others? **Memories** about this area as a child? We are looking for good **news stories, recipes, gardening ideas, hobbies, craft ideas and makes, events, things that matter to you** – this is a community magazine by our community for our community. The more we all put in the more we will all get out of it.

If there are any **regular groups** that you are part of, please send in when you meet and where for our **What's On** section. **Share news**, and **upcoming events**.

There will be regular contributors and space for local businesses to advertise too.

Bellfields & Slyfield Pages is a bi-monthly magazine the next issue will be the August & September issue looking at things for the summer and getting ready for school – the deadline for content and advertising is 1st July 2024.

How do I contribute?

Please email the editing team with your contributions to editor@ bellfieldsandslyfieldpages.co.uk Stories can be from 250 – 500 words, but please contact us before you submit editorial to discuss available space and suitability.

We are delighted that this first issue has been funded by our county councillor **Julia McShane** to kick start **'Pages'** in our community. This is a non-political magazine and is for community interest and helpful information.

We are really excited about **Pages** being in our community we hope you enjoy this issue please feel free to give feedback to editor@bellfieldsandslyfieldpages.co.uk

From your commissioning group Kirsten, Jo and Amanda

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News + events

Local news & events: get involved and tell us more about your news and events organised in Bellfields, Slyfield and the surrounding areas.

Help save a local community centre.



An artist's impression of how the NEW Creative Community Hub might look.

Help us regenerate The Lockwood Centre on Slyfield Industrial Estate into a NEW Creative Community Hub for Bellfields, Slyfield and beyond.

A local community centre is under threat, but you can help save it by joining our regeneration consortium with access to great facilities for your arts and community projects.

Since the withdrawal of **Adult Social Care** from the **Lockwood Centre** in April 2023, an organisation formed from local community groups and creative businesses (including Lockwood Arts), has been trying to persuade Guildford Borough Council (GBC), to allow them to lease the building so that they can provide desperately needed services within the local community and beyond. This organisation is called **The Lockwood Regeneration Consortium**. Unfortunately, GBC is asking us to pay full commercial rent for the building AND take on responsibility for the total upkeep as well. This is not viable for our vision for the building but we could generate enough rent for a workable solution if GBC consider the benefits offered to the community. The alternative is for the building to be demolished to make way for a temporary car park while GBC plan redevelopment of the site.

Lockwood Arts has been based at Lockwood since 2002. This group of diverse artists has led a vast number of innovative and exciting projects, achieving local and national recognition in supporting all disabilities (educational, mental and physical), and promoting opportunities for fun and creativity for everyone in Guildford and beyond.

We want Lockwood to be repurposed to provide a centre for creativity and wellbeing for the community at large; the cultural hub that Guildford deserves. Everyone knows that being creative benefits health and mental wellbeing but our plans will also support climate change and the environment. It's a huge building with enough space to create a buzzing community of imaginative enterprises and innovative start-up businesses, interested in addressing sustainability and the climate challenges we face.

The centre will be run on a not-for-profit basis, relying on social investment and skills sharing; exactly what Lockwood Arts has been doing for twenty-two years! We will continue to promote and celebrate the work of disabled artists and disability arts organisations within Surrey AND remain a welcoming, inclusive and accessible location for artists 'of all abilities'.

Help us regenerate the Lockwood Centre on Slyfield Industrial Estate into a NEW Creative Community Hub, with affordable space for local artists, creatives, start-up businesses, and so much more.

If you would like to know more about what **The Lockwood Regeneration Consortium** has to offer, please contact Craig Hills: info@jellytreetv.co.uk

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Update from our local councillors



Local councillors Amanda Creese and James Walsh.

In this issue of Bellfields & Slyfield Pages we include the first of our bi-monthly updates from local councillors Amanda Creese and James Walsh. Their goal is to keep the Bellfields & Slyfield community informed about their actions as representatives of the Bellfields & Slyfield ward and how the Guildford Borough Council is supporting our local area.

Amanda Creese

Hello there! I have been a councillor in your ward for nearly a year and I have enjoyed myself getting out and about and meeting people who are working very hard to deliver services to people in the area.

At the beginning of my time as councillor I sat down with Kirsten, Vicar at **St Peter's**, and Jo Tester from **Guildford Action** and we asked 'what does Bellfields and Slyfield need?'

I have been associated in one way or another with Guildford most of my life, attending Guildford Tech (allegedly) as it was then in the 1970s and then working on the sewage works as a lab technician. I moved to Guildford about 15 years ago. I have worked most of my adult life in benefits provision and housing advice and most recently for **Citizens Advice** where I delivered advice sessions at Stoughton Road and other doctors' surgeries. So, I have my ideas about what Bellfields and Slyfield need. But that isn't necessarily what you, the residents want.

So, this newsletter is the start of a conversation for you to tell us what you are doing in the Bellfields and Slyfield ward and what you think the area needs.

