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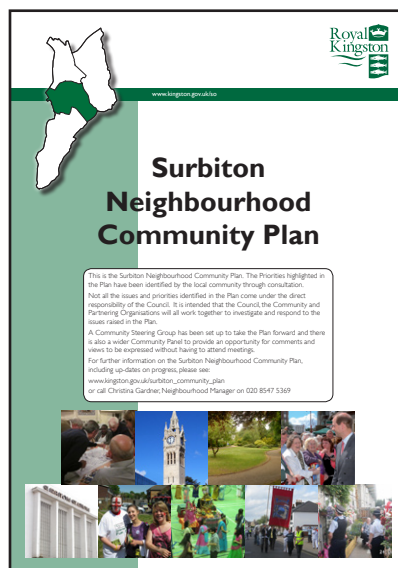
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Welcome

Welcome to the Surbiton Neighbourhood e-Bulletin, which is published regularly and provides information about news and events in the Neighbourhood.

If you would like to receive a regular e-mailed copy of this bulletin, please contact gemma.gallant@rbk.kingston.gov.uk or call 020 8547 5919.

Surbiton Neighbourhood Community Plan – Get Involved!



The Neighbourhood Community Plan contains issues and aspirations gathered from local people over a period of some nine months. A Community Steering Group has been set up to take the Plan forward and held its first meeting in early March. A Neighbourhood Community Panel has also been formed to enable participation online as the Community Plan develops. The Panel also provides opportunities for people who live and work in Surbiton to receive information and comment on other issues that affect the Neighbourhood. To view the Neighbourhood Community Plan, its background and updates on how it is developing, please see:

www.kingston.gov.uk/surbiton_community_plan

If you would like to get involved, please contact: Christina Gardner; christina.gardner@rbk.kingston.gov.uk or phone 020 8547 5369

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Fields Challenge

The Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee has nominated Alexandra Recreation Ground and Claremont Gardens to be entered into the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Fields Challenge. This aims to permanently protect 2012 playing fields and other nominated recreation spaces across the UK, ensuring access to outdoor sport, play and recreation - both now and for future generations. The Challenge will give everyone the opportunity to participate in creating their own legacy through public votes. Up to five sites will be chosen across the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, and these will be put to the public vote in May. The two areas receiving the highest votes will become the Queen Elizabeth II Fields in their area.

For more information please see www.kingston.gov.uk or contact the Kingston Council Contact Centre on 020 8547 5000.



Neighbourhood Committee Meetings

All meetings start at 7:30pm at Dysart School, Ewell Road, Surbiton.

2011

18 May	Planning Sub-Committee
15 June	Neighbourhood Committee

The agenda for each meeting can be found on the Council website about 10 days before the meeting and hard copies can also be viewed in your local library.

Surbiton Town Centre Improvement Strategy - Your Surbiton, Your Views!

The first phase of public consultation on medium-term improvements for the Town Centre will take place between 23 April and 14 May. The second phase will follow when more funding becomes available. The proposed improvements include:

Phase 1 (Consultation 23 April – 14 May 2011)

- Reconstruction of the carriageway of Victoria Road between the roundabout at the station and St Andrew's Road
- Widening of the pavement on the station side of Victoria Road to provide better quality space for pedestrians to walk and stand, particularly by the bus stop near the station
- Changes to the parking layout and times of restrictions in Victoria Road between the station and the Sainsbury's car park access road to provide for deliveries
- Widening of the Brighton Road on the approach to the traffic signals at Balaclava Road

Phase 2 (consultation at future date when funding becomes available)

- Widening of pavements where possible to provide better quality space for pedestrians
- New pavement surfacing to improve the quality of the area
- New street lighting as the existing lamp columns need to be replaced
- De-cluttering of pavements, including a review of street furniture
- Additional street trees where possible

If approved, the works under Phase 1 will be carried out in July/August 2011.

For further information on the Improvement Strategy, please call 020 8547 5369, email christina.gardner@rbk.kingston.gov.uk or see www.kingston.gov.uk/surbiton_town_consultation

Planning Permission for Surbiton Hospital Site Redevelopment



On 3 March 2011, planning proposals were approved to redevelop the Surbiton Hospital site to provide new healthcare facilities and a new two-form entry primary school.

