

Weybridge Society



Hon. Patron – Michael Aspel, OBE

Winter 2011

Would you like to join the Weybridge Society?

By joining us you will be able to add your voice and weight to our campaigns. The Society has been going for over 50 years and during that time has gained the respect of borough and county councillors. We support new initiatives and guard against inappropriate development. We also work closely with Neighbourhood Watch and the police to ensure a safe and secure environment for all who live and work in Weybridge.

Please contact any member listed on Page 2 for details

Below: Principal, Mrs Cullum, Sarah Ayton OBE, Head Girl, Ellen Quinn and Head Boy, Elliott Hayden

The next meeting of
WEYBRIDGE SOCIETY
Your Community Association Working to Keep Weybridge a Pleasant Place to live, work and visit

will be held on
**Thursday
January 19
2012**

at 8 pm (Doors Open 7.30)
in the large hall of
St James' Parish Centre
(please note this venue –
parking in Churchfields
Road car park)

The Speaker will be
Mr. Allan Williams
who will give an
illustrated talk entitled

'The Wey Navigations'

Mr Williams is a Volunteer Speaker for the National Trust, and his presentation will cover both the Wey Navigation (1653) and the Godalming Navigation (1760). Weybridge was an important link to The Thames for cargoes from all along the route – including gunpowder – From the Wey navigation's opening in 1653 up until the 1960s when regular trade ceased. This promises to be an interesting insight into Weybridge's part in the past.

Members free
Non-members £3.00



Heathside scoop top prizes

WEYBRIDGE Society gives two prizes each year to students of Heathside School – one for History, and one for Sixth Form Contribution to the Community of Weybridge.

At the Presentation Evening in September, our Chairman, Barry Judd, Education Panel member Steven Beaumont, and Committee member Robin Clarke represented the society at what they said was an inspiring evening.

The History award went to Jasper Gogol-Sicklen in Year

11, and his citation recorded that Jasper had always been an outstanding History student. Since year 7 he had brought an impressive level of interest, enthusiasm and hard work to every lesson. He reads widely around the subject and involves himself keenly in class discussions. We are delighted that he is continuing his history studies in the Sixth form.

The Sixth Form prize for contribution to Weybridge community went to Christopher Sparkes. His citation read "We were delighted when Chris was elected by his peers and staff as

Heathside's Head Boy. He has been exemplary in his duties to the school and local community. He is a reliable, hard working and dedicated student who has time for everyone and nothing is ever too much for him. Chris has delivered speeches at Open evenings and represented the school on numerous occasions."

The guest of honour at the Presentation Evening was Sarah Ayton, OBE.

Sarah had been a student at Heathside joining in 1991. Having started sailing at the age of 7, at Queen Mary Sailing

Club, Ashford, she joined the Royal Yacht Association's youth squad at the age of 15. She successfully competed in both the Athens Olympics 2004 and Beijing Olympics 2008 winning an Olympic gold at each. An outstanding achievement. She has now retired from sailing and is currently concentrating on bringing up her two year old son.

She gave an inspiring speech reminding everyone of the importance of having goals, working hard and never giving up on your ambitions.

Thames Gate-Wey: More tales of the riverbank

TONY Davis, the lead member of the Thames Gate-Wey project is keeping up contact with Jason Debney of The Thames Landscape Strategy (TLS), and the Environment Agency (EA) – members will remember that in the last newsletter, Autumn 2011,

it was reported that the EA had been awarded a Commendation in the Design and Construction Category of this year's Waterways Renaissance Awards for the new 24 hour boat moorings on the Thames waterfront at Weybridge.

