

Woodford Park lake refurbishment

Woodley Town Council are tackling the build-up of vegetation and silt at Woodford Park's lake with the help of specialist contractor Ebsford Environmental. The Council is aiming to support existing wildlife by improving the overall biodiversity of the environment, while making improvements to amenity value for visitors by providing accessible points for feeding the ducks and geese and also areas for pond dipping from a new boardwalk and deck.

Nick Hartley, managing director of Ebsford Environmental Ltd comments: "Ebsford are delighted to be collaborating with Woodley Town Council and assisting with reforming the lake to improve biodiversity. It's fantastic to work with councils who are keen to invest in improvements to the environment alongside improving community areas."

Ebsford are tackling the works and desilting using low impact 'on water' machinery, while the water remains in the lake to ensure there is no disruption to wildlife. Extensive surveys ahead of the project start have been carried out to identify what inhabits the lake and surrounding areas with an ecology



management plan implemented to ensure precautions are taken to protect wildlife and safeguard long-term biodiversity benefits.

Woodley Town Council Leader, Keith Baker, comments: "We are very proud of the improvement work which has taken place so far, creating a positive and nurturing environment for the plants and wildlife. We look forward to working with Ebsford Environmental to continue the regeneration of Woodford Park lake and the surrounding area for both the local wildlife and community."

Information boards will be put up around the lake to provide more details about the works to be carried out. Leaflets will also be available from the Oakwood Centre and Woodford Park Leisure Centre.



WASP recruits

During the last 12 months, (Woodley Adopt a Street Project) WASP has had 32 new volunteers, including over ten families with young children. Many are involved with local community projects through uniformed organisations, while others through their concern for the environment and pride in playing their part in looking after it. WASP reports that volunteers gain great pleasure and a sense of achievement from leaving an area cleaner than it was before.

The Wokingham Borough Council annual litter-pick will be held in Woodley on Saturday 23 March 10.00 – 12.00. Please meet at Woodford Park Leisure Centre. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Shelagh Flower on: shelagh.flower@googlemail.com

"I started litter picking because it is fun and it is cool. My favourite thing to pick is the cans!" – Zach

A sustainable council

Woodley Town Council is working with Reading Community Energy Society (RCES) to install solar panels on the roofs of Woodford Park Leisure Centre, Coronation Hall and the Oakwood Centre.

This partnership will provide solar panel installations at no cost to the Council, and lower cost daytime electricity at a rate fixed for the duration of the 20-year contract. The Council will make savings each year as prices in the energy market rise while generating 'green energy'.





Woodley launch

Plans to start a Woodley and District (University of the Third Age) U3A are underway, with a launch meeting on 10 April at Christ Church in Woodley. U3A membership is open to anyone in their third age – that is to say no longer in full-time employment. It is a self-help learning co-operative, run by the members for the members. No qualifications are either required or given. Members form interest groups covering as wide a range of topics and activities as they desire. Anything from Archaeology to Zumba is achievable with a few like-minded members. Please attend the launch meeting to find out what U3A is all about. Further information about the meeting will be published on the Woodley Town Council website, as well as local noticeboards.

At present there are more than 1,000 U3As in the UK which collectively have almost half a million members and this is rapidly increasing. For more information about U3A visit www.u3a.org.uk

Flags flying proud

Woodley Town Council is delighted to have its Green Flag and Town Council flag flying high near the War Memorial, in recognition of the beautiful and well managed green space that the Memorial Ground and Woodford Park provide.



Woodley Carnival is at the movies!

Lights, camera, action! The theme for this year's Woodley Carnival is 'at the movies' and will be held on Saturday 8 June at the Memorial Ground adjacent to the Oakwood Centre.

Additional support in our community

The Wokingham Borough Community Navigator Service is available for local borough residents who need help to find the correct local and national organisations and groups for support. The free service provides additional non-medical help and support to give a better sense of well-being, social inclusion and independence. The service can help to source information to help manage a health condition or to find new social networks, sports or music clubs and groups in the local area, or help new parents access parenting support and activities. The service is fully accessible and referrals can be made by a GP, nurse or other professional, as well as by an individual, friend or family member.

