



New Mayor & Deputy

We are pleased to announce that Cllr. Jenny Cheng has been elected as Town Mayor for a second term. The Mayor has chosen First Days Children's Charity as her charity for 2017/18. First Days collect unwanted baby clothes, equipment, furniture and toys and redistribute them to families who need them. Cllr. Sam Rahmouni was appointed Deputy Town Mayor at the same meeting.



Community Grant recipients

Before the Council's Annual Meeting in May, Town Mayor Cllr. Jenny Cheng awarded Council grant cheques to representatives from Sport in Mind, Woodley United FC, Chemogiftbags, Me2Club, Woodley Retired People's Club, and Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association. Two talented local sportsmen Adrian and Daniel Wakelin also received grants towards their training for the GB Dragon Boat Squad. Jason McMahon from Launchpad (Preventing Homelessness in Reading), the Mayor's chosen charity for 2016/17 also received a cheque on the night.



Opening of 'Centre Stage'

On Saturday 20th May, Cllr Jenny Cheng took to the newly named 'Centre Stage' to officially open the new entertainment area in Woodley town centre. A full day of entertainment was laid on for residents and despite the weather there were some great performances from Reading Spring Gardens Band, Jazz Band the HipCats and Shinfield Shambles morris dancers. A balloon modeller and a Minion were also on hand to entertain children.



Lake update

Thank you to everyone who took part in the public consultation regarding proposed changes to the lake area. We are currently tweaking the plans to take into account the feedback, and pursuing funding for the project.

**Thank you
for your
feedback**

The Oakwood Centre & Halls

Situated on the Headley Road opposite the car park, we offer something for everyone: activities for all ages, rooms to hire and Brown Bag Coffee Shop, the perfect place to sit, relax and take time out of a busy schedule.

Have you seen what's available at the Oakwood Centre, Coronation Hall and Chapel Hall? There are exercise classes, slimming sessions, toddler groups, history society meetings, photographic and art clubs, drama and dance groups, jewellery making, over 50's activities and groups for women such as Townswomen's Guild, WI, Woodley Women's Club.

**Looking
for a new
hobby or
activity?**

For more information go to our website at www.oakwoodcentre.co.uk or drop into the Council Offices at the Oakwood Centre to pick up a leaflet.

Rooms to hire

We have rooms of all sizes to hire for 3 - 150 people. Perfect for business meetings and community group use.

Dedicated office space to rent

We have a modern, light and airy office space for rent within the Oakwood Centre. Suitable for businesses – the room can accommodate up to 10 people. Contact us at bookings@woodley.gov.uk to find out more.





Park Wardens needed for Woodford Park

We are still looking for more volunteer Park Wardens to help us keep the park clean and welcoming for all our residents. Hours to suit the applicant. If you are interested in finding out more please contact admin@woodley.gov.uk.

Meet our new team member

Terry Gough joined the Council this month as Grounds Maintenance Manager. Terry has a wide range of experience looking after all things green and previously held a similar role at Earley Town Council.



New flower beds for Woodford Park

The 'Friends of Woodford Park' have been busy making our local park look beautiful. You may have seen that they have created some new flower beds next to the Oakwood Centre. These complement the gardens they set out last year near the war memorial. This year the group have had some welcome help from volunteers from Sage, the accountancy software company in Winnersh – their work is much appreciated. Local businesses, clubs and residents also helped by providing some of the plants and garden tools. The Friends group welcomes volunteers of all ages and ability. To find out more visit Facebook: [Friendsofwoodfordpark](https://www.facebook.com/Friendsofwoodfordpark) or email: fowp.woodley@gmail.com

Public toilet update

The Council has now agreed the lease terms with Wokingham Borough Council to site the new public toilet at the southern entrance to the town centre. Once the lease is signed an order will be placed and we hope to be able to install the new facility by October this year.

Woodford Park Leisure Centre News

Starting soon...

Funky Fitness

This programme is designed to introduce children aged 7+ to fitness through fun exercise classes run by fully trained instructors. Accompanying adults get the opportunity to make use of The Gym on the Park during the children's class.

If you are interested please register at sports@woodley.gov.uk.

Walking football

Walking football has been added to the leisure centre's offering for their Wednesday over 50's afternoon club 2.30 – 4pm.



Exercise classes

New classes added

The number of exercise classes being run by Woodford Park Leisure Centre is now greater than ever following the opening of The Gym on the Park. The boom in attendance at regular classes has resulted in the recent additions of Piyo (a fusion of Pilates and Yoga), Silver Circuits (circuits class suitable for ages 50+) and an additional 25 minute Ab Attack class.

Don't forget, the Centre is currently offering all classes included on the timetable free of charge when you join the Gym on the Park.

Summer holiday Activity Camps

Popular camps such as Trampolining, Soccer Skills and Smash Up Badminton will return this summer together with some exciting new camps focussed around fitness, dancing and toddler activities.

For more information on all of the above visit the leisure centre's Facebook page or www.woodley.gov.uk/Woodford-Park-Leisure-Centre.



Helping save lives

The Mayor was delighted to join the President and members of the Woodley and Earley Lions Club at the presentation of a brand new fully equipped First Responders vehicle at this year's carnival. The team of six Woodley First Responders can be at an emergency within minutes, helping save lives. Marshall (Skoda) Reading and the Woodley Women's Club helped the Lions achieve their goal.

