



2017 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND THE NEW MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM

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Our new online membership system is now live and being used by new people to join the Society directly from our website – it's a great success because it is so easy to do and needs no input on our part. The new system has been set up to provide new subscription rates and types (Individual, Joint, Household) and accepts our new preferred method of paying by Direct Debit. It also allows us to claim Gift Aid for those who are eligible, so that we can take advantage of the extra income.

Unfortunately, significant work was required to transfer existing members to the new database and set up the new membership options and this has taken us longer than expected. As a result of this a large number of members, who currently pay by standing order, will have already renewed in January and paid the old subscription rates.

We will be contacting these members to let them know what they need to do to top up their payment for 2017 and opt into Gift Aid. We will send a letter or email to all those affected in the Summer detailing actions we need them to take.

For members who normally pay after 1st April we will separately let them know what actions to take, in order to renew their subscriptions using the new system.

To use the new system we do need up to date email addresses for members, or at least one person in the case of Joint or Household members. Please contact the membership secretary if you haven't given us an email address or if you have any questions about the new system.

Finally, the system is also used to send out the Society's email communications. It's possible these may get trapped in your spam filter, so please keep an eye open for this.

CAN YOU BE OUR NEW EDITOR?

Following a promotion at work, Haley Jenkins is stepping down as Editor of the Weybridge Society Newsletter. She has thoroughly enjoyed working with the Society, she hopes to continue to contribute ideas and articles, but unfortunately due to her increased hours, she will no longer be able to work at the forefront of the newsletter. Haley thanks you all for your feedback and contributions for what has been almost two years!

We send out a newsletter four times a year to our members. Should you be interested in becoming an editor, your role as editor would be to edit the articles we receive, be proactive in hunting down topics of interest, getting involved with the local community, as well as contributing your own ideas to the society! A training period will be available, where you can observe how the newsletter is put together and organised. Be aware we do not publish articles of a political or religious nature.

This is a perfect opportunity for anyone who wants to increase their skills and get involved with the local community, no matter what age! If you are a student, it might even count towards a Duke of Edinburgh (check with your school/college).

Contact: Dave at chairman@weybridgesociety.org.uk or Haley at newsletter@weybridgesociety.org.uk for more information.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Weybridge Society will be held on Thursday April 6th 2017 in the Small Hall of St James' Parish Church (parking in Churchfield Road car park) at 8.00 p.m. Doors open 7.30 for 8.00p.m.

BROOKLANDS RADIO – ARE YOU LISTENING?

*By Graham Laycock,
Station Manager, Brooklands Radio*



Brooklands Radio has been broadcasting on the internet continuously for eight years and has been based at our two studios above Weybridge library since August 2009.

We are a not-for-profit station for Surrey that can be heard on the Internet every day with all the best in local features, news, travel and good music at www.brooklandsradio.co.uk.

Brooklands Radio aims to provide an entertaining, distinctive, eclectic mix alternative to existing radio stations in both words and music. We are committed to giving local communities a voice, provide education and training for schools, colleges and other bodies and support local voluntary organisations. We also help and promote local businesses through interviews and amazing value on-air commercials to offer the best possible service.

Members pay a monthly subscription to help cover significant running costs but we also have amazing-value advertising and a current special offer of three months on-air advertising for £110. Contact sales@brooklandsradio.co.uk

Behind the station is a great team of over forty volunteers who put together live programmes and also work behind the scenes to deliver over 100 hours of mainly live, Surrey focused, output each week #LovingSurrey. We are available 24/7 with an overnight automated music service, the Brooklands Radio Jukebox.

Each member brings with them their own on-air personality and skills. This means that our programmes are not formatted within very tight speech and music parameters. As a result it allows for variety, entertainment and new ideas to flourish.

We are always looking for new volunteers and in particular we have a vacancy for a PR & Publicity person. As such you would be involved with local radio broadcasting for Surrey, an enjoyable and worthwhile experience. So if you would like to get involved please e-mail apply@brooklandsradio.co.uk

Daytime programmes feature music from today and the past fifty years, plus local information on events and happenings in Surrey, regular travel news plus interviews with local people and organisations and outside broadcasts from local events.

Features include Surrey News Review by the Surrey Advertiser, Events In Surrey by Diana Roberts from the Guildford Tourist Information Centre, guides to entertainment in Surrey, items on health and wellbeing, Place of the Day - history of a Surrey location, Just Women

talking to women of Surrey about life, work and family, AM Dram Shout Out featuring local amateur dramatic societies and Surrey Business Affairs talking to the business people in Surrey.

