

# SGMatters No. 202, 1 April 2024

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## MORE STORM DAMAGE

More tree storm damage in Sandhurst Copse Sheepwalk this week from storm Nelson. The last two winters have been by far the worst regarding storm damage, since 1987.



## AN EARLY HARBINGER OF SPRING

A few early bluebells in a sunny spot. The main cohort not yet showing any sign of flower buds. Bluebells usually peak the last week of April; but maybe a bit earlier this year.



## PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**The PCC advise:** come and hear what is going on in the Parish in Wonersh, Shamley Green and Blackheath (and join us for a glass of wine) on 16<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm at the Blackheath Village Hall. We rotate the annual meeting around the villages and this year it will be in Blackheath. Subjects include:

- Do you want 20 mph zones in the village centres?
- Seminary Developer to pay £235,000 for adjacent footpath upgrades and Wonersh village road safety – where would we put a mid- carriage pedestrian island?
- What is happening to the Villagers Pub?
- Learn about Shamley Green's Toad Patrol Group (or was it the Environment Group plans?)
- Review how your Parish Council spends your precept.
- What are the plans for the newly purchased Barnett Fields and Woodland?
- Is Gerald's Wood to be sold?

## ANGELA'S LAST DAY



Colleagues at the Shamley Green Stores presented Angela with a garden voucher and a larger one from the customers' donations and from Damian, on her last day at the Village Stores on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. As reported last week, Angela is retiring after 24 years to spend more time with husband, Peter, and grandsons. [Ed.] Dear Angela, you are already missed!

## WILLIAM IV IN LITTLE LONDON





[Ed.] I have, I think, been reliably informed that the William IV has been sold and is being renovated to re-open as a pub. Until recently it has been shrouded in scaffolding. Welcome news; but because of the small size of the local community, it will only succeed if it has the reputation of a “must go to” location. When it opens I suggest we should visit and provide feedback to help it achieve that goal.

### PICKLEBALL FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION, APRIL 11TH



**Rosie Kent advises:** "Pickleball is a fast-growing sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. It is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a fast-paced, competitive game." It is played with a bat similar to a table tennis one and a hollow plastic ball. On April 11<sup>th</sup> there will be two sessions for the younger generation. One at **2pm for 11-14 year olds**, see link [Youth Pickleball Session for Ages 11 - 14 : 2pm - 3.30pm | Arbuthnot Hall](#) and one at **3.45pm for 15-18 year olds**, see link [Youth Pickleball Session for Ages 15 - 18 : 3.45pm - 5.15pm | Arbuthnot Hall](#). You can also access these links via the Arbuthnot Hall website, <https://www.arbuthnothall.org>.

### VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Well done **Kate Rudd and the Environment Group** for organising the village litter pick on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, see [News Spring 2024 | SGEG](#) for a report on this and other litter management activities. Photograph and report provided by Kate.



[Ed.] On the morning of 23<sup>rd</sup>, I started early and by 10am already had three very full bags from the west side of the Guildford Road between Upper House Lane and Santa Fir, usually a lonely task. However I was then greatly encouraged to see a number of hi viz jackets doing the same on the Guildford Road which is the worst area for litter.

## THE BIG GREEN TRUCK



There have been a number of reports recently of a Big Green Ben Nicholson Truck. [Ed.] I have been **advised by Ben Nicholson**, that the truck replaces similar trips by contractors' vehicles for transport of timber, wood chip and equipment, the same drive vehicle with different body attachments. There has been no increase in the number of vehicle movements. There have been comments on the conduct of the driver. Ben Nicholson advises that in response to these comments the vehicle is now only driven by himself or a member of his family.

## THE LAST SUPPER





The Shamley Green Conservative branch has ceased to exist because under the recent local government reorganisation the number of wards in the Waverley Borough Council area has been reduced. The Shamley Green ward has ceased to exist and we are now part of the new Bramley and Wonersh ward. Local party branches are based on wards and so the local Conservative branch so far as the village is concerned is now Bramley and Wonersh. The Committee marked their retirement with a supper in the Bricklayers. Chris Sprague, Chair of the Committee was unfortunately absent following a fall on Guildford railway station, warranting a visit to check out the services at the Royal Surrey A & E Department.

## GOOSE GREEN – WHERE ARE OUR DUCKLINGS?



We have allowed the Canada and Egyptian Geese to take over the Duck Pond Green, if this is not tackled we will have to refer to it as “Goose Green”. There are no longer any ducklings on the duck pond. It would appear that there was too much activity for the mother duck to be able to shepherd her 15 ducklings to teach them and prevent them from straying. I encountered one duckling on the road at the end of Woodhill Lane by the Guildford Road. I assisted mother duck in shepherding it onto the Green. The village sign suggests an association of the community, not only with cricket; but also ducks, albeit that some assumed the association with ducks referred to the cricket club performance. I think our objective should be to manage the pond as a safe haven for mallard ducks and their progeny.



