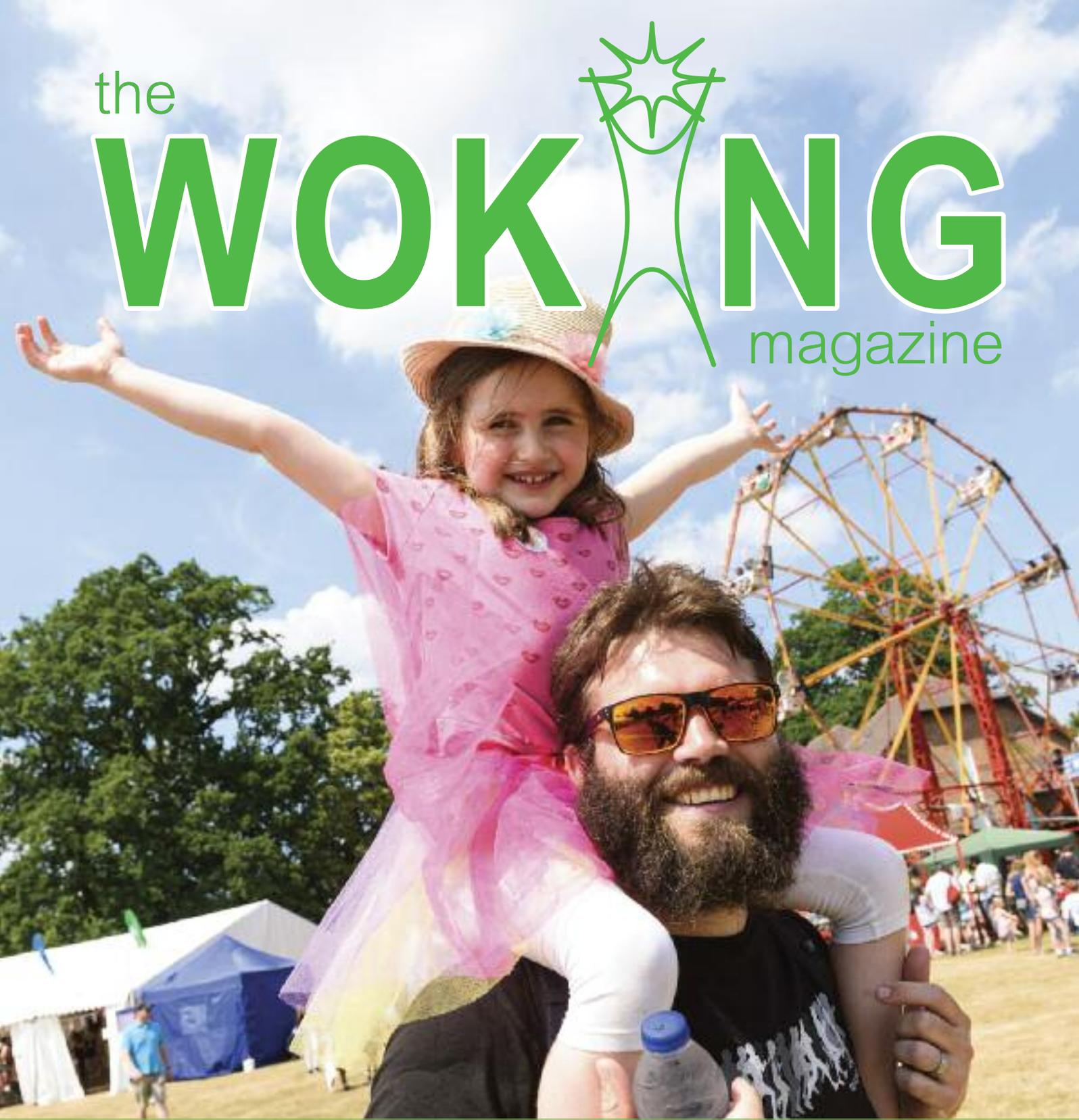


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# Introduction



**Welcome to the summer edition of The Woking Magazine – your window on Woking Borough.**

The summer is here and, boy, have we got a cracking summer full of fantastic events to keep you and your family entertained ahead of us!

The festivities begin on Saturday 6 July as Party in the Park returns to Woking Park for the eighth year. The annual summertime celebration is free to attend and offers a packed programme of family entertainment and fun activities for children. This year's party concludes with a free outdoor screening of everyone's favourite, The Greatest Showman!

What's more, the award-winning Woking Food and Drink Festival is back. Foodies and families will be treated to another tantalising array of culinary delights in Woking Town Centre over the last weekend in August. And the best bit? It's absolutely free to attend!

And if these great events aren't enough, we talk to Stephen Ireland, founder and chair of Pride in Surrey, as Woking prepares to host the county's inaugural LGBTQ+ parade and celebration on Saturday 10 August.

In this edition, we also meet Woking's new Mayor, Cllr Beryl Hunwicks, celebrate 25 years of Dance Woking, as well as discover how you can reduce your household waste thanks to a couple of local entrepreneurs.

There really is something for everyone this summer, so grab yourself a spot in the sun as you discover what's on offer right on your doorstep.

**Andy Denner**  
The Woking Magazine Editor



**Front cover:** Local family enjoys last year's Party in the Park  
**Inset:** Cllr Beryl Hunwicks, Mayor of Woking



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## All aboard! Cruising the Basingstoke Canal with Kitty

**A new season has dawned, so why not take a trip along the Basingstoke Canal with Kitty and experience the Borough along this unique ecosystem.**

Kitty, named after one of the last horses used to pull boats along the canal, is run by trained volunteers from the Basingstoke Canal Society. She takes up to 12 passengers for short trips along the canal. All trips leave from Woking Town Quay.

When not carrying passengers, volunteers are out and about keeping the towpath and waterways clear of litter, such as single use plastic bottles and bags, glass bottles and drinks cans.



To book your canal cruise this summer, please visit [www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk/jp/book-your-trip](http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk/jp/book-your-trip)

## Grants available for local community groups

**Local voluntary and community groups can apply from Monday 8 July 2019 for a grant for the next financial year (April 2020 – March 2021) through the Council's Community Grants Scheme.**

The scheme helps local not-for-profit community and voluntary groups which may be in need of financial assistance to continue providing services to the public. It supports both capital funding, such as the purchase of equipment or one-off projects, and revenue funding such as salaries and rent.

Last year, organisations awarded support included Age Concern Woking, GASP Motor Project, Maybury and Sheerwater Community Trust, West Surrey Mediation Service and Coram Life Education, which were awarded a grant towards the delivery of life education lessons in local primary schools.

Harriet Gill of Coram Life Education, said: "With Woking Borough Council's support, Coram Life Education has embedded its life skills education

programme in almost all Woking's primary schools for a further year.

"Children's emotional wellbeing, and their ability to navigate the challenges ahead, both on and offline, matters to us all as happier children learn more and make a great contribution to their communities."

Application forms for the 2020/21 financial year are available from Monday 8 July 2019.

To apply online, please visit [www.woking.gov.uk/communitygrantscheme](http://www.woking.gov.uk/communitygrantscheme) or for assistance in completing the form, please contact Member Services on **01483 743863** or email [member.services@woking.gov.uk](mailto:member.services@woking.gov.uk)

The closing date for applications is **Friday 6 September 2019.**

## Funding support for businesses to reduce energy bills

**Funding is now available for small to medium sized businesses within the Borough to help reduce energy bills for business premises.**

Most businesses could save 10 percent off their energy bills through relatively low-cost measures. Upgrading lighting to LED for example gives a relatively rapid return on investment with potential savings of up to 60 percent in many cases compared to existing lighting costs.

With energy bills rising, ThamesWey is offering a limited number of grants of up to £2,000 for smaller businesses to match fund up to a third of the cost of their LED lighting upgrades.

To find out how you could help your business make savings and if you're eligible for support, visit [www.actionsurrey.org/help/businesses](http://www.actionsurrey.org/help/businesses) or email [info@actionsurrey.org](mailto:info@actionsurrey.org)

## A driving force behind new sheltered accommodation

**Plans to transform a former car dealership in Old Woking into a sheltered housing scheme for elderly residents moved up a gear.**

Subject to planning consent, the former Ian Allan Motors car dealership will be redeveloped into 48 homes to provide much-needed accommodation for elderly and vulnerable residents enabling them to live independently whilst retaining access to care when necessary.

Facilities will include communal kitchen, living room, dining room and salon facilities, mobility scooter charging ports, parking, landscaping and off-street drop-off.

It is expected, subject to planning consent, the development will be complete by late 2020.



## New Beginnings returns to The Lightbox

**Unique works of art from the Women's Support Centre will go on display as the 'New Beginnings' art exhibition returns to The Lightbox.**

The annual exhibition featuring artwork by women in Surrey's prisons and those in contact with or entering the Criminal Justice System will take place from **Saturday 7 September to Sunday 13 October 2019**. This year's theme 'Journey Within'

was selected by the women and staff of the Women's Support Centre.

The Centre works with women who have a variety of issues including alcohol and substance misuse, domestic abuse, homelessness, chaotic lifestyles, low self-esteem, poor mental health, debt and issues leading to criminal behaviour.