I'd like to see the communities across the Woking Road more integrated with a community space akin to the **Hive** in Park Barn providing a place to have a chat and a coffee with friends. A place where community groups can meet. Exciting play facilities across the ward for children of all ages. The new **Weyside Urban Village** being an exciting place, integrated with the Bellfields and Slyfield communities. I have many more ideas, but we want to hear yours.

We will be arranging sessions soon where you can come and talk to us about any issues you may be having with GBC related matters and to listen to you, about your community and what you want from it and how you might be able to serve it. We want to hear your voices!

Cllr Amanda Creese

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James Walsh

Hello! I have been your councillor since I was first elected to represent you in 2016, first with my former colleague Angela Gunning and now with Amanda Creese. Amanda has only been on the council for a year, but she's already making a huge difference and together we hope to be able to help you whenever our help is required.

Amanda has talked about some of the ongoing projects that we are involved in and, for both of us, getting more services into the heart of Bellfields and using our facilities in a way that more people can enjoy and participate is at the heart of it. We have a great community here and this newsletter – which is strictly non-political – is a fantastic start to providing a forum and information for everyone who lives in Bellfields and Slyfield.

There is a lot going on in the neighbourhood and perhaps the most obvious are the changes around the waterworks and allotments in Slyfield. Once completed, the waterworks will be thoroughly modernised and moved north of where they currently are; this will free up land to build 1,500 new

homes and facilities, as well as provide new links to a revitalised canal area. It will also reduce the odours that plague the estate on hot days thanks to new water treatment technology.

This is a huge development and we have asked the council team leading on the project to provide regular updates in the pages of this newsletter so that you are kept up-to-date. There are likely to be a lot of positive outcomes, including a lot more affordable housing that Amanda and I are pushing for so that young people do not have to move away from Guildford when they leave home, but there will also be issues from time to time that you may want to raise with us. Please do email or call us if you have a concern or question and we will respond.

Being a councillor is a privilege and an honour and we never take our residents for granted.

During the past year, for example, I have helped several families get mould in their homes cleared and repairs fixed. You will be aware that there have been issues around housing repairs during the past year and some things have taken far too long to resolve – please do let us know if you have any similar problems and we will do what we can to help. In Bellfields and Slyfield, we have had roads patched up, holes left by workmen fixed and even bees relocated – there's never a dull moment as your councillor!

There is a lot coming up in the year ahead and none of it would be possible without you and local organisations like **St Peter's Church** playing key role in the great Bellfields and Slyfield community. I hope you enjoy the new magazine and that it's useful to you.

Cllr James Walsh

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Plus Size Ladies Group



We started this group following a mental health first aid training course and sharing that as plus size ladies it is intimidating and discouraging going to the gym or trying to get healthy alone.

We looked at what we would feel happy with and decided to try to create an environment where no one would feel uncomfortable or unwelcome whether they have wobbly tummy's or need things at a slower pace, where you will always receive a smile and have people who will talk to you and give encouragement. A place that is non judgemental and you can simply be you.

Plus Size Wellbeing is a small friendly community group based at St Peter's Church offering exercise, chat, healthy eating topics, general wellbeing support both physical and mental. Outside of the group we have a WhatsApp chat that we share things in and offer support in each others personal journeys. Be that loosing weight, getting physically fitter, accomplishing a personal goal (going on the bus alone if you suffer from anxiety, having a good day and managing to get a task done that you have struggled with). We also use it to share ideas and meet ups outside of the set group.

We aim to help and provide a secure, safe and very friendly environment for everyone. Especially aimed for those who are plus size, struggle with anxiety or simply feel they would like to join a small and more personable group for friendships and having a support network to work with.

We meet every Tuesday during term time at 10.30am. We have an hour exercise class with Surrey Sports Park providing a qualified fitness instructor who is friendly encouraging and always willing to adapt exercises to meet our varying needs. At the end of the session there is an option for those who would like to have a weigh in if that is part of your journey.

We sit for a chat and drink in the church **Oak Café** where we have social time together and look at possible meet ups going for a walk or such things.

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Our future plans for this group are to have an extra session to make it more accessible to those that work. To have cooking days together and create a recipe book for healthy eating based on some of our own experiences on this journey.

We have in the pipe line a visit and support from a diabetic nurse, and look to have visits from other professionals, trips out, and Family days during school holidays.



Bring, share, take what you need.

The Stoke Community Pantry, located at St Peter's Shared Church on Hazel

Avenue, is a common resource that anyone in the community can contribute to, take some food or help out with, if they would like. There is some Frozen food available, (meat veg and potatoes) dry goods, some toiletries and essentials.

It is open to donate and use on **Tuesdays** (during Oak Café) **10.00am-12.30pm** and on **Saturday Mornings** from **10.00am-12.00pm**.

It would be lovely to extend the times that this is available for everyone. To do this we need volunteer helpers. There are opportunities to volunteer to check the stocks of the food and to be there to open this up at other times.

