



New Mayor and Deputy

Councillor Sam Rahmouni was elected Mayor of Woodley at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council on 8 May 2018. The new Town Mayor has been a Town Councillor for 19 years and said he was proud and delighted to have been appointed to his new role and looked forward to carrying out engagements and meeting new people. Councillor Rahmouni has chosen the Multiple Sclerosis Society as the Mayor's charity for 2018/19.

Councillor David Stares was elected Deputy Mayor of Woodley at the Annual Meeting.

Welcome to new members of Council

Following the resignation from the Council of Paul Etherington and Rob Lay, two new Town Councillors, David Bragg and Jean-Jacques Ellis, were elected in May. We welcome them to the Council and thank former councillors Etherington and Lay for their service over the last three years.



Cllr David Bragg
who represents
Bulmershe ward



Cllr Jean-Jacques Ellis
who represents
South Lake North ward

Citizens' and Mayor's Awards

Former Town Mayor Councillor Jenny Cheng presented Citizens' Awards to three very deserving recipients at a reception in the Oakwood Centre in April. Woodley Town Council makes the awards to people who have made a difference to members of the community by the giving of their time and effort on behalf of others. This year the awards were made to:

Norman and Beryl Freeman, for 42 years of tireless voluntary work for the Royal British Legion, serving the Woodley area.

Marc Surtees, for his commitment to the development and growth of female football in Woodley over the past 12 years.

A special Mayor's Award was also given this year to Shelagh Flower for her many years of very varied voluntary work in Woodley, including organising Woodley Adopt A Street litter picking volunteers, the Link befriending scheme, the Woodley Volunteer Centre and ARC. On the evening, Shelagh's award was collected on her behalf by her son, David, who read out a message of thanks from Shelagh. The Mayor said she was delighted to present the awards and to be able to thank all the award winners, on behalf of the local community, for all the work they do.

Shelagh receiving her
Mayor's Award shield
separately



Community grants

Before the start of the May Annual Meeting, the outgoing Mayor, Jenny Cheng, presented community grants to several charities and individuals. The grant recipients included Friends of Woodford Park, the Me2 Club, Revitalise Respite Holidays, Woodley Festival of Music and Arts, Woodley Netball Club, Woodley United FC and Woodley Women's Club. Individual grants were awarded to Emily Phillips from the GB Ice Dance Squad and Adrian and Daniel Wakelin from the GB Dragon Boat Squad who will all be competing in the European Championships in Germany in August – we wish them great success. The next round of grants will be considered in November 2018.

Applications can be made online, or you can download a form to complete.

Visit www.woodley.gov.uk for forms and grant guidelines – closing date for submission of forms is 1 November.





Woodley Town Carnival 2018

Town Mayor Sam Rahmouni opened this year's Heroes & Villains Woodley Town Carnival. Many thanks to the Carnival Committee for all their hard work and planning for such a successful and enjoyable day. Pictured with the Mayor: Peter Jacobs, Sir John Madejski, MP Matt Rodda and the winning Woodley Carnival Queen and Princesses.

Volunteers

Thames Hospice volunteers. The s...
Hospice to enab...
to local people a...
available. Drop i...
to sign up to a ta...
or visit www.thameshospice.org.uk

Wanted – redundant spectacles!

Over the past year, Woodley & Earley Lions Club members have collected over 7,000 redundant spectacles from collection points in the Woodley and Earley area. Spektrek, managed by Lions member Philip Barry, send boxes of spectacles to workshops in Chichester, where they are sorted and graded for onward transmission to Medico France where they have the necessary equipment to clean and repair the spectacles for use in eye clinics in Africa, India and Eastern Europe. Collection boxes for the spectacles (cases not required) are located at the following venues:



Loddon Vale Surgery – Hurricane Way, Woodley
Specsavers – Woodley Precinct
Leightons Opticians – Woodley Precinct
Earley Crescent Centre

Town Council and voluntary sector work together to help our young people cope with anxiety

In March, the Council's Community Youth Partnership, made up of Town Councillors and voluntary sector representatives working with young people, held a conference/workshop: "Exploding the myths". The free of charge event was for parents and professionals working with young people - with the aim of helping them spot signs of anxiety in young people and to have more information about local support and organisations that can help at an early stage, before a situation becomes more serious. Following the event to help support local parents and young people, the Partnership has been allocated £2,000 from the Town Council's youth projects fund which it will be using to help set up and run self-help parent groups in Woodley, as well as some training sessions run by ARC (voluntary counselling service) on parenting and helping children suffering from anxiety. Further information can be found at: www.woodley.gov.uk

Community Speed Watch

Woodley Town Council is setting up its own Community Speed Watch and is looking for volunteers to join the team. The police-approved scheme requires residents to monitor and report back information to the police for action using the Town Council's own speed camera. Already a tried and tested scheme in Berkshire, Woodley is joining the group to keep its local roads speed-safe. For further information, please contact: admin@woodley.gov.uk / 0118 9690356.

