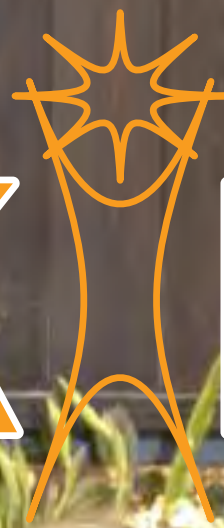


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Introduction



Welcome to the winter edition of The Woking Magazine – your window on Woking Borough

The cold weather has a tendency to sneak up on us every year, so it's comforting to know that this edition is once again packed full of great articles and upcoming events to keep those winter blues at bay.

After many years in the planning, work has begun to transform Sheerwater, part of a multi-million pound regeneration scheme. New housing, roads, open green space, shops, leisure and community facilities are set to breathe new life into the area. We reveal what's in store for Sheerwater.

Whilst the new Woking & Sam Beare Hospice opened its doors in Goldsworth Park a couple of years ago, did you know the care that they offer goes beyond those four walls? We meet some of their community care team and discover what it takes to deliver life-extending care at home.

We also catch up with Simon Thomsett, Theatre Director at The Ambassadors, who reveals exciting details of the cinema complex makeover. Top quality projection and sound equipment and super comfy seats make it something to look forward to – we can't wait!

As Armistice Day approaches on 11 November, do pick up a poppy and join us in Jubilee Square or at one of the many war memorials across the borough to pay your respects.

And that just leaves me space to wish you season's greetings and best wishes for the coming months.






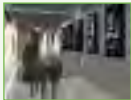



Andy Denner
The Woking Magazine Editor



Front cover: The Covent Garden Flower Shop
Inset: The Woking Hospice care team



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Search is on for local young stars

Nominations are now open for this year's Young People's Civic Awards Scheme.

We're keen to hear about young people who have achieved exceptional success in areas that are not normally recognised and deserve recognition for their efforts.

- **Outstanding Contribution to the Community:** covers work in areas such as helping older people or those with a disability, working with children, fundraising for good causes and volunteering.
- **Triumph Over Adversity:** covers endurance and bravery, such as overcoming a disability or helping a parent or family member with a disability.
- **Outstanding Achievement:** covers excellence in many fields; sport, music, drama, visual arts, particularly less academic subjects that are not normally recognised or rewarded.

The scheme is open to young people up to the age of 18 who live or attend school or college in the borough.

All young people nominated will receive a certificate of achievement, with the winners invited to attend the Mayor's Civic Reception on 24 April 2020.

The deadline for nominations is **24 January 2020**. For further information, please visit www.woking.gov.uk/youngcivicawardscheme or contact Julie Northcote, Democratic Services Officer, on **01483 743053** or julie.northcote@woking.gov.uk



Gold Award for excellence as new policy approved

Woking Borough Council has been granted a 'Gold Award' in recognition of the way it manages its address information database from the Geospatial Commission.

The Gold Performance Award is only given to authorities that have consistently reached and maintained the highest standards in national tests on data excellence. This is the fourth year in a row the Council has been recognised.

The Council has a legal responsibility to name and number streets and to approve and register official property addresses.

In July, Council approved its Street Naming and Numbering Policy, which provides developers and members of the public with a guide to procedures

when determining official street names, property names or numbers.

The purpose is to ensure that new street names, building numbers and names are allocated logically to assist the emergency services, in addition to the effective delivery of post services.

Residents and developers wishing to change the name of their property or seeking to address a new property or name a new street should email addressing@woking.gov.uk

Woking's more than AccessAble!

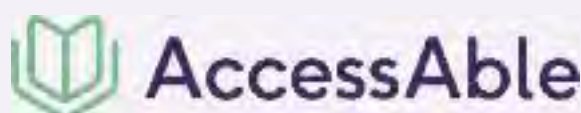
Disability group, AccessAble, has teamed up with Woking Borough Council to create a detailed accessibility guide to hundreds of destinations across the borough.

The guide features useful facts, figures and photographs to help you decide if a destination is going to be accessible for your needs. It covers everything from parking to hearing loops, walking distances to accessible toilets.

Venues include cafes and coffee shops, hotels and B&Bs, libraries, parks and gardens, pubs and bars,

restaurants, shops, theatres and tourist attractions.

And the best bit is it's totally free to use! Simply visit www.accessable.co.uk or download the app.



Stay healthy this winter

With winter fast approaching, severe weather or ill health can strike at any time. Here's a few suggestions to help you stay healthy whatever comes your way.

- **Be prepared:** stock up on medications, have your boiler checked, sign-up for flood warnings via www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings and consider putting together an emergency kit bag for your car in case you are caught in the cold.
- **Keep warm:** heat rooms to a minimum 18°C and draw curtains and shut internal doors to retain heat. Consider insulating your home with assistance from Action Surrey by calling 0800 783 2503.
- **Keep well:** get a flu jab, eat well, drink lots of fluids and keep active.

And don't forget to keep an eye on elderly or frail neighbours, especially during prolonged periods of cold weather.

For more information and tips to stay well this winter, visit www.healthysurrey.org.uk



Action Surrey, helping you stay warm this winter

If you think you'll be cold at home this winter then Action Surrey, working in partnership with Woking Borough Council, can help.

Their team can offer guidance on ways to save energy and money, as well as your eligibility for grant funding.

Funding is currently available for residents living in poorly heated homes, either in receipt of benefits or on a low-medium income and those who have certain health conditions made worse by the cold, to contribute towards the cost of:

- loft insulation
- cavity wall insulation
- replacing broken boilers.

You could save up to £135 on your energy bills each year.

To find out if you are eligible for funding or to ask for advice, please contact Action Surrey on **0800 783 2503** or complete an online enquiry form at www.actionsurrey.org



New swift and bat sign celebrates Woking's twin towns

Woking Town Centre's newest piece of public art was officially opened in July by the Mayor of Woking, Cllr Beryl Hunwicks. The new installation, located by the Civic Offices, provides a nesting chamber for swifts and bats and commemorates Woking's twin towns.

The installation provides nesting chambers in the upper section, a middle section pointing the way to Woking's twinned towns, all atop a specially engraved, conical stone base, surrounded by planting.

Swifts are a bird species in sharp decline and over the past 20 years the UK's swift numbers have halved. The installation incorporates a system that plays calls to draw the swifts' attention to the boxes, and features webcams to give an insight into nest life.

UK swifts migrate through Europe to spend their winter in Africa, an annual round trip of some 14,000 miles (22,000 km), before returning to breed in the UK during late spring. The stonework base beautifully illustrates this amazing journey.

Woking's twin towns are Le Plessis-Robinson in France and Rastatt in Germany.

For further information about Woking Borough Council's nature and sustainability work, visit www.woking.gov.uk/nature-and-sustainability



Single use plastics policy adopted as climate emergency declared

A policy that sets out Woking Borough Council's commitment to reducing its use of avoidable single use plastics was adopted at its meeting in July.

And in a move of cross-party solidarity, all sides of the Chamber united in declaring a climate emergency in recognition of the catastrophe facing our environment.

Building on a pledge made in March 2018, as part of WWF-UK's Earth Hour, the policy identifies a series of key actions that aim to reduce the use of single use plastics principally through the identification and reduction of avoidable single use plastics across the Council's operations and the promotion of schemes that enable residents,

visitors and local businesses to reduce their use of these plastics.