The project aims to boost self-esteem, develop communication skills and confidence. By allowing women to express their thoughts and feelings artistically and experience the therapeutic benefits of art should lead to a more positive life outside of the Criminal Justice System.

The art awards are supported by The Lightbox, Women in Prison and Woking Borough Council. To find out more about the exhibition, please visit [www.thelightbox.org.uk](http://www.thelightbox.org.uk)



## Find out about fostering

**With around 1,000 children in its care, Surrey County Council need more local residents to become foster carers.**

Foster carers make a massive difference to the lives of children and young people, like Katy. She went into foster care when she was 11 and stayed with her foster family for just over six years.

“My foster family treated me like their own child and I have lovely memories of that time in my life. Sadly



my foster mum died the year after I left, aged 18, but my relationship with them has continued. In 2017, I was asked to be my foster sister’s maid of honour, it was the best and most special day.

“I am particularly grateful for the relationship I have with my foster mum’s sister and her family. They always include me, making me feel part of their family. We are family!”

Now aged 29, Katy is married, owns her own home and hairdressing business. She’s keen to encourage more people to think about fostering. “If I’m ever asked about fostering, I say give it a go! Being a foster carer is a really selfless thing and the ways in which you can potentially change a child or teenagers’ life is limitless.”

To find out more about fostering, please call **0800 096 9626** or visit [www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering)

## Could you be a councillor?

**Local people looking to represent their community and help shape Woking’s future are invited to an informal seminar to find out more about becoming a local councillor.**

The seminar, hosted at the Civic Offices, aims to give an overview of how the Council operates, the various roles and responsibilities and what skills are essential to becoming a successful local councillor. Current councillors will be on hand to discuss their experiences and answer any questions about the influential role.

Local people interested in becoming a councillor must have a qualifying nationality, be 18 years or older and live, work or own a property for at least a year in the borough.

**The seminar, hosted at the Civic Offices Council Chamber, will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 3 July 2019.**

To register your interest, please contact Hanna Taylor, Woking Borough Council’s Democratic Services Officer, on **01483 743056** or email [hanna.taylor@woking.gov.uk](mailto:hanna.taylor@woking.gov.uk)



## Could you have what it takes to become an Ashford & St Peter's Hospitals Governor?

**Made up of 25 members, the Council of Governor's main purpose is to hold the Non-Executive Directors individually and collectively to account.**

Governors represent the interests of the Trust's membership which includes staff, patients and local residents and the wider public.

### How do I apply?

If you've got what it takes, you can nominate yourself as long as you live in the borough. No special skills or knowledge are required and support will be provided through the Membership Office to make sure any Governor can carry out their role.



An open evening will be held on **Wednesday 7 August 2019** where you can find out more about the role. Alternatively, please call **01932 722063** or email **asp-tr.foundationtrust@nhs.net**

## Vote for your Best Bar None!

**If you have a favourite pub, bar or restaurant in Woking, then why not show your appreciation by voting for them in this year's Woking News and Mail Best Bar None Peoples' Choice Award!**



Best Bar None is a national accreditation and awards scheme for licensed premises supported by the Home Office and drinks industry. Its aim is to promote responsible management and operation of licensed premises, as well as supporting Woking's night-time economy.

Licensed premises that apply to become accredited are assessed to determine whether they meet an agreed set of operational standards. If they do, they will become either a Gold, Silver or Bronze Woking Best Bar None accredited venue and can proudly display their achievement in their premises window.

All Gold accredited venues have the chance to win awards chosen by an independent panel of judges – and you by making your voice heard in the Woking News and Mail Best Bar None Peoples' Choice Award.

So when choosing your next night out, look for the venue's Woking Best Bar None accreditation in their window and vote your favourite at **www.wokingbnn.co.uk** from September.

And if you can't find their accreditation – ask why!

## Residents' recycling results equals stunning saving for Surrey

**Surrey residents recycled even more food waste in their caddies last year meaning that £310,000 is now being saved every year and helping to protect essential services.**

Residents' efforts have made savings because it costs less to recycle food waste (turning it into electricity) than it does to dispose of it through landfill. And, even though it's only a small action, it shows that putting a bit more into your caddy can make a big difference.

Even though big savings are already being made, more food waste can go into caddies. In fact, if all food waste in Surrey went into caddies, it would save an extra £3,000,000 a year. And remember, all food waste can go into your caddy so please put more in and help increase the savings being made.

Caddies can be lined with any kind of plastic bag and smelly food waste can be put in a tied carrier bag and taken to outside food bins, which are collected weekly in Surrey.

For more information on how to recycle food waste, please visit **www.surreyep.org.uk**



## Tennis in the park

**Demand for tennis in Woking is on the rise so the Council has teamed up with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), and a host of other partners to upgrade the borough's facilities and encourage participation in one of Britain's best-loved sports.**

The outdoor courts in Woking Park are the first to be refurbished and all five courts are available to book\*. Key features of the upgrade include safe and secure fencing, a key code entry system, wheelchair access and high quality playing surface.

There's also a new online booking system that makes it easy to 'pay and play' and a single session costs £7. For unbeatable value, a household membership costs just £35 per year giving families up to six hours of play a week.

Sports Development Officer, Emma-Louise Webb, said: "Tennis is often perceived as an elite sport so in order to increase participation, it's important that everyone in the Borough has the opportunity to access good quality tennis facilities.



"More and more people are choosing to exercise outdoors, which is why we've chosen to focus on the courts in Woking Park initially. We're also really pleased to be working with Woking Park Tennis to provide professional coaching and range of affordable courses to suit all ages and abilities."

To book or sign-up for a household membership, visit [www.woking.gov.uk/tennis](http://www.woking.gov.uk/tennis)

Don't forget! Wimbledon fans can watch live coverage on the Big Screen at Party in the Park, see pages 10 and 11.

\*Courts will be closed for two weeks in the summer for a permanent coloured surface to be applied.

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# Woking's local heroes recognised at Mayor's Civic Reception



**Earlier this year, outstanding members of Woking's community celebrated their achievements at the Mayor's Civic Reception.**

The event, which recognises the dedication of Woking residents, was held at the H.G. Wells Conference and Events Centre, where the previous Mayor of Woking, Cllr Will Forster, announced the well-deserved winners.

## EMINENT CITIZEN

**Liz Pocknell** - Liz was presented with the Eminent Citizen award in recognition for her outstanding contribution to Guiding and Scouting across the borough.

As District Commissioner of Woking Scouts for the past eight years, Liz has encouraged an attitude of kindness, sharing and communication. Liz has been awarded a number of long service awards in recognition of her 22 years as a Guide Leader and 23 years as a Scouter. Liz has also received the Award of Merit and more recently the Silver Acorn by the Scout Association for her distinguished service.

During her years of service, many young people have benefited from her dedication to Scouting and Guiding.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S CIVIC AWARD SCHEME

### OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY

**Kye Jarred** - Kye is a remarkable young man who has raised money in support of Woking-based homeless charity, York Road Project.

Last year, aged just 12, Kye first raised money for the charity in order to provide care packages. A compassionate young man, Kye participated in November's sleep-out in Woking Town Centre to raise money through sponsorship. He created 'Mission Kindness' in order to continue his fundraising and increase awareness of the charity.

Despite his young age, Kye has shown an extraordinary awareness and empathy for those less fortunate than himself.

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

**Jaylen Simons** - A student of Woking College, Jaylen has given up a great deal of her time to tutor a Syrian refugee, teaching her English, helping her academically and aiding her assimilation into British life.

Jaylen holds the position of Learning and Teaching Officer on the Student Union following election by her fellow students. In recognition of Jaylen's interest in political rights and issues, she recently received 'Women in Public Affairs' award by global women's group Zonta International.

A highly motivated, dedicated and enthusiastic student, Jaylen is also in the process of completing her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

## TRIUMPH OVER ADVERSITY

**Grace Campbell** - Grace is a very courageous young lady who has undergone major surgery to remove a large ovarian tumour.

Despite being in pain and struggling with concentration, Grace continued her GCSEs and returned to school just two weeks after her operation. Remarkably, Grace only missed school when attending hospital appointments, even taking school work with her determined to do her best in her exams.

Grace successfully became a peer trainer and now supports other young people facing similar experiences.

Grace is also an invaluable support to her mother, who is in a wheelchair.

Speaking after the awards, Cllr Will Forster, Mayor of Woking, said: "It was an honour to present awards to these exemplary members of our community, who have consistently gone above and beyond what is expected of them in their school, work or private lives, to help others overcome adversity. They are a true inspiration to us all."

**Left to Right: Kye, Mayor Cllr Will Forster, Jaylen and Grace**





# Woking, are you ready to party?

With everything from Punch and Judy to a whirling urban astronaut floating 20ft in the air, it's easy to understand why Party in the Park was voted by Essential Surrey as one of the "best, unmissable events" of 2019.

The annual summertime celebration in Woking Park is free to attend and offers a packed programme of family entertainment and fun activities for children. Entering its eighth year, here is our essential guide to this year's party.