This is your food pantry free to use for you! Its a bit like a free food shop.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the office: office@ stpetersguildford.org

Home-Start Guildford – there for parents when they need us most



Are you struggling to get out and about with young children, feeling lonely or isolated?

Did you know that Home-Start is a charity that provides support to parents with young children?

Being a parent, whatever your situation, can be very difficult at times, especially when children are young. Many parents feel exhausted and overwhelmed by the stresses of family life, particularly if they have little support from family and friends, just when they need it most. We support parents who have at least one child under 5 years and who are dealing with issues such as:

- Isolation
- Mental Health
- Sickness
- Disability
- Domestic Abuse
- Multiple Births
- Difficult Relationships

What do we offer:

You could request to attend our family group held at the Guildford Family Centre in Hazel Avenue on Thursday mornings during term time, or we can look to match you with a home visiting volunteer.

Our dedicated and experienced home visiting volunteers provide regular visits at your home, offering emotional and practical support through difficult times. This parent to parent support is a simple yet effective way of giving hope and enabling families to get back on track.

How to request support:

To access our services you will need to complete a simple referral form which is available from our website **www. hsguildford.org.uk** or you can contact our office by calling **01483 511181** or emailing **office@hsguildford.org.uk**.

Interested in Volunteering?

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers, there is no age limit, and we welcome anyone who might be interested in volunteering. All of our home visiting volunteers have parenting experience or have worked with children, but there are also other volunteering opportunities available. Please contact the office for more information.

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Ireland end-to-end walk in aid of Dementia



Mark Saunders, a 67-year-old retired university professor, has lived in Burpham for 30 years. In the summer of 2022, he walked 1126 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats using national trails, paths, and quiet minor roads. This trek took 85 days and included 79,400 ft of ascent.

In 2023, driven by his passion for adventure and long-distance trekking, Mark undertook a 480-mile trek across Sri Lanka in 35 days. This effort raised funds for sterilization and vaccination clinics for street dogs, aiming to reduce the number of suffering homeless dogs in the region.

In June and July 2024, Mark will take on a new challenge: walking the entire 589-mile length of Ireland to support two dementia charities, the **Alzheimer's Society** (covering England, Wales, and Northern Ireland) and the **Alzheimer Society of Ireland**. Dementia is a chronic brain disorder that affects countless lives, robbing individuals of their memories and decision-making abilities. An estimated 1 in 3 people in the UK and Ireland will be diagnosed with dementia in their lifetime, yet there is still no cure.

The Alzheimer's Society and the Alzheimer Society of Ireland provide essential support to those living

Ireland end-to-end walk Furniturelink – Recycle. Refurbish. Reuse.



Furniturelink is a small community-based charity located in Merrow, Guildford. Open to all, we sell pre-loved furniture, white goods, and small electrical appliances.

Our mission is to help the local community and reduce waste by preventing reusable furniture from going to landfill. Each week we receive pre-loved pieces, which we sell at gentle prices. We offer discounted prices to people receiving benefits to ensure everyone can furnish their home.

Apart from our physical warehouse, we have an **eBay store** and also offer services like **reuse collections**, **house clearances**, and **bulky waste collections** to our local community.

with dementia and work towards groundbreaking treatments. Mark's end-to-end trek of Ireland will take about 40 days, encompassing stunning landscapes and 41,600 ft of hill climbs, from Dursey Island in southwest County Cork to Ballycastle on the north coast of County Antrim.

If you can contribute to Mark's cause, your donation will go directly to these dementia charities, helping to ensure that no one faces dementia alone. We want to welcome everyone to come to the warehouse and join our mission!

We are open **Monday to Friday** from 9.00am to 5.00pm and on the first weekend of the month.

You can visit us at **2b Merrow Business Park, Merrow Lane, Guildford, Surrey, GU4 7WA**. Get in touch today via e-mail at **furniturelinkguildford@gmail.com** or call us on **01483 506504**.

www.furniturelinksurrey.org

To donate to Mark's JustGiving page for the Alzheimer's Society visit www.justgiving.com/page/marksaunders-ukalzs6111922 or for the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland visit www.justgiving.com/page/marksaunders-irlalz3071922





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What's on this month

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Craft and Catch Up



There is a group of people who meet in the Church Hall at **St Peter's Church,**

Bellfields on a Saturday morning (10.00am-12.00 midday) called Craft and Catch Up.

We celebrate connection and creativity and welcome everyone with open arms. (Adults only as we don't provide crèche facilities). It's a time where friends, old and new, come together to engage in crafts while catching up on life's latest happenings. Whether it's knitting, painting, scrapbooking, or any other craft, the focus isn't solely on the finished product but on the shared experience of making something together.

As our hands create, conversation flows, sharing triumphs, challenges, hopes, and dreams. There's no rush, no pressure—just the simple joy of being present with people who care.

We foster a sense of belonging and friendship, strengthening relationships and creating lasting memories. It's a reminder that amidst life's hustle and bustle, it's the moments spent together, engaged in simple yet meaningful activities, that truly nourish the soul and deepen connections.