The policy will form part of the Council's visionary Woking 2050 strategy document, which sets out a roadmap to creating a sustainable borough, whilst reducing our collective impact on the environment.

For more information about what Woking Borough Council is doing to reduce its impact on climate change, or to view the Woking 2050 strategy, please visit www.woking.gov.uk/nature-and-sustainability



Site Allocations DPD submitted to Secretary of State for examination

A document identifying land for future development has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

The draft Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) identifies potential urban and Green Belt sites for future housing, employment and infrastructure within Woking Borough to ensure it meets its future development requirements.

Woking Borough Council is committed to preparing the document to enable the delivery of its Core Strategy, which was adopted in 2012.

During summer 2015, the Council conducted an initial consultation on its proposals, which attracted over 32,000 individual representations.

A further consultation was undertaken in January 2017 on the suitability of safeguarding land east of Martyrs Lane, which was not taken forward by Council, before a final six week consultation was held in November 2018.

An inspector has now been appointed and the provisional date set (at the time of going to print) for the public examination is from 2 to 13 December at the Council Chamber. The Inspector will write to everyone who made representations confirming the details of the examination.

For more information about the draft Site Allocations DPD and other planning policies, visit www.woking2027.info/allocations

Could you spare your Winter Fuel Allowance?

Woking Lions Club, in partnership with Citizens Advice Woking, has launched its annual Wenceslas Project appeal to assist those in the community who face fuel poverty.

Many local residents struggle to keep warm during the winter months, yet don't qualify for statutory payments.

To assist, Woking Lions Club and Citizens Advice Woking are encouraging local residents who are in receipt of a Winter Fuel Allowance, and can afford to,

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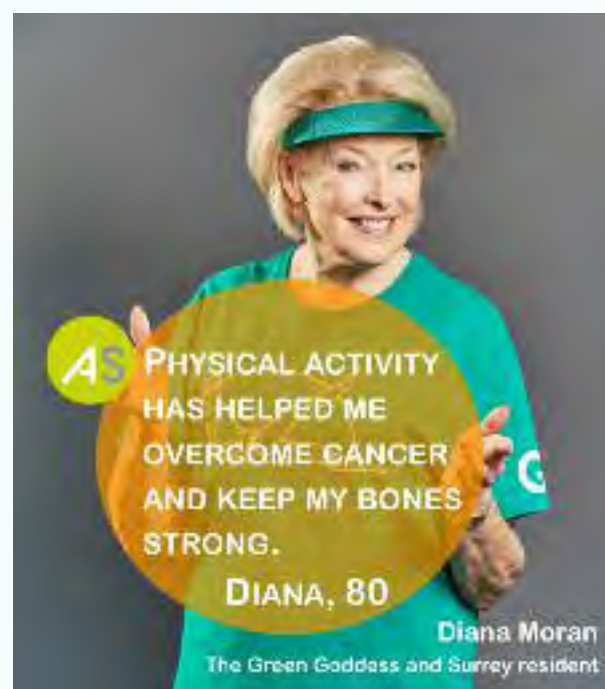
Are you ageing well? Why you're #NeverTooOld

It's a fact. All of us start to lose muscle mass in our 30s, and by the time we reach our 60s everyday tasks often become harder. But far from retiring to a comfortable chair and flicking on the TV, older people shouldn't stop moving.

Those over 60 can often have the most to gain from staying active. Walking to the shops or choosing the stairs are simple first steps in cutting the risks of conditions such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease, and even dementia. Just as importantly, moving more helps maintain independence and prevents falls, the reason for one in eight ambulance call-outs locally.

To promote the importance of staying fit, not-for-profit Active Surrey is launching its Active Ageing campaign.

Featuring the original TV fitness guru, the Green Goddess, the campaign highlights the importance of staying mobile. Older people or their carers should visit www.activesurrey.com/agewell to find details of nearby strength and balance classes or dementia and diabetes social walks.



donate part or all their allowance to help those within the community who are less fortunate.

Donation can be made by cheque payable to 'Woking Lions Club/CAW' and sent to Project Wenceslas, c/o Citizens Advice Woking, Provincial House, 26 Commercial Way, Woking, Surrey GU21 6EN or pop in to drop it off. Alternatively, please call Roger on **01483 723832**.

New menu helping you to live well

This autumn, our Community Meals Service is introducing a new range of delicious soups for those colder months.



In addition, we now offer a frozen meals service for those who are out with friends, attending appointments or need less assistance but still wish to receive our fantastic range of nutritional meals.



Community Meals offers a wide range of menu options residents can select daily, ranging from classics such as cottage pie and chicken curry to salmon crumble or pork, leek and mustard casserole.



All menu options include a hot or cold pudding of your choice, from cheesecake to sticky toffee pudding, so there will always be something to tempt you. All from as little as £4 a day.

It's also good to know that we cater for many dietary requirements including vegetarian, kosher, halal and allergen free foods.

If you or someone you know would benefit from our Community Meals Service, please call **01483 770777** or email **community.meals@woking.gov.uk** to find out more.

Woking's pioneers honoured



A memorial to honour the pioneers of Woking's Islamic heritage and history is planned for Woking Town Centre.

Woking is home to the UK's first purpose-built mosque, the Shah Jahan, as well as the Muslim Burial Ground and Peace Garden, and the country's oldest Muslim resting place at Brookwood Cemetery.

These sites reflect the borough's importance on an international stage as the face of British Islam, with a heritage second to none.

Some of the people that will be honoured include the founder of the Shah Jahan Mosque, Dr Gottlieb Leitner; main funder, Begum Shah Jahan of Bhopal; and the first Imam, Khawaja Kamal ud Din.

The memorial will be located along Commercial Way. It is anticipated that works will commence in January and be completed by May 2020.

The memorial forms part of the borough's public art programme and is funded by Victoria Square Woking Limited, designed by Terraforma Consultancy in partnership with Haven Memorials.

New online housing system to improve services

Woking Borough Council, and housing partner New Vision Homes, are investing in new housing systems that will provide better access to online services.

This involves introducing more self-service and online access for tenants and housing

applicants. It will also improve the existing HomeTrak system currently used to bid for available housing properties.

We aim to implement these improvements towards to end of the year and more information will be provided closer to the time.

Have an out of this world experience at Pool in the Park!

After a long period of closure, two new exciting flume rides with an outer space theme, The Martian and The Time Traveller, opened earlier this summer at Woking's Pool in the Park.

Designed for excitement, thrills and spills, The Martian offers twists and turns in a translucent tunnel that speeds you to the splash bath, whilst the Time Traveller accelerates you down the time tunnel until you touch down with a splash!

The Leisure Lagoon and flumes are just part of the amenities at Pool in the Park which also includes the main pool for lane swimming and a teaching pool. Activities include a range of aqua fitness classes, adult only and sheltered swim sessions, parents and toddler splash sessions and a swim school for pre-schoolers, children and adults of all abilities.

For more information including opening times and prices, please visit www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/Wokingpool

Plans for new footbridge granted

Proposals for a new pedestrian and cycle footbridge spanning the Basingstoke Canal have been given the green light by planners.

The new bridge, located adjacent to the existing Chobham Road highway bridge, will unite the two sides of the canal towpath seamlessly without the need for pedestrian and cyclists to cross the busy roads. The work is part of the town centre improvement project which is part funded by Enterprise M3.