## MAIN STAGE

### Sponsored by Eagle Radio

In a change to the usual line-up, this year the Main Stage will be dedicated to live performances from professional and big name acts. Headliners announced so far include **Britain's Got Talent finalists, Old Men Grooving, Glimmer Theatre's raucous Cabareilidh, King Pleasure and the Biscuit Boys and singing sensation, Motown Gold Frontline.** Local favourites, **The Farleys**, return to the park after their 2012 debut to fly the flag for home-grown talent.

### Meet the comperes

The Man on the Mic, Joe Fisher, will work alongside Eagle Radio's Peter Gordon to get the party started and keep it going throughout the day.

**Party pals, comperes Peter Gordon (L) and Joe Fisher (R)**



## BIG SCREEN TENNIS

### Sponsored by ATG

Watch every ace and drop-shot from the Wimbledon Championships on the ATG Big Screen, which will be showing live coverage throughout the day. For the full Centre Court experience, head to one of the bars where you can pick up a Pimms or glass of fizz!

## BRICK GALLERIA

### Sponsored by Sir Robert McAlpine

New to the party, LEGO® brick experts, Brick Galleria, will show you how to construct some of the borough's best features out of LEGO® bricks. In full view of Woking's changing skyline, builders of all ages (4+) will enjoy the 45-minute workshops on offer throughout the day. Available on a first come first served basis.



## OUTDOOR CINEMA

For added feel good factor, this year's party concludes with a free outdoor screening of everyone's favourite, **The Greatest Showman.** Starts 6.30pm.

The fun starts at midday and keeps going until 9pm. For details and announcements, visit [www.celebratewoking.info](http://www.celebratewoking.info)

## CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

Younger visitors are well catered for at Party in the Park. They will love:

- Learning about Amy Johnson's famous plane 'Jason the Gipsy Moth' and building their own replica set of wings.
- Dressing-up with the entertainers from Woking's Treasure Cove.
- Stretching themselves and their imaginations with Magical Yoga Tree.
- Face painting and balloon modelling.
- Experimenting with Fizz Pop Science.
- Shouting "he's behind you" when that naughty Punch pops up!
- Peeking through the portholes to watch the story of the little lighthouse and its keeper.

## A TASTE OF SUMMER

Bring a picnic or dine out on hot dogs, gourmet burgers and pulled-pork baps, or spice things up with Indian, Asian and Mexican inspired dishes. You can quench your thirst with a selection of craft beers, local spirits and English wines but if you're still hungry for more, dotted around the park, you will find ice-creams, handmade fudge, churros and other sweet treats.

## ACTIVITIES TO GET YOU INVOLVED

Show you're in the mood to party by:

- Parading around the park at midday with carnival band, UDM Samba!
- Meeting some friends over at the petting farm.
- Twisting and turning on the assortment of fairground rides.
- Going potty for tile painting with Fiery Frog.
- Making some noise with the Sundrum Drumming Circle.



## STREET THEATRE AND DANCE

Supported by Arts Council England

Official dance partner, Dance Woking, has been honoured with its own stage in the Bandstand Field this year in celebration of its 25th anniversary. The low-level stage will provide a more participatory viewing experience for supporters of the borough's community dance groups.

Popping up around the park, catch professional performances from the likes of:

**Doubles**, hoping to catch you by surprise, this colourful, quirky and highly physical piece combines ping pong with contemporary dance!

**The Rainbow Stilt Walkers**, prepare to smile when you meet these colourful, upbeat stilt walkers. Their sunny personalities match their bright outfits.

**The Urban Astronaut**, floating high up in the sky, this space traveller is concerned by the planet's polluted atmosphere.

**Will and When**, springing from their enormous plant pots, this dancing duo wants to take you on a messy movement adventure around their sensory garden.



## ACTIVITIES TO GET YOU MOVING

Top of the list of things to try this year are slacklining (tightrope walking on a suspended line of webbing), and Tokyo 2020 Olympic sport, skateboarding! You can learn a kickturn or pop an ollie on a mobile mini-ramp with help from the pros at Mount Hawke - helmet and knee-pads provided! For more taster sessions, head the Freedom Leisure Sports Zone where you can meet local clubs and have a go at karate, hula-hooping, tennis, archery and more.

**Slacklining, this year's 'must try'**



2020 Olympic Sport, Skateboarding



# Top five things to

The multi award-winning Woking Food and Drink Festival is back for the seventh consecutive year, from Friday 30 August to Sunday 1 September 2019.

Spread across Woking town centre's main pedestrian areas, the free to attend festival has all the ingredients to serve up three days of delicious feasting, fun entertainment and interactive activities for all the family.

## Watch culinary masters in action



Taking centre stage in **Jubilee Square**, the purpose-built **Woking Shopping Demo Theatre** is home to over 20 live cookery demonstrations, featuring talented and highly regarded celebrity and local chefs.

The festival is delighted to welcome back, **Sabrina Ghayour**, the 'golden girl of Persian cookery' (*The Observer*). Sabrina's exotic recipes are packed full of flavour, yet surprisingly unfussy to recreate. Her busy and successful career includes the publication of four successful cookbooks, running cookery classes and supper clubs, and regular TV guest presenter slots on BBC's Saturday Kitchen.

Other famous faces include Surrey based **Chris Bavin**, co-presenter on BBC's Eat Well For Less and **Martha Collinson**, Great British Bake Off quarter finalist,

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Waitrose food columnist and cookbook author. Also joining the TV line up will be **Laurence Henry**, the reigning BBC MasterChef: The Professionals winner and **Mark Tilling**, chocolatier and winner of the first series of Bake Off Crème de la Crème.

Honouring Surrey's cream of the crop, the festival will once again showcase some of the region's finest restaurants and chefs, including Michelin masters **Steve Drake**, Chef Patron of Sorrel in Dorking and **Tony Parkin**, Head Chef for the Tudor Room at Great Fosters. To see the full chef line up, visit the festival website.

The demos are free and extremely popular, so make sure you're front of the queue to grab a seat in the theatre.

## Meet the chefs

Don't miss your chance to meet and greet well-known chefs at the festival's exclusive book signing sessions.

The free to attend, not for profit, festival is the result of many hardworking local organisations, individuals and traders. We think it adds a tasty addition to the borough's varied and vibrant events programme.

**If you think we're the 'Best Local Food Event / Initiative' in Surrey, please take a few minutes to vote for us!**

Nominations can be submitted online until 16 August at [foodawards.surreylife.co.uk](http://foodawards.surreylife.co.uk)



# do at the festival



## Browse, graze and stock up

Forage amongst over **80 food and drink traders**, which will be fully stocked with artisan products, freshly prepared dishes and tipples hailing from the locality, the UK and across the world.



Augment your visit with the festival's **free mobile visitor app**, courtesy of Woking based company, Aligned Assets. Using its cutting-edge technology, the app will provide trader stall details, festival information and more at the touch of button.



## Entertainment for all the family



Once again, there's a smorgasbord of family entertainment on the menu. Whether it's getting sticky fingers at the children's cup cake decorating **workshops\***, creating culinary inspired masterpieces at the arts and crafts workshops, watching the humorous **street entertainers**, listening to the **live music**, you're sure to be entertained!

For those that like it hot, look out for the live **chilli eating competition** set to take place in the demo theatre on Saturday 31 August.

\*Some festival activities will be subject to ticket fees, charity donations or book prices.

## Tickle your taste buds with something new

Want to add some extra flavour to your visit? The festival will offer a selection of **wine masterclasses and tastings\*** and, new for this year's event, **pop up dining experiences\*** at a number of independent venues around the town.



The menu includes a curry supper club hosted by The Little Indian Kitchen, jazz brunch and afternoon tea on the square. More information will be available closer to the event.

## Hungry for more?

Save some space for a **bite-size talk** or two! Hosted by Hersh Patel, chef and vlogger, and a panel of local producers and experts, hear about their tasty top tips, tricks of the trade and specialist knowledge on a range of subjects. The talks will cover English wine, brewing, gin distilling, beekeeping, butchery, spices, veganism and more! Look out for the **Surrey Life Bite-size Talks marquee** in Gloucester Square, entry is free.

Keep up to date with the latest news

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# Your summer social and

Celebrate Woking once again returns with a simmering summer packed full of family-friendly events and activities to keep children and adults entertained on those long, balmy days!



## Dance Woking Encounters

From 1pm, Saturday 22 June  
Jubilee Square, Woking

Dance Woking, Party in the Park's official dance partner, will be showcasing some of the professional and community dance acts that you can expect to see at Woking's biggest celebration on Saturday 6 July (see pages 10 and 11). These free performances in Jubilee Square will have you on your feet dancing and ready to party!

## Summer Sounds

2pm to 4pm, Saturdays throughout  
the summer  
Bandstand, Woking Park

The series of free concerts return to Woking Park featuring some of the best local musicians. Pack a picnic and while away a lazy summer afternoon enjoying the best sounds around! Visit [www.celebratewoking.info/events/summersounds](http://www.celebratewoking.info/events/summersounds) for more information.