Evenings feature many specialist shows including Brooklands Country, Mainly Folk, The 80s Hour, Cool Connections, Ollie's Rock Block, Surrey Sportsnight, Hunter's Hollywood Hits & Brit Flicks, Suzanne's World of Arts & Entertainment, Ray Darrell's 50s & 60s Show, The Blues Hour, 70s Sequence, Mirth & Musicals, Classical Collection, Sunday Session – new music and Hugh Evan's Late Night Rock.

Being based in Weybridge we are keen to support the town activities and each year we provide the PA for the Ride London-Surrey Cycle Event as it comes through Weybridge with our expert team of Barry Richards, James Pearce and Dan Henderson providing the commentary and music. We also cover the Walton & Weybridge Regatta each year and often have features on Brooklands Museum.

Each December we record the annual Weybridge & Sam Beare Hospices' Light Up A Life service at St James's Parish Church which is broadcast over Christmas and each Friday at 1.40pm broadcast the hospice's lottery winners and fund raising activities. Last May our intrepid presenter James Pearce did a marathon twenty-four hour broadcast raising £1,693.50 for the Woking & Sam Beare Hospices.

In the build up to Christmas we provided the music and announcements for the Weybridge Town Business Group's Christmas event in the town and we will be covering the new Weybridge 10k event organised by Weybridge Sports.

Full details of the week's programmes and features can be found on our home page www.brooklandsradio.co.uk along with links for listening again on demand to the latest podcast interviews and programmes.

To listen just go to www.brooklandsradio.co.uk and click on one of the Listen Live buttons. For smart phones there is a free app, just search for Brooklands Radio in your app store or Google Play store and we are on the TuneIn app. You can also find us on internet radios.

The studio can be contacted at studio@brooklandsradio.co.uk and on 01932 855633.

To advise us of local events to publicise e-mail to info@brooklandsradio.co.uk

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DO YOU KNOW ABOUT DAME ETHEL SMYTH DBE, DMUS?

By Haley Jenkins

February was LGBT History Month, a time to celebrate, commemorate and explore all things LGBT, particularly historical events and figures that have been lost in time or forgotten by the general public. Did you know the Surrey History Centre lists famous LGBT individuals who have been associated with Surrey? These include: King Edward II (1284-1327), Horace Walpole (1717-1797), Edward Onslow (1758-1829), Edward Carpenter (1844-1929), Dame Ethel Smyth (1858-1944), Maundy Gregory (1877-1941), EM Forster (1879-1970), Beverley Nichols (1898-1983), Sir Noel Coward (1899-1973), Harry Daley (1901-1971), Sir John Gielgud (1904-2000), Quentin Crisp (1908-1999), Sir Peter Neville Luard Pears (1910-1986), Sir Terence Rattigan (1911-1977), Alan Turing (1912-1954), Sir Dirk Bogarde (1921-1999) and Denholm Elliott CBE (1922-1992). Some of you may have attended the lecture *Edward Carpenter: A Life of Liberty & Love* at the University of Surrey during the 2016 celebrations or the *'Queening a pawn: Alan Turing and the trouble with gay genius'* in 2015. Both the Surrey History Centre and The University of Surrey hold annual events for LGBT History Month, so if you missed their events this year then keep an eye out in 2018!

Dame Ethel Smyth is the only female on this list and therefore I thought she required some special attention. Ethel Smyth was the fourth of eight children and she studied privately with Alexander Ewing when she was seventeen, who introduced her fresh young mind to the works of famous composers. Determined to become a composer in her own right, she defied her father and went on to become a significant English composer in the late 19th and early 20th century, studying in Leipzig, Germany. She wrote six operas in total, her *The Wreckers* and *Mass in D* were greatly acclaimed at their debuts. She was made a Dame in 1922 for her services to music. In her later years when her hearing began to fail, she swapped to writing books, which were mostly autobiographical, charting the difficulties for women to be published and get their compositions performed.

