



Woodley Herald

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Woodley Town Council news

3G pitch

The Council is delighted to announce that the much anticipated new 3G artificial grass pitch at Woodford Park Leisure Centre has been completed and officially opened by the Town Mayor, Cllr Jenny Cheng at our 'Festival of Football' event on Friday 3rd June. There was plenty of sporting action, food and fun for all who attended.

The 3G pitch provides a first class, professional playing surface and we are working with local clubs and national sporting organisations to develop football in Woodley. This great facility also enables us to expand our varied programme of sport and fitness activities for the community as a whole, including activities for those less mobile or with disabilities. The 3G pitch will be an integral part of the Council's sports provision and will also provide income to support Council services.

This project was made possible through a grant of £277,200 from the Premier League and Football Association Facilities Fund and a £255,000 loan to the Council. Works included resurfacing of the access road and car park, a new parking area and a refurbished tennis/netball court.



Election of Town Mayor

On May 10th May Cllr Jenny Cheng was elected as Woodley's Town Mayor with Cllr Anne Chadwick elected Deputy Mayor. Cllr Jenny Cheng said "It was a pleasure and honour to be appointed Town Mayor and I very much look forward to meeting many new people during my year in office."

If you'd like to invite the Mayor to an event, please contact 0118 9690356 or email admin@woodley.gov.uk

Woodford Park lake improvements

The Council is looking at regenerating the area around and improving the habitat within the lake to ensure that it continues to be a popular feature within our park. We have commissioned a hydrological survey to scientifically study the amount of silt in the lake, the fish population and the water quality. This will form the basis for proposed works to improve the ecosystem and health of the lake.

The next stage of the project will consider improvements to pathways, seating, planting, access and educational opportunities. Once costs are known, we will be looking at funding sources to enable us to carry out the work.

Regular updates will be posted on the Council website and included in future editions of the Herald.

Woodford Park Leisure Centre refurbishment

With the 3G pitch project complete and starting to generating income, the Council is focusing its attention on the main building at the leisure centre and hopes to begin the first stage of a refurbishment. Plans are underway to open out the former pub area and cellar to create a usable space for leisure and fitness activities. The works are estimated to cost £110,000 and, at the May Council meeting, Members agreed to seek approval from the government to borrow the necessary funds. If the loan is agreed, we hope that the works can be carried out over the summer.



Oakwood Centre

Blood Donors

13 & 27 July; 9 & 31 August
7 September; 5 & 19 October
To book an appointment call
0300 123 23 23

Two Left Feet – tasters of different dance techniques

Sessions 7.30 – 8.30pm
13 & 27 July; 10 & 24 August
7 & 21 September; 5 & 19 October
Contact the Oakwood Centre for further dates on 0118 9690356

Weight Watchers

Thursdays 9.30am

Woodley & Earley Art Group

Last Thursday in the month 7 – 10pm
Art Exhibition 21 & 22 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

Oakwood Theatre

Woodley Theatre

Be My Baby by Amanda Whittington
27 September to 1 October
Box Office: 07939 210121 or www.woodleytheatre.org

Woodley Theatre

Jazz Concert – Martin Hart Trio

15 October 7.45pm
Box Office: 07939 210121 or www.woodleytheatre.org

Mo's Dance & Drama School

Woodley Dance Showcase

17 July 11.30 & 14.30
Box Office:
www.mosdanceanddrama.co.uk

Tir na nOg and Crystal Jacqueline

9 September 8pm
Box Office: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2540096

The Oakwood Centre Theatre
renamed in memory of Alan Cornish



Alan's children, Debbie and Daren Cornish, and granddaughter, Mia.



Citizens recognised for their contributions to Woodley

Each year, the Town Council honours individuals living or working within Woodley who deserve recognition for their outstanding voluntary contributions to local people and charities.

Pictured (from left to right) are Gloria Reeves, John Gill, Marie Gorman, the former Town Mayor Dave Mills, Marguerite Risby, Joe and Janet Daniels.

The Queen's 90th Birthday Commemorative Garden

On the 4th June we were fortunate to have a visit from our local MP, the Rt. Hon. Theresa May to formally open our beautiful new commemorative garden on the Memorial Ground, near the new war memorial. The garden was achieved through the initiative and hard work of the Friends of Woodford Park who work with us to improve aspects of the park to enhance community enjoyment. Our thanks go to The Friends.



Commemorative coins



The Town Mayor with children from Beechwood School

The Council decided to give all the primary children within the town a memento to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday. Town Mayor, Cllr Jenny Cheng had a wonderful time presenting these special commemorative coins at the primary schools in Woodley and really enjoyed the opportunity to visit the schools to mark this special occasion with the children.