Work continues to improve our riverside, and Weybridge Society is now listed as a partner for TLS, and is invited to contribute to its work and discussions. From now on, until Christmas every Tuesday and Wednesday between 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 pm,

volunteers and staff will be working along the Thames towpath from Desborough Island bridge towards Weybridge, or on Desborough Island itself. Any member who is interested in helping is invited to go along, meeting the staff and other vol-

unteers, led by Rebecca Law, at the footpath entrance to Desborough Island, or along the towpath, to help with scrub removal, etc., full instructions and equipment will be provided. You will see the boat
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Message from the Chairman

Dear Members,

I AM pleased to report that Robin Clarke, a member of our main Committee has agreed to become the fourth Joint Chairman of the Planning Panel, which means that the four wards of Weybridge North, Weybridge South, St George's Hill and Oatlands each have a designated member watching over planning issues in their areas.

It is with regret that I have to announce that two members of the main committee have resigned their posts both for personal reasons and pressure of work. Maggie Alderman has relinquished her role as Membership Secretary and Kevin Walker has given notice that he can no longer edit the newsletter, this being his last issue. Both have stood down from the Committee. We are indebted to them both for their work for Weybridge Society and express our thanks to them on behalf of all our members.

If you would like to take over either of these posts, or know someone you would like to nominate, please contact me, or the secretary. In the meantime, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you at the next Society meeting on 19 January – details on front page

Barry Judd, Chairman, Weybridge Society



Riverbank tales and litter picking



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Swingbridge moored nearby, and this is the vessel from which they will be working.

Thames 21 is another group helping clear Himalayan Balsam, scrub and litter from the area around the River Wey at Seven Arches Bridge, and footpath

towards Brooklands Museum and Mercedes Benz World.

Weybridge Society members have been involved with this work and more volunteers are always welcome.

Please contact Tony Palmer of the Transport Panel on 07947 806009, or you can email him at:

Above: volunteers with Luke Damerum, Upper Thames Project Officer of Thames 21, on a recent litter pick

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tp.consult@btinternet.com if you are interested in getting involved and helping out with this worthwhile project.

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A survey of transport issues in Weybridge

IN MAY 2008 the Transport Panel conducted a survey amongst Weybridge Society members to establish the key issues related to transport that affected members and to base the future activities of the Transport Panel on these issues. The results of this survey indicated that respondents were concerned about pedestrian safety and cyclists, poor maintenance of roads, footpaths and drains, speeding vehicles and the need to introduce speed limits in residential areas and near schools. Improved public transport and bussing facilities for schools was seen as a key element in achieving improvements in the areas of concern.

The Transport Panel would like to hear your current views and you will find a survey questionnaire with this Winter Issue of the Society newsletter. We would encourage you all and any of your friends and neighbours to respond; they don't have to be members of the Society. The responses can either be paper based or electronically through 00. By post to Weybridge Society, PO Box 492, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 8WX. We request that you submit your replies by 31 January, 2012.

Waste not want not!

We spend a day in the life of a recycling plant



IN THE summer 2011 edition of Elmbridge Borough Council's 'Elmbridge Review' there was an invitation to residents to visit the Grundon Recycling Facility at Leatherhead.

Weybridge Society members applied to go, and on 17 August were taken from the Civic Centre in Esher, by an EBC electric car to Leatherhead. The electric car was comfortable, seemingly effortless and extremely quiet.

Welcomed by Paul Faulkner, the Area Manager of Grundon, we were given an extensive and very well explained tour of the huge plant, which takes the contents of the recycling bins (not food or garden waste – that goes elsewhere) from a wide area, including Elmbridge.

Each day around 25 collection vehicles make two trips each to the site. Once lorries are emptied, sorting begins.

First a huge, almost vertical conveyor extracts the glass, then metal, then card and on to the area where manual sorting takes place.

A moving conveyor belt carrying paper and plastic runs continuously



past 25 or so members of Grundon staff who sort by hand – which apparently is still the most efficient way, out-performing machinery trials especially regarding types of plastic. The saved card, plastics, glass, metal and paper is prepared for dispatch from the plant, the card, plastics and paper being compressed into huge

bales – and all is sold for re-use.

