

## Climate emergency

Since declaring a climate emergency in October 2019, Woodley Town Council has embarked on an ambitious plan to become a carbon neutral organisation by 2030.

January 2020 saw the installation of solar panels on the Oakwood Centre, as part of a contract with Reading Community Energy Society to provide cheap daytime electricity and return renewable energy to the grid. This follows the installation of a similar system at Woodford Park Leisure Centre in 2019. In addition to the discounted rate for electricity, the systems will generate renewable energy with the equivalent saving of around 13 tonnes CO2 per year.

As of February 2020, all Town Council buildings are supplied with carbon neutral gas under a three-year supply contract with Ecotricity. This provides a carbon offset of almost 100 tonnes CO2 per year. This is a great start but we still have much to do. We are developing a Climate Emergency Plan, which will identify specific measurable targets and will link in with the work being carried out by Wokingham Borough Council and other town and parish councils across the Borough.

In the meantime, we are working on the replacement of lighting in our buildings with low energy LED and considering options for rainwater harvesting. We will also be providing information to residents on local and national environmental initiatives.



Woodley Community Grant recipients Back Row L-R: Tim Cowen, Graham Powell, Steven Polak  
Middle Row L-R: Geraldine Durrant, Amber Burman, Ellena Burman, Chelsea Allong, Summer Close, Shelagh Flower, Marguerite Risby  
Front Row (seated) L-R: Georgia Ward, Linda Martin, Woodley Town Mayor Cllr Kay Gilder, Mary Nash, Leoni Wickham

## Grant recipients

At the Full Council meeting in December, the Town Mayor, Cllr Kay Gilder, awarded nine community grants to local organisations. Awards went to Kick Twist Cheerleading, The Link Visiting Scheme, Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre, Ward and Wickham Ensemble, Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association, Wokingham Job Support Centre, Wokingham Volunteer Centre, Woodley Adopt a Street Project (WASP) and Woodley Photographic Club.

The Town Mayor also presented 5 young people with grants towards their sporting endeavours. William Cowan, who is a member of the GB Gymnastics Tumbling Squad, was travelling back from the World Championships in Tokyo and his grant was collected by his father, Tim Cowan. We heard later that William had won a Gold medal and had become the World Champion in the 15 – 16 age group for Tumbling. Four members of Kick Twist Cheerleading were also awarded grants towards the costs of travel and accommodation in order to take part in the European Cheerleading Championships in Paris.





## New look theatre

The Alan Cornish Theatre at the Oakwood Centre has had a boost of colour injected, with newly upholstered seats in ochre, navy blue and orange. The theatre continues to be a popular venue in Woodley hosting numerous events throughout the year including regular productions from Woodley Theatre, Berzerk Productions and an increasing number of bands. It is also a great space for local businesses hosting seminars and presentations, as well as the key venue for speakers at the annual Festival of Business Woodley. To enquire about booking the theatre please call 0118 9690356 or email [bookings@woodley.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@woodley.gov.uk).

## Exploring Woodley

Did you know that Woodley was originally a 'clearing in the wood' from which its name is derived? We now have an expanded 'History & Local Walks' page on our website, which is rich in articles about the history of Woodley and includes several walks around the town. Our thanks go to the Wokingham U3A and to the Woodley and North Earley Forum and Loddon Valley Ramblers for their work on providing the walks. Go to [www.woodley.gov.uk](http://www.woodley.gov.uk).

## Re3 ID required

Residents visiting re3 Recycling Centres will now be required to present documentation that identifies them as residents of the re3 area – Bracknell Forest, Reading or Wokingham. The current windscreen stickers will no longer be accepted as proof of residency and instead the following forms of ID will be required and accepted: driving licence, current council tax bill, utility bill, bank or credit card statement (issued no more than four months prior to the date of visit), Photocard bus pass issued by a re3 council or a valid blue badge or residents' parking permit issued by a re3 council.

**the BIG tidy up**

**Woodley Town Council and Woodley Adopt A Street Project Clean Up Day 2020**

Meeting at Woodford Park Leisure Centre on Saturday 28 March 2020, 10am.

Please come along and lend a hand but remember to wear gloves, strong footwear and suitable clothing.

Just turn up on the day or for further details please contact: Shelagh Flower on 07879 330 403, email: [shelagh.flower@googlemail.com](mailto:shelagh.flower@googlemail.com) or visit: [www.wokingham.gov.uk/litterpick](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/litterpick).

Woodley will once again be joining the borough's annual litter picking weekend – we'd love you to join us. The event will be run by Woodley Adopt A Street Project (WASP).