Leadership and direction is expected to come from the Environment Group. However as they are managing the natural asset **on behalf of the community**, I suggest on such a matter the Environment

Group should convene a meeting, which any interested resident can attend, for discussion and conclusion; or at least widely solicit comment from the community before reaching a conclusion.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning Applications were considered at the Wonersh Parish Planning meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The final decision rests with Waverley; but the Parish input can be significant.

[Planning Application NMA/2024/00565 - Valid From 21/03/2024](#) **RIVERSIDE PLACE, RUN COMMON, GUILDFORD, GU5 0SY**, Amendment to wa/2022/02977 for some revised elevations to north and south cottage as well as the lodge and garages a & c.

[Planning Application WA/2024/00465 - Valid From 04/03/2024](#) **SLAUGHTERS, RUN COMMON, SHAMLEY GREEN, GUILDFORD. GU5 0SY**

*Certificate of lawfulness under section 191 for use of former farm stables and yard outbuildings as ancillary domestic outbuildings to slaughters cottage. The use of the subject buildings commenced in excess of 10 years ago and have been used as such continuously for a period in excess of 15 years.*

### Planning Application Appeal

[Planning Application WA/2024/00172 - Valid From 23/01/2024](#)

**BARNETT FARM, NORLEY LANE, SHAMLEY GREEN, GUILDFORD. GU5 0TP**

*Conversion of barn to form a residential dwelling with associated garden bicycle store and parking; pi of a passing place on existing access road (revision of wa/2023/01290).*

[Planning Inspectorate reference: APP/R3650/W/24/3336429](#)

## OLD CODGER

[Ed.] The Wife and I are going to Portugal. I therefore looked into the passport regulations for entry to the EU. Since Brexit, British passports must have an **issue date less than 10 years old on the day of departure** to the EU, and must have **at least three months left before their expiry date** on the intended day of return.

## KEY VILLAGE DIARY DATES

April 2	Gardening Club AGM.
April 20	Arbuthnot Hall Brocante Spring Fair.
April 25	History Society, "Surrey Arts & Crafts Architecture", talk by Carolyn Smith.
April 27	SGCC Annual Dinner.
May 11	Pickleball at the Arbuthnot Hall for younger members
May 11	Quiz Night, Arbuthnot Hall, for i-India (charity)
May 19-23	Lake District Tour (Penny Hodgson).
May 16	Annual Parish Assembly, 7.30pm, Blackheath Village Hall
May 21	Cricket v Wood Street Village.
May 26	Cricket v Wonersh.
May 29	History Society, "Best of UK's Heritage Railways", talk by Paul Whittle.
June 5	Cricket v Peper Harow.
June 8	Village Fete.

## USEFUL VILLAGE LINKS

**Road works and closures:** Information on road works and closures is available, in particular with a map of the locations, at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roadworks>. I find this more useful than the Highway Bulletins.

**Wonersh Parish (Civil) Council**, Shamley Green is a Ward within Wonersh (Civil) Parish. See <https://www.wonershparish.org.uk/r-meetings> for (Civil) Parish Council meetings and agendas including (Planning) meetings reviewing local Planning Applications. For a map of Shamley Green Ward, see <https://sgmatters.org.uk/MAP/SHAMLEYGREENWARDMAP.pdf>

**Shamley Green Parish Church and Parish Magazine**, See [Shamley Green :: Parish Magazine](#) for information on Christ Church and related events and also a **link to the latest monthly Parish Magazine**. The penultimate page always contains a list of useful contact numbers for activities in the village.

**Cricket Club**, See <https://shamleygreen.play-cricket.com> for fixtures and results.

**Gardening Club**, See <https://www.shamleygreengardeningclub.com/calendar> for a schedule of future events.

**History Society**, See [Shamley Green :: Shamley Green History Society](#) for information on future events. See <https://www.sgmatters.org.uk/HISTSOC/INDEX.htm> for reproductions of previous History Society publications, including Michael Harding's meanders.

**Annual Village Fete & Dog Show**, See <https://www.sgvillagefete.com> for information on the annual Fete and plans for the next fete.

**Arbuthnot Hall**, See <https://www.arbuthnothall.org> for events, bookings and how to contribute to costs of running this important community asset.

**Environment Group**, See <https://www.shamleygreenenvironment.co.uk> for environment group initiatives.

**Best wishes** [Editor SG Matters](#)