The bridge design is aimed to follow the characteristics of the surrounding area and will be similar in style to the striking Bedser Bridge, featuring gabion walls, a non-slip surface, steel handrails with built-in lighting and associated landscaping.

Proprietary works are expected to begin in late autumn with the dewatering of the canal and a comprehensive programme to remove all wildlife safely before works begin in earnest.

During construction works, a short section of towpath between The Living Planet Centre and Chobham Road bridge will be closed. There may also be short periods of highway disruption. Weather permitting, it is expected the new footbridge will be open to the public by summer 2020.



Wear a white ribbon and take the pledge

The United Nations General Assembly has designated 25 November as 'International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women', which is followed by 16 days of global action to bring about systemic change.

In the UK this date is known as White Ribbon Day, led by The White Ribbon Campaign, a not-for-profit organisation that works with men and boys to challenge male cultures that lead to harassment, abuse and violence.

Throughout the year, the White Ribbon campaign aims to recruit volunteer male ambassadors to act as role models, engaging with other men and boys to call out abusive and sexist behaviour among their peers and promote a culture of equality and respect.

In the lead up to 25 November, the Council and White Ribbon Ambassador, Adam Thomas, will be working with local organisations and key male influencers, to raise awareness of White Ribbon Day and encourage residents to engage with the campaign.

Hundreds of men and women from across Surrey have already pledged never to excuse, commit or remain silent about male violence against women. You too can join this growing movement at www.whiteribbon.org.uk where you can also find out more about becoming a White Ribbon Ambassador.



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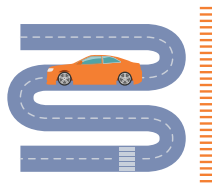
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94 MILLION INVESTED IN THE VICTORIA SQUARE DEVELOPMENT



7 MILLION INVESTED IN TOWN CENTRE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT WORKS



59 MILLION INVESTED IN NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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MILLION INVESTED IN THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT AND PURCHASE OF COUNCIL HOMES



30 MILLION SHEERWATER REGENERATION PROJECT.



On Thursday 25 July 2019, Woking Borough Council approved the accounts for 2018/19. The accounts include details of the Council's income and expenditure between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019.

Key information is highlighted in the infographic below.

If you have comments or questions about the information published below please email financialmanagement@woking.gov.uk

This infographic is a brief visual summary of the full Statement of Accounts. The whole document is available to view at www.woking.gov.uk



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RESIDENTS



£1,389M

TOTAL VALUE OF ASSETS HELD

OUR TOTAL BORROWING

£1,194M

2.97%

AVERAGE INTEREST WE PAY ON OUR LOANS

INVESTMENTS MADE IN BOROUGH

£396M

£61M CAPITAL RECEIPTS. £4M GRANTS. £325M BORROWING. £6M RESERVES



18M

HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT



3M REFUSE

CORPORATE & DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES

6M



7M

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT



2M PUBLIC SAFETY

10M LOCAL ECONOMY



5M PARKING



RECREATION AND CULTURE



Your winter social and

As autumn turns to winter, you don't need to go far to discover great events for the whole family taking place across the borough!

Diwali

Thursday 31 October, from 6pm
Woking Town Centre

Woking will come alive with a stunning parade of colourful lanterns to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Celebrated by Jains and Sikhs, as well as Hindus, the Festival of Lights marks the victory of good over evil, light over dark and knowledge over ignorance.

Visit www.celebratewoking.info/diwali for more information.

Woking Beer Festival

Friday 8 and
Saturday 9 November
Woking Leisure Centre



Organised by the Surrey and Hampshire Border branch of CAMRA and Freedom Leisure, sample over 70 different real ales, ciders and perries from across the country, with live music and food available. New for this year is a gin bar and more entertainment!

Visit www.wokingbeerfestival.co.uk for ticket information and further details.

Woking Music Festival

Thursday 7 to Wednesday 25 November
Venues across Woking

One of the largest festivals of its kind in Surrey, with more than 1,000 participants, the event celebrates the musical and literary vitality of Woking and the surrounding area. The festival welcomes people of all ages and abilities whatever their tastes or performing standard.

Programme information and audience tickets available at www.wokingmusicfestival.org.uk/2019-festival



This is just a taste of the some of the exciting and entertaining events and activities taking place across the borough during the winter.

Visit www.celebratewoking.info to find out more about what's on.

Woking Fireworks

Saturday 2 November, doors open 5.30pm, Woking Park

Eagle Radio's Adam Morris hosts Woking's biggest family-friendly fireworks display in Woking Park! Organised by the Rotary Club of Woking District, the fireworks extravaganza is considered one of the best displays in the region.

Gates open at 5.30pm, with fun guaranteed for all the family. Fireworks display begins 7.30pm.

Tickets are available in advance at discounted prices from www.wokingfireworks.co.uk or from Pool in the Park.





cultural calendar



Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10 November
Jubilee Square, Woking

Join veterans, serving members of the military, cadets, cubs, scouts, guides and civilian organisations to honour and remember fallen soldiers.

The ceremony will commence at 10.30am with Marching of Colours. A two-minute silence will be held at 11am before concluding with the laying of wreaths.

A two-minute silence will also be observed in Jubilee Square at 11am on Armistice Day, Monday 11 November.

Christmas Lights Switch On

Thursday 21 November
Jubilee Square, Woking

Gather in the heart of Woking Town Centre to see Jubilee Square illuminated with thousands of sparkling lights to mark the countdown to Christmas.

Visit www.woking-shopping.co.uk for details and timings.



Christmas market

From Thursday 28 November, Jubilee Square, Woking

Get into the festive spirit as our Christmas market returns to Woking Town Centre. Featuring handmade stalls, food and drink and traditional Christmas celebrations to entertain the family throughout the festive season.

Coming up in 2020

Chinese New Year

Saturday 25 January
Woking Town Centre

Jubilee Square will come alive with an exciting and colourful parade led by a Chinese dragon, as we celebrate the Year of the Rat with the Chinese Association of Woking.

Visit www.cawoking.org.uk for more information about the Year of the Rat.

Mercer Surrey Half Marathon

Sunday 8 March
Starts Woking Leisure Centre

Surrey's largest half marathon returns to the streets of Woking for its seventh year (see page 30).

Join over 5,000 runners who raised an estimated £300,000 for local charity, Harrison's Fund, and a number of other charities, and sign-up now to secure your place in the multi-award winning event.

The 21km half marathon, 5km and 2km kids run all follow closed-road routes. Local businesses can enter teams of three or more in the Workplace Challenge to see who's crowned 'Surrey's Fastest Business'.

To sign-up, or for more information about the route and road closures, visit www.surreyhalfmarathon.co.uk



Sheerwater transformation underway

Earlier this year, work begun on Canalside, the long-awaited multi-million pound transformation of Sheerwater. The major regeneration project will breathe new life into the area, creating a thriving, sustainable community that meets the changing needs of modern living.

The scheme will see millions of pounds invested into the local area to deliver new and improved housing, roads, open green space, shops, leisure and community facilities.

Modern new homes

The number of homes will double from the current 570 to around 1,200 properties, almost half of which will be affordable housing. The old 1950s housing stock will be replaced with a variety of high quality new homes for rent and sale that are energy efficient and will cater for people through all stages of life.

First class leisure amenities

Works to a new leisure complex at Bishop David Brown boasting a 25-metre swimming pool plus a separate teaching pool, sports hall, studios and a gym has already begun. The outside facilities include a full-size 3G football pitch, and new grass football and rugby pitches.