Our thanks are due to Grundon Waste Management Ltd, a family business founded by Stephen Grundon in 1929 (www.grundon.com for more information), and to the Environmental Care team at Elmbridge Borough Council (www.elmbridge.gov.uk/bins) for a very enjoyable

Top: Bales of recycled material awaiting collection and above, the EBC electric cars.

and informative morning.

Elmbridge Council has an excellent record for recycling, and will be sending a leaflet to every household in early December, explaining exactly what can be put into each bin, and also a bin collections calendar for 2012.

Planning applications: The Planning Panel has had a busy time in the

Planning Design and Character Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

As part of the Council's development of a Planning Core Strategy, they are required to prepare new guidance under the heading of 'Design and Character' for each area of the borough.

The Planning Panel of the Society have been actively contributing to the preparation of the Weybridge Guidance Document (SPD) by assisting the Council and giving our views of the draft document as it is prepared.

The maps of the area (that are the core of the guidance) have been examined and amended by members of the Panel and submitted to the Council.

We are concerned however, that the docu-

ment has not examined the detailed character of Weybridge and its many parts with sufficient detail to be of use to those submitting planning applications in the future and will not achieve the objectives of the Supplementary Planning Document.

We have expressed our concern to the Officers and Councillors.

Peter White, Joint Chair, Planning Panel

National Planning Policy Framework

The Planning Panel has reviewed the draft National Planning Policy Framework which has recently been released for comment. The theme, consistent with Government policy, is to increase 'localism' and promote the input of the local populace into the nature and suitability of proposed development in

their area. The Panel has expressed concern that many local authorities will lack the expertise required to create and administer an effective policy for their area, also that it was essential that the document should clearly provide that the inspectorate (i.e. the existing appeals system), should not have the authority to overrule or reverse decisions made by local authorities.

Phil Watson, Planning Panel

The following information is summarised from the Weybridge Society's Planning Panels records; it is up to date at the time of writing and we hope that it is a true representation of the committee's opinions.

Weybridge North & South

Portmore Dental Practice at 4 Balfour Rd

(2006/2047, 2007/1838, 1840 & 1859, 2011/0460, 6301)

This house has been included in the Weybridge Conservation Area because it is considered to be a significant late 19thC building.

The latest application, which was very similar to the previous one, proposed building 8 flats on the car park and changing the existing building into flats.

The Planning Panel supported local residents and the Conservation Area Advisory Committee in objecting to this totally unsuitable building on the car park, but had no objection to the existing building being converted into flats. We were astonished that the Elmbridge Planning Officer recommended permission, but we are very pleased that the Councillors rejected the application. The following is a quote from one of the Council's reasons for refusal. "The proposed detached building housing 8 flats would due to its scale, height, mass, bulk design and location result in a cramped overdevelopment of the site that does not satisfactorily make the transition from Balfour Road to the suburban boulevard setting of Devonshire Road".

Wey Cottage, Wey Road

(2004/0313, 2008/0850, 2010/2280, 2011/6637)

This Cottage, which backed on to the River Wey and the Conservation Area, has now been demolished. The Planning Panel had objected to application 2010/2280, which was for a rather large two storey house with additional rooms in the roof space, but we have to report that this was permitted.

The latest application, which is very similar to the previous one is,



The house – Portmore Dental Practice

in our opinion, preferable because it has an improved frontal design, and, more importantly the underground voids containing sealed living accommodation which would reduce the flood plain have been omitted.

Weybridge Society has raised concerns with Elmbridge Council regarding the protection of the River Wey bat population, a protected species, because no bat survey was carried out before the demolition of Wey Cottage.

Raymond Spary, Joint Chair, Planning Panel

Weybridge South

St Martin's Court, York Road

The development of St Martin's Court, on the corner of York Road and Queens Road, has an extensive planning history. In June 2010, on appeal, outline planning permission was eventually given to build out over St Martin's Court car park with 8 flats on the upper

floors and retail space at ground level, with the existing office space on the upper floors converted into a further 2 flats (2009/1664).

