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BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

As a result of the Local Authority Ward Boundary Changes in 2023, the objective of which was to even out disparities between the number of councillors and the number of households that they represented, Shamley Green is no longer a single member ward; but is part of the ward of Bramley and Wonersh. The ward is entitled to three councillors. As a result of the Borough elections last year we have three (Conservative) Councillors, Lauren Atkins, Jane Austin and Michael Goodridge. Michael Goodridge has particular responsibility for Shamley Green, Wonersh & Blackheath. Details of Councillors are available on the Borough website: Lauren Atkins [Councillor details - Councillor Lauren Atkins - Waverley Borough Council](#), Jane Austin [Councillor details - Councillor Jane Austin - Waverley Borough Council](#) and Michael Goodridge [Councillor details - Councillor Michael Goodridge MBE - Waverley Borough Council](#).



[Ed.] On the occasions when I have raised a local issue with Michael Goodridge I have found him to be interested and supportive, albeit sometimes frustrated with the inertia within the Local Government infrastructure.

GUILDFORD WOMEN IN FELLOWSHIP

[Ed.] Recently I gave a presentation to the Guildford Women in Fellowship, at St Mary's in Shalford, on Sandhurst Copse and Sheepwalk woodland. It was well received, "..... I and several others wished that we had been taking notes!". In response I provided a text of the presentation illustrated by the slides. In case it is of wider interest, it can be found at <https://www.sandhurstcopse.org>. Click on the link for Published Articles and it is at the bottom (the most recent) of the list of Presentations.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning Application is to be considered at the Parish Council Planning Committee on 18th April. The final decision is the responsibility of Waverley; but the Parish Council input can be significant.

Planning Application **WA/2024/00614 - WESTLAND FARM, LORDS HILL COMMON, SHAMLEY GREEN, GUILDFORD. GU5 0TL** Extension to existing riding arena and erection of a viewing barn with associated works.

GARDENING CLUB AGM

Linda Penny reports: The seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the club was held in early April and despite being Easter week was attended by around 60 members. There were a few changes to the committee this year; Penny Hodgson stood down after 12 years and will be very much missed. As well as managing the running of the bar (most important!) Penny has organised 11 very enjoyable trips away to gardens around the country. Two new members were voted onto the committee, a welcome addition of fresh ideas! After the formal business had been completed Jane Lovett gave a short informative talk about the aims and work of the Village Environment Group. Members were then able to tuck into a cheese and wine supper (although I think some hungry souls had already taken advantage of the OK to start as soon as they liked!). Photo courtesy of Gwen Ward,



TOAD RELEASE

Three rescue toadlets from last year were released into the pond at Sandhurst Copse woodland last week. It is hoped that they may find suitable habitat and winter quarters on the same site, and not have to cross a busy road to return to their chosen pond in the Spring.



YET MORE STORM DAMAGE IN SANDHURST COPSE

Not sure whether this is the result of storm Nelson or its successor storm Kathleen; but why did the name Nelson precede Kathleen? Apparently storm Nelson affected Spain and they gave it the appropriate name "Nelson". The UK accepted that name. An unusual year, storm Kathleen was the 12th named storm this year.



OLD CODGER



The Wife and I have been in the Algarve in Portugal for the last week. I noticed that the security software on my computer reported that the local WiFi network was insecure and recommended setting up a VPN. Later that week The Wife's BT email was hacked, the password had been changed and access was denied, at the same time all her contacts received an email from her address purporting to be from her and asking for assistance. An automatic forward process had also been put in place so that any responses to that email would be forwarded to an unknown third party. Fortunately our younger daughter Annabelle was with us and able to contact BT, who were very helpful and the problem was sorted out.

KEY VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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](#)