Once open, the state-of-the-art sports and leisure facilities will be shared between the school and the local community.

Open green space

A large central park area will become the 'green heart' of the new community, putting open space and

nature within easy reach of everyone. Landscaped, tree-lined avenues will link this central space to the Basingstoke Canal to the north and provide attractive routes through the estate that offer additional shared gardens and outdoor space to residents.

Pedestrian friendly

In the new scheme pedestrians and cyclists are given priority over cars, with a network of pathways that will make finding your way around easy. Main vehicle routes are kept to the perimeter of the estate rather than cutting across it.

Facilities for the whole community

An open square will create a 'gateway' to the development, with a new community centre, pre-school nursery, health centre, pharmacy and dentist surgery, as well as units for shops and restaurants, with space for outdoor dining. Nearby accommodation for elderly residents puts these amenities on their doorstep.

Neighbourhoods

Canalside will comprise several neighbourhoods with distinct identities, offering a range of houses and apartments of different sizes, from one-bedroom studios to five-bedroom houses.





The emphasis is on family-sized properties designed to offer flexible accommodation with the potential for adaptation to meet specific needs.

Reducing our impact of the environment

A dedicated energy centre will provide heat and power to the leisure centre and to the medium rise residential blocks in the central part of the development. Whilst enhanced insulation, low energy lighting, solar panels, ground source heat-pumps and electric car charging points will all help Canalside minimise its environmental impact.

Upon work commencing, Cllr David Bittleston, Leader of Woking Borough Council, said: “At long last, I’m delighted to say that the regeneration of Sheerwater is underway. We have started the preliminary works for the new leisure centre, swimming pools and sports pitches.

“This £26 million investment in the infrastructure of Sheerwater is, as promised, the first thing we said we would do to start the regeneration process. Not only will it provide residents with brand new sports facilities, it will also provide the school with fantastic new changing and canteen facilities.

“We are committed to investing in Woking. The regeneration of Sheerwater is one of the biggest, most important projects we’re undertaking to improve people’s lives, create local opportunities and support communities to thrive.”

Mark Rolt, Thamesway Developments Ltd’s Chief Operating Officer, added: “Canalside marks an exciting new chapter for Sheerwater, transforming it into a highly desirable place to live that will set a new benchmark for building thriving, sustainable communities.

“Demand for housing is a national problem and with Canalside we’re providing homes of outstanding



quality in sufficient numbers to allow the existing community to grow. We’ve worked hard to balance housing density with open space so that people can live and work in a neighbourhood that promotes healthy lifestyles and respects the environment.”

Construction

Development of the 74-acre (30 hectare) site will take place in phases to minimise disruption to existing residents and services.

This approach is also taken with open space and other facilities so that there is no loss of public amenities during the development work.

With construction of the leisure facilities underway, works to the first residential phase has begun, providing 92 homes equally split between affordable and open market units.

It is expected that the regeneration scheme will be completed by 2026.

For more information about the regeneration scheme, please visit www.woking.gov.uk/sheerwater



CELEBRATIONS AS VICTORIA SQUARE 'TOPS OUT'

An official ceremony to mark the advancing progress of Woking's new £540 million Victoria Square development was held during September. The 'topping out' ceremony, which is traditionally held when the last beam or final roof piece is placed at the highest point of a structure, marks a major milestone in the transformational building project, signalling that all structures have been completed.

Internal design and exterior work is now under way. A joint venture between Woking Borough Council and Moyallen Group, Victoria Square represents a key pillar in Woking's future growth ambitions and the council's goal to create a high quality, modern environment where businesses locate and where people aspire to live.



GET #WEAREWOKING FREE WI-FI...

Did you know you can get online, anytime, in Woking town centre? Woking's free Wi-Fi service is now even better, providing a fresh boost for everyone living, working or visiting the town centre.

Recently rebranded to #WeAreWoking – Free Wi-Fi, the revitalised new service means that anyone with a Wi-Fi enabled device can connect to the internet completely free of charge – and without time restrictions. To log in, connect to #WeAreWoking – Free Wi-Fi and sign up now!

AND CHOCOLAT TREATS...

Hotel Chocolat has opened a brand new store at The Peacocks Centre, bringing its eye-popping range of luxury chocolate products to Woking – including its scrumptious 'Ice Cream of the Gods' which is currently only available in a few UK locations. Hotel Chocolat offer a whole host of gifts, treats and hampers along with exciting experiences and cooking chocolate. It's also known to serve up the best tasty choc shakes and ice creams.

"OUR BOLD AND AMBITIOUS TRANSFORMATION IS ALREADY YIELDING BENEFITS AND CREATING NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL DRAMATICALLY ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN WOKING"

- Councillor David Bittleston, Leader of Woking Borough Council.

Due for phased completion in 2020, Victoria Square will deliver 14,500 square metres of innovative retail space, 429 residential apartments in two iconic sky-high towers, a Hilton Hotel, a flagship Marks and Spencer store, two public plazas, a medical centre and 380 parking spaces.

The new Hilton Hotel will feature 196 guest rooms including 12 suites, a Sky Bar, ballroom and extensive meeting space.

Earmarked for phased completion from late 2020, with a complete fit-out for apartments and occupation by 2021, Victoria Square will play an integral role in Woking's ongoing transformation.



LEAFY DAYS...

Autumn in and around Woking offers the perfect mix of cool sunshine with a crisp edge and is home to a diverse range of parks and recreation grounds, including children's playgrounds, skate parks and games areas, sports pitches and playing fields and plenty of green open space. Try Woking Park, Brookwood Country, stroll along the Basingstoke Canal or tootle through Horsell Common and experience Woking from a different perspective.

Horsell Common is just a 12-minute drive from Woking and is an excellent 880-acre open space perfect for exercising, stretching your legs and spotting wildlife. You could even pack your bike and explore the common on two wheels.

...AND COSY NIGHTS!

A historical town with modern-day ambitions, Woking is also home to many good restaurants. Surrey Life magazine recently rounded up its choice of the best, which includes Lebanese-inspired Jeitta, Beit Beirut, Seasons Café & Kitchen at The Lightbox, Cellar Magneval, L'Aroma, Marciano Lounge, Soya, Araceli's, Bird in Hand and Latino.



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HAVE YOU BEEN #WOKINGUNCOVERED YET?

With lots of proud and inspiring people becoming the faces of this campaign, there are still many great stories to tell.

Woking native **Tom Spenser** loves nothing better than enjoying the town's famous history, its choice of shops, restaurants and pubs - and its great community feel.

"I work in a busy retail environment in the town centre where there's always something going on, with plenty of places to go. I like O'Neill's, Las Iguanas and Café Rouge.

"There's a lovely rich history too. It's home to one of the world's best fiction writers, HG Wells, and to one of the world's greatest musical talents, The Jam. Woking is a warm and welcoming place, with a close community. It feels like everyone knows each other!

The Basingstoke Canal was also a big part of my childhood and it still is now. I'm excited about Woking's transformation and how much effort is being put into the town with all the buildings and facilities being developed."

COOKING UP A STORM!

If you're anything like us, you'll love eating out in Woking. We have a fantastic food scene because our town attracts people from all over the world and it shows in the diversity of our restaurants and the choice of food on offer.

We caught up with talented Dublin-born chef **Andrew O'Keefe**, to find out more about him, including what he loves about our town.



What do you love about your job?