### Performances

22 June Woking Wind Orchestra  
29 June Guildford Sinfonia Orchestra  
13 July Saxophony  
20 July The Cobham Band

27 July Linden Wind Orchestra  
3 Aug Crawley Accordion Orchestra  
17 Aug Cactus Brass  
24 Aug Four Five Sax  
31 Aug Bourne Concert Band  
7 Sept Squeezebox



For more events and activities taking place across the borough throughout the summer, don't forget to visit [www.celebratewoking.info](http://www.celebratewoking.info)



# cultural calendar



## Prudential RideLondon

**Sunday 4 August**  
**Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford**

Cheer on the thousands of amateur and professional cyclists pedalling the 100 mile Prudential RideLondon challenge! The route begins at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, passing through Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford before finishing along The Mall in London.

For more information about the event, including details of local road closures, please visit [www.prudentialridlondon.co.uk](http://www.prudentialridlondon.co.uk)

## British All Winners Drama Festival

**Sunday 14 to Saturday 20 July**  
**Rhoda McGaw Theatre**

Featuring the very best full length, youth and one act plays from across the country. Once again, 'The Actables' will be performing and don't forget the awards ceremony! For more information about performances and tickets, please visit [www.wokingdramafestival.co.uk](http://www.wokingdramafestival.co.uk)



## Heritage Open Days

**Friday 13 to Sunday 22 September**  
**Locations across Woking**

Discover Woking's hidden heritage treasures as some of the borough's most iconic buildings open their doors to the public free of charge. Gain a rare glimpse into Woking's rich and diverse history through a series of guided tours, workshops and open days.

So why not take a few hours out of your busy schedule, and enjoy a free tour around some of the interesting places on your doorstep that you've always wondered about.

For more information and a list of participating venues, please visit

[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) or [www.celebratewoking.info/hod](http://www.celebratewoking.info/hod)



## And there's more dates for your diary....

### Woking Drama Festival

**Tuesday 8 to Saturday 19 October**  
**Rhoda McGaw Theatre**

Visit [www.wokingdramafestival.co.uk](http://www.wokingdramafestival.co.uk) for performance information and tickets.

### Diwali

**Thursday 31 October**  
**Woking Town Centre**

Visit [www.celebratewoking.info/diwali](http://www.celebratewoking.info/diwali) for event details.

### Fireworks

**Saturday 2 November**  
**Woking Park and Vyne Fields, Knaphill**

Look out for more information in the local press.

**Celebrate Woking** would like to thank all its sponsors especially main sponsor, **Woking Shopping**. Without their continued support our exciting programme of events and activities would simply not be possible.





# Show Pride in Woking!

**This summer, Woking is proud to host the first Pride in Surrey event celebrating everything LGBTQ+! Founder and Chair of Pride in Surrey, Stephen Ireland, tells The Woking Magazine what visitors can expect during this much anticipated event.**

“We’re so excited that Woking will play host to the first ever Pride in Surrey event on Saturday 10 August. Have your rainbow regalia at the ready as we celebrate and show support to the LGBTQ+ community and other minority groups who are working with Pride in Surrey to build an event that will be inclusive to everyone.

“The day will start with the highly anticipated Pride Parade through Woking Town Centre at 11am which everyone is invited to participate in from local businesses to visitors to the town.

“The parade is of particular importance this year. Not only is it the first in Surrey, it is also the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall movement so the parade will commemorate those who fought for our freedom as a community whilst standing in solidarity with the 70 countries where people are still persecuted or worse for being out as LGBTQ+.

“Following the parade, the party will move to Woking Park aptly being renamed ‘Pride Park’ for the day! There you will find a variety of stalls selling arts and crafts alongside Pride merchandise, a food and drink area, community zone showcasing the fantastic things happening in and around Surrey, plus a Youth Pride Zone.

“What’s more, the Pride in Surrey team have worked exceptionally hard to build a programme of events which will include Surrey’s local talent



alongside mainstream talent from ‘yonderyear’ and TV shows like Britain’s Got Talent and the X Factor.

“The day’s events are there to celebrate, educate and connect the LGBTQ+ community and the Pride in Surrey team is thrilled to have the support of many local and national businesses.

“We also mustn’t forget the amount of work done by the many support charities across Surrey which include the LGBTQ+ support charity Outline, the various youth services supporting our young people (Twister, GLEE and IAmMe) plus organisations such as York Road Project.

“Pride in Surrey isn’t just for the LGBTQ+ community, it’s about bring together all communities and I would encourage everyone from across Surrey to join us on Saturday 10 August to celebrate and party!”



Pride in Surrey will take place on **Saturday 10 August**. The event at Woking Park is free to attend however you will need to pre-register at [www.prideinsurrey.org](http://www.prideinsurrey.org) where you will also find the option to upgrade to a VIP package.

# Celebrating 25 years of Dance Woking

**This year, Dance Woking is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Synonymous with the performing arts in Woking, The Woking Magazine talks to CEO and Artistic Director, Sam McCaffrey, about the history of this active and exciting company.**

“Dance Woking began life as Woking Dance Festival in 1995. It aimed to both put the recently completed New Victoria Theatre on the map as a dance venue and to promote Woking as a location of high quality arts.” Sam explains.

“Initially programmed by a London-based company, it was soon apparent that due to limited reach in Woking a new solution would need to be found for on-going dance development. This was where Woking Borough Council stepped in and employed a locally based community dance development officer to develop dance opportunities.

“This format ran for nearly seven years, leading to three further festivals, a range of community initiatives and a programme of classes.

“When the London-based company ended its relationship, it gave us the chance to reflect on the role of the festival, how it engaged with the local community and how community participation connected with the artistic programme. By the next year, all aspects of the festival were planned, managed and delivered from Woking and in 2013 the name Dance Woking was born.”



The ethos of Dance Woking remains true to its original objectives today: “Dance Woking maintains that the artistic expertise and community interaction of the company can have a profound impact on sectors of the community who would otherwise rarely engage with dance.

“We aim to raise ambition, build and grow our audiences and help create a sustainable dance economy by inspiring young dancers and breaking down barriers to attendance. One of our most recent projects is linked to the Year Five curriculum, bringing a solar science project to 300 primary children across Surrey. Designed to encourage boys into dance and girls to take an interest in science and technology, the project increased fitness and introduced a new generation to live performance.”

The company continues to grow and develop: “We now have an annual dance programme and in 2018 we hosted nine community dance platforms, engaged with 16 schools and 31 community groups, worked with 21 professional dance companies, led 1,826 people in dance workshops and performed to a total audience of 22,675.”

However, Sam admits that: “Times are challenging for the arts sector and dance is no exception. We are a small and agile organisation in a continuous state of change and aim to serve the shifting demographics of our residents, audiences and communities.

We are pleased to continue to support many of the Council’s strategic community aims through our offer of direct community involvement in the arts.

“We hope to inspire and engage new audiences and communities into 2020 and beyond.”



For further information please visit [www.dancewoking.com](http://www.dancewoking.com)

# #WEAREWOKING

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### HAVE YOU BEEN #WOKINGUNCOVERED YET?

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

Woking native **Louise Irvine** says her favourite thing about Woking is the town's amazing cultural scene. As a lover of theatre, Louise is always among the first to see any new production that comes to Woking. She also likes to get directly involved.

"I was in productions in the Rhoda McGaw Theatre when I was growing up and was also on the team behind Billy Elliott when it came to the New Victoria Theatre. I have so many fun memories of all the theatres growing up and being backstage."

Louise's favourite place is Jubilee Square. Particularly lovely on a sunny day, Louise says: "It really makes it feel like more of a community having that sort of area where people can congregate. People sit here more now, especially on nice sunny days. It's a really nice place."

LOUISE



### PRIDE IN WOKING!

The countdown to Surrey's first LGBTQ+ Pride celebration is under way for a grand kick-off on Saturday 10 August at Woking Park and the #WeAreWoking team are looking forward to making its presence felt.

Celebrating inclusion, diversity, culture and community, the 'Pride in Surrey' Walking Parade route starts at the HG Wells Centre at 11am.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to join in the fun. Why not celebrate with us!

FOR LUQMAN ALL IT'S THE  
FRIENDLINESS AND DIVERSITY  
OF THE PEOPLE THAT MAKES  
WOKING STAND OUT FOR HIM.

LUQMAN



And for the foodie in all of us, Woking is certainly the place to be, with so many different types of cuisine on offer. "The variety is excellent. You can walk through the market and pick up any food if that takes your fancy – Italian is my favourite."

Luqman's favourite place is Woking Leisure Centre: "It's a great spot to get active, meet-up or to play a few games of football."

Optimistic about Woking's future, he is keen to contribute to its growing sense of community spirit.

"I try to help out Woking's young people to ensure that they can get on a good path for life. I'd love to start a mentorship programme someday so I can give something back to my community."

To be a part of #WEAREWOKING #WokingUncovered, get directly involved on Facebook, Twitter or on Instagram at @weare\_woking.

### YOU READY TO PARTY?

The #WeAreWoking team are gearing up to Party in the Park this summer, when the free cultural festival returns on Saturday 6 July!