Since then modifications have been submitted and the new building housing 8 flats was approved in September (2011/6118) with the conversion of the office space still under consideration (2011/6116). Plans for a drinking establishment in the corner retail space (2011/0553) were accepted on appeal in October, despite our and neighbours' strong objections and being rejected by Elmbridge Council.

A further development for a separate building in the car park to house 4 additional flats (2011/0551 and 2011/5440) was dismissed on appeal in September, following further objections of over development from the Weybridge Society in

support of local residents.

The latest proposal, to convert the upper storey offices in Unit 3 into 3 further flats (2011/6206) was approved by Elmbridge Council in September

22 Mayfield Road (2011/5627)

A new application for a replacement detached building containing 6 flats and basement parking was approved in July. A similar application (2010/1688) had earlier been refused on appeal, but the relatively minor grounds for refusal (lack of a bat survey and no infrastructure payments) were addressed in the subsequent application.

Beechfield, 22 Hanger Hill (2011/6470)

Beechfield was until recently a nursing home and is situated opposite the Cricket Green. An application to demolish and build a terrace of four 3-storey town houses along Hanger Hill with two detached houses behind was strongly criticised by the Weybridge Society and local residents on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the locally listed Regency villas next door; there would be unacceptable loss of trees; and the height and bulk of the proposal were excessive. The application was turned down by Elmbridge Council in September.

Robin Clarke, Joint Chair, Planning Panel.

Robin Clarke has kindly agreed to be the fourth Joint Chair of the Planning Panel which means that all four wards are now represented by a dedicated individual.

We are very grateful to him – as we are to the other three Joint Chairs – Geoff Banks, Raymond Spary and Peter White.

last three months, as the following will confirm.



Beechfield in Hanger Hill a former nursing home situated opposite Weybridge Cricket Green. An application to demolish and build a terrace of four town houses and two detached houses was strongly criticised by Weybridge Society and local residents that it would be detrimental to the locally listed Regency villas next door;

Charity at Elmbridge Museum

A NEW exhibition called '800 Years of Giving by Walton Charity' opened at Elmbridge Museum on November 14 and runs until February 29, 2012. Walton Charity comprises of 13 charities, the oldest of which dates back to before 1212. The Charity aims to provide accommodation, allotments, grants and relief for those in need in the local community. Its amazing history can be traced back to as far back as 800 years ago, when it was distributing alms and ale in medieval times. Visitors will be able to see the fruit of special projects, including a textile created by community members, and hear fond memories of older residents carefully collected by local school children.

Councillor Jan Fuller, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Cultural Services, said: "Walton Charity has offered much support for people in need in the Borough over the last 800 years. Such longevity is the testament to its dedication to the local community. I strongly encourage residents to come and discover how far reaching its tireless work and generosity has been across the centuries. I wish Walton Charity continuous success in the future, hopefully with the additional support of local families and individuals who will be inspired by its wonderful work".

For further information, log onto www.elmbridge.gov.uk/museum or contact the Museum on 01932 843573 or email ebcmuseum@elmbridge.gov.uk

The museum opening times have now been reduced to two days a week – Fridays, 11am to 5pm, and Saturdays, 10am to 1 pm and 2pm to 5pm. The popular Family Fun activities on the second Saturday of each month will continue as usual. The reduced opening hours are to allow a comprehensive review of the Museum's artefacts to be undertaken, together with the ongoing re-organisation of the museum service.

Oatlands Park

Land at 18-22, Barham Close (2010/0584)

This is an application for the extension of permission originally granted 2007/2864 for three terraces of four three storey houses, for a further three years. The application was refused in May and has subsequently been taken to appeal, the outcome of which is still awaited.

Land at Beechcroft Manor (2011/0782)

This application is for a terrace of three storey houses set in the slope down to Broadwater Lake.

This follows the refusal of a similar application in 2010. The new application was refused, because it would materially detract from the setting of the historic Oatlands Park. The application was subsequently taken to appeal and a hearing in public was scheduled for November 1 at the Civic Centre. As we went to press no decision had been made.