Colin Gibson, Tim Dixon (Club President), Mayor Cllr Jenny Cheng, Will Parish, Anne Yousif, Tracy Wand



Local PC receives Queen's Police Medal

Congratulations to Woodley PC Les Eke, who was awarded the Queen's Police Medal (QPM) for distinguished service. PC Eke started working for TVP in 1984, and since 1996 has been schools officer for Wokingham. He said: "I'm absolutely chuffed to receive the Queen's Police Medal. I know how much of an achievement this is to receive and I think there are far more worthy people. Outside of work I am a youth worker and I'm also involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award so it has been nice to have a job which also allows me to incorporate my hobby of working with young people."



CommuniTrees

Pupils from Addington, Bulmershe, Beechwood, Earley St Peters and St Dominic's Savio are working together on a project with the aim to plant more trees at their school sites and also in shared community areas at Sol Joel Park in Earley, Woodlands Avenue playing fields/ cycle path and Woodford Park. The project is trying to improve the area for wildlife and residents, provide more shelter for pupils in and around the schools, reduce air pollution and replace trees and natural habitat in areas that have been developed. Pupils have started fundraising to raise the money to plant 50 trees in November 2017. For more information contact Melanie Eastwood, the CommuniTrees co-ordinator, on Melanie1_woodlands@outlook.com.

Volunteering as a Local Access Forum member

The Town Council are looking for a local resident to represent the Council on the Local Access Forum. Roles include advising on the management of the public rights of way network, commons, parks and green spaces. The Forum is made up of representatives from a cross-section of interests, from walkers, cyclists, horse-riders, to rural business owners, farmers and landowners. For more information visit www.westberks.gov.uk and search for Local Access Forum. Please contact us if you'd like to apply via admin@woodley.gov.uk.

Launch of new Victims First website

The new 'Victims First' website provides advice on what to do and how to get help and support if you've been a victim of crime, including information on what you should expect from the police and other criminal justice agencies if you report the crime. The website also has information and advice to help people recognise hidden crimes such as modern slavery, domestic abuse, including coercive control, and hate crime.

www.victims-first.org.uk

VICTIMS FIRST
Care Empower Recover



Bonfires

We'd like to remind residents that whilst garden bonfires are legal, please consider your neighbours and the environment or perhaps take your green waste to the recycling site. Thank you.



Festival of Business Woodley

This year's Festival of Business Woodley will again be sponsored by the Town Council and held at The Oakwood Centre, Woodley on Wednesday 11th October 2017. Details of the event including how to exhibit will be released in the coming months at www.festivalofbusinesswoodley.co.uk.

The Festival of Business 2016 raised £400 for local charity Me2Club. Me2Club enables children with additional needs (5 -19yrs) to access mainstream activities. Cheque presented by Jacqueline Harris.

Double success for Woodley United FC

Congratulations to Woodley United FC winners of the Berks & Bucks FA Saturday Intermediate cup. Their promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division next season will see them playing in the prestigious FA cup.

Picture courtesy of Peter Toft



What's On

Oakwood Centre

Blood Donors

19 July, 2 & 16 August
13 & 27 September, 4 & 18 October
8 & 22 November

To book an appointment call
0300 123 23 23

Two Left Feet – tasters of different dance techniques

Sessions 7.30 – 8.30pm
26 July, 9 & 23 August, 6 September,
4 & 18 October, 1 November

Contact for further dates on 0118 9899750 or
outandabout@optalis.org

Weight Watchers

Thursdays 9.30am

Woodley & Earley Art Group

Last Thursday in the month 7 – 10pm
Art Exhibition – Friday 27, Saturday 28 &
Sunday 29 October

Woodley Photographic Club

Mondays 7.45 – 10.15pm
From September – June

Acorn Community Acupuncture

Thursdays 6 – 10pm
Call 07551 726077 for an appointment or visit
www.acornacupuncture.org.uk

Alan Cornish Theatre

Artemis Studios, Oliver

14 July 7pm, 15 July 2.30pm & 7pm

Box Office www.artemis-studios.co.uk/shows_events

Drishti Dance Foundation Limited Sama

22 July 7.30pm

Box Office www.wegotickets.com/event/406958

The Woodford Singers & The High Voltage Singers Present September Song

9 September 7.30pm

Box Office 0118 9698695 or 0118 9345998
allanmdodd@gmail.com
or j.crossman@ymail.com

The Sainsbury Singers, Godspell

25–28 October 7.30pm
Box Office 0118 9882510

Mostly G&S

Cox & Box and Trial by Jury

2-4 November 7.45pm
Box Office 01635 522750 or
mostlygands@gmail.com

Woodley Theatre

The Memory of Water by Shelagh Stephenson

26-30 September 7.45pm
Box Office 07939 210121
or www.woodleytheatre.org

Woodley Theatre

Jazz – Martin Hart Trio

14 October 19.45
Box Office 07939 210121
or www.woodleytheatre.org

Town Centre events



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Saturday Market

Every Saturday 9am – 3 pm

Farmers Market

19 July, 16 August, 20 September,
18 October, 9am – 1.30pm

Car Boot and Table Top Sale

23 July, 13 & 27 August, 10 & 24 September,
8 & 22 October, 8am – 1pm

Reading Spring Garden Band

8 August, 11am – 1pm

Council meetings

Full Council 3 October 8pm

Leisure Services Committee

5 September 8pm

Strategy and Resources Committee

19 September 8pm

Planning Committee

18 July, 15 August, 12 September,
10 October, 7 November 7.45pm

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.

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The Oakwood Centre

www.woodley.gov.uk