This is also your chance to get right up close and personal to the #WeAreWoking #WokingUncovered campaign thanks to an exciting new pop-up exhibition. Make sure that you stop by and spend time at the #WeAreWoking stand to meet the team and pick up some free goodies while you're there.

Be warned. We may have the cameras out so get ready for a selfie!

It truly is the place to be seen at the start of summer. Bring. It. On.



## WOKING'S SKY-HIGH TRANSFORMATION GAINS (S)PACE!

Boasting a brand new retail core, high-spec town centre living, invigorating public spaces and a world class hotel, the multi-million pound Victoria Square transformational project remains well on track.

With almost 500 workers on site and over one million hours worked to date, the project will soon move into a new and exciting development phase now the sky-high superstructures have reached their peak.

Currently prepping in readiness for interior design, fit-out and external glazing, cladding, planting and paving, Victoria Square is spearheading new investment and growth which will put Woking into a new league. New parking and integrated transport arrangements will also add a new ease to getting around.

Described by The Telegraph as one of Britain's Top 10 up-and-coming areas for shrewd investment, Woking is now acclaimed for its fascinating history and modern ambitions.

## SUMMERTIME . . . AND THE LIVING IS EASY IN WOKING

Whether you're a lifelong resident, a newbie to Woking or just haven't zipped into town for a while, there's plenty to do, see and experience this summer.

Using TripAdvisor's most popularly reviewed attractions to see what people are really saying, here's just a sample of what we can enjoy right on our doorstep.

### THE LIGHTBOX

"Great staff who go out of their way to be helpful. Went for one visit and found out so much more that goes on here than I expected. A jewel in Woking's crown and well worth a visit."

### NEW VICTORIA THEATRE

"So lucky to have this theatre in our area - so many great touring shows come here and I have visited many times."

### WOKING SHOPPING

"A great shopping centre with a wide variety of restaurants, cafes and shops. There is always something going on, which is great for children, and the decorations for the different events are amazing."

### THE LIVING PLANET CENTRE

"Home to the WWF-UK, the building itself is a marvel of ecological design. Be sure to leave them a few pounds to help their efforts."

### SHAH JAHAN MOSQUE

"I visited the mosque as part of an event to officially open the Woking Peace Garden at Horsell Common. It was wonderful to see Britain's oldest purpose-built mosque still in daily use."



The mosque has organised a special family fun day - 'Mela in the park' - at Alpha Park on Sunday 21st July from 12-4pm with activities including a junior football tournament, raffles, games and prizes, world foods, BBQ, horse riding, ice cream, stalls and face painting.

### THE PEACE GARDEN AT THE MUSLIM BURIAL GROUND

"A very peaceful place in the open air, set in beautiful surroundings. A hidden gem."

### BROOKWOOD CEMETERY

"Well worth a visit! Even if you have no interest in memorials and gravestones, this is a compelling place of great historical significance with some lovely areas to see."

### SURREY LIFE'S TOP 5:

THE LIGHTBOX - NEW VICTORIA THEATRE - MARKET WALK - HG WELLS WALK - BROOKWOOD CEMETERY

# Helping you to reduce your waste

**As appetite grows for waste-free shopping, two small, independent retailers are helping to meet the demand. The Woking Magazine explores what's on offer.**

## **BARE + FAIR**

**Sells refills of household and domestic products from soaps and laundry detergents to sustainable homewares and personal care such as toothbrushes.**

Mel initially took action to cut her levels of waste at home: "I was horrified to learn facts like nearly 50 percent of carbon emissions are purely caused by our domestic activity. I soon discovered that there is lots we can do at home. However, I kept asking myself why is there nowhere in Woking I can go for this?"

Using the knowledge gained from researching her own family needs, Mel decided to open a market stall in early 2019: "It is very popular already and I am getting an insight into what my customers want. It is very encouraging, I am connecting with like-minded people."

"I hope that more people will start to see this as a realistic way of life. Cost can be an objection but I explain to people that once you are set up, it's actually cost-effective."



Bare + Fare and Refill and Refuel are currently located in Mercia Walk in Woking Town Centre. For more information and for their trading days, please search Facebook for [@bareandfair](#) and [@refill&refuel](#).

## **REFILL & REFUEL**

**Sells refillable dry foods such as herbs and spices, rice and pasta.**

Victoria also begun her waste-free journey at home. She explains "I made small, easy changes, one at a time, which could be combined with a busy lifestyle."

People are curious: "I get asked about how I source my products. Some come wrapped in recyclable plastic but many have no plastic packaging at all. I am especially proud of my organic, plastic-free, fair trade teas. My stall produces a lot less waste than you would find on the supermarket shelves. Plus, I source locally wherever possible."

"I successfully launched the stall in March. Initially people were just finding out how it works, but now I have a growing customer base. Many people think you need plenty of spare cash to change your shopping habits but they are often surprised to find that my prices are largely comparable to mid-range brands."

## **A shared ethos**

Mel and Victoria have shared aspirations and ethos: "We met over social media and decided to collaborate" Victoria says. "We are merging our business plans and investigating options to join forces and give Woking a permanent shop" adds Mel.

Victoria is excited about expanding their product offer: "There are new innovations coming onto the market all the time. I am particularly interested in a range of fully biodegradable homewares made from rice husk."

Their message is clear: "Better that everyone does zero waste imperfectly than just a handful trying to do it perfectly" Victoria states. "I hope more people realise that reducing their waste is an accessible option."



# Meet the Mayor

**During the official Mayor Making Ceremony on Thursday 23 May 2019, Cllr Beryl Hunwicks became the 46th Mayor of Woking. The Woking Magazine find out about Cllr Hunwicks' Mayoral year ahead and her admiration for the community she serves.**

London born Cllr Beryl Hunwicks moved to Woking in the early 1970s and has lived for most of that time in Horsell. Her two daughters, their families including five grandchildren live within easy reach.

Beryl became involved in local politics in 2007, after being nominated by a friend to stand for Ward Councillor: "I had no idea what it meant when I started, I simply knocked on every door in Horsell to meet people." After being elected, Beryl embraced the role: "My main interests are waste and recycling, health and wellbeing and community safety. I am also Chairman of the Climate Change Working Group" she explains. Her work is varied: "I can be wading in the Hoe Stream one day and observing police raids the next."

Beryl praises the strength of Woking's partnership work and ingenuity: "We have a lot to be proud of in Woking. Council officers work brilliantly with partners such as the police, voluntary and faith groups to spearhead new ideas." She enthuses about a long-term project: "Woking's waste collection plan has evolved enormously. The amount of items that can now be collected at the kerbside is quite extraordinary by comparison to many other authorities."

"Currently, I am also really glad that, following the growing concern for reduction of single use plastics globally, all Council community venues, offices and partner businesses are focused on eliminating their disposable waste, starting with the removal of disposable cups across all areas in 2018."

Looking forward to her Mayoral term, Beryl explains: "Our voluntary sector is nowadays needed more than ever, they truly are the unsung heroes of Woking. I am excited about getting a closer look at the work done by these groups. Woking is an inclusive, diverse place and I can't wait to attend the different events and meet people of all ages and backgrounds."

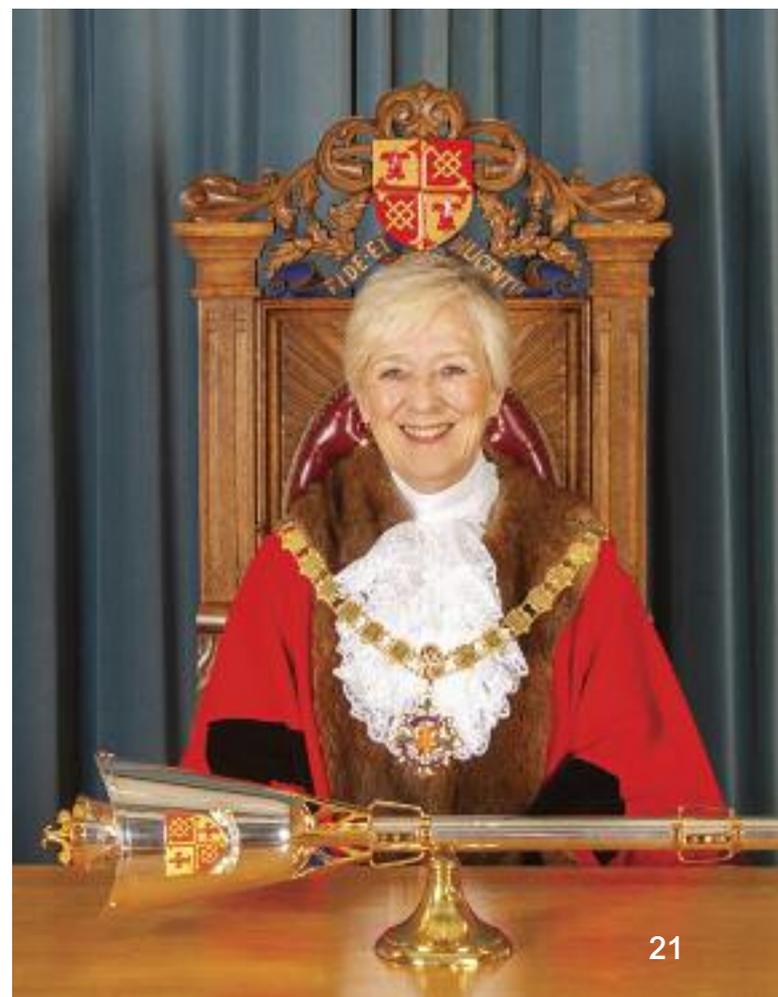
As a former teacher Beryl also hopes she will gain a new perspective on the role: "I love seeing the world through the eyes of children and am keen to know how they view the role of Mayor!"