Foxcroft, Oatlands Avenue (2011/6364)

This is a proposal to replace an existing bungalow with a pair of semi-detached chalet bungalows.

The application was refused by the Council in October.

Sycamore Court, Oatlands Chase (2011/6406)

This is a proposal to replace two blocks containing 10 flats with a block containing 5 apartments, a detached house, and 6 semi-detached houses. Consideration of the application was deferred by the West Area Planning Committee on 17th October pending the provision of further information by the developer

Geoff Banks,
Joint Chair, Planning Panel

St Georges Hill

Lincoln Court Old Avenue 2011/5485

An application has been submitted to demolish the current block of flats and build 8 new houses and three flats.

This application was refused by the Council

3-13 Brooklands Road 2011/6022

Another application has been sub-

mitted to redevelop this site to create three blocks of three houses. Planning permission has previously been granted to build six semi detached houses on the site (2007/2208)

This application was 'permitted'.

Lynwood Cavendish Avenue. 2011/6816

Two semi-detached houses. We did not object to this proposal as we

considered it would fit into the current street scene.

Egerton Road 2011/6554

Building of four terraced houses. The Panel objected to this application as we felt the appearance and character of the proposed houses did not sit well in Egerton Road.

Peter White,
Joint Chair, Planning Panel

An insight into the life of WG Tarrant

ON OCTOBER 12 at the meeting in St James' Hall, Richard Norris, introduced by his friend Brian Fairclough, entertained an audience of about 80 members and guests with the enthralling story of the Life and Works of WG Tarrant, the builder of St George's Hill and many other sites in the area.

The son of a policeman, and fifth child of eight, Walter Tarrant's life progressed from carpenter, to builder, councillor, developer – rumours spread that he had become a bankrupt and committed suicide both myths dispelled by Richard Norris – and finally the Squire of Hafod, a huge house in a 13,000 acre estate in Wales.

In addition to the 105

houses Tarrant built on St George's Hill, he also built St John's Church, Rosemount Parade, Station Parade and Madeira Road all in West Byfleet, the Wentworth Estate and shopping parade in Virginia Water – always leaving his initials WGT on his buildings, usually on a brick near the doorway. He believed in small windows – cool in summer, warm in winter, and this is a feature of his marvelous buildings.

He employed architects, but also used clients architects – and his team of workers numbered 5000 at the height of his career.

Tarrant did not restrict his skills to brick buildings – he also designed the Tarrant Light Portable Sleeping Hut – which were made at his works



Crow Clump, St George's Hill – one of WG Tarrant's houses. Photograph by courtesy of Elmbridge Museum, Part of Elmbridge Borough Council's Leisure and Cultural Services.

in Byfleet, shipped to Bologne and assembled at the Front. Nearly 50,000 were made, which is a remarkable figure. His inventiveness did not stop there – he also tried his hand at aircraft design – he made an aeroplane with six engines – its maiden flight in 1919 ending in disaster when it

crashed on take-off, killing two pilots.

If this brief synopsis of Richard Norris's talk has whetted your appetite to find out more about the amazing WG Tarrant, perhaps you would like to read Richard's book, written he said because no-one had written about WGT before. His book,

'The Life and Works of Walter G Tarrant, Master Builder, Creator of St George's Hill Estate, Founder of Wentworth Estate and last Squire of Hafod' is price £18.00 and is available from Elmbridge Museum, Church Street, Weybridge, and local bookshops.

Surrey County Council information

IF SOMEONE stopped you in the street and asked you how to go about finding information on support for carers (family members who provide unpaid care) or where to go for advice on health or social care matters, would you know the answer? No? Well a website, a telephone helpline and two hubs could provide the answer.

Online

For people who enjoy finding information online the Surrey Information Point website (www.surreyinformation-point.org.uk) is the place to visit. Set up by Surrey County Council, Social Information on Disability and NHS Surrey, it provides users with free and reliable information on care, community and health issues. The site also has links to other useful organisations that help local people and families help themselves and find out about the care and support options

available to them.