We will meet on :

- 8th June for a beginners Macrame,
- 29th June to make felt decorations,
- 6th July we will be making a flower arrangement (Please let Dotty know if you are coming to this one so that we can buy enough blooms), dottydori@outlook.com
- 20th July our summer picnic on the green.

Every Friday morning

Friday Swimmers Club



Friday Swimmers is a registered charity working in conjunction with the

Guildford Spectrum to provide assistance and therapy in a safe pool environment to those adults with a physical disability or who are post-operative.

It is run entirely by volunteers and won the **Queen's Award for Voluntary Service** in 2019. They meet every **Friday morning from 9.00 to 10.15am**.

There is an annual membership fee and payment for each session.

If you're interested in joining, please send an email to: rebecca.fridayswimmers@gmail.com

Every Tuesday

The Oak Café



The Oak Café at St Peter's Church is on Tuesday mornings at 10.00am-12.30pm.

You will always be met with warm

smiles from the friendly volunteers and everyone is welcome!

We strive to encourage community, friendship, and a safe inclusive happy environment to relax have a cuppa and chat.

Tea coffee and other refreshments are on offer with toast and often home made yummy cakes. A small donation is welcome and appreciated but not expected. There is always a small selection of toys for young children to play with and they are always welcome too.

We strive to encourage community, friendship, and a safe inclusive happy environment to relax have a cuppa and chat.

There will be occasions we have people visit from the wellbeing team at the hive, local councillor's, other professionals of different areas important to the community providing information and giving you the chance to chat with them.



Do you have any events happening in and around Burpham & Jacobs Well that you would like added in the next issue? Our next issue of Bellfields & Slyfield Pages will cover August & September 2024. If you would like your event, happening during this period, added to our 'News & events' or 'What's on this month' sections please e-mail the details to **editor@bellfieldsandslyfieldpages.co.uk** before **1st July 2024**.

saturday 13th July on Bellfields Green

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organised by **St Peter's Church** plus other members of the community

From 3.00pm

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Barbecue & Live Music from 5.00-7.00pm

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If you are a local business and would like to support the funday we would be most grateful. The event costs us £500 to hire the green and pay for insurance and this year we have struggled to get any sponsorship. For further information please contact piers.rs@btinternet.com

Bellfields & Slyfield Pages Crossword

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- 1 British record label established in 1929 (5)
- 7 Prepared and cooked squid (8)
- 9 To slowly reduce or destroy something (5)
- 10 'Hello' in Spanish (3)
- 11 To suggest something without saying it directly (5)
- 12 Something bought for less than the usual price (7)
- 14 Slight smell, carried on a current of air (5)
- 15 To reduce or become less intense (5)
- 16 Building where soldiers live (7)
- 19 Wrapped sweet on a stick for sucking or chewing (5)
- 22 Cereal crop (3)
- 24 Unpleasant smell (5)
- 25 Iconic Italian dessert (8)
- 26 Eighth letter of the Greek alphabet (5)

- 1 US university slang for one who is socially inept or foolish (5)
- 2 Group of people who sing together (5)
- 3 Thin, clear plastic used for overhead projectors (7)
- 4 Bod's Aunt in the children's animated series (3)
- 5 Prayer leader of a mosque (4)
- 6 Highly productive (8)
- 8 Muhammad; American pro boxer and activist (3)
- 13 The food of the gods (8)
- 17 Love someone very much (5)
- 18 Action bringing upon oneself inevitable results (5)
- 20 Something carried, often by a vehicle (4)
- 21 Starchy vegetable that grows underground (3)
- 23 Soft silver-white metal (3)







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New triage system to ensure that you see the right healthcare worker the first time

When you phone or come to the surgery to ask for an appointment, your request will be screened and checked by an experienced GP who will advise the type of appointment best suited to your healthcare needs. For example, if you have an acute illness, you may be asked to attend your pharmacy or you may be seen by the practice's Urgent Care Team. If you need some blood tests before you see the clinician for a longer standing health problem eg Diabetes, you may be asked to have a blood test before you see them.

New health care practitioners working at your surgery to ensure that you see the health professional best suited to your health need

Our teams now consists of allied health care professionals, all fully qualified and experts in their areas. All practices have pharmacists available to discuss your queries or concerns about your medicines. You can book straight into our First Contact Physiotherapist for joint or muscle problems such as back, knee or shoulder pain.

New Platforms to contact us for appointments and queries

Practices now have more ways for you to contact them. So, whilst you are still welcome to come to the reception desk in person, it may be quicker to use the telephone system which has been upgraded giving us the ability



to flex the number of receptionists available to answer your phone calls. You will be asked a few questions by our trained receptionists to ensure that the experienced GP who reviews all medical queries has the full information available for an assessment of how best to help you. Better still, is to use the messaging system through your NHS app or the practice website.

The triage GP may refer you to other services such as the Pharmacy First team at your local pharmacy for minor illness such as sore throat, sinusitis and uncomplicated urine infections. They are able to issue prescriptions for antibiotics if needed.