For further enquiries please call 01344 304404, email community.navigation@nhs.net or visit <http://www.involve.community>



Speedwatch

Woodley Town Council, along with help from volunteers, is operating its own Speedwatch in the town. Speeds on several roads in the town have been monitored using the

specialist equipment purchased by the Council. Information from the speeds on these roads means that the volunteer team can then choose roads where there is more speeding and set up the automated camera to record traffic. Any speeding vehicles will then be reported to Thames Valley Police who will take appropriate action against the vehicle drivers.

If there is a road in Woodley where you think cars are regularly speeding you can notify the Speedwatch team via the Town Council offices or website – you can also register to volunteer for Woodley Speedwatch this way too.

www.woodley.gov.uk / 0118 969 0356

What's On

Oakwood Centre

Blood Donors

6 & 13 March, 3 April, 15 May
4 & 12 June, 10 July
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 12 & 13 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

Libra Pilates

Tuesdays 09.30 – 10.30
10.30 – 11.30 & 11.30 – 12.30
Contact 0118 969 7769

Revision Bootcamp

Thursdays 18.00 – 21.30
For more information contact
07723 822261

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 janetrichardson.co.uk
07840 538353

Woodley Women's Club

Every other Monday 19.30 – 22.00
Contact Sheila Smith
0118 969 2076

Alan Cornish Theatre

Mostly G&S, Ruddigore

28 – 30 March, 19.45
Box Office: www.mostlygands.co.uk

Reading Operatic Society Closing Time

26 – 27 April
Box Office: www.readingops.co.uk

Woodley Theatre

Talking Heads

9 – 13 April 19.45
Box Office: 07939 210121
or www.woodleytheatre.org

Jazz – Martin Hart Trio

11 May 19.45
Box Office: 07939 210121 or
www.woodleytheatre.org

Emma

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

Woodley and North Earley Community Forum AGM

Woodley & North Earley Community Forum's next Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 10 April, 19.30 at the Oakwood Centre. The forum works with Thames Valley Police and the local community to publicise key safety messages, agree local policing priorities and find ways to reduce crime. Current policing priorities are anti-social behaviour and speeding. All local residents are welcome to attend the meeting and in order to continue its work for the community, the forum needs people willing to play an active role in the group.

If you are interested in joining the forum then please come along on 10 April or email chair.wanecf@gmail.com, <http://wanecommunityforum.weebly.com>

Woodley 10k road race

This year's race will take place on Sunday 14 April, with a 9am start. Barnes Fitness will be organising the event, alongside several sponsors and partners, including Woodley Town Council and Woodford Park Leisure Centre. Please see www.barnesfitness.co.uk for more information and road closures plus arrangements at Woodford Park and volunteer marshalling opportunities.

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THANK
YOU

2nd Woodley Scout Group

We would like to say a Big Thank You to all those who supported our postal service in December.

For information about boys and girls joining our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts please phone 0118 969 9885

COMING SOON...

FOOD WASTE
collection service
starts
APRIL 2019

More recycling opportunities for Woodley

From April 2019, Woodley households will be able to recycle almost all types of food waste, excluding fats and oils. Each household will receive a sealable 23 litre kerbside food waste container, along with a smaller kitchen caddie and liners. Food waste will be collected on a weekly basis at the same time as blue bag and black box collections, as part of Wokingham Borough Council's plans to recycle at least 50% of all household waste by the end of 2020. Households will continue to receive an allocation of 80 blue bags, or more for larger families, on an annual basis and collections will remain the same.

There is also a Recycling App – **Re3cyclopedia** – which is available on Apple and Android devices, alongside a desktop version, to help to clarify what can and can't be recycled.