"I love the creative side of being a chef. I love working with fresh food and bringing people together to make them happy. Food brings all cultures together - it's a common thread that unites everyone."

Do you have any favourite places to eat?

"I like going to Araceli's, the Mexican place. Then there's Jeitta, the Lebanese restaurant, which is very good. The Turkish Kitchen at the top of the high street is also very nice. All of them provide freshly made food and the quality is excellent."

What else do you like to do in Woking?

"I love music and dance, socialising and going to the gym. Woking's nightlife is great, with the right crowd of people - and it's getting better. The Slug & Lettuce is great for a boogie on a Saturday night and if you want some good live music, then there's also O'Neill's."

You've really settled in Woking!

"It's a small community and everybody knows everyone else, which is lovely. Everyone is positive and you get to meet some amazing people. I have some fantastic friends and a big social circle and my family love coming over to visit."

Can you sum up Woking in one word?

"Fun - I like it! I could go into town any time of day and start talking to people and they'll know me. It's nice to stop and talk."



Improving your highway network

Working in partnership, Surrey County Council and Woking Borough Council, through their contractor, Farrans Construction, have embarked on a significant highways improvement project within Woking Town Centre.

The multi-million pound highway improvement project, when complete, will transform the highway network and significantly enhance traffic flow in the area and make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists, whilst stimulating economic growth.

The works range from minor highway adaptations and resurfacing works to improving existing junctions and highway layouts. In addition, Thameswey will be extending its network of piping to supply clean, green energy to recently completed developments across the town from its new energy station in Poole Road.

Geoff McManus, Woking Borough Council's Associate Director, said: "We recognise that these

works cause significant disruption and we would like to thank local residents and businesses for their patience during this time.

"We are fully committed to keeping Woking Town Centre open for business and disruption to a minimum in order to deliver major highway improvements that will benefit everyone."

It is anticipated all highway works associated with this project will be complete by spring 2021. A table containing details of the major works within the coming months is below.

For the latest highways information relating to this project, please visit www.woking.gov.uk/wokingitp

Road name	Description of work	Traffic management	Contractor	Start
Maybury Rd and junction with Stanley Road	Widen existing pedestrian footpath to incorporate cycle path, create new pedestrian footpath adjacent to railway line and install raised traffic calming measures and uncontrolled crossing.	Full road closure (Maybury Rd).	WBC/Farrans	Nov 19
Victoria Way (between Goldsworth Rd and Forge End)	Exploratory trial hole excavations for ducking/cabling to connect Victoria Square development.	Full northbound lane closure.	WBC/Farrans	23 Nov 19
Chobham Rd pedestrian footbridge	New pedestrian bridge across Basingstoke Canal.	Potential lane closure.	WBC	Nov 19
Board School Road	Install ducting to connect Board School Rd substation with Victoria Square development.	Full highway closure required.	Thameswey	Nov 19
Victoria Way, Chertsey Rd, Stanley Rd, Dukes Street	Replace existing lamp post with new, energy efficient street lighting. Full highway closure.	Lane closures in operation. Off-peak working.	WBC/Farrans	Nov 19
Duke Street (junctions with Chertsey Rd and Locke Way)	Widen pedestrian footpath and resurface highway with block paving. Create five disabled parking bays.	Full highway closure.	WBC/Farrans	Jan 20
Chertsey Rd	Installation of heat piping to connect 121 Chertsey Rd.	Four-way traffic lights.	Thameswey	Jan 20
Chertsey Rd (between juncs with High St and Commercial Way)	Essential gas pipe replacement works.	Full highway closure.	Southern Gas Networks	Feb 20
Lockfield Drive (junc with Victoria Way)	Carriageway widening and junction adaptation.	Lane closures required.	WBC/Farrans	Early 2020

Hospice care goes way beyond just the building

Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care has well and truly settled into its state-of-the-art facility in Goldsworth Park Centre, having been open almost two and a half years. But what many are surprised to learn is that over 70 per cent of the care this charity delivers is in patient homes. So meet the team delivering specialist care in your community.



Your local hospice is a people-centred charity that delivers specialist care to over 2,000 people with life-limiting illnesses and their carers and families each year. The care and support they provide is delivered at the hospice through its Wellbeing Centre for day patients, on the Ward for in-patients, with community care delivered through its Community Teams. These are comprised of Community Nurse Specialists [CNSs], Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Counsellors, a Social Worker and specialist Palliative Doctors.

Shelagh Musoke, who heads up the Community Team and is a senior CNS at Woking & Sam Beare, explains: "Hospice care is far more than just treating patient's physical symptoms. Myself and the team all come together to care for our patient's full wellbeing.

"No one day is ever the same, largely because no one patient and their needs are ever the same. My day normally begins in the office to meet with the team and look at the referrals that may have come in and for us to collectively discuss our caseloads. After this we will go out into the community and start our patient visits either in their homes or care or residential home.

Currently we have 560 people on the Community Team's caseload.

"It is our role to ensure that those under our care are looked after in the best possible way, where they want to be and according to their wishes. This is done in collaboration with our healthcare peers, such as the District Nurses and GPs, to ensure the patient and their family have the support they need.

"It depends on the patient's needs to how often we may visit, but the team is always at the end of the phone to offer support, advice and reassurance.

"All of us at the hospice put those we care for at the centre of what we do and it is a huge honour to be part of an organisation that makes such a difference to peoples' lives."

As a charity, Woking & Sam Beare Hospice is reliant on income from its fundraising activities and the sale of goods in its 18 shops. You can support their 2019 appeal by giving the gift of care, and contribute towards funding the services that Shelagh and her team deliver. Enabling them to provide a vital lifeline to so many people who live in your community, these are people that could be your mother, wife, brother or friend.

For more information about Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care, or to make a donation, please visit www.wsbhospices.co.uk



A new era for entertainment in Woking

For more than 25 years, The Ambassadors Cinema has been entertaining the people of Woking and beyond. But now Woking is getting a new cinema! The Woking Magazine caught up with Simon Thomsett, Theatre Director at The Ambassadors, to tell us about the transformation.

“Over the years hundreds of thousands of visitors have visited Ambassadors Cinema to enjoy the latest blockbuster films, but the truth is, the entertainment complex was looking a bit worn out and everyone agreed it needed to up its game.

“After a lot of work, a plan was agreed to completely rethink the cinema and to build a brand new, state-of-the-art cinema on the site of the old one and this time make it a truly 21st Century picture palace.

“We closed the old one at the end of September and have got straight on with the task of stripping everything out so we can start again. We’ve got brand new, super comfortable seats, top quality projection and sound equipment and some beautifully designed places to meet up and enjoy a drink or a bite to eat before a film.

“We’ve added a screen to make it seven in all and a media room which we hope will be used by local cinema enthusiasts, students, researchers and

anyone who is a dedicated cineaste. One of the aims of the project is to be able to expand our range of films so that we can showcase the very best, not only of Hollywood and mainstream cinema but also to make some space for independent and world cinema.

“We will also add more live streams and events and we hope to have a few surprises for you too.

We will be guided by our audiences and will ask for feedback and suggestions. From some of the conversations we have had with our audiences so far it is clear that there is an appetite for all sorts of cinema and we want very much to satisfy that demand.



Simon Thomsett





“We really want to make sure we have something for everyone and we can’t wait to re-open our cinema doors by summer 2020. Additionally, we will introduce a new membership scheme, details of which will be published at the end of the year.