A New Team to support your urgent health needs

Practices now have a new team to support your urgent on the day health needs. Our Urgent Care Team comprise of clinicians all work under the supervision of an experienced GP. The team consists of experienced paramedics, physician associates and Advanced Nurse Practitioners. If you have a healthcare need which means you need an appointment that day, it may be that it is dealt with through a phone call or you may be asked to provide photographs to provide extra information or be seen by a member of the team in person. We may ask you politely to travel to another site in order to be seen quicker if there are no appointments at your usual site. Thank you for your help and understanding with this.





Weyside Urban Village

Guildford Borough Council update us on this exciting regeneration project on our doorstep.

In 2020, we set out our vision for the transformation of Weyside. The regeneration will bring new homes, facilities, and opportunities for the local community. We have held thirteen consultation events to inform the scheme, which is now progressing at pace. Here's a glimpse of some of the exciting developments happening in our area.

Transforming spaces into homes

Part of the **Bellfields Allotments** and former **Aggie Club** site will pave the way for 81 new homes. We will soon be selecting a developer to deliver the new homes. This is an important step in regeneration as it brings us closer to realising our vision to provide new homes and a sustainable and inclusive community.

Aggie Club Community Centre

The **Aggie Club** has celebrated its first year in a new community space. The purpose built building was handed over in 2023 so that community activities could continue. The new facility has a fantastic events hall, a members' bar area, and a kitchen for the club's popular café.

New allotment sites

We've been hard at work on creating new allotment sites across the borough. Allotment holders relocating from **Bellfields Allotments** have moved to either North Moors or Woodside Road. Their plots are establishing and are growing fresh, home-grown produce. There is still some work to do to complete North Moors. However, there will be extra plots, across all the sites, for people on the allotment waiting list to enjoy. Interested in an allotment? Contact the **Guildford Allotment Society** at **waitinglist@guildfordallotments.org.uk**

Relocation of sewage treatment works

Guildford sewage treatment works is relocating to a new site. The move will free up much-needed land for housing. It will also provide a new sewage treatment facility for Guildford

sewage treatment facility for Guildford. This marks the first major investment in new waste infrastructure for Guildford for several years. Construction work is well underway with the main tunnel complete, the majority of foundations now complete, and structures starting to be built.

Construction of new electricity substation

The **UK Power Network** is building a new substation and laying new cables in this area. The work has started and will be ongoing until 2025. This work will support the new Weyside community and residents already living in the area.





Members of the **Aggie Club** in their new community space.



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Moving forward: exciting developments ahead Over the coming months, several new projects and plans will kick off. These will bring even more improvements to our community. Here's what to expect:

New council depot

Plans for a new council depot have been revised. The revisions need approval from the local planning authority. The new depot will streamline waste and recycling operations and improve services for residents. The first works will start on site in June 2024.

The regeneration will bring new homes, facilities, and opportunities for the local community.

Phase three regeneration

A planning application for phase three of the regeneration will be considered later this year. This phase includes approximately 175 new homes. In 2023 a consultation on the design of the homes was held. The consultation considered community needs and preferences.

Highways improvements

A series of highway improvements will begin later this year. These upgrades will improve some junctions, roads, and bus lanes. The improvements will provide access to new homes and make travel around Weyside more efficient and safer.

Burpham Court Farm Nature Reserve

A new nature reserve at **Burpham Court Farm** also forms part of the regeneration plan. This new reserve will create diverse habitats for wildlife. It will also open up access to the countryside for everyone. New footpaths and cycle routes, extra trees and planting and picnic areas all form part of the new plans. The **Environment Agency** has now completed work to create a new fish pass at the river weir which helps fish to navigate this obstacle allowing them to grow and thrive.

For more information about the Weyside regeneration or to see upcoming events and site activities, please visit www.weysideurbanvillage.co.uk or email michelle.morley@chessengage.com.

Chess Engage provides communications support for the Weyside regeneration scheme.

www.weysideurbanvillage.co.uk

Guildford Action: Enhancing Lives

Local charity **Guildford Action** provide a safe, non-judgmental refuge for people who've fallen through the net, or out of everyday society.

Guildford Action is an independent registered charity, which has been working within the local community for over 30 years helping individuals experiencing homelessness as well as isolated families.

Our mission is to 'Enhance the lives of all those we come into contact with' through looking after their emotional needs, as well as their physical safety.

Support us

40% of our funding comes from our statutory partners, including Guildford Borough Council, Surrey County Council and Public Health.

For the rest, we depend on grants and public donations.

If you would like to donate to help us continue our work, please visit www.guildfordaction.org.uk

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Some need practical help with essentials like food, shelter, clean clothes and healthcare. We provide them; because when people have the basics, they can start to put the rest of their lives back together. And we're also here for those who just need support to get through the day, and to remember what normal, respectful, positive relationships look like. Through physical and emotional support, we help people reconnect with society and themselves, rebuild their self-esteem and recover their identity and sense of belonging.

