



Mayor attends tea party with The Countess of Wessex

Woodley Town Mayor, Sam Rahmouni, attended a tea party hosted by Me2 Club in September, which included the very special Royal guest, HRH The Countess of Wessex.

The 100 guests at the party included Me2 Club staff, Trustees, children, parents, volunteers, activity leaders and supporters including the Mayor.

Bernadette Ferne, Me2 Club's Chair said: "We are extremely honoured and proud to have been chosen for a Royal visit and would like to extend a huge thank you to The Countess of Wessex for attending our Tea Party. It was an absolute privilege and delight to observe her interaction with the children and the attention she gave to every one of them was very special to see. I hope it's a memory they will treasure forever!"

Mayor Rahmouni commented: "I enjoyed the event very much, made even more special by meeting The Countess of Wessex. I was very impressed how hard Me2 staff work and also how much the children do at this club. It was so nice to spend time meeting the children and parents, finding out the children's issues and how the club help with their everyday lives."



Another successful Festival of Business Woodley

The 6th annual Festival of Business held at the Oakwood Centre on 11 October, was another great success with local businesses, providing the opportunity to create synergies and networks. The scheduled presentations on the theme of Growth & Development were particularly well-attended with many participants commenting on how informative they had been.

Thames & Chilterns in Bloom win for Woodley town centre

Another successful year for Woodley town centre, which has again been awarded the Silver Award by the Thames & Chilterns in Bloom Association for its bountiful hanging baskets, planters and beautiful floral displays in the town centre.



Town Centre Manager Jacques Lherbier received the award along with the chairman of the Woodley Town Centre Management Initiative (WTCMI) and several members of the local Woodley Adopt a Street Project (WASP) group, who contributed to making the town centre litter free ahead of the judging. WTCMI greatly appreciates the WASP members' enthusiasm to support and help the town centre and Woodley as a whole.

Woodley Town Mayor, Sam Rhamouni, who attended the awards ceremony held at the Oakwood Centre, was delighted at the town centre's award.

Woodley history project

Members of the Reading and Wokingham University of the 3rd Age (U3A) are working in partnership with the Town Council, Woodley and Reading Central Libraries, Berkshire Record Office and the Museum of Berkshire Aviation to research Woodley's history. The team from the U3As plan to carry out research projects on schools, industries, shops, St Luke's home for sick children, land ownership and housing developments and other topics. At the project's first meeting it was also agreed that it would be very interesting to hear from long time Woodley residents about their life growing up and the changes they have seen over the years – and to record these recollections for future generations. We are looking for volunteers – if you would like to take part in the oral history part of the project please do get in touch by calling in to the Town Council offices in the Oakwood Centre, ringing Deborah Mander at the council offices (0118 969 0356) or emailing: admin@woodley.gov.uk. We would love to hear from you.





Woodford Park awarded Green Flag

Woodford Park is the first park in the Wokingham Borough area other green spaces awarded recognition across the UK. The in decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

The judges were particularly delighted with the changes made and commented that "it was a privilege to judge this site on the

Bill Soane, Chairman of Woodley Town Council's Leisure Service, is delighted with the Green Flag award and it has been many years like to thank our previous Head Groundsman, Kevin Weller for his nearly 40 years of service, our current Grounds Maintenance Manager, Friends of Woodford Park who have all contributed to create such a beautiful Woodley firmly on the map."

Woodley Town Council will be displaying the flag in the park in

Citizen's Awards 2019

Each year, Woodley Town Council celebrates the work of people who help others and contribute to our community at its Citizen's Awards ceremony. The awards are for individuals whose good works benefit an individual or organisation in Woodley. They can be good neighbours, or people carrying out voluntary work, or who care for people in our community. Nominees can be any age and there is a youth category for nominees aged 19 or under. The Mayor will be presenting the awards at a Civic Reception on the evening of 29 March 2019, to which the award winners, their family and friends, and the nominators will be invited. If you know someone you think deserves recognition for their work in our town you can make a nomination by filling in the form and returning it to the Council offices by Monday 21 January 2019. Forms are available on the Council website: www.woodley.gov.uk or call to request one on 0118 969 0356.



Volunteers required

Home-Start volunteers support families with a wide range of issues including mums with post-natal depression, families with a child with additional needs, the long term illness of a parent or child, families that are isolated from their extended family or have moved to the area or from another country. It also supports single parents and families that have multiple births or several children under five. If you are a parent or grandparent who feels you could help a young family then Home-Start Wokingham District would love to hear from you. Our next 10 week Course is due to start Wednesday 23 January 2019. If you feel you would like to be involved please contact the office for more information on 0118 988 8025 or email admin@home-startwd.org.uk

Do you have a special occasion coming up and need a venue?

Whether it's for a small intimate occasion or a larger celebration, the Oakwood Centre offers a flexible and modern space for up to 150 guests.

Prices start from £129 and all packages are tailored to suit individual budgets and requirements.



bookings@woodley.gov.uk
0118 969 0356
www.theoakwoodcentre.com

Woodley and North Earley Community Forum

The minutes of the last meeting of the Woodley and North Earley Community Forum, whose remit is to work with the police to identify and address issues in the area, are available on Woodley Town Council's website – www.woodley.gov.uk – click on partnerships on the homepage menu. The next meetings of the forum will be held on Wednesday 5 December and Wednesday 6 February at 19.30 at the Oakwood Centre – residents are very welcome to attend.

Wokingham Job Centre

The Wokingham Job Support Centre offers free job search support every week day from 10.00 – 14.00 at The Cornerstone, Norreys Avenue, Wokingham RG40 1UE. Confidential support and advice is available as well as interview training and other workshops. The Centre has provided support to a number of Woodley residents and Woodley Town Council has awarded a grant to the centre for several years to allow this valuable service to continue.