The health facility is expected to be open 12 hours a day, 7 days a week providing services from up to eight existing local GP practices and other care providers - including diagnostic and outpatient services. Patients will be able to retain their relationship with their own GP as well as having access to more services and appointments, including walk-in urgent care.

The new school will provide up to 60 primary places per year, plus 26 nursery school places. It forms part of Kingston Council's Primary School Expansion Programme and will meet the growing need for school places in Surbiton.



It is intended that both buildings will offer extended community usage including access to information about local services, clubs and activities, as well as the opportunity for the public make use of rooms and facilities during certain times of the day.

The current programme for development is:

- Summer 2011 - building works to start on site
- September 2012 - school opens for nursery, reception class and Year 1 pupils
- Spring 2013 - new health facilities to open

Customer Access Point Numbers

The 8 Customer Access Point numbers are set out below:

For all general enquiries:

Information Line
020 8547 5000

To speak to a service specialist:

Benefits 020 8547 5001

Environment 020 8547 5002

Housing 020 8547 5003

Children, Schools and Families
020 8547 5004

Adult Care 020 8547 5005

Culture, Leisure and Libraries
020 8547 5006

Income, Council Tax and
Payments 020 8547 5007

Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Alexandra 020 8721 2516

Berrylands 020 8721 2002

St Marks 020 8721 2044

Surbiton Hill 020 8721 2518

Victoria Park Awarded 'Bronze' in London Mayor's Safer Park Award

Victoria Park is one of 31 London parks to receive an award in the first year of the Safer Parks Award with 12 Gold, 11 Silver and 8 Bronzes presented. Canbury Gardens in Kingston received a Silver Award.

Safer Parks are parks that are well used by everyone in the community and bring lasting benefits, including a reduced fear and incidents of anti-social behaviour and crime. The Mayor's Safer Parks Award recognises and promotes new and existing good practice in tackling anti-social behaviour and increasing safety in London's parks.

Welcome to the newly formed Sunray and Egmont Residents' Association

More than 60 residents got together in the Sunray Community Centre in January to share their views and aspirations for the local area with Ward Councillors and the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Thank you to all who participated.

Local residents have now formed a new Residents' Association which will work together with local people to benefit the local community. If you live on the Sunray Estate and wish to get involved and/or find out more, please contact Christina Gardner on 020 8547 5369 or email the Chair of the RA wstuartwears@aol.com

Launch of New Website for Surbiton – surbitonlive.co.uk

The Surrey Comet has launched a new website for Surbiton to provide neighbourhood news and useful information. It is also an opportunity for people to share news, views, pictures and stories and has real potential to give a boost to sports teams, events, charities and community groups, enabling them to reach out directly to their local audience. In fact it can cover anything and everything that is happening in Surbiton. If you would like to find out more please contact Louise Robertson, Senior Reporter, Surrey Comet and Kingston Guardian on e-mail: lrobertson@london.newsquest.co.uk or give Louise a call on 020 8744 4248

Stay Safe Indoors with Free Home Fire Safety Visits

London Fire Brigade wants you to be safe and is carrying out free home fire safety visits for residents in the Royal Borough of Kingston and the other boroughs in London.

London Fire Brigade personnel will arrange to visit you in your home and along with providing and fitting smoke alarms free of charge, they will discuss any home fire safety issues or questions you may have and go through planning an escape route for you and your family in the event of a fire.

If you would like a free home fire safety visit or would like to arrange a visit on behalf of a member of your family or a friend (please check with them first) please contact the London Fire Brigade free on 08000 28 44 28, see www.london-fire.gov.uk or email smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk

Fires in the home are the main cause of fire deaths. Getting a smoke alarm, regularly testing and maintaining it, as well as planning your escape route in the event of a fire, can dramatically decrease the risk of death or serious injury.

Community Payback – Cleaning Up Your Neighbourhood

A number of cut backs and litter picks have been undertaken in private rear Service Roads in Surbiton by the Community Payback Team in the past few weeks. This is a scheme whereby offenders undertake cleanups and other tasks as part of their community service jointly managed by the Probation Service, Safer Neighbourhood Teams and RBK.