Fields Community Lunches

Over 25 years ago when I started working for **Guildford Action** I was invited to a community lunch at **St Peter's Church**. The amazing ex-social worker and social researcher Elizabeth Fry who attended the church and lived locally was at the helm of starting up these lunches to encourage community cohesion and bring a group of people together to serve the community.

I have always had a huge passion for the area as it was where my Mum grew up and where my Grandparents lived for over 50 years.



Joanne Tester Chief Executive, Guildford Action

Over the years these lunches have been focussed on doing rather than just talking. We set up the **Fields Playscheme** that ran for several years by local people for local children and funding was secured for a 'Fields Family Worker' which I was lucky enough to do for 4 years. In more recent times we have looked at local data and resources and a small team of committed people continue to fight for services for the community. This year, **Poyle Charities** kindly funded 36 spaces for residents to become Mental Health First Aiders and we hope to introduce Mental Health Ambassadors over the coming year.

We would love more community members and residents to come to the lunches. You don't have to commit to anything but your experiences and opinions are invaluable to us and we would love to see more of you. The next lunch is on 22nd October 2024 at 12.30 at St Peter's Church. If you would like to come or hear more about what we do, please contact joannetester@guildfordaction.org.uk

Slyfield Allotment

Guildford Action has secured some allotment space for the coming year. What was a large patch of grass, is now looking more allotment-like! It is a space where we want local people to enjoy. Even if you don't feel like picking up a spade, but want to come and sit and have a cup of tea and chat we would love to see you. All surplus produce will be taken to **The Community Pantry**. For more information, please contact emmakleboe@guildfordaction.org.uk

Guildford Action

Guildford Action is a local charity who have always been involved in The Bellfields and Slyfield Communities. We have just started a GAF group at St Peter's Church every Friday from 9.30am to 12 noon, all are welcome to pop in for a coffee and a chat. For more information, please contact sonyasewell@guildfordaction.org.uk

Big Brothers Big Sisters

You may have heard of our mentoring programme called **Big Brother Big Sister**. We are matching adult mentors with children who would benefit from a consistent and stable adult to walk alongside them. We want people from all backgrounds, you don't need experience you just need to be committed to wanting to make a difference. Training is given. If you would like more information, please contact vickycoppinger @ guildfordaction.org.uk



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The Building of Bellfields

Carol Brown's history of Bellfields & Slyfield

It's really exciting that at last we have 'Bellfields & Slyfield Pages' popping through our letterboxes and I am pleased that I can share my passion for history with you all, especially the history of where we live!

As the Millennium approached Sally Thornberry, a much respected Local Councillor and past Mayor, asked me to oversee an oral history project. She wanted to record the memories and stories of those people who had lived on the estate in Bellfields for many years before they all disappeared.

Many had lived here from the very beginning of what would become the prime social housing estate of the South East. Sally's jaw nearly hit the floor when I suggested that we actually turned this into a book. But with a grant from Guildford Borough Council, **The Bellfields History Group** was formed and **Bellfields Remembered** was published.

The Stoke Hill Estate was purchased by Guildford Borough Council in 1944, ready for building new houses as soon as the war was over. Although Stoke Hill House has long gone there are still traces to be found, as can be seen in the image (top right). On Woking Road and Riverside parts of the boundary wall can still be seen.

Integral to the history of Bellfields is the **Paynter Family**. They owned Stoke Hill House and both Samuel and his son, Francis, were Rectors of **Stoke Church**. But not to be forgotten is Julia Mary Ann 'Fanny' Paynter.

Many myths and stories surround Fanny. One is that she sold the land to the council, but she did not own the



Stoke Hill House (David Rose Collection).

land. It belonged to the Paynter Family Trust and it was they who sold the estate. She died just one week before her 100th birthday in May 1939.



Julia Mary Ann 'Fanny' Paynter



Ordnance Survey map from 1914 showing the position of Stoke Hill House, the Coach House and surrounding grounds.

I will share these stories here, along with stories of local people, the history of our estate and images I have collected over the years.

I would love to hear any stories or history that you would like to share as there is a plan to update **Bellfields Remembered** and reprint the book. Please contact me, Carol Brown, at **browne@ntlworld.com** or come to the **Bellfields History Tent** on **July 13th** for the **Fun Day on the Green**.



The top of Bellfields Green showing the original site of Stoke Hill House, the Coach House and the walled garden.

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2nd Guildford (St Peter's) Scout Group

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We meet weekly in term time and follow a programme that offers a range of skill development from outdoor activities to more creative approaches as well as developing experiences in teamwork and leadership – there is something for everybody in Scouting!

As well as having fun playing games, the **Beavers** (6-8 years) enjoy learning skills for life. Recently our young adventurers have navigated trails at Whitmore Common, lit campfires, toasted marshmallows and are growing vegetables at the Hazel Avenue Community Garden. We would love to have your little one join in.