“In the meantime, you can register your interest and receive our regular updates by signing up at www.atgtickets.com/cinema2020 – it’s free and you will be the first to hear about our offers when they come out next year. Please sign up and support your new local cinema and we will continue to work to make sure it opens ready for those summer blockbusters.

“Alongside all this exciting change happening in the cinema, next door at the New Victoria Theatre we’re well into our new season.

“The masters of opera, Glyndebourne return in November. As one of only five venues that receive the Glyndebourne Tour we really are very lucky to have this world class opera right here in Woking. This year they bring us the ever popular Rigoletto, along

with Rinaldo that has been wowing critics receiving numerous 4 star reviews. And for the first time a chance to hear the magnificent chorus perform a very special Christmas Concert to really get you in that festive mood.

“Christmas wouldn’t be Christmas without pantomime and for this year’s instalment we have Aladdin. Strictly Come Dancing’s lovable bad boy and ballroom megastar Brendan Cole has the wishes of the people of Woking in his hands as he stars as The Genie of the Ring alongside pantomime legend and comedy entertainer Bobby Davro, in what is set to be a spectacular production.

“Keep your eyes peeled for more pantomime news around and about as you never know who may be chasséeing down Commercial Way or jiving through Jubilee Square this Christmas!

“And if that wasn’t enough of a festive offer for you, we also have Dear Santa in the Rhoda McGaw Theatre. This show offers the ideal introduction to theatre for our youngest audiences plus the opportunity to meet Santa himself.

“So whatever takes your fancy, we hope to welcome you through our doors this season.”

To stay up-to-date with the latest performances and purchase tickets at New Victoria Theatre, visit www.atgtickets.com/woking



Surrey's freshest market in the heart of Woking

Nestled in the heart of Woking Town Centre, Market Walk offers a dizzying choice of delicious street food from around the world, in addition to an eclectic mix of household and lifestyle stalls.

For those not in the know, Market Walk is a purpose-built state-of-the-art covered market conveniently located between Wolsey Place and The Peacocks shopping centres.

So make Market Walk part of your day in Woking, whether you are at work, shopping or simply passing through.

Take a closer look at Market Walk's traders.

Bacareto

Serving Woking's finest Italian street food, alongside great British classics. Choose from award-winning sausage rolls, calzone, arancini, frittata, baguettes and fresh salads made every day.

Bep Viet

Bringing a taste of Vietnam to Woking. With over 25 years of culinary experience, Bep Viet offers authentic, fresh and healthy Vietnamese dishes.

Boz's Fruit and Veg

A Woking institution, serving the local community with the highest quality fruit and vegetables including seasonal and continental foods.

The Covent Garden Flower Shop

Offering an exciting and fresh selection of floral gifts for that special occasion and every season. From contemporary chic to classic favourites, as well as unique creations.



Ebiere & Ivan Intercontinental Foods

With a mouth-watering selection of produce from around the world, you're sure to find that ingredient to transform any dish.

Foy Afro-Caribbean Cuisine

Choose from a variety of delicious authentic Nigerian dishes. All food is prepared using organic ingredients. Once tried never forgotten!

KBLC Ltd

A biltong specialist and a firm favourite on the market. The biltong is regarded as one of the best around. Plenty of flavours to keep you coming back for more.

Mobile Touch

Mobile and laptop specialists. Mobile Touch can service and repair most electronics and sell a wide range of mobile accessories for all devices.

Party People

Give your party that something special! Whether it be a birthday or a special celebration, Party People has a wide range of party supplies for every occasion.

Q's Spice

A family run business, bringing you the best authentic home-cooked Asian cuisine. Specialising in traditional dishes from biriyani to various curries suitable for all tastes.



Shins Bibimbap Café

Offering fantastic flavours and unique tastes from Korea and South Asia. The katsu curry is a must!

Taylor's Coffee House

Specialists in perfectly crafted coffees, Taylor's use the finest ingredients and offer the highest quality, locally sourced products. A perfect pit-stop located in the middle of the market.

Woking Cobbler

Make new your well-worn favourite pair of shoes. Offering a full-service shoe repair and key cutting service specialising in the repair and restoration of men's and women's shoes.

Woking Fisheries

Offering a wide variety of premium quality fresh fish and seafood all sourced, wherever possible, from British shores. Open Tuesday to Saturday.

For more information about Market Walk, please visit www.woking-shopping.co.uk/market-walk

Bring your own container

In response to the environmental impacts of single use plastics, Thameswey is working with traders in Market Walk to reduce their use of single use plastics.

The simplest way to reduce the use of plastics is to provide alternative containers, which is why many take-away stalls are delighted to offer customer discounts for bring their own reusable container.



- **Bacareto** – 10 per cent discount when bringing your own container. Wooden cutlery available.
- **Bep Viet** – 30p off meals when bringing your own container. Dine-in and enjoy lunch in a ceramic bowl.
- **Foy** – reuse their container to ensure you get the same portion size!
- **KBLC Ltd** – uses paper bags instead of plastic or bring your own.
- **Q's Spice** – reuse their container to ensure you get the same portion size!
- **Shin's Bibimbap Café** – 30p off meals when bringing your own container.
- **Taylor's Coffee House** – 10 per cent discount when bringing your own cup or sit in and enjoy your coffee in a glass cup.

Please choose to reuse, save some money and do your part for reducing single use plastics in the environment.

*discounts available on meals and portion sizes are as standard

Out and about

Celebrating some of the most important Muslim heritage sites in Britain, this walking trail takes in the Muslim Burial Ground and Peace Garden, Shah Jahan Mosque, and the country's first Muslim cemetery, located in Brookwood Cemetery. This trail can also be enjoyed by foot or train.

The route

1. Starting from the car park, with your back towards the road. Head through the trees along the worn path towards the Muslim Burial Ground and Peace Garden.

Muslim Burial Ground and Peace Garden

Commissioned in 1915, the site was once the final resting place of 19 Muslim soldiers from the Great War, and a further eight casualties of the Second World War.

After falling into disrepair in the 1960s, the Grade II site was restored in 2015 to create a lasting legacy for the 27 servicemen who paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend Britain.

The Peace Garden was inspired by classic Islamic garden design. Look out for the central water feature, two stone prayer mats and the 27 Indian Silver Birches – one commemorating each fallen soldier.

Although the bodies of the 27 servicemen laid to rest at the site were later reinterred at Brookwood Military Cemetery in 1969, the Muslim Burial Ground remained sacred land.



2. After spending time in the quiet and tranquil surroundings, return to the car park. Upon reaching the road, bear left over the canal bridge and continue along Monument Road. As you reach a set of mini-roundabouts, turn right onto Oriental Road and continue past the Mayer Brown building.

3. You will find yourself at a driveway that leads to the Shah Jahan Mosque. When entering the site please be considerate of worshippers, act and dress respectfully. Do take time to walk around the grounds.

Key facts

Start: Monument Road Car Park, Monument Road, Woking GU21 5LW

Finish: Brookwood Station, Connaught Road, Woking GU24 0ER

Time: 4 hours

Distance: 7 miles (11km) approx (walking route)

Type of walk: Flat, mainly pedestrian footpaths or towpaths, except when accessing the Muslim Burial Ground. This trail includes a short train journey from Woking to Brookwood. Alternatively, you can drive from each notable site of interest.