SCAMS – top prevention tips

1. **Be suspicious** of any 'too good to be true' offers.
2. **Take your time to check** – do not agree to any offers or deals immediately.
3. **Do not hand over money or sign anything** until you have checked credentials.
4. **Never send money to anyone you do not know or trust** or use methods of payment with which you are not comfortable.
5. **Never give banking or personal details to someone you do not know or trust.**
6. **Always log on to a website directly** rather than clicking on links provided in an email.
7. **Do not rely solely on glowing testimonials** – find solid independent evidence.
8. **Always get independent/legal advice if an offer involves money, time or commitment.**
9. **ALWAYS use strong passwords, ALWAYS use up-to-date Internet Security Software on all your devices when connected to the internet, ALWAYS install the latest operating system updates.**

www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk / www.actionfraud.org.uk / 0300 123 2040



wanted

A shop in Woodley is looking for new volunteers. The shop helps to raise vital funds for the Woodley Hospice. It offers its services free of charge to the community and their families. Flexible shifts are available. To book an appointment call Sarah on 0118 9442942 or visit www.woodleyhospice.org.uk/volunteer

**Book the date:
Festival of Business
Woodley**

**Thursday
11 October 2018**

[www.facebook.com/
WoodleyBusinessClub](http://www.facebook.com/WoodleyBusinessClub)

Woodford Park Lake

The regeneration of the lake in Woodford Park has begun and the results are already being seen.

Before the nesting season, we carried out preparatory works including cutting back overgrown areas, removing the hedge at the eastern end of the lake and, following a professional tree survey, removing trees that were in poor condition or damaging the lake and island banks. Allowing more sunlight in has already had a positive impact on the plant and animal life with flag iris shooting up around the lake edges and frogspawn in the shallower areas. The works to improve the habitat, ecosystem and amenity value of the lake will continue in September and include the creation of a wildlife area and a boardwalk across the lake with a dipping platform.



What's On

Oakwood Centre

Blood Donors

11 & 25 July, 8 & 15 August
12 September, 10 & 31 October
To book an appointment call
0300 123 23 23

Weight Watchers

Thursdays 09.30

Woodley & Earley Art Group

Last Thursday in the month 19.00 – 22.00

Art Exhibition

26 October 10.00 – 17.00 & 19.00 – 21.00
27 October 10.00 – 17.00

Woodley Photographic Club

Mondays 19.45 – 22.15
From September – June

Acorn Community Acupuncture

Thursdays 18.00 – 22.00
Call 07551 726077 for an appointment or
visit www.acornacupuncture.org.uk

Libra Pilates

Tuesdays 09.30 – 10.30, 10.30 – 11.30
& 11.30 – 12.30
Contact 0118 9697769

White Yoga

Wednesdays 18.15 – 19.15
& 19.15 – 20.30
Contact: Kat 07599 988126

Energy Share Meetings – Various Alternative Therapies

One Wednesday per month
Contact lizziejones8384@aol.com

Jewellery Classes

Mondays 10.00 – 12.00, 13.00 – 15.00
18.30 – 20.30
Contact janerichardson.co.uk
07840 538353

Woodley Women's Club

Every other Monday 19.30 – 22.00
Contact Sheila Smith 0118 9692076

Woodley Business Festival

11 October
<http://festivalofbusinesswoodley.co.uk>

Council meetings

Full Council 2 October 20.00

Leisure Services Committee 4 September 20.00

Strategy and Resources Committee 18 September 20.00

Planning Committee 17 July, 14 August, 11 September, 9 October 19.45

Meetings are held at the Oakwood Centre.

A Town Forum is held before each Full Council meeting at which members of the public can pose questions to the Council on issues affecting the town or on Town Council matters.