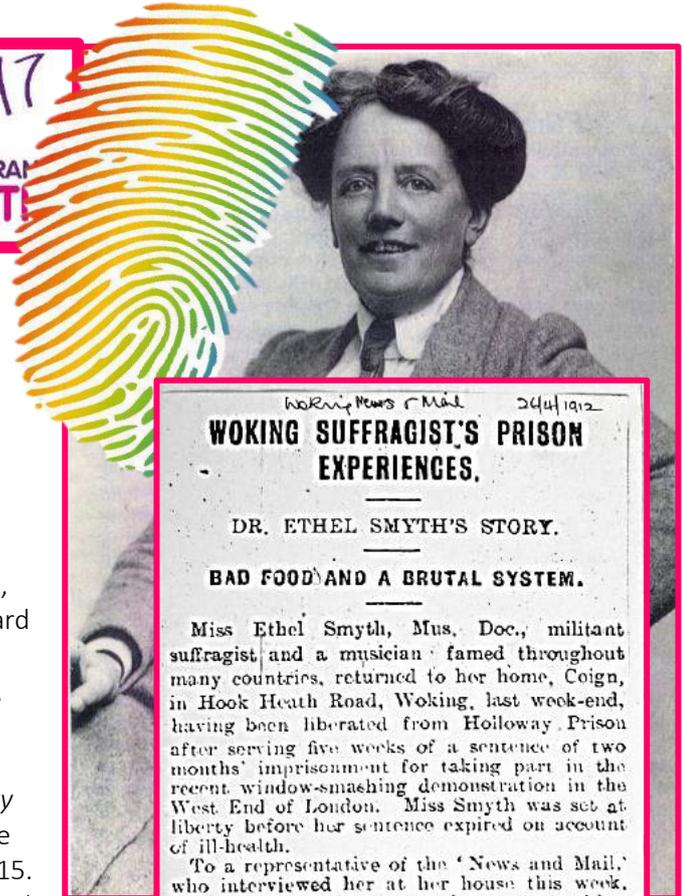
Due to her friendship with the Pankhurst family, Ethel devoted two years (1910-1912) to the Women's Social and Political Union. She wrote *The March of the Women*, which was sung by suffragettes in London and all over the country. In 1912, when the WSPU's leader, Emmeline Pankhurst, called on members to break a window in the house of any politician who opposed votes for women, Smyth was one of the 109 members who responded to Pankhurst's call. Following a large-scale protest, she and 100 other women were sentenced to a stretch in Holloway Prison. Ethel stayed there for two months. When the women were exercising, they are said to have sung *The March of the Women* with Ethel conducting them with her toothbrush through the cell window!

After she was released, Ethel travelled extensively in Egypt with the idea of recovering and composing new music after the trials of prison.

Top: Ethel Smyth, 1913 (SHC ref 9180/9/27)
+ LGBT 2017 logo.

Bottom: Article on Ethel Smyth's suffrage activities from the *Woking News and Mail*, 26th April 1912

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Woking News & Mail 26th April 1912

WOKING SUFFRAGIST'S PRISON EXPERIENCES.

DR. ETHEL SMYTH'S STORY.

BAD FOOD AND A BRUTAL SYSTEM.

Miss Ethel Smyth, Mus. Doc., militant suffragist and a musician famed throughout many countries, returned to her home, Coign, in Hook Heath Road, Woking, last week-end, having been liberated from Holloway Prison after serving five weeks of a sentence of two months' imprisonment for taking part in the recent window-smashing demonstration in the West End of London. Miss Smyth was set at liberty before her sentence expired on account of ill-health.

To a representative of the 'News and Mail,' who interviewed her at her house this week, Miss Smyth gave an interesting account of her experiences at Holloway, and made a brief but pithy defence of the position of the militant section of the women suffragists. The recent sensational occurrences, although as some contend, they may have alienated much sympathy from the suffragist cause, have at any rate done suffragists one good turn. They have focussed the attention of the public as it has never been focussed before upon the demand for votes. In the past the attitude of the greater part of the public to the question has been one of absolute indifference. But now people are asking themselves what are the reasons, what are the ferried convictions, which lead women of education and refinement to the commission of acts of violence.

Dr. Ethel Smyth is a type of the women who have made England think. A lady of artistic pursuits, anyone who first met her in her quiet Surrey home would as soon think of associating her with scenes of violence as of associating the music by which she has attained distinction with the storm and clash of political strife. But as one talks to her it becomes evident that hers is a personality of no common strength; she radiates an intense nerve force which makes her capable of great things in any cause with which she sympathises keenly.

SUFFRAGISTS IN PRISON.

Questioned as to her opinions of the prison treatment of suffragists, Dr. Smyth was emphatic in condemnation of a system which, she said, treated political offenders as common criminals.