Telephone

For people who don't have access to a computer, or would prefer to chat through their needs with someone, then a call to the telephone helpline should do the trick. By dialling 0300 200 1005 an advisor will be on hand to help the caller find the information they need. If they can't help, they'll point you in the right direction for further assistance.

In person

For people living with a disability and their carers, a visit to one of the two information Hubs in Epsom and Redhill should provide the answer. Both Hubs are one-stop shops full of information and advice on community and care issues and can help individuals and their carers lead happier and more independent lives.

Find out more about how you can live life your way at www.surrey-cc.gov.uk/livelifeyourway

Be sure to lock out that burglar

A message from the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership

WHAT is the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership? A wide range of organisations work together to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

The agencies named as 'responsible authorities' set out in legislation are listed below and form the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership. Surrey Police, Elmbridge Borough Council, Surrey County Council, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, Surrey NHS, Surrey Police Authority, Surrey & Sussex Probation Trust and Elmbridge Housing Trust.

The Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership wishes to remind residents to be careful about home security. Elmbridge has suffered a rise in both residential and non-residential burglaries in recent months and whilst that rise has halted, residents are urged to be vigilant and take extra precautions to protect their property. Peter Kipps the Community Safety Partnership Manager said "Crimes have predominantly been committed during daylight hours when residents are away from their premises, the offenders are often using tools found in the garden or left in poorly secured sheds and garages.

There are some simple steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of burglary, from just making sure that items are locked away after use and ensuring that reasonable quality locks and

fixings are used to secure garage and shed doors. Residents should also look to protect access to rear gardens by securing side gates and where possible using defensive planting to increase the difficulty for criminals to climb over fences.

Whilst for front gardens the advice is to reduce the height of hedges giving clear sight lines, so that neighbours and passers by can see anyone loitering in your front garden or by your front door".

The Partnership has produced the 'Rich Pickings' leaflet, with information on how to secure garden sheds and garages, as well as tips for improving garden security. 'Rich Pickings' leaflets have been distributed across the Borough and are available for collection at the Civic Centre, public libraries, and police stations. The public are also urged to join the recent 'See It, Report It, Don't Ignore It.' campaign, If you think something is suspicious or just not right then ring the police non emergency number 101 and report it. If you have any community safety issues or would like any further information contact the Community Safety Team in confidence, by on 01372 47 4399/4398 or email community_safety@elmbridge.gov.uk or visit www.elmbridge.gov.uk/Council/safety.

DID YOU KNOW? Jubilees, celebrations and memories

Over the years, Weybridge has played its part in jubilees, celebrations and commemorations, and the following is a sample of the range of such activities:

IN 1822 The Column to Fredrica Charlotte Ulrica Catherine, Duchess of York, was erected on the area to be known from then on as Monument Green.

The Duchess is buried in St James' Churchyard (but it was of course St Nicholas Church then, as St James wasn't yet built). The Duchess herself obviously like commemoration – she buried over 60 of her dogs in her pet cemetery at Oatlands House (where she lived from her marriage in 1791 until her death in 1820). Each grave had a headstone.

In 1838 Weybridge Railway station was opened – having a strong influence on the population of Weybridge which in 1831 was 930; in 1851, 1200 and in 1891 it had become 3944 – quadrupling in 60 years!

1848 saw the 'new' St James' Church consecrated.

By 1876 The rise in population necessitated an extra cemetery – in Brooklands Lane – with the building of cemetery chapels and lodge.

1897 was the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee – The shops in The Quadrant Area were erected in this year.

In 1900 Weybridge had a Grand Patriotic Procession and Carnival to celebrate British victories.