Woodley Town Council and the Town Centre Management Initiative will be marking the 75th Anniversary of VE Day at a Community Fun Day on the Memorial Ground, Woodford Park – PLEASE JOIN US!

**Community Fun Day to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 11.00 - 16.00

**75**

Woodford Park Memorial Ground & the Oakwood Centre

FREE Rides  
FREE Entertainment

Afternoon Tea in the Oakwood Centre  
Cocktail Bar  
Food stalls  
Music

**75**

VE Day Exhibition in the Oakwood Centre

Woodley Town Council

VE Day Footage in the Alan Cornish Theatre

Woodley Town Centre

Barnes Fitness will be hosting the annual 10km and 2.5km runs in memory of David, a former Woodley Town Councillor, Reading Roadrunner and huge support of the event. The runs will also be supporting the Mayor of Woodley's charity, Prostate Cancer Research UK. For more information and to purchase tickets please visit: [www.barnesfitness.one](http://www.barnesfitness.one)

## Destination Play Area

The Council is working with play equipment design for the new 'destination' play area. We will see a high quality play area catering for all ages as possible, with a focus on accessibility. We have an opportunity to provide feedback on the design brief and some options have been developed. Funded through Section 106 developers and the Council.

**Don't forget to join Woodley Carnival**



## Woodley Town Council Budget

| Budget Estimates 2019/20 |             |         |               |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------|---------------|
| Income                   | Expenditure | Net Exp |               |
| 237734                   | 884995      | 647261  | Strategy and  |
| 478908                   | 652440      | 173532  | Leisure       |
|                          | 31581       | 31581   | Pla           |
|                          | 316610      | 316610  | Capital a     |
| 716642                   | 1885626     | 1168984 | Total Revenue |

| Budget Summary               |
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| Estimated opening balance    |
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| Less: Net Expenditure Budget |
| Budgeted balance as at       |

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## Council meetings

**Full Council** 12 May, 23 June

**Leisure Services Committee** 14 April, 13 May

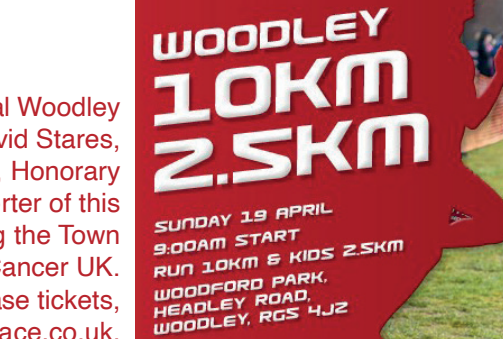
**Strategy and Resources Committee** 2 May, 19 June

**Planning and Community Committee** 19 June, 13 May

Meetings are held at the Oakwood Centre

A Town Forum is held before each Full Council meeting where the public can pose questions to the Council on Council matters.





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a for Woodford Park. This exciting project  
for as wide a range of age and abilities  
y and inclusivity. Residents will have the  
project via a consultation process once the  
en drafted. The £200,000 project is being  
' contributions from Wokingham Borough

Join in the fun –  
al is 60 this year!



## Budget Estimates 2020/21

| Budget Estimates 2020/21 |        |             |         |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------|---------|
|                          | Income | Expenditure | Net Exp |
| nd Resources             | 264594 | 975346      | 710752  |
| Services                 | 497693 | 677624      | 179931  |
| nning                    |        | 33093       | 33093   |
| nd Projects              |        | 311506      | 311506  |
| ue Exp/Income            | 762287 | 1997569     | 1235282 |

| Summary 2020/21  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| nce 1 April 2020 | 488581  |
|                  | 1203188 |
| udget 2020/21    | 1235282 |
| 31 March 2021    | 456487  |

will increase to £112.88

2 June  
8 April, 9 June  
24 March, 21 April, 19 May, 16 June, 14 July  
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# What's On

## Oakwood Centre

### Blood Donors

11 & 18 March, 20 May, 3 & 17 June  
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  
[Exhibition 24-25th April](#)

### 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](http://www.acornacupuncture.org.uk)

### Libra Pilates

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

### Energy Share Meetings – Various Alternative Therapies

One Wednesday per month  
Contact [lizziejones8384@aol.com](mailto:lizziejones8384@aol.com)

### Jewellery Classes

Mondays 10.00 – 12.00, 13.00 – 15.00,  
18.30 – 20.30  
Contact [janetrichardson.co.uk](http://janetrichardson.co.uk)  
07840 538353