'In England,' she said, 'a first offender who, from personal spite or in a drunken fit, breaks a cheap pane of glass, incurs the penalty of a few days' imprisonment with the option of a fine, but, we suffragettes—rescue-workers, teachers, scientists, missionaries, artists, university graduates, widows of general officers and judges, and so forth, who have done the same thing in order to call attention to a grievance which has been ventilated for forty years, but with which men still refuse to deal, have been sent to prison for two months with hard labour; in some cases the sentences have run to four and six months. A clause of the Prisons Act, especially framed to meet political and similar cases, provides that all offenders whose crime does not involve "moral turpitude" shall enjoy certain privileges, such as the perusal of books and newspapers, the writing and receiving of letters, interviews with visitors, and so on.

There she would compose *The Boatswain's Mate* (published 1919).

When the war broke out, the performances of her operas in Vienna and Frankfurt were disastrously cancelled, a major setback, and she moved to the French coast of St Brieuc, where she would be reunited with Emmeline Pankhurst. Ethel was trained as a radiographer in Paris in 1915 and she was attached to the XIIIth Division of the French army at a large military hospital in Vichy as a voluntary 'localizer'.

Smyth had several passionate affairs in her life, most of them with women and she fell in love with Emmeline Pankhurst, Virginia Woolf and Violet Gordon-Woodhouse, though whether these associations passed beyond friendship is unknown. In the 1880s, she had an affair with Mary Benson, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, as well as Mary's daughter Nellie. She was a passionate golfer and a member of the ladies' section of Woking Golf Club, near where she lived in Hook Heath, Woking.

CHANGES TO SAM BEARE FACILITIES

By Paul Wolstenholme

Acting at the Society's request as liaison officer on Sam Beare issues, I have been provided with the following information by Jayne Cooper (Interim CEO and Director of Nursing).

The decision was taken some time ago to move both Sam Beare and Hill View Road Woking hospices into one new state of the art hospice in Goldsworth Park, Woking. Financial issues necessitated the closure of Sam Beare earlier than planned with inpatient beds moved to Woking hospice until the new building opens in spring 2017, offering twenty beds as against ten each at both Sam Beare and Woking hospices.

The day hospice, provided from the Woking hospice, offers a place on a Tuesday (their usual day-hospice day) to all patients who attended it at Sam Beare. Extra volunteer drivers have been recruited to enable patients to access this service.

The community nursing specialist team, currently looking after an increasing number of patients within the area (presently 273) will remain in the Weybridge area and will still be located at the community hospital until alternative accommodation can be found for them, also in the Weybridge area.

Fundraising and future support was also discussed. Jayne told me that use could always be made of monies for the community team either with posts, equipment or for the relocation and upkeep of a new office. Sadly, any hopes of use being made of the facilities within Weybridge Hospital for day respite care seem unaffordable and Jayne believes that CCG clinical commissioning group have plans for its use. So unless a benefactor steps in, we will have to be content with what is on offer.

Finally, Jayne expressed a willingness to keep the Society updated with news of developments towards the establishment of the new centre and any other Sam Beare issues.

Hopefully this has helped to clarify any uncertainties on the subject and that despite the loss of the beds in Weybridge, with the benefit of the transport facilities and improvements in the standards of care, these changes will ultimately benefit the community.

WEYBRIDGE PARKING REVIEW 2017/18

*By Paul Povey - Chairman, Weybridge Town Business Group
& Mike O'Sullivan - Weybridge Society Transport Panel*

According to its website, Surrey County Council's review of the October feedback on its recommendations issued in September, following the Weybridge Parking Review in early 2016, is still ongoing. Whatever the final outcome, a large majority of local residents and businesses are likely to be disappointed.

Far from the holistic review promised for all towns in the Borough by the Elmbridge Local Committee, a thorough review intended to replace the previous annual process (which broadly involved a limited selection of schemes from the hundreds of individual requests), County has yet again succeeded only in tinkering around the edges of a much more complex problem. Additional displacement parking may also result, whereby some changes will shift a

Weybridge Town Business Group
in association with
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problem literally down the road into another area; something the Local Committee undertook not to permit unless health & safety reasons existed. Whilst there may be a number of sensible recommendations, the only real difference this time round is that the next review is not intended to be held for another three years, not just the one as before.

However, we should not be quick to overly-criticise Surrey in isolation as, being responsible for on-street parking alone, it can only work with the finite amount of highway at its disposal, and is the only one of the two local authorities involved in the matter that is actually doing something about what is an increasingly dire and emotive

issue for all concerned; not least residents being able to park near where they live, and the potential harm to trade in a town where shoppers find it difficult/costly to park and therefore go elsewhere.

It will require the other local authority, Elmbridge, to wake up to its own responsibilities in the process and provide adequate and affordable off-street facilities, before a truly holistic solution can be found.