Beryl has chosen two charities to support this year:

"Your Sanctuary and the Women's Support Centre are charities that I believe work in synergy with each other. Both are mainly services for women, although Your Sanctuary is not exclusively so. Helping these women through crisis situations gives hope to whole families in distress."

Beryl is an active member of Welcome Church, along with husband, Alan. "Between that, my work as a councillor and life as a grandparent I don't have much free time!" says Beryl. "But I wouldn't have it any other way, I love being busy and giving back to the community that has given us so much over the years."

Her message is simple: "Every person whatever their age, beliefs or circumstances should have a voice. It's by engaging and communicating that all of us can make a positive difference to the place in which we live. I look forward to seeing the wonderful work that is being done in the borough during the year."



# ThamesWey is 20 . . . and it's achieving plenty

**ThamesWey has been working hard for two decades to help develop communities that are sustainable, both environmentally and economically. And this 20th year is a pivotal one in the company's evolution.**

From modest roots focusing on environmental projects and locally generated energy, ThamesWey has grown into a property developer and one of Woking's biggest residential landlords, helping to meet the urgent need for new and affordable homes. That is all part of ThamesWey's mission to help deliver the Council's Woking 2050 strategy that aims to create a borough that is sustainable by reducing the impact on our environment.

So let's start at the beginning. ThamesWey was created in 1999 as a partnership between London Electric and Woking Borough Council. The name ThamesWey reflected the two rivers that join Woking and the Capital.

In 2001, ThamesWey's first major project to build the town centre's gas-fired energy station began to provide heat, cooling and power to buildings. The following year saw the launch of the UK's first commercial fuel cell heat and power plant at Woking Park.



Canalside

## 1999–2019 ThamesWey

20 years of building sustainable communities

In 2009 ThamesWey marked a milestone as landlords, buying its 100th property for rental in Woking. Consultancy also expanded, giving impartial energy advice to households, schools and businesses helping them save money and reduce CO2 emissions.

The projects continued to grow in size, including connecting Woking's WWF-UK's Living Planet Centre and The Peacocks Shopping Centre to ThamesWey's energy networks in 2013. And the work goes on.

ThamesWey is involved in some major schemes that will change the local landscape, albeit with a greater focus on sustainability and affordability than most rivals.

One of the biggest is Canalside. It involves regenerating Sheerwater, replacing 1950s properties with more than 1,000 new homes, half of which will be affordable housing. The new energy-efficient buildings will be for rent and sale, built in distinct neighbourhoods around a large central parkland.

Harrington Place is a landmark development of 147 contemporary apartments for rent and sale in the heart of Woking Town Centre which is nearing completion. Anyone renting a home there will qualify for ThamesWey's Earn Your Deposit scheme that helps its tenants save towards a deposit to buy their own home.





**Harrington Place**

And the go-ahead has been given for a new energy centre in Poole Road. It will provide low carbon heat and power for businesses, shops and homes within Woking Town Centre, including the new Victoria Square development.

ThamesWey Chief Executive Officer, Mark Rolt, said: "I'm really proud of what ThamesWey has achieved in the last 20 years and that is testament to the passion and hard work of the whole team. This is about more than two decades in business. A lot of major projects are coming to fruition this year, such as starting the regeneration of Sheerwater, the completion of Harrington Place and a new town centre energy station. Those will keep us busy and we have a lot more exciting projects to come."

As ThamesWey has expanded, the fundamental principles of sustainability remain a key element of every project undertaken, with the belief that communities only grow and prosper if they are nurtured.

And they are in a unique position to do all this. Being independent means they can take advantage of commercial opportunities. However, being owned by Woking Borough Council means profit does not need to be the primary measure of success. Creating affordable homes, improving the environment and contributing to the future success of communities can be valued over making money.

Put simply, ThamesWey achieve things that might not otherwise happen. And while the size of their projects has grown, they are still delivering small projects that make an everyday difference to people in Woking.

The 'Action Surrey' project, for example, has over the last six years helped hundreds of households benefit from affordable warmth by improving the energy efficiency of homes, reducing energy costs and carbon emissions.

It means Woking homeowners living in hard-to-heat properties can receive grants towards the cost of loft and cavity wall insulation, draught-proofing, radiator panels and energy-efficient LED lighting.

So, happy birthday ThamesWey. Here's to the next 20 years.



**Poole Road Energy Centre**



# Out and about

This summer, enjoy a flat, comfortable walk taking in Horsell, Goldsworth Park, Basingstoke Canal, St Johns and Hook Heath.

## Key facts

**Start/finish:** The Red Lion Public House, 123 High Street, Horsell GU21 4SS

**Time:** 2.5 hours

**Distance:** 5.5 miles (9km)

**Type of walk:** Flat, easy walk mainly on pavements and towpaths. Great for buggies. Please wear appropriate footwear, respect people's privacy, keep dogs under control and remember the Countryside Code.

**3.** Cross the road carefully passing the mature silver birch trees. Take the path to the right keeping the allotments on your left. Continue ahead and turn right at the junction. Upon reaching a tarmac footpath, turn left and continue. Cross Kestrel Way carefully and continue along the public footpath through the woods.

If you're in need of refreshment already, then why not pop in to The Cricketers Public House, winner of Woking Best Bar None Best Dining Experience 2018!

**6.** Turn right at the junction and follow the path as it curves to the left and soon you will see the car park ahead. Cross the car park using the pedestrian raised path, passing the play area on your left to reach Goldsworth Lake.

**7.** Turn right and follow the path half way round the lake until you see a sign to Goldsworth Park Shopping Centre. Follow this path and continue, passing Waitrose on your left, until you reach Bampton Way.

**8.** Carefully cross the road and continue straight ahead and follow the signs to the Basingstoke Canal via a footbridge over Lockfield Drive.

If you prefer a shorter walk, instead of turning right towards St Johns, turn left and head towards Woking. Pick up the remaining route at **Step 14**

## The route

**1.** Starting at The Red Lion Public House, head right along Horsell High Street. Cross at the pedestrian crossing and continue. Upon reaching No 72A turn left into a rough track between the house and shops and continue until reaching the T-junction.

**2.** Turn right into Bury Lane and at the roundabout bear right into Bullbeggars Lane. Continue ahead past the recreation ground until you reach a house called 'Tantallon'.

**4.** Cross Claydon Road and continue ahead, passing houses on the left and a small postbox on your right until you see Squires Garden Centre on the other side of the road.

**5.** Turn left onto Littlewick Road and almost immediately left again through the barrier into Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground and follow the path, keeping the hockey and football pitches to your right.

**9.** Upon reaching the towpath, turn right and continue until you reach Kiln Bridge. Join the road, turning left over the bridge. Cross the road carefully and head towards St Johns Lye. Take the left hand footpath keeping the playing field on your right. This gradually rises until it reaches a footbridge which crosses the railway line.

**10.** Cross the railway bridge and continue. At the entrance to Hook Heath Golf Club bear left and continue keeping the large pond on your right. With the golf course on your right, continue along the road.





**11.** Upon reaching Mile Path turn right and continue ahead crossing the golf course. Please beware of golfers! Continue until you reach Hook Heath Road. Turn right and immediately right again, following the footpath sign, passing a large white building on the left.

**12.** Follow the public footpath back across the golf course. Pass the club house and flag pole on your right to enter the car park. Bear left and continue along the log lined path. Go through the gate and turn left onto the footpath (the same one you arrived by!).

**13.** Retrace your steps back across the railway bridge past St John's Lye to the towpath. Still retracing your steps, continue towards Woking along the Basingstoke Canal.

**14.** Continue past the point you joined the towpath. Upon reaching the Bridge Barn Inn on the opposite side of the canal, leave the towpath through the gate on your left and cross Lockfield Drive via the pedestrian crossing. Head into Well Lane and continue until reaching the roundabout.

**15.** Bear right and continue along Bury Lane to Horsell High Street and The Red Lion Public House, winner of Woking Best Bar None's Peoples' Choice Award 2018, is on your right.

This walk was kindly provided by Horsell Wednesday Walkers. Open to everyone, the group meets every Wednesday at 9.50am outside Beijing Restaurant, Horsell High Street.  
For more information, please call **01483 767980**.

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# A fun and bubbly summer lies ahead at The Lightbox

Discover inspiring and diverse exhibitions for all to enjoy this summer at The Lightbox Gallery and Museum – it's more than just a gallery.