Shah Jahan Mosque

Commissioned by Gottlieb Wilhelm Leitner to provide a place of worship for Muslim students the mosque was designed by Victorian architect, W. L. Chambers and completed in 1889.

Its green and white dome and minarets are considered one of Woking's landmarks. Decorative geometric patterns and Arabic calligraphy can be seen on the interior.

Now a Grade I listed building, the mosque welcomes visitors.

Taking the train is less strain

For those of you taking the train, return to Oriental Road and turn right. Continue ahead until reaching Station Approach. The railway station is straight ahead. Hop on a train to Brookwood Station. Journey times are approximately five minutes. Visit www.nationalrail.co.uk for train times. Skip to step 5.



4. Return to Oriental Road and retrace your steps back towards the Muslim Burial Ground. Upon reaching the canal bridge, turn left onto the towpath and continue towards Woking Town Centre.

Continue along the towpath towards St Johns and beyond. Upon reaching Brookwood, turn left over the narrow bridge onto Sheets Heath Lane. Continue ahead until reaching Connaught Road. Carefully cross the road. Brookwood Station is directly ahead.

5. Upon reaching Brookwood Station, take the underpass to the cemetery. Alternatively, if arriving by

train exit via the Brookwood Cemetery entrance. Go through the gate and continue ahead before turning right along Pine Avenue.

6. After discovering the cemetery, return to Brookwood Station to catch your train home.

This walking trail is an amalgamation of two trails researched and developed by the Everyday Muslim Heritage & Archive Initiative. For more information about both trails, and a full list of notable burials, please visit www.everydaymuslim.org

Brookwood Cemetery

Built by the London Necropolis Company in 1854 to receive London's past residents, the cemetery is one of the largest privately-owned burial grounds in Britain and one of the biggest operating cemeteries in Western Europe. Since 1854, over 240,000 people have been laid to rest within its beautiful grounds.

The cemetery comprises approximately 230 acres of burial ground, some of which have been set aside for the use of specific communities and denominations.

In 1884, a Muslim cemetery was established where you'll find many important Muslims buried.

It also contains many remarkable Victorian memorials and graves, and the largest military cemeteries in the country including the World War One American cemetery, the oldest Muslim cemetery and the unique Zoroastrian burial ground.



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Splashes of colour and burning bright this winter

Discover inspiring and diverse exhibitions this winter at The Lightbox Gallery and Museum.

This winter is warming up nicely with bold splashes of colour from our **Burning Bright: The Scottish Colourists** exhibition open now until **12 January 2020**. This exhibition brings together the significant works of Scottish colourists SJ Peploe, JD Fergusson, GL Hunter and FCB Cadell.

The Scottish colourists were among the first British artists to get to grips with the radical new trends in painting which emerged at the beginning of the twentieth century. Works include paintings and drawings of still-life, interior scenes, landscapes and portraiture.

From **25 January to 19 April 2020**, the Main Gallery will host the internationally acclaimed **David Hockney: Ways of Working** exhibition. A superstar in the art world and a career that spans six decades of creative output, this exhibition takes an in-depth look at Hockney's ingenious exploration of a diverse range of media, from painting techniques, draughtsmanship and printmaking skills, to photography, designs for the stage and the embrace of digital technologies.

The Ingram Collection: Young Contemporary Talent exhibition in the Art Fund Prize Gallery will run from **30 November to 5 January 2020**. In addition, artist Tomas Harker, talks about his life and work to date on **4 December 2019**. Booking required.

To find out more about The Lightbox's programme including all exhibitions and workshops, please visit www.thelightbox.org.uk



Detail of *La Chatelaine*, © 1930 JD Fergusson Courtesy of The Fergusson Gallery, Perth & Kinross Council

With Christmas and February half-term to contend with, The Lightbox has a jam packed schedule of workshops and events!



Brand new is **Studio Sundays** which bring the whole family together to get messy and explore different materials. Dates are **8 December, 5 January, 2 February and 1 March between 11.30am and 3.30pm**.

Whilst there's merriment and joy for all with this year's **Christmas Fairs on 30 November, 10.30am to 5pm, and 1 December between 11am and 4pm**. Enjoy mulled wine and minced pies to get well and truly into the Christmas spirit!

This February half-term enjoy free drop-in workshops during '**Hockney Week**' with cup weaving on **19 February 2020** and **Big Art Landscapes** on **21 February 2020**.

What's on

Events in and around Woking Borough



For more information about local events, visit www.celebratewoking.info



Cards for Good Causes

Christ Church, Woking

Until Sat 14 Dec, 10am to 4pm

Sale of Christmas cards and festive goods to raise money for local and national charities.

Contact: Visit www.cardsforcharity.co.uk

Christmas Carols & Byfleet Lights Switch-On

Byfleet Village Hall and Plough Green

Thurs 14 Nov, 6pm

Children's carols in the village hall followed by a short walk to Plough Green for the light switch on, where there will be live music and refreshments.

Cost: Free

Contact: Email info.ByfleetAG@gmail.com

Byfleet Village Christmas Fayre

Byfleet Village Hall

Sat 16 Nov, 10am to 1pm

Stalls, refreshments and entertainment for the whole family.

Cost: Adults £1, under 14 free

Contact: Email robinia@katecgill.plus.com

Byfleet Village Christmas Market

Plough Green, Byfleet

Fri 29 Nov, 5pm

Traditional Christmas market with stalls, live music and refreshments.

Cost: Free

Contact: Email info.ByfleetAG@gmail.com

Santa Fun Run

Woking Park

Sunday 1 Dec, 10.30am

A 1.5k or 4.5k fun run for all the family around Woking Park.

Cost: Adults from £15, ages 4 to 16 from £7, 3 and under free

Contact: Visit www.wsbhospices.co.uk/events, email r.barnett@wsbhospices.co.uk or call 01483 742683

Mid Surrey Branch of Guide Dogs Carol Service

St Peter's Church, Old Woking

Fri 6 Dec, 7.30pm

Festive carols, followed by coffee and mince pies in the church hall. Everyone most welcome! Free parking in the village car park.

Cost: Free - donations welcome

Contact: Email guildfordguidedogs@gmail.com

Genesis Chorale Christmas Concert

St John's Church, West Byfleet

Sat 7 Dec, 7.30pm

A performance of Benjamin Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols', together with audience carols.

Cost: £15, students £6

Contact: Visit www.genesischorale.org.uk

Mosaic Chamber Choir Christmas Concert

Horsell Village Hall

Sat 7 Dec, 7.30pm

Evening of Christmas choral music ranging from beautiful carols and moving sacred vocal works, to fun festive favourites and unusual acapella pieces. Concert in aid of Horsell Village Hall.

Cost: Adult £12, children £6.50 (including a mince pie and a glass of wine or soft drink)

Contact: Email info@mosaicchamberchoir.org.uk

Octavian Singers Christmas Celebration

St Saviours Church, Brookwood

Sat 7 Dec, 7.30pm

Carols, songs and poems for the festive season.

Cost: Admission free, retiring collection.

Contact: Visit www.theoctaviansingers.org

Christmas Concert – A Ceremony of Carols

Knaphill Methodist Church, Knaphill

Sat 14 Dec, 4.30pm

Woking Ladies Choir present a magical evening of beautiful seasonal music, joined by Cecily Beer, resident harpist of the Waldorf Hotel in Covent Garden, and operatic soloist Camilla Jeppeson. Raffle and free refreshments.