If you have any ideas for areas where Community Payback could help in your area, please email Andrew.melham@rbk.kingston.gov.uk or call 020 8547 5950. Andrew will advise you whether your idea is suitable and meets requirements for the work.





Support the Mayor's Charity Appeal for Fircroft Trust and Cairn House - Music and Comedy Night at the Rose Theatre

On Sunday 8 May, the Rose Theatre will open its doors for an evening of terrific musical talent and cutting-edge comedy in aid of the Mayor's Charity Appeal.

Come along, have a laugh – and do your bit to help support these worthy local charities. Tickets are now on sale for the Music and Comedy Night and are available from the Rose Theatre's Box Office at a cost of £10 per person.

Other upcoming fundraising events for the Mayor's Charity include a Charity Ten Pin Bowling Night on 28 April and Mayor's Garden Party on 7 May.

For more information on any of these events, please see www.kingston.gov.uk/mayors_charity_events, contact Alison Croucher on 020 8547 5030 or email mayorsoffice@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

The Fircroft Trust provides support for people with learning disabilities as well as to those with mental health problems. Cllr. Mary Heathcote joined the fun by riding tandem to raise funds for the Trust at the the Mayor's Charity cycle ride on Sunday 3 April.

Join in The Big Lunch 2011!



The Big Lunch is taking place on Sunday 5 June this year, with the aim of getting as many of the 61 million people in the UK as possible to have lunch with their neighbours once a year. The Big Lunch was developed by the Eden project based on the belief that the world can be a better place through people working together with nature, optimism and common sense.

- Take the initiative and hold an event to get to know all your neighbours!
- Your event can be anything from a simple lunch in your garden to a huge street party. Nearly 1 million people took part last summer.
- Since the event began in 2009, thousands of Big Lunches have taken place in all kinds of communities and the best part of a million people have been involved each year. A record number of people right across the country are expected to take part in 2011.



For further information and a free starter pack see www.thebiglunch.com

To obtain an application form to hold a street party please see Kingston Council's web-site: www.kingston.gov.uk/street_parties.htm

More information and guidance for how to hold a street party, can also be found at www.streetparty.org.uk

or please contact Helene Scotti on 020 8547 5993

or Dawn Bowling on 020 8547 5861.

The Ellerton Road/Bond Road Residents Association held their first Big Lunch street party last year and enjoyed it so much they are looking forward to doing it all again on the 5 June!



Richmond Royal Star and Garter Home Moves to Surbiton



The Royal Star and Garter Charity has announced plans for a new home in Langley Avenue, Surbiton. This will replace the Richmond Home - no longer a suitable environment for providing modern care. The Charity has provided care for disabled ex-service men and women since 1916 and offers its residents the best possible nursing and therapeutic care as well as a variety of leisure pursuits. The photo shows some of the ex service residents visiting the Langley Avenue site with local councillors and the Charity's Chairman and Chief Executive. It is hoped work will start at the end of 2011 ready to welcome the residents to their new home in early 2013. For more information please e-mail surbitonhome@starandgarter.org or see www.starandgarter.org

Surbiton Police Move to New Premises

The Police have moved from the old Police Station building to more up-to-date and modern facilities at Millbank House. The entrance to the Police counter is from Brown Road, Surbiton and it is open to the public from Monday to Friday, 10am until 6pm (closed between 1 and 2pm).

May 2011 Referendum

On 5 May this year, the Government is holding a referendum about changing the voting system used at general elections. The question being put to the public is "At present, the UK uses the 'first past the post' system to elect MPs to the House of Commons. Should the 'alternative vote' system be used instead?"

With the current system, the candidate who gets the most votes in their constituency is elected as the MP. The new system involves voters ranking candidates in order of preference and then reallocating those with the fewest votes, until one candidate has more than 50% of the votes. Poll cards are being sent out late March - make sure your voice is heard by voting on Thursday 5 May. Don't forget to ensure you are registered before the cut-off date, 14 April.