The supply of off-street parking space should reflect the demand for it. With this in mind, and with Elmbridge seemingly having no existing data with which to work, nor showing any inclination to obtain it for itself, a partnership between the Weybridge Society and the Weybridge Town Business Group, has been established to gather this essential information as a first step towards a solution, and has recently launched the Weybridge Parking Project 2017/18.

Over the next eighteen months, the Project intends to consult the Town's shops, businesses and prominent

residents' associations, firstly to determine the current demand for both on- and off-street parking space, and then use that data in conjunction with both authorities to devise and present for approval/implementation what will be considered to be a workable, truly holistic and stakeholder-generated solution that will meet the needs of the whole Town.

So far, Elmbridge Councillors have shown encouraging support, but both authorities will be consulted throughout the Project in order to maintain their support that now seems to exist, keep them abreast of developments, and to assist in the early identification and elimination of potential pitfalls, so leaving the path clear for the proposed solution eventually submitted to be approved and implemented.

Dum spiramus tuebimur (while we breathe, we hope).

HOPING FOR A WARM RECEPTION

By Nick Thrupp

It's Sunday, 22nd January 2017, the temperature outside is well below freezing and I'm trying to restore the circulation to my fingers after canvassing another 30+ signatures for the Triangle Residents' Group's petition to introduce a 20mph zone and restrictions on HGVs in Pine Grove, Princes Road and York Road (south).

'Why go out when it's freezing?' my wife had asked an hour and a half before. 'Unless you're a masochist.'

Masochism has never featured highly on my list of character flaws, and I have to admit that a siren voice of temptation had whispered in my ear, suggesting I could always put it off and have a nice cup of tea instead.

Fortunately I resisted. In my experience more people are likely to be at home late Sunday afternoon/early evening, and most seem more inclined to converse than on other days.

Despite the risk of frostbite, the canvassing was actually quite fun. Everyone, without exception, was supportive and encouraging about the petition. Several people also had lots to say on other topics that matter to them: the massive development that will start to be built soon on the former Trident Honda site, the application to knock down the existing two storey Clive House in Queens Road and replace it with a 4 storey building, and of course speeding rat runners and inconsiderate parkers. A lot of people had their own stories to tell, among them numerous accounts of near accidents on the dangerous bend in Pine Grove, of nearly having the bonnet of their car knocked off by a speeding vehicle as, with their line of sight blocked entirely by parked vans, they nosed slowly



Photograph by Nick Thrupp

out of their drive on Princes Road, and of HGVs thundering down York Road to avoid the Temple Market roundabout.

Only one person didn't want to sign.

'Can you come back tomorrow?' she whispered.

'We're just putting the baby to bed.' I tiptoed away towards the next house only to have her partner race after me in his short sleeved t-shirt and accost me in the street.

'I overheard what the petition was about and want to sign now.' He extended his hand and introduced himself. We chatted for a couple of minutes, this time mainly about problems he's had with refuse collection and then, just as he was turning a delicate shade of blue, he thanked me, wished me good luck and scurried back to his own house.

Of course I'm not the only member of the TRG Committee canvassing signatures. Others are busy in Pine Grove and the roads off it, and probably by now have a host of their own anecdotes to recount. Thanks to Lisa Bailey, a resident of Princes Road and parent of two girls

who are pupils there, we've also had a fantastic response from parents at Manby Lodge School.

Weybridge Cricket Club and The Jolly Farmer, both in Princes Road have also been supportive, with our petition on display in both.

We've also been fortunate enough to have our petition written up, along with a photograph of residents holding up a mocked-up 20mph sign- in The Surrey Advertiser.

'And what are TRG's chances of success with this petition?' You may ask.

It's difficult to assess, is the answer. The precedents are there: North Weybridge already has a 20mph limit, 20mph limits are not uncommon- especially outside schools - in many parts of the country, Wodeland Avenue in Guildford, which is part of a similarly configured set of rat-runs, has recently - after many years of struggling- succeeded in having a 20mph zone introduced.

The local support is there, as we know from our canvassing.

Our elected representatives, Elmbridge Councillors Ian Donaldson, Simon Foale and Peter Harman, and Surrey County Councillor Ramon Gray, are supportive.

On the other hand, we don't know what Highways Department's advice to The Local Committee will be, we don't know what other priorities there are and we do know that Surrey County Council is strapped for cash.

The petition will be heard by Surrey County Council's Local Committee on 27th February 2017, but we may not know the result for some time.

We'll report back on progress or otherwise in a later edition of this newsletter. Hopefully, our petition will receive a warm reception and it will