Cost: Adults £12, under 16 £6

Contact: Call 07957 593534, email thehunties@virginmedia.com



Charity Coffee Morning

Parkview Community Centre, Sheerwater

Tues 5 Nov, 10.30am

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association hosts its fourth ladies coffee morning in aid of Woking and Sam Beare Hospice. All welcome.

Cost: Free

Contact: Email wokingama@hotmail.co.uk



Octavian Singers Autumn Concert

St John's Church, St Johns

Sat 2 Nov, 7.30pm

Singing music suitable for All Soul's, including Puccini Requiem, Verdi Ave Maria, Purcell Funeral Sentences and Elgar Lux Aeterna.

Cost: £12 on the door, including refreshments, under 16s free.

Contact: Visit www.theoctaviansingers.org

Woking Wurlitzer Concerts

Woking Leisure Centre, Kingfield Road

Sat 16 Nov, 7pm – Howard Beaumont

Sat 14 Dec, 3pm – Len's Christmas Show

Sat 22 Feb, 7pm – Simon Gledhill

Experience the golden age of the American Theatre Organ.

Cost: £10 on the door, ATOS members £8

Contact: 01923 720511 or visit www.atos-london.co.uk

Woking Symphony Orchestra's Autumn Concert

H.G. Wells Conference & Events Centre, Woking

Sat 23 Nov, 7.30pm

Symphony concert presenting: Liszt - Les Preludes, the Elgar Cello Concerto with Sophie Kauer (Winner of Woking Young Musician 2018) and Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra. Pre-concert talk by conductor Roy Stratford at 6.45pm for ticket holders.

Cost: Adults £14, under 16s/students £7

Contact: Visit www.wokingso.org.uk or email wokingsymphony@gmail.com

Woking Choral Society Concert

H.G. Wells Conference & Events Centre, Woking

Sat 30 Nov, 7.30pm

Programme; Mozart Mass in C Minor, Haydn Insanae et vanae curae, Mozart Symphony No.34 in C major, Bach Vater Unser.

Cost: £18 (concessions available)

Contact: Visit www.wokingchoral.org.uk

Woking Symphony Orchestra's Family Concert

H.G. Wells Conference & Events Centre, Woking

Sat 18 Jan, 3.30pm

Symphony concert aimed at young listeners and their families. Children are invited to 'have a go' on the instruments after the concert.

Cost: £7

Contact: Visit www.wokingso.org.uk or email wokingsymphony@gmail.com

Woking Symphony Orchestra's Spring Concert

H.G. Wells Conference & Events Centre, Woking

Sat 21 Mar, 7.30pm

All-Beethoven symphony concert presenting the Overture Leonora No. 3, Piano Concerto No. 4 with soloist Ivana Gavric and Symphony No. 6. Pastoral and pre-concert talk by conductor Roy Stratford at 6.45pm for ticket holders.

Cost: Adults £14, under 16s/students £7

Contact: Visit www.wokingso.org.uk or email wokingsymphony@gmail.com



Make a pallet chair

Great British Woodshop, West Byfleet

Sat 9 Nov, 10am to 4pm

Learn about the tools and techniques used in taking apart a pallet. You will then mark out and create your own piece of furniture to take home.

Cost: £125 per person

Contact: Visit www.greatbritishwoodshop.co.uk/course or email kirsty@greatbritishwoodshop.co.uk

Daisy Tuffen Flower Club

Pyrford Village War Memorial Hall, 7pm

Mon 11 Nov - Sue Aston, Happy Christmas

Mon 9 Dec - Gill McGregor, Christmas Charisma

Mon 10 Feb - Jennifer Thompson, A moment of time

Mon 9 Mar - Dennis van Wonderen, Spring is here

Demonstrations, beautiful flowers, amazing stories and good advice.

Cost: £6 (includes tea, coffee and homemade cakes)

Contact: Call 01932 351999

Byfleet Art Group Autumn Exhibition

The Catholic Church Hall, West Byfleet

Sat 30 Nov, 10am to 4pm

Enjoy a cuppa and slice of cake while you view original artworks by our members. Prints and greetings cards also available to buy.

Cost: Free entry

Contact: Call 01932 402042, visit www.byfleetartgroup.com or email byfleetartgroup@gmail.com or jackie.hubbard40@gmail.com



Goldsworth Badminton Club

Woking High School, Horsell

Every Saturday, 1pm to 3pm

The club welcomes players of club standard. Feather shuttles used.

Cost: £7 per session

Contact: Call Ian Baxter on 01483 767748

Rhoda McGaw Theatre

For all performances at the Rhoda McGaw, please contact the Box Office on 0844 871 7645 or visit www.atgtickets.com/venues/rhoda-mcgaw-theatre

Knaphill & St Johns Operatic Group presents Patience by WS Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan

Wed 4 to Sat 7 Mar, 7.30pm (Sat matinee, 2.30pm)

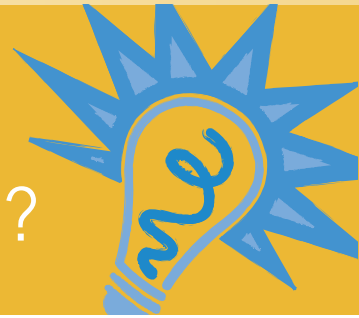
A satirical look at the aesthetic craze of the 1870s, as well as male vanity and chauvinism in the military.

Cost: Adults £13.50/£16.50, 16 and under £12.50/£13.50

Contact: Visit www.kasjog.org.uk

Why don't you...

Challenge yourself to run?



Whether you want to lose weight, eat healthier, get fit or raise money for charity - you could achieve it all (and more) by taking part in your local half marathon.

The Mercer Surrey Half Marathon, held on 8 March 2020 at Woking Leisure Centre, promises a fun and memorable experience for the thousands of local people who challenge themselves to run either the 13.1-mile distance or 5km.

Running either of these distances may sound daunting but, as with any large or 'seemingly impossible' goal, you just need to follow a solid plan and have the confidence to know you are on the right track.

Thousands of new runners overcome the same fears to go on and complete the challenge every year; this is how they do it...

1. Choose an event which welcomes novice runners. Book it immediately so that you commit to your goal. The Mercer Surrey Half Marathon is a great choice because not only is it highly recommended by regular runners, but it is a fully-closed road and relatively flat race.

2. Follow a training plan. One of the most important features of proper race training is progressing at a manageable rate, which means you will actually only increase your training intensity by about 10 per cent each week to ensure you don't over-train. The most important part of this is actually following the plan - consistency is key to ensuring you reach the end. All entrants can download beginner, intermediate, advanced or elite training plans for free - courtesy of the event's Injury and Performance Partner: Synergy Physiotherapy.



3. It's not all about running - you need to be strong. Pilates is a great complementary form of exercise to strengthen the core and stretch tight muscles, but without causing excessive fatigue.

4. Analysis. A short running analysis with a professional can be enough to provide you with the changes required to remain injury-free throughout your training, and even improve your performance.

Organisers and sponsors of the Mercer Surrey Half Marathon - Mercer, GlucoRX, Halstead Preparatory School for Girls, Synergy Physiotherapy, Freedom Leisure, Fitstuff and Harrison's Fund - wish you the best of luck with your training and look forward to seeing you on the start line!

- Award-winning atmosphere and huge medals
- Accessible, central location and glorious scenery
- Fully-closed road routes - perfect for new runners!



Enter: www.surreyhalfmarathon.co.uk



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