The **Cubs** (8-10½ years) build on what was started in **Beavers** (although it doesn't matter if children jump into an older section). Recently, we have been learning knots to build cranes, learning to use a compass, performing science experiments and following a flour trail at Newlands Corner. We also keep involved in our local community and sing Christmas Carols every year at a local care home.

"Nature and the outdoors are languages that can be learned. Once you tie a clove hitch or cook a simple meal over a fire that you've built yourself, you'll never forget it."

Bear Grylls, Chief Scout

The older **Scouts** (10½-14 years) go outside a lot more on camps, hikes and expeditions at all times of the day or night! It is an amazing experience and the love of camping and the outdoors really shines through. As the Chief Scout, **Bear Grylls** says, "Nature and the outdoors are languages that can be learned. Once you tie a clove hitch or cook a simple meal over a fire that you've built yourself, you'll never forget it."

Scouting is for everyone of whatever gender, background or beliefs – no one is excluded and we delight in diversity! We are guided by our core values of respect for each other, respect for ourselves and respect for our world. Please do get in touch if you want to explore the wonderful world of Scouting – 2ndguildfordscouts@ gmail.com



Members of the 2nd Guildford Beavers growing vegetables at the Hazel Avenue Community Garden.



2nd Guildford Scouts and Cubs with their creation for the 2023 Craft Challenge.



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A good, good father

Celebrating Father's Day in June Kirsten Rosslyn-Smith, Vicar at St Peter's Shared Church

If I asked you to describe a 'good' Father I wonder what you would say? Someone strong, or reliable, someone trustworthy and kind, someone who always thinks the best of you, someone encouraging who protects you... fill in your words here.

Now this may describe your own father, or it may not – Whatever our own experiences we have an idea of what makes a good father or what we would like one to be like.

Father's Day as we know it here in the UK originated in the United States – and came to this country probably during WW2 when American troops were here. American, Mrs. Senora Smart-Dodd was listening to a mothering Sunday Service and wanted to honour her father who had brought her and her siblings up alone. The first father's day was celebrated on 19th June 1910 and it is now celebrated on 3rd Sunday in June.

Dads, granddads and uncles (whoever is there for you) help form who we are, their encouragement and support means the world. Father's Day is an opportunity to say thank you to fathers or our father figures for the good things they have given us. To tell them what their encouragement and support has meant to us to let them know the things they do that bring us joy. Maybe acknowledging the way they have worked hard, or time they spent with us.

Reflect for a moment: what particular thing would you like to say to your Father? Be specific, tell him what makes you proud of him – what you love the most about him. Or if you are a dad think what it is you want to share and help your children to grow.

In the Lord's Prayer we address God as 'Our Father' – but really it should say Daddy that's what the first word of that prayer means: Abba – a much closer and more intimate way to address God which is surprising really, Daddy expresses a relationship one of trust and love.

There are lots of images about God expressing his love and compassion for people by calling us his Children there are images of motherhood and fatherhood to express the kind of relationship that God longs for with us – one of my favourite pictures is Charlie Mackesy's image of the embrace of the prodigal son by the father.

Knowing we are loved by our heavenly Father can give us confidence – Happy Fathers Day!

We will be celebrating Father's Day by giving out chocolate to the men in our lives at our Sunday morning service on **16th June 10am** and exploring more about why we can call God 'Our Daddy' in **Messy church** on **16th June at 4pm** – with craft, story, food and lots of fun.



We're asking for your support of our 'Your Fund Surrey' bid to upgrade St. Peter's Shared Church buildings in Bellfields.





To show community support Your Fund have setup a 'Have Your Say' process. You can access this by scanning the QR code or via https://yourfundsurreyproposals.commonplace.is/

Please scroll to our project add any comments, supply your email address and don't forget to validate your email when they send a request.



We want the buildings to become versatile, welcoming spaces, fostering interaction and cohesion for all people in our community. We want to create a dynamic community hub, open daily, with a specific focus on building friendships, hospitality, health (especially mental health), youth engagement, adult employability, developing individual agency and access to an expanded **Oak Café** and **community food pantry**. Community events and activities are also planned, supported by a strong volunteer base to ensure daily accessibility.

Currently, the site hosts diverse activities open to all, including **exercise** classes, youth groups, debt management advice, relationship courses, over-55s club, café, toddler group, cooking courses, and a community pantry. However, the building's current layout limits its full potential. This project will unlock it.

Approved plans feature a new Welcome Area – a vaulted, glassroofed atrium housing the Oak Café and community pantry. This space will also serve as the main entrance, hospitality area, workspace, and ensure wheelchair-friendly access throughout.

St. Peter's is asking for £1,117,236 from Your Fund Surrey to build the Welcome Area. In addition, we will need to raise further funds to complete all the buildings' other renovations and cover professional fees to date. **So far, we have raised £375,000 towards this** and will be prioritising new accessible kitchen and toilets.