For more information please visit aboutmyvote.co.uk



www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

If you have any news items you would like to be publicised through this e-Bulletin, please email gemma.gallant@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

What's been happening in Surbiton.....?

Even during the dark winter months, events in Surbiton continued to excite, here are just a few

Seething Festival & Procession –The Legend of Lefi Ganderson

“So if you had one extra day every four years to do something special to help others, what would you do?

On 27 and 28 February 2011, Seething [Surbiton] rediscovered its ancient Festival: The Celebration of Lefi Ganderson - The Goat Boy of Mount Seething. Crowds of people enjoyed the Festival and joined the happy procession through Surbiton, open to everyone in the community, to celebrate this great legend.

Read about the legend of Lefi at

www.resourcehome.org/Lefi



Special Olympics Surrey



“Let me win, but if I cannot, let me be brave in the attempt”

Special Olympics Surrey provides year round sports training and programmes for children and adults with learning disabilities. It benefits some 6,000 athletes assisted by 2,600 volunteers and aims to triple the number of participants by 2013 so that more people with learning disabilities can be helped to transform their lives through sport. Councillor Yogan Yoganathan has proudly chaired Special Olympics Surrey since 2007.

Avenu Estate Agents, sponsors of Special Olympics Surrey, hosted a promotional evening at their new premises in Brighton Road – Scott Hasting Karen Oosthuizen wore their medals especially for the event.

If you are interested in becoming an athlete or a volunteer why not visit one of the Special Olympics Training sessions and see the great work for yourself?

For further details on this and other sporting activities please contact: The Active Kingston Team: Tel: 020 8547 5006 or email sports@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Come and learn the magic of DANCE

It was truly a magical occasion when the Mayor, Councillor Chrissie Hitchcock, presented well earned exam certificates to children and young people who attend the Lucinda Walsh School of Dance. Proud relatives and friends gathered in the Sunray Community Centre to see the youngsters, from aged 3 upwards, perform a feast of dancing styles – ballet, contemporary, freestyle, cheerleading and gymnastic.



For more information including classes contact

Lucinda Walsh on 07766 446 353 or lucinda.walsh@btconnect.com or visit www.lwschoolofdance.webs.com

Future Events Organised by the Community

Alpha Road Fun Day 21 May 12pm noon – 3 pm

This fantastic community and family event is now so successful it has become an annual feature in the Surbiton calendar. A whole range of activities are planned for the day - the traditional to the as well as the more unusual. All are welcome – Come along and join in the fun!

Farmers Market, Maple Road - Next Market 19 March

The Farmers Market takes place on the third Saturday of each month, from 9am – 1pm, and the next two will be held on 16 April and 21 May.

Each month, there are 26 stalls selling fresh produce, with new farmers and suppliers joining the regular stallholders. Local restaurants, cafes and bars will give you a really warm welcome too, serving hot drinks, breakfast and lunch.

For more details please see the Council website or contact Sarah Taylor on 020 8390 5673 or email info@shoesatlast.com



The following are brought to you by the organisers of Ski Sunday, the Seething Festival and the legend of Lefi Ganderson, The Giant Mousetrap, Buckaroo...

The Seething Community Sports Day at Victoria Recreation Ground

Saturday 7 May, 1 pm – 4pm

Dust off your plimsolls, put on your PE kit, pack a picnic and come along for all the fun, frolics and simplicity of a traditional primary school sports day – but this time for the whole community.

You can watch, cheer or better still take part in the ancient halcyon games of yore that were:

- The Egg and Spoon
- The Obstacle
- Three Legged - and of course
- The 'Ganderson' amongst others

All ages welcome, families, groups or individuals.



Hungry Hippos in the Lamb, Brighton Road

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June

Build and play a giant version of this children's classic.

The Shoppers' Opera in The Bentall Centre, Kingston

Thursdays 23 June, 30 June and 7 July

A new opera about the joys and frustrations of shopping, performed during late night shopping.

For more details on these and other events later in the year please see: www.seethingwells.org

Have Fun in your Free-Time

For activities you can do in your free time including Martial Arts, dancing, history, drama, croquet and more please log on to www.kingston.gov.uk/surbiton