0118 977 0517 / jobsearch@wjsc.org.uk
www.wjsc.org.uk



to receive Green Flag status, and joins International award, now into its third best possible environmental standards, is

from last year's visit to Woodford Park in its second year of judging".

Committee commented: "We are proud of the hard work from the team. I would like to thank his work towards this award during his time as manager, Terry Gough, his team and the staff for creating such a wonderful green space and put

in the near future.

Woodley town centre Christmas Extravaganza

Woodley town centre's 22nd Christmas Extravaganza will be held on Sunday 2 December 2018. A schedule of events and timings will be published on its website: www.woodleytowncentre.co.uk

The Christmas lights switch on will take place on Saturday 24 November at 16.30, followed by a carol concert.



Christmas Woodley postal service

In its 30th year, the 2nd Woodley Scout Group is once again providing an inexpensive, fast and reliable Christmas postal service within Woodley. Anyone can drop off their Christmas post in Woodley Town Centre (near Barclays Bank) on Saturday 8 December and Saturday 15 December between 10.00 – 13.00 and pay only 20p per letter to be hand delivered in the Woodley area. The post is given a special Christmas stamp and aims to be delivered the next day.

Allotments

There are currently no available allotment plots but please add your name to our waiting list for 2019 – contact admin@woodley.gov.uk 0118 969 0356

What's On

Oakwood Centre

Blood Donors

21 November, 19 December
9 & 23 January
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

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

Mondays & 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 janetrichardson.co.uk 07840
538353

Woodley Women's Club

Every other Monday 19.30 – 22.00
Contact Sheila Smith 0118 9692076

Mindful Movement Class

Tuesdays 11.00 – 12.20
Contact Angela Morley 07985 337576

Council meetings

Full Council 11 December, 5 February 20.00

Leisure Services Committee 20 November, 15 January 20.00

Strategy and Resources Committee 27 November, 22 January 20.00

Planning Committee 4 December, 8 & 29 January, 26 February 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.

The Town Electors meeting will be held on 5 March 2019 at 20.00 in the Oakwood Centre. This is an annual opportunity for residents in Woodley to make representations or put questions to the Council about local and Town Council matters.

See Oakwood Centre events and information



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The Oakwood Centre

www.woodley.gov.uk

Alan Cornish Theatre

Woodley Light Operatic Society Woodley's 50 Musical Years

4 – 8 December
Box Office: www.wlos.co.uk

Berzerk Productions Snow Queen

12 – 16 December
Box Office: www.berzerkproductions.com

Crazy Diamond – Live in the Flesh

23 February
Box Office: www.eventbrite.com/e/crazy-diamond-live-in-the-flesh-tickets-50911627047

Town Centre

Saturday Market

Every Saturday 09.00 – 15.00

Farmers Market

21 November, 19 December
09.00 – 13.30

Car Boot and Table Top Sale

11 & 25 November, 16 December
08.00 – 13.00

Christmas Lights Switch On & Carol Concert

24 November 16.30

Woodley Concert Band & Reading Operatic Society

16.30 – 17.30

22nd Christmas Extravaganza

2 December 10.00 – 15.00



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We are very excited to announce some new additions to our already popular session timetable and a new membership option at The Gym on the Park.

Email: sports@woodley.gov.uk

Tel: 0118 9216969

Sunshine Membership (NEW) Perfect for those looking to take part in some of our more gentle and slower paced exercise classes. Allows access to the gym and all exercises classes between the hours of 08:00 and 15:00 for only £19.99 per month (Woodley residents) or £21.99 per month (non-residents).

Activities available on Sunshine Membership



Afternoon Club: A choice of badminton and/or table tennis with a welcoming and friendly group followed by tea, coffee and biscuits after every session.

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 14:30 – 16:00

£3.40 (HH) / £4.20 turn up option OR **Free of charge for gym members!**

Tai Chi (NEW): A slow, gentle and flowing series of movements that exercise the body as well as the mind. Tai Chi helps us to become more aware of our psychological, emotional and spiritual self.

Tuesdays, 09:30 – 10:30

£5.00 (HH) / £6.00 turn up option OR **Free of charge for gym members!**



ZUMBA
gold

Zumba Gold: A modified version of the popular Zumba formula with tweaked moves and slower pacing to suit the needs of all. The easy to follow routines and invigorating atmosphere make this class perfect for all participants.

Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:15

£5.00 (HH) / £5.50 turn up option OR **Free of charge for gym members!**

Silver Circuits (NEW): A simple exercise class ideal for those looking for a gentle route back into exercise following a period of inactivity, injury or illness. Classes are low intensity, allow everybody to work at their own comfortable pace and are led by one of our friendly exercise instructors.

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 – 14:00

£3.80 (HH) / £4.00 turn up option OR **Free of charge for gym members!**



Pilates: A series of body conditioning exercises that look to build flexibility, muscle strength and endurance. This short and sharp 30 minute class is the perfect way to get a taste of Pilates and discover if it's suits your exercise needs.

Mondays, 12:00 – 12:30

£3.70 (HH) / £4.20 turn up option OR **Free of charge for gym members!**



ZUMBA (NEW): This Latin inspired dance workout is one of the most popular group exercise classes in the world! The high energy levels and upbeat music are just two of the ingredients that make ZUMBA the ultimate dance party!

Mondays, 19:00 – 19:50

£6.00 (HH) / £7.00 turn up option

OR **Free of charge for gym members!**

Christmas Activity Camps for Children

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and website for announcements of our Christmas activities for children. Sessions will include a festive themed Blast Camp using our very own NERF gear and Christmas "drop and shop" sessions designed to give parents the chance to finish a splash of Christmas shopping whilst the little ones are entertained.

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