See Oakwood Centre events and information



@oakwoodcentrek



The Oakwood Centre

www.woodley.gov.uk

Alan Cornish Theatre

Berzerk Productions – Signature

9-14 July 19.45
Box Office:
[http://www.berzerkproductions.com/
box-office-and-events](http://www.berzerkproductions.com/box-office-and-events)

Omni Theatre – Spring Awakening

11-14 September 20.00
Box Office: www.omnitheatre.co.uk

Woodley Theatre Laying the Ghost by Wendy Huntley

25 – 29 September at 19.45
Box Office: 07939 210121
or www.woodleytheatre.org

Woodley Theatre – Jazz

13 October 19.45
Box Office: 07939 210121
or www.woodleytheatre.org

Mostly G&S

The Zoo and H.M.S. Pinafore

18 – 20 October 19.45
Box Office: 01635 522750 or
email mostlygands@gmail.com

Town Centre

Saturday Market

Every Saturday 09.00 – 15.00

Farmers Market

18 July, 15 August, 19 September
17 October 09.00 – 13.30

Car Boot and Table Top Sale

8 & 22 July, 12 & 26 August
9 & 23 September, 14 & 28 October
08.00 – 13.00

Bracknell & Wokingham Concert Band

7 July 11.00 – 13.00

Reading Spring Gardens Brass Band

1 September 11.00 – 13.00



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www.woodleytowncentre.co.uk

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Fun, exciting, challenging and active holiday camps for kids from 3-14 years old!

Summer NERF Wars!

On these action-packed summer camps, children will dive into exciting and challenging missions whilst armed with NERF blasters, foam darts, a tactical vest and protective goggles. A great way to blow off some steam during the time off from school.

Week 1: Battle Royale NERF Camp!

Thursday 26th July – Friday 27th July, 13.00 – 14.00

Week 3: Superhero NERF Camp!

Tuesday 7th August – Thursday 9th August, 13.00 – 14.00

Week 4: Galaxy Warfare NERF Camp!

Tuesday 14th August – Thursday 16th August, 13.00 – 14.00

Week 5: Cops and Robbers NERF Camp!

Tuesday 21st August – Thursday 23rd August, 13.00 – 14.00

Prices

£4.50 (HH Member) or £5.00 (Non Member) per session
£12.00 (HH Member) or £13.50 (Non Member) for three days
(Ages 6 – 11 years)

Limited spaces available.

Allocated on a first come, first served basis.



3G Football Camp!

All are welcome at our extended 3G football Camp! Children will take part in high quality and enjoyable sessions led by our team of enthusiastic and football mad coaches. Each day will be packed with new, fun and exciting football drills so that everyone ends the day happy, challenged and exhausted.... Don't forget to bring a drink.

Dates / Times

Tuesday 28th August – Thursday 30th August, 10.00 – 14.00

Prices

£6.00 (HH Member) or £7.00 (Non Member) for half a day
£11.00 (HH Member) or £13.00 (Non Member) for a full day
£31.50 (HH Member) or £36.00 (Non Member) for all three full days
(Ages 5 – 11 years)

Limited spaces available.

Allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Cheerleading Camp!

Trampnastics Camp!

This brand new camp will offer a combination of trampolining and gymnastics and give camp goers the chance to train with some highly qualified and friendly British Gymnastics coaches. A perfect camp for those looking to try out trampolining and gymnastics for the first time.

Dates / Times

Monday 13th August – Wednesday 15th August, 09.30 – 11.00

Prices

£6.00 (HH Member) or £6.50 (Non Member) per session
£16.50 (HH Member) or £18.00 (Non Member) for all three sessions
(Ages 6 – 14 years)

Limited spaces available.

Allocated on a first come, first served basis.



Ninja Sports Camp!
Trampolining Camp!
Mini Soccer Camp!
Multi Sports Camp!

Family Racket Attack!

Adults can now join in the fun with our new Family racket attack. During the school holidays any family with any children under 16 years of age can play Tennis, Badminton, Table Tennis or Mini Tennis for just £1 each per hour. This offer is only valid Monday to Friday between 9:00am and 5:00pm and throughout the school holidays.

**ONLY
£1**

Jump 'N' Gym Camp!



For more information about the full list of camps and other services:

www.woodley.gov.uk / sports@woodley.gov.uk

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