Public toilet in the town centre

Along with the Council's chosen supplier for the new town centre public toilet, we are looking at the feasibility of siting the new toilet unit in the precinct area, at the Crockhamwell Road end of the centre. If this site is deemed suitable, the next stage will be to submit a planning application to obtain permission for the site and its proposed design.

the Oakwood centre

The Oakwood Centre is the home of the Town Council. As well as housing our offices, the centre offers meeting rooms suitable for business meetings, community groups and celebrations and hosts Brown Bag coffee shop with plenty of outside space to sit, relax and watch the world go by! If you fancy a trip to the Theatre – that's here too! For more information or to book a meeting room visit www.theoakwoodcentre.com or call 0118 9690356.



School Sports Week

In May over 2,500 school children took part in Woodley's annual Sports Week. Activities included: the opening ceremony dance festival, swimming gala, paralympic sports and Kwik cricket tournament. Children were given the chance throughout the week to demonstrate and celebrate their love of sport as well as showcase their abilities and skills in a competitive environment.



Earley St Peter's from the Woodley Schools Cluster who took part in the Dance Festival



Woodford Park Leisure Centre summer holiday activities

With summer holidays nearly upon us, WPLC has put together a fun filled programme of activities for children of all ages. To find out more visit www.woodley.gov.uk

Woodford Park play area

We are pleased to announce that the Woodford Park play area has been revamped including new safety surfacing, renovated sandpit and revitalised grass area ready for the little ones this summer.

Loddon Mead area

Loddon Mead Community Youth Partnership has produced a video seeking young people's views for activities that could be provided at this site which would engage young people in the area. For video see www.woodley.gov.uk - you can submit any ideas to info@jacoutreach.org. Recently, the Just Around the Corner charity spent a week with volunteers from McDonalds to clear the area of brambles and weeds. Thank you for a job well done.



Town Centre

Saturday Market

Every Saturday 9am – 3 pm

Farmers Market

20 July, 17 August, 21 September
19 October
9am – 1.30pm

Car Boot and Table Top Sale

10 & 24 July; 14 & 28 August
11 & 25 September;
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 October
8am – 1pm

Council meetings

Full Council

27 September 8pm

Leisure Services Committee

6 September 8pm

Strategy and Resources Committee

13 September 8pm

Planning Committee

26 July, 23 August, 20 September,
18 October 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.

For Oakwood Centre events and information www.theoakwoodcentre.com, join our facebook page or follow us on twitter



@oakwoodcentre

Council job vacancies

We currently have 2 positions vacant – **Part Time Venues Assistant** at the Oakwood Centre and **Full Time Maintenance Officer**.

For further details please see our website.

Community news



Woodley litter pickers

Thank you to our Woodley Volunteer litter pickers who took part in the Borough clean up weekend.



Addington School swim team

Congratulations to Addington School swim team who have secured a place in the Panathlon Swimming finals at the Olympic Park on July 5th after a

fantastic win in the Central England final at Stoke Mandeville. Melissa Pengrave, Addington School's Head of PE, said "It's all about participation, fun, and getting the children into a social setting." Good luck to all those competing on the 5th!

Girlguiding is thriving in Woodley!



Woodley boasts a thriving Girl Guide movement with 15 units and over 200 girls aged 5-16. Girl Guides participate in a varied programme of activities such as camping, rock climbing, crafts and abseiling. If you'd like to join or become an adult volunteer in the Woodley district, please contact: Natalie Yorke at woodleydistrictcommissioners@hotmail.com



The decorators have been in at the CAB...

Thank you to the volunteer decorators from Microsoft who helped give the CAB offices a lick of paint.



Woodley Photographic Club

Woodley Photographic Club meet on Mondays 7.45-10pm at the Oakwood Centre.

This active community group is always open to new members so if you have an interest in photography and would like further information of activities, speakers and outings, visit: www.woodleyphoto.co.uk

Chemogiftbags

Chemogiftbags is an organisation set up to help people undergoing chemotherapy after a breast cancer diagnosis. The bag are a thoughtful way to let that special someone know that they are not alone. Donations of natural products and other items would be greatly appreciated. For more information on what can be donated and to find out how you can help www.facebook.com/Chemogiftbags.

The Woodley Lend & Play Toy Library

The Woodley Lend & Play Toy Library at the Ambleside Centre is a fantastic community resource which provides access to a huge range of educational learning through play toys aimed at 0-7 year olds. Membership is £10 a year and toys can be hired for as little as 50p for up to three weeks at a time. Contact: www.lendandplay.org.uk

How helping in your local community can lead to bigger things...

Congratulations to Brittany Long from Woodley who has been selected for a national work experience programme with Santander after participating in the National Citizen Service (NCS) scheme last year. Brittany secured her place after her teamwork and leadership skills were recognised in the creation of a promotional video supporting a local adoption charity and running a 'thank-you' day for the charity's volunteers.