Support from **Your Fund Surrey** is the key to transforming **St. Peter's Shared Church** into a vibrant community hub, enhancing social cohesion and providing extensive services, thus empowering the local community. More details can be found here:

www.stpetersguildford.org /our-building-project

Church Administrator: 01483 572078 www.stpetersguildford.org

Gardening Hints & tip

From the Worplesdon Garden Club

For more information on Worplesdon Garden Club contact Tim Bonnert on 01483 237702

Worplesdon Garden Club is a friendly and enthusiastic club which meets every second Tuesday of the month from 8-10pm in the Old Church, Emmanuel Parish Centre, Stoughton, Guildford, GU2 9SJ with doors open from 7.45pm.

About Worplesdon Garden Club Membership is only £15 for the year from January (£8 from July) and includes a full schedule of speakers throughout the year, plus a range of social events including Garden Visits, Lunches, Barbecues, and Horticultural Shows. Please see the club website, www.worplesdongardenclub.co.uk, for more details. Visitors (£3) and new members are always welcome.

Club News:

Tuesday 11th June

Club Meeting in June Eddie Bailey – 'The Soil Food Web'.

Tuesday 9th July

Club Meeting in July Cindy Smulders – 'Swan Lifeline'. For more information on Worplesdon Garden Club contact Tim Bonnert on 01483 237702, info@worplesdongardenclub.co.uk, or visit www.worplesdongardenclub. co.uk where you can read our latest Club Newsletter – www. worplesdongardenclub.co.uk/ newsletters

There is a full programme of events throughout the year and we have a Summer Show where the cups and trophies the Club has inherited from the days of the village shows in early 1900's are presented.

Gardening hints and tips for June and July

June & July

- All half-hardy annuals and tender vegetables can be planted out now that the risk of frost has passed. The warming soil and long days of summer will mean they will grow rapidly.
- New growth on all plants will however, be a magnet for slugs and snails. Only Slug Pellets containing Ferric Phosphate are approved for use but not all slugs do damage to your plants, so try to use a Garlic wash or other natural methods of control (including encouraging wildlife) to limit damage by slugs and snails.
- Warm days and nights will bring on your plants but also all the unwanted weeds too, so keep on top of these opportunistic weeds by regular hoeing on dry days.



A brief history of the club

The Worplesdon Garden Club can trace its origins back to the early 1900's when Worplesdon Horticultural Society was formed.

The original idea was that the Society together with Worplesdon WI would hold annual village shows, which would encompass horticulture, crafts, cooking etc. The shows had separate sections for estates/large landowners and smaller gardens and allotments and proved to be very successful and with only a break during the 1st World War were run for many years.

Unfortunately economic circumstances changed with the loss of sponsors and the effects of the 2nd World War, meant that the annual show became unviable. It was at this stage that the Horticultural Society changed to become **Worplesdon Garden Club** and over subsequent years has always had an active membership and now meets every Second Tuesday of the month from 8.00-10.00pm at Emmanuel Parish Centre, Shepherds Lane, Stoughton, Guildford, Surrey GU2 9SJ.

There is a full programme of events throughout the year and we have a **Summer Show** where the cups and trophies the Club has inherited from the days of the village shows in early 1900's are presented.

- Keep the greenhouse wellventilated and water regularly as warm days and rapidly growing plants will dry out the compost very quickly.
- Mow lawns regularly, especially if June is an unusually wet month. Moss and broadleaf weeds may still be treated in early June but most treatments require rain shortly after application so time any application appropriately.
- The new growth of herbaceous perennials will require staking, tying, or a plant support to keep them from sprawling or being damaged in the wind. It is better to put the supports in place before they are needed by the tall plants.
- Prune early flowering shrubs such as Deutzia, Philadelphus and Weigela (RHS Pruning Group 2) after flowering and certainly before the middle of June to allow time for the new growth that follows to harden and bear flowers next year.

- For all your flowering plants, remember to deadhead as often as you can to prolong flowering.
- In the vegetable garden, plant out sweetcorn in blocks rather than rows to help with wind pollination of the cobs and continue the succession sowing of salad crops for a continuous supply throughout the summer.
- Pinch side-shoots of cordon (indeterminate) tomatoes and continue to tie in the stems to a cane or twist around a suspended string.
- Feed annual and perennials, all plants growing in tubs or containers fortnightly, and tomatoes and cucumbers weekly with a high potash/potassium (K) liquid fertiliser.
- Keep all pots, containers, and hanging baskets well-watered and do not get the compost dry out completely.

Pick fruit and vegetables regularly – this is especially true for beans and peas that will reduce or stop flowering as mature pods ripen, and for courgettes that will become marrows if left too long on the plants.

Garlic wash slug deterrent

Chop or crush the cloves from whole bulb of garlic in a pint of water in a saucepan, boil for 5 minutes and allow to cool

Strain carefully through muslin or kitchen paper suspended in a sieve, bottle, and store in the fridge

To use, dilute 1 tablespoon in a gallon of water (1:250) in a watering can or sprayer and apply over all the foliage and surrounding soil

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