

Jacobs Well Newsletter

August 2020





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Editorial comment

Welcome to the first edition of the Jacobs Well Newsletter under the helm of the Jacobs Well Resident's Association (JWRA). I would like to say big thank you to Jean and John Meredith for their hard work and dedication over the 60 years that they have been involved with and edited our village newsletter that has been the backbone of communication for the village for many years. Their efforts have seen the newsletter keep people in the village up to date with not just only events but also topically issues that have also taken place. I would also like to thank their team Lee Joy and the distributers for all their efforts in getting the newsletter delivered around the village. I look forward to carrying on the long-held tradition of bringing the news to the village!

If you do have any news or notifications to be included in the newsletter, please feel free to contact me at:

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JWRA

Lockdown has been an eventful time for the members of the JWRA with its usual monthly meeting being increased to weekly, in light of the extra precautions that have been put into place. Thank you to all the members of the village that have offered their help during this time and for Janet Smith for organising a volunteers' group. Keeping busy and active has been a key element to getting us through this crisis, which the JWRA has been with organising online events and communications for VE Day and Jacobs Well's first Art Expo! It has also been involved with some key issues in the village such as a recent planning application at Grangefields, along with a mysterious pony showing up in Harry's Meadow. The JWRA would like to help residents in all aspects, so if it's an idea for an event or something more topical, get in touch.

David Andrews (Chairman) & Committee - jwrachair@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/JacobsWellResidents

Heather Kidman's special thanks

I would like to thank all in the village who came on Saturday and wished me a Happy 90th Birthday. I would also like to say a special thank you to all of those who sent me cards and present and all the good wishes Facebook, which are all wonderful and I am grateful for.

Heather Kidman

JW Art Expo 2020

Thank you to everyone who entered the first Jacobs Well Art Expo. This was run as an event that residents could participate in and comply with social distancing guidelines currently in operation.

Message from Amanda Creese - organiser

In total around 30 households participated. I had hoped that more would have done so, but the information did not get around as there were no newsletters. I would hope that if we ran a similar event in the future that advance publicity in the newsletter and social media would be key.

There was a wide variety of crafts and artistic pursuits exhibited. Glass ornaments, bead making, carving, knitting and sewing as well at the painting and drawing.

Thank you to **Partisan Delicatessen and Noels farm shop** for the donation of prizes. Thank you to **Sam Fisk and Patricia McKnight** who helped me with the judging. Our decisions for prizes were;

Children

1st Prize to Zoe for her lovely interpretation of her Mum. The colours and shapes are just delightful.

 2^{nd} Prize to Grace for a well-executed landscape in felt pens.

3rd Prize to Samuel - for his wonderfully creative Lego diorama.

Adults

1st Prize to William for his wonderful watercolour of the River Wey just down the road from the village. Congratulations William.

 2^{nd} Prize to Steve for a collection of pictures and a sketch. Patricia liked the boats; I liked the sketch.

3rd Prize went to a lovely sampler, stitched as a memento of the lockdown. It is beautifully stitched and very challenging on black fabric.

A special prize went to Mary, aged 85 for her knitting crochet and baking activities throughout the lockdown.

Amanda Creese - JWRA

JW Social Club

The social club has opened with restricted hours and in compliance with social distancing. The club will be monitoring this week by week. For further information contact Dawn or Heather on 01483 571285 or follow the JW Social Club page on Facebook.

Heather Kidman - Social Club

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Guildford Borough Council

The Weyside Urban Village project, which will provide 1,500 homes to be built on brownfield land is proceeding. Members of the public will be able to comment and ask questions of the Project Team during four 60-minute exhibitions which will be held online due to the COVID 19 restrictions.

These are:

- Monday 13 July 6.30 to 7.30 An introduction to Weyside Urban Village
- Monday 20 July 6.30 to 7.30 Infrastructure
- Monday 27 July 6.30 to 7.30 Transport and Highways
- Monday 3 August 6.30 to 7.30 Climate Change and Sustainability Places can be booked by registering at:
- www.weysideurbanvillage.co.uk/consulation

Copies of the presentation can also be posted to residents on request. Bob McShee - Guildford Borough Council

Jacobs Well Village Hall Trust

Village Hall Cleaner - The Village Hall Trust is reviewing the cleaning arrangements for the Hall. The Trustees are inviting interested individuals to contact us if they would like to know more about the cleaning position. Please contact the Hall Manager on 07706 935314.

Community Speedwatch

Community Speedwatch will be operating in Jacobs Well (with a restricted team - due to Covid-19), at the two police approved locations, on 9 July 2020. Worplesdon Parish Council (WPC) carried out a CSW deployment on 9 July 2020, and 20 vehicles (5 at Jacobs Well Road and 15 at Clay Lane) were recorded speeding. Of those vehicles sent a letter by Surrey Police, the average speed was 38mph at both Clay Lane and Jacobs Well Road.

If you are interested in finding out more about the local Community Speedwatch or even becoming a volunteer contact Victoria at admin@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk or 07718 479409.

Jacobs Well Country Market

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time. (John Lubbock)

As we enjoy the rest; we would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their messages letting us know how much you miss your Market. Rest assured we will be back just as soon as we can.

Lesley Phillips

Keep Fit Classes

We regret with things as they are at the moment, we cannot say when the classes will start again. We do not know when we will be able to use the village hall, but

we will keep you posted. We hope you have been keeping active and maybe exercising to DVDs. Keep well.

Jean Meredith

Jacobs Well Garden Club

The year is going by and we have been unable to hold any shows or garden visiting, etc. We also think that the September show will not be possible now, so we regret we are not able to meet at the moment. Our talks are due to begin in October, but we will have to see about the village hall lounge.