The opening of the new exhibition '**Parallel Lines: Drawing and Sculpture**' on **Saturday 22 June 2019** will mark the start of the main summer show at The Lightbox.

Exploring the importance of lines in both drawing and sculpture, members of the Royal Society of Sculptors (RSS) will take inspiration from key Modern British Ingram Collection sculptures by artists such as Caro, Paolozzi and Hepworth. The RSS members will create original drawings in response to the Ingram works which will then be uniquely displayed side-by-side during the exhibition.

From **Thursday 27 June to Friday 7 July 2019**, the Upper Gallery, Education Studio and the corridors of The Lightbox will be taken over by the 12th free '**Woking College Annual Art and Design Show**', showcasing the next generation of local creative artists from the Visual Arts Department at Woking College.

Following this, from **Saturday 13 July to Sunday 20 October 2019**, '**The Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours**' will celebrate contemporary watercolours in the Upper Gallery. Formed to exhibit



**Barbara Hepworth (1903 – 1975), Sculpture with Colour and Strings, 1939 – 1961 © Bowness**

the very best of progressive watercolours, the Royal Institute showcases a diversity of styles and techniques, from traditional uses of the medium to more experimental and innovative paintings.

Whether you're the spontaneous type or like to plan ahead, the events programme is jam-packed with workshops that will keep the whole family busy this summer!

The Lightbox offers a range of free and bookable children and family workshops. The '**Big Art Summer Family Fun Afternoon**' is on **Friday 26 July 2019** when little ones can have their face painted and create some big art in response to the Main Gallery exhibition.

Explore the art of sculpting on **Tuesday 13 August**

**2019** in the '**Hepworth and Clay**' session or join '**Bubble Fun**' on **Friday 2, 16 and 30 August 2019** to make and test your own bubble makers!

Getting creative in the studio isn't just for children, as artist Penny Green leads '**An Introduction to Ceramics**' workshop on **Saturday 20 July 2019**. Learn how to make your own unique ceramic container, personalising it with patterns and colour slips. Containers will be glaze-fired after the workshop and returned to be picked up from The Lightbox, allowing your final piece to be fully waterproof.

To find out more about The Lightbox's full programme including all exhibitions and workshops, please visit [www.thelightbox.org.uk](http://www.thelightbox.org.uk)



## 'In the Name of your Daughter' film showing

Thur 20 June, 7.30pm

Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Brewery Road

Documentary by Giselle Portenier about girls escaping the ritual of female genital mutilation in Tanzania.

**Cost:** Adult £3

**Contact:** Call 07801 433608, email [siwokinganddistrict@gmail.com](mailto:siwokinganddistrict@gmail.com) or visit [www.sigbi.org/woking-and-district](http://www.sigbi.org/woking-and-district)

## Midnight Walk for Woking & Sam Beare Hospices

Fri 21 June, from 8pm (walk starts at 10pm)

Woking Leisure Centre

With an 80s theme, our annual memory walk will be brighter and better than ever.

**Cost:** £18 to pre-book, £22 on the night

**Contact:** Visit [www.wsbhospices.co.uk/events](http://www.wsbhospices.co.uk/events)

## Annual Plant Sale

Sat 22 June, 11am to 5pm

Sun 23 June, 12noon to 5pm

10 High Street, Horsell

Charity event for the Friends of Woking Community Hospital, selling bedding shrubs and other plants. Garden open as part of Horsell Garden Safari.

**Cost:** Horsell Garden safari ticket required for entry to garden

**Contact:** Email [jonlittlupton@ntl-world.com](mailto:jonlittlupton@ntl-world.com)

## South Woking Fun Day

Sat 22 June, 12noon to 3.30pm

St Peter's Recreation Ground, Old Woking

An affordable fun day to bring the community together.

**Cost:** Free entry, modest charge for activities

**Contact:** Find us on Facebook

## York Road Project's Quiz Night

Sat 29 June, 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Woking United Reformed Church

Annual evening of quiz fun, with raffle and buffet - all in support of Woking's homelessness charity.

**Cost:** £10 (£5 for children 12+)

**Contact:** Visit [www.yorkroadproject.org.uk/events](http://www.yorkroadproject.org.uk/events)

## Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals Community Open Day

Sat 6 July, 10am to 3pm

St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey

Come and experience the hospital as never before, giving you a chance to discover and get involved with some of the different things we do. Fun for all the family with interactive stands, tours, food, music, health and wellbeing advice and recruitment and education sessions.

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** Visit [www.ashfordstpeters.nhs.uk/communityday](http://www.ashfordstpeters.nhs.uk/communityday)

## Annual Service of Remembrance and Celebration

Sun 7 July, 3pm

Woking Crematorium

Annual service of celebration and remembrance featuring a male voice choir, string quartet, dove release, band, a selection of poems and a special address. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** 01483 472197

## Byfleet Parish Day

Sat 20 July, 12.30pm

Byfleet Recreation Ground

A traditional parish day with displays, stalls, live music, bars, horticultural show and food and drink.

**Cost:** Adult £1, concessions 50p

**Contact:** Email [nickandpaula@hotmail.com](mailto:nickandpaula@hotmail.com)

## Knaphill Village Show

Sat 20 July, 1pm to 5pm

Mizens Miniature Railway, Knaphill

Celebrating our 10th annual village show! A classic, vintage, fun family

event with live music, dog show, stalls and crafts, BBQ, beer tent, train rides and lots more.

**Cost:** Adults £2, seniors £1, children free

**Contact:** Visit [www.knaphill.org](http://www.knaphill.org)

## Outdoor Cinema for Woking & Sam Beare Hospices

Chobham Rugby Club

Sat 20 July, 2pm to 5pm - Finding Nemo

Sat 20 July, 7pm to 10pm - The Greatest Showman

An amazing cinema experience not to be missed!

**Cost:** Suggested donation - adult £10, child £5

**Contact:** Visit [www.wsbhospices.co.uk/events](http://www.wsbhospices.co.uk/events)

## Horsell Village Show

Sat 27 July, 1.30pm onwards

Horsell C of E School, Meadway Drive

Something for all the family, from show exhibits to an acrobatic display, bouncy castle, Punch & Judy, juggler, Morris Dancing, face painting, art show, live music, craft stalls, games, teas, burgers, ice creams, Pimm's, Thurston's Beer and much more.

**Cost:** Adults £2, free entry for children

**Contact:** Visit [www.horsellvillageshow.co.uk](http://www.horsellvillageshow.co.uk)

## Ladies Golf Day for Woking & Sam Beare Hospices

Mon 9 Sept, 8am to 1pm

Woking Golf Club

Join us for our first ever ladies only golf day! It's free to sign up to our Golf Society, which plays some of the best courses in England in order to raise money for hospice care.

**Cost:** £100

**Contact:** Visit [www.wsbhospices.co.uk/golfsociety](http://www.wsbhospices.co.uk/golfsociety)

## Charity Bridge Afternoon

Wed 9 Oct, 2pm to 5pm

Church of the Good Shepherd, Coldharbour Road

Bridge-playing with home-made afternoon tea to raise funds for Shine Surrey.

**Cost:** £32 for table of four (bring your own table and playing equipment.)

**Contact:** Call 07801433608, email [siwokinganddistrict@gmail.com](mailto:siwokinganddistrict@gmail.com) or visit [www.sigbi.org/woking-and-district](http://www.sigbi.org/woking-and-district)



### Woking Choral Society Summer Concert

Sat 22 June, 7pm

All Saints Church, Woodham

Programme: Beatus Vir – Antonio Vivaldi, Lobet den Herrn – J. S. Bach, Gloria - Antonio Vivaldi, Bach Cello solo - Suite in G Major. Soloists: Lucy Cox - Soprano, Nancy Cole - Mezzo-Soprano, George Ross - Cello. Conductor: Richard Bannan. Organist: William Ford.

**Cost:** £15 (including refreshments), £5 students and children

**Contact:** Visit [www.wokingchoral.org.uk](http://www.wokingchoral.org.uk)

### Woking Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert

Sat 22 June, 7.30pm

H.G. Wells Conference and Events Centre

Showcases the Orchestra's Strings in the glorious Introduction and Allegro for Strings by Elgar, and then presents the Wind section in Stravinsky's Concerto for Piano and Wind Instruments. Second half is Dvorak's Symphony No. 6.

**Cost:** Adults £14, U16s or students £7

**Contact:** Call 01483 712710, email [wokingsymphony@gmail.com](mailto:wokingsymphony@gmail.com) or visit [www.wokingso.org.uk](http://www.wokingso.org.uk)

### Genesis Chorale Summer Concert

Sat 29 June, 7.30pm

St Johns Church, West Byfleet

Seascapes – a performance of Elgar's Sea Pictures and Chilcott's The Voyage.

**Cost:** £15 (students £6)

**Contact:** Visit

[www.genesischorale.org.uk](http://www.genesischorale.org.uk)

### King's Men Concert for Woking & Sam Beare Hospices

Tues 9 July, 7.30pm to 9.30pm

St Andrews Church, Goldsworth Park

The Kings Men are a harmony group formed from the scholars of the Choir of Kings College Cambridge.