1908 was the year that 1st Weybridge (Brooklands Own) Scout Troop was established – one of the very first troops (Weybridge Society has just donated towards the renovation



of its Headquarters in Springfield Lane)
In 1910 the Weybridge Girl Guide group formed
In 1909 on Whit Monday Weybridge Sports Day was held where the 3rd Dragoon Guards played 'football' on horseback, with a huge ball! Photo above shows the Guards on horseback. (Photograph by courtesy of Elmbridge Museum, Part of Elmbridge Borough Council's Leisure and Cultural Services). Weybridge had its own Cricket Club, Football Club and Rugby Club in those days, too!
1911 saw a patriotic display in

Weybridge to celebrate the Coronation of George V.
In 1913 Weybridge Sports Day was held at Weybridge Football Ground in Walton Lane – from a photograph of the event it looked as if it was raining!
1923 was the year in which the Weybridge War Memorial was unveiled on 23 March. The recent restoration and cleaning has brought this memorial back to its original impressive state.
VE Parties were held in 1945, celebrating the end of the war in Europe – a notable one being in Gascoigne and Dorchester Roads where the tables were set

out in a V for victory!
In 2002 a clock was erected on Weybridge Hall to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II
2012 saw a raised flower bed in Churchfields Recreation Ground laid out with C and W to celebrate the marriage of Prince William and Catherine Middleton on 29 June.
Information from 'A Window on Weybridge' DM & JL Barker,; 'Weybridge Past' by Neil White – both books available from Elmbridge Museum – and archival records at the museum, and other sources.

Light up a life for Sam Beare hospice

SAM Beare Hospice held their Light up a Life service where people from the Weybridge area celebrated and remembered the life of a friend or family member.

The service this year took place on recently at St James' Church, Weybridge and was led by the Hospice chaplain team and included readings from the bible and Christmas carols.

With more than 300 events taking place across the UK, Sam Beare Hospices Light up a Life event was part of the nationwide campaign by the hospice movement to support people dealing with the death of someone they care about.



Nigel Harding, chief executive of Sam Beare Hospice explained:

"An important part of hospice care is the support provided to friends and family of a patient after they have died. A Light up a Life event is one of the many ways that hospices help people come to terms with the loss of someone close to them and warmly remember a loved one for years to come."

The events are for anyone who is bereaved, not just those cared for in a hospice.

Ready? Get set,

Ho, Ho, Ho!

The Woking & Sam Beare Hospices launched their Santa Fun Runs, recently with Chief Executive, Nigel Harding ready to take on the challenge.

This year there were two fun runs conveniently located near each Hospice. Woking Hospice's fun run was held on December 4th starting at Woking Football Club and Sam Beare Hospice's took place at Oatlands Park Hotel. To donate to Sam Beare call 01483 881752.

Your chance to meet the Police

Surrey Police held a Neighbourhood Panel meeting on Thursday, December 15, at 7.30pm in St James' Church Hall.

Residents raised questions over local issues and it was an opportunity to meet the local Police Neighbourhood Team.

Another opportunity to 'Meet the Beat' will be held at Weybridge Day Centre on Tuesday, December 20, between 10.30am and 11.30am.

The day the circus came to town...

THE MOSCOW State Circus set up its big top in the Brooklands Community Park in the summer – and it is hoped this might become a regular feature.

Did you go? What were your impressions? A councillor said that he was very impressed with the way in which the Circus was managed, leaving the

Park in a clean and tidy condition, and collecting up all the posters they had displayed around the area.

Moscow State Circus tent t Brooklands – September 2012



SUNDAY, August 14, saw many Weybridge roads closed for the trial of the route for the Olympic Cycle races next summer – residents along the route took the opportunity to cheer the cyclist on their way – and in many parts a real carnival spirit prevailed. Your committee hopes to arrange activities over the weekend next summer – if you would like to be involved or have ideas of what could be done, please contact any committee member. In the new year it is possible that Weybridge Society will be having a speaker from the Surrey County Council 2012 Team, especially relating to the Olympic Cycling through Surrey – including Weybridge. More details to follow.

...and cycles ruled the road



The Peloton rounding the corner in Brooklands Road

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