### Woodley Women's Club

Every other Monday 19.30 – 22.00  
Contact Sheila Smith 0118 9692076

### GymCats

Thursdays 19.00 – 20.00  
Contact [GymCatsPT@gmail.com](mailto:GymCatsPT@gmail.com)

### Meditation Class

Tuesdays 19.30 – 20.30  
Contact [karenproudfoot@live.com](mailto:karenproudfoot@live.com)  
07960 966020

### Yoga

Wednesdays 19.30 – 20.30  
Contact Kassi Milne-Smith 07960 858675

## Centre Stage

### Romania Link Charity Sale

March 14th

### Palmer Park Bowling Club

#### Bric a Brac Sale

May 15th

### Woodley Womens Club Bric a Brac Sale

May 22nd

## Alan Cornish Theatre

### Mostly G&S

#### The Mikado

26-28 March 19.30  
Box Office [mostlygands@hotmail.com](mailto:mostlygands@hotmail.com)  
07514 423894

### Cold Turkey Entertainment

#### A Double Bill of Cuthbert Masterstroke

15-16 April 19.30  
Box Office: [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

### Blake's Heaven Big Band

#### Evolution

18th April 20.00  
Box Office: [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)

## Woodley Theatre

### Things we do for Love

#### By Alan Ayckbourn

28 April – 2 May 19.45  
Box Office: 07939 210121  
or [www.woodleytheatre.org](http://www.woodleytheatre.org)

### Jazz Concert

16 May 19.45  
Box Office: 07939 210121  
or [www.woodleytheatre.org](http://www.woodleytheatre.org)

### Talking Heads

#### (Part Two)

30 June – 4 July 19.45  
Box Office: 07939 210121  
or [www.woodleytheatre.org](http://www.woodleytheatre.org)

## Town Centre

### Saturday Market

Every Saturday 09.00-15.00

### Artisan & Produce Market

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
09.00 – 13.30

### Car Boot and Table Top Sale

8 & 22 March, 08.00 – 13.00

### NEW Vegan Market

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
from 15 March 2020



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[www.woodleytowncentre.co.uk](http://www.woodleytowncentre.co.uk)

### Me2Club Cake / Toy Sale

May 29th

### Woodley's Summer Street Party with

#### Spriggen Mist and guests

June 27th

### Craigievar Ceilidh Band

July 11th



@oakwoodcentreuk



The Oakwood Centre

[www.woodley.gov.uk](http://www.woodley.gov.uk)



# Easter Holiday Activities

April 2020 will see the launch of a brand-new range of exciting school holiday activities with more affordable and varied sessions that target a wider range of both ages and interests to ensure that school holidays have something for everyone!

## For Children / Teenagers

### Extreme Sports Camp

Dodgeball, crash-mat rounders, crazy cricket and much more.

### Gym Fit Sessions

A chance for 11 – 15 year olds to try out some of our classic group exercise classes.

### Easter Arts & Crafts Sessions

Create and craft bunny bookmarks, Easter baskets and join in with a chocolate egg hunt.

Are you a member of The Gym on the Park?  
Did you know that you can book your children onto our Easter Holiday Camps completely free of charge as part of your membership?

**Keep an eye out on our website and Facebook page for more activities, dates, times and price announcements or contact us on: [sports@woodley.gov.uk](mailto:sports@woodley.gov.uk)**

## Family Racket Attack

Adults can now join in the fun with our Family Racket Attack! During the school holidays, any family with children under 16 years old can play badminton, tennis or table tennis for just £1 each per hour.

Valid Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 17:00 during the school holidays.



- ✓ No joining fee
- ✓ No long term contract
- ✓ Free gym induction
- ✓ Group exercise classes included
- ✓ Over 100 free parking spaces
- ✓ Monthly discount for Woodley residents

If you are looking for a local and friendly gym with low monthly membership costs then The Gym on the Park is for you.

Our experienced team is always on hand to help you and we offer all our members a free gym induction to help show you the ropes and get you started.

Included within your membership is access to a wide range of popular classes, such as Zumba, Boxercise, Tai Chi and Legs, Bums and Tums, run by some of the best local exercise instructors and coaches.

We don't require any of our members to sign a long term contract or pay a fee to join and all fitness levels are welcome.

For more information check out our website or come and visit us to take a look around the gym and get started.

**£24.99 per month (Woodley Residents) or £26.99 per month (non residents)**

**0118 9216969 [www.woodley.gov.uk](http://www.woodley.gov.uk)**