**Cost:** Adults £20 (£22.50 on the door), children £15 (£17.50 on the door)

**Contact:** Visit

[www.wsbhospices.co.uk/kingsmen](http://www.wsbhospices.co.uk/kingsmen) or call 01483 881752

### Summer Concert – A night at the movies

Sat 13 July, 7.30pm

Knaphill Methodist Church

Woking Ladies Choir present a multi-genre celebration of the best songs and themes made famous by the movies.

**Cost:** Adults £12, U16s £6, (includes refreshments)

**Contact:** Call 07957 593534 or email [thehunties@virginmedia.com](mailto:thehunties@virginmedia.com)

### The Octavian Singers Summer Concert

Sat 13 July, 7.30pm

St Mary of Bethany Church, Mount Hermon Road

Featuring the music of Rutter (Three Birthday Madrigals), Shearing (Songs and Sonnets) and Britten (Choral Dances from Gloriana).

**Cost:** £12 (includes refreshments), U16s free

**Contact:** Visit [www.theoctaviansingers.org](http://www.theoctaviansingers.org)

### Woking Wurlitzer Concerts

Woking Leisure Centre, Kingfield Road, 7pm

Sat 20 July - Len Rawle and Michael Woodbridge

Sat 21 Sept - David Lobban

Sat 19 Oct – David Ivory

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](http://www.atos-london.co.uk)



### Guilford & Woking Humanists - Talks

The Guildford Institute, Guildford, 7.30pm

Fri 21 June

World Humanist Day celebrations

Tues 9 July

Science – the new Religion?

Tues 10 Sept

What is humanism and what do humanists believe?

Tues 8 Oct

The humanist case for the abolition of aging

**Cost:** Small donation is requested.

**Contact:** Visit [guildfordwoking.humanist.org.uk](http://guildfordwoking.humanist.org.uk)



### Daisy Tuffen Flower Club

Pyrford Village Hall, 7pm

Mon 8 July

Kathryn Goddard Austin - 'Wings'

Mon 12 Aug

Members Supper

Mon 9 Sept

Pat Dibben - 'Deja vu'

Monday 14 Oct

Sachiko Pearce - 'Orient Hana Express'

With demonstrations, beautiful flowers, amazing stories and good advice. All arrangements are raffled at the end of the evening.

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

**Contact:** Call 01932 351999

### St Johns Floral Art Group

St Johns Church, Church Road, 1.45pm to 4pm

Wed 10 July

Wings - a flower demonstration by Kathryn Austin

Wed 11 Sept

Up the Garden Path – presented by Jennifer Thompson, NAFAS area demonstrator.

Raffle, sales table and tea also available.

**Cost:** £6

**Contact:** Email [ahsgibbs@hotmail.com](mailto:ahsgibbs@hotmail.com) or call 01483 714383

### Pallet Upcycling - Make a table to take away

Sat 17 Aug, 10am to 4pm

Great British Woodshop, West Byfleet

Course will cover an overview of the tools and techniques used in taking apart a pallet. You will create your own piece of furniture to take home.

**Cost:** £125

**Contact:** Visit [www.greatbritishwoodshop.co.uk/course](http://www.greatbritishwoodshop.co.uk/course) to book or email [Kirsty@greatbritishwoodshop.co.uk](mailto:Kirsty@greatbritishwoodshop.co.uk)

### Surrey Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society Flower Show

Sun 8 Sept, 2.30pm

Arbor Centre, Coldharbour Lane, Pyrford

Fantastic display of dahlias and chrysanthemums from some of the country's top exhibitors, opportunity to buy and take home prize winners, light refreshments and tombola.

**Cost:** Free admission

**Contact:** Email [info.surreycads@gmail.com](mailto:info.surreycads@gmail.com) or visit [www.surrey-cads.com](http://www.surrey-cads.com)

# Why don't you... join Woking Town Twinning Association?



**Whilst uncertainly over our future in the European Union continues, there is one thing for sure, here in Woking we will continue to have close links with our continental cousins.**

How you might ask? It's all thanks to Woking Town Twinning Association (WTTA).

Woking has two twin towns. Le Plessis-Robinson in France which has been a twin town since 1992, and Rastatt, a city bordering the Rhine in South West Germany which has been twinned since the late 1990s.



Twinning developed after the Second World War, when there was a movement to promote friendship and understanding and avert the dangers of hostility between countries.

It promotes understanding of different cultures and lifestyles and encourages the exchange of views and ideas. It can also stimulate trade and business links.

Local groups, businesses, schools and clubs, individuals and families can all take advantage of the chance to visit our counterparts or host visits in Woking to learn more about each other's communities and share experiences.

Speaking about Woking Town Twinning Association, Chairman, Marlie Roes, said: "Becoming part of the

WTTA can offer so much and is a great way to stay connected with our continental neighbours.

"It can offer friendship, both here in Woking and in our twin towns, can help to educate young people, particularly in languages, as well as a way of sharing our rich cultural heritage across nations.

"So whether a club, society, school, family or individual, I'd encourage you to get involved and enjoy the benefits of our partnerships."

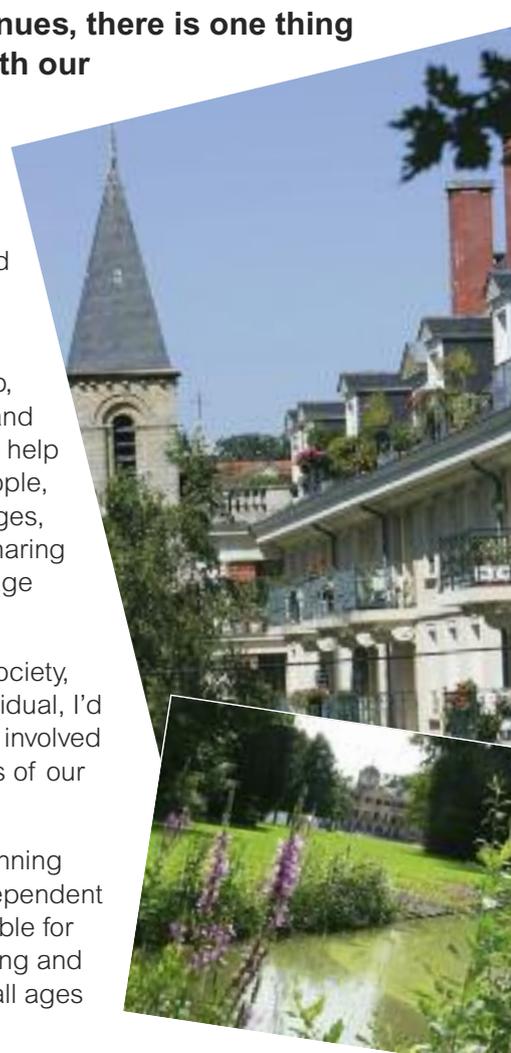
The Woking Town Twinning Association is an independent organisation responsible for town twinning in Woking and is open to people of all ages and interests.

Membership and participation is open to anyone living or working in and around Woking, who is interested in finding out about everyday life and the special occasions in our twin towns.

So joining Woking Town Twinning Association means that we can still continue our relationship with our European friends.

## Further Information

If you're interested in finding out more about becoming a member of WTTA, please email [wttta@woking.gov.uk](mailto:wttta@woking.gov.uk) or write to Woking Town Twinning Association, c/o Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking, Surrey GU21 6YL.





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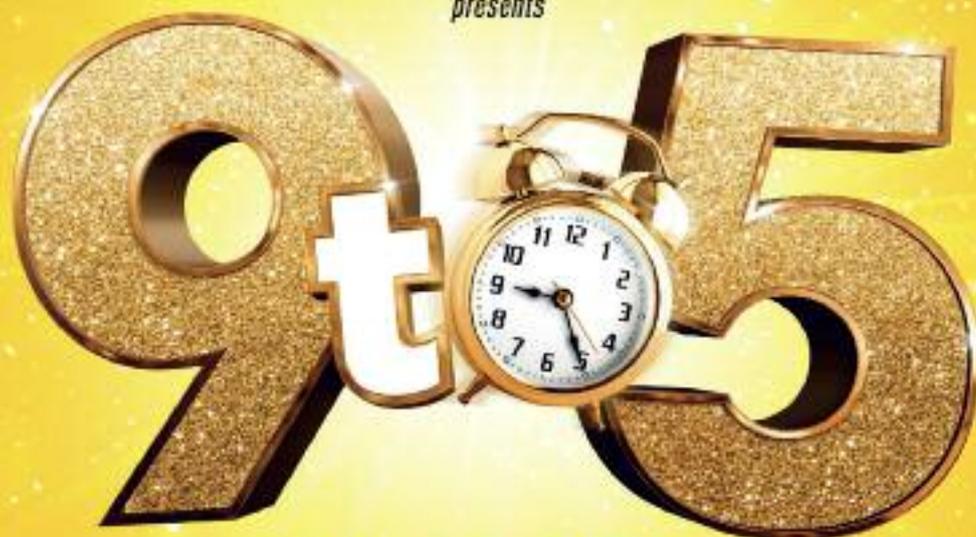
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