Town Centre

Saturday Market

Every Saturday 09.00 – 15.00

Artisan & Produce Market

20 March, 17 April, 15 May
19 June 09.00 – 13.30

Car Boot and Table Top Sale

10 & 24 March, 14 & 28 April
12 & 26 May, 9 & 23 June
08.00 – 13.00

Waltham St Lawrence Silver Band

6 April 11.00 – 13.00

French Market

12 April

25th Anniversary of Shinfield Shambles

27 April 11.00 – 15.00

Bracknell & Wokingham Concert Band

18 May, 29 June 11.00 – 13.00

Children's Fun Day – Free Activities

27 May 11.00 – 15.00



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Council meetings

Annual Meeting 14 May 20.00

Full Council 25 June 20.00

Leisure Services Committee

9 April, 4 June 20.00

Strategy and Resources Committee

16 April, 11 June 20.00

Planning Committee

26 March, 23 April, 21 May, 18 June 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



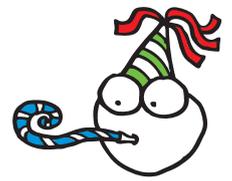
The Oakwood
Centre

www.woodley.gov.uk

Coming soon to Centre Stage!

A Summer Time Street Party
Saturday 6 July

Further details will be available on:
www.woodley.gov.uk



CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Why not take away the hassle of organising your child's birthday party and consider celebrating in style at Woodford Park Leisure Centre? Our parties are designed to guarantee your child's special day is packed full of fun and excitement whilst ensuring that yours is stress and hassle free.

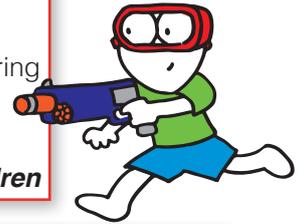
Email: sports@woodley.gov.uk Tel: 0118 9216969

Please contact us to enquire about dates and make a provisional booking

Blast! Party (Ages 7 – 12 years)

At last Blast! parties have landed at Woodford Park and we have our sights set on a good time. This action packed, fast paced party is loaded with tactical team games and is packed full of firing fun. Includes all safety equipment such as eye protection and tactical vests as well as our new and improved NERF blasters and bullets.

£114.00 (HH) or £120.00 (non member), maximum of 16 children



3G Football Party (Ages 6 – 12 years)

Why not take up the chance to celebrate a birthday by playing on our state of the art 3G football pitch? Our football crazy staff will start off by running some fun warm up drills before moving on to a competitive small sided tournament followed by a penalty shoot-out.

£94.00 (HH) or £100.00 (non member), maximum of 16 children

Bouncy and Play Party (Ages 4 – 7 years)

Our famous bounce and play parties are a customer favourite and will ensure your child's special day is full of bouncing fun. With two members of our enthusiastic and fully trained party staff team provided to coordinate the games your party is guaranteed to be bursting with excitement.

£94.00 (HH) or £100.00 (non member), maximum of 16 children



Soft Play Party (Ages 0 – 4 years)

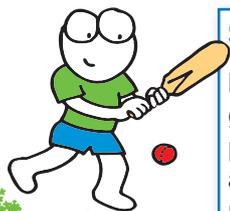
Our increasingly popular soft play parties are perfect for keeping little ones entertained and safe for the whole hour of your birthday party. We supply a range of soft play blocks, balls and other exciting equipment as well as our bouncy castle to ensure that your child's imagination runs wild.

£94.00 (HH) or £100.00 (non member), maximum of 16 children

Pirate Adventure Party (Ages 4 – 7 years)

Arrrrrgh you ready to have a good time mateys? Celebrate your child's birthday by sending them on a wild and lively pirate adventure party. Full of exciting pirate themed team games and challenges all of the young captains are sure to be hooked as they join in the quest and search for buried treasure. Book now if ye dare....

£94.00 (HH) or £100.00 (non member), maximum of 16 children



Sporty Party (Ages 6 – 12 years)

By offering a choice or combination of football, kwik cricket, netball, uni-hockey and general team games our sporty parties definitely have something for everyone. With party games themed around the sports of your choice our party team are experienced at varying the games to ensure that even the most gifted sportsmen and women at the party remain excited.

£94.00 (HH) or £100.00 (non member), maximum of 16 children