We hope all your gardens are looking good with all the attention they should be having, and you are keeping well.

Jean Meredith

Events and Services in your local Church ST Peter's Shared Church - 37 Hazel Avenue

SERVICES - All services are currently suspended in the St. Peter's Church building for the month of August in the interest of public safety. In September there will be a review of this decision with the possibility of resuming small capacity services. Please check on the Facebook page ('St Peter's Shared Church, Guildford') or with the office (details below) for an update of services offered in September. HELP - If you would like someone to pray with you over the phone, need help with shopping or prescription collections, or would like someone to check in with a phone call every so often you can email our designated address help@stpetersguildford.org to request help. If you are unable to email and still require help, you can call the office on 01483 572078 and leave a message including your name, telephone number and whether you require Practical help, Prayer or both and Rosie will put the relevant team in contact with you.

YOUTUBE - We now have a YouTube channel to help provide services while we are unable to worship in person. Look for 'St Peter's Shared Church Guildford' on YouTube to find midweek morning prayer videos as well as Sunday services. If you would like a direct link to the channel, or would like to be added to the weekly email list to receive specific links and updates, please contact the office.

WEBSITE - Please do check the 'Church at Home' section of our website (www.stpetersguildford.org) for spiritual, emotional and practical resources compiled from many sources to help during this difficult time.

SPIRITUAL COURSE - We are currently running The Prayer Course every Wednesday evening at 8pm on Zoom. If you would like further information on the course, or would be interested in receiving the Zoom invitation, please contact the office.

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For information regarding Baptisms, Thanksgivings, Weddings, Funerals or any of the above please contact St Peters Church Office on 01483 572078 /office@stpetersguildford.org or go to our website: www.stpetersguildford.org or contact your Vicar Kirsten Rosslyn-Smith on 01483 451908.

Women's Institute (WI)

Hello everyone! We hope you are well and looking forward to meeting up again. As you know, we do not have a regular Meeting in August. However, we are really hoping to follow through on our proposed Garden Party on the 27th August, 3pm at Nikki's house.

Please bring your own cup and a plate of tea-time fare such as sandwiches, scones or fairy cakes to share. There will be a raffle but no charge. We do hope you can come but if not, please phone Diane. Barbara - Women's Institute (WI)

RENDEZVOUS J.W.

Firstly, a very big "Thank You" from Rendezvous JW to Jean and John Meredith for all their work over many years editing the Newsletter.

Rendezvous JW normally meet in Jacobs Well Village Hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 2.30pm from October to March. We already have a full programme of talks booked for next season, completed before the lockdown.

Because of Coronavirus, this year we do not yet know when our Winter Season will be able to start. It will depend on when the Village Hall will be re-opening, and even then, when clubs such as ours (for the over 55's) will be allowed to meet.

Please watch this space in the Newsletter for more information closer to the time on when we will be meeting.

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Surrey County Council Improving our Rights of Way

Surrey County Council has agreed investment of £3 million more into Rights of Way across Surrey to improve the standard of our countryside routes.

Surrey has 2,164 miles of footpaths bridleways, and byways. SCC are responsible for the management and maintenance of this network, and for the "Definitive Map" which is a legal record of the position and status of Rights of Way.

What does the Rights of Way Network consist of? Surrey's rights of way network is made up of approximately:

- 1,394 miles of public footpaths which you have the right to use on foot only;
- 693 miles of public bridleways which you have the right to use on foot, on horseback

or on a bicycle (cyclists should give way to walkers and riders);

- 76 miles of "Byways Open to All Traffic" (BOATs) which you can use on foot, on horseback and on or in any sort of vehicle.

Surrey County Council has recently taken back the management of public access on the countryside estate from Surrey Wildlife Trust. This includes access to public footpaths, car parks, bins, litter, dog fouling and issues of fly tipping and unauthorised access - on the SCC Countryside Estate.

Surrey Wildlife Trust is now focusing on managing the biodiversity of the natural habitat and wildlife species on Surrey County Council's countryside estate. SWT responsibilities will cover conservation and grazing only and are no longer responsible for public access issues.

Any concerns can be reported, and the Definitive Map accessed through www.surreycc.gov.uk

Keith Witham

J W Hedgehog project

So far this year I have had no reports of sightings in the Blanchards Hill or Sutherland Ave area. This is not good news, but could it be possible that during the lockdown and quiet roads our hedgehog "Jacob" may have made it across Clay Lane and into Stringers Ave.

Sarah who lives in Stringers Ave sent me a video of a hedgehog in her garden. Could this be Jacob? I set up my camera in her garden for three nights, but nothing turned up.

As we are still unable to go knocking on peoples' doors for information, I would ask residents of Stringers Ave to keep an eye out for any signs of a hedgehog. Please contact me (Roger) if you see anything on 01483 833661 Email: r.greaves2@virginmedia.com Mobile: 07796 445 032

Great Crested Newts!

Have you seen the Newts? White House pond on the recreation ground has some Great Crested Newts as its residents. As yet they remain elusive, so if you do catch sight of one, let us know. Be careful though as these creatures are protected and do require space.

Weather in Jacobs Well 2020

	<u>June 2020</u>	
Maximum Temperature Minimum Temperature Total Rainfall for the month Highest Rainfall in 24 hours Days with Rain	32.5 C 3.5 C 58 mm 22.5 mm 16	(91 F) (38 F) (2.2") (0.9")
Comparison with June 2019:-		
Maximum Temperature Maximum Temperature Total Rainfall this month Highest Rainfall in 24 hours Days with Rain	32 C 5.5 C 96 mm 42 mm 14	(90 F) (41 F) (3.75") (1.7")

This month has been a little drier, with extremes of heat and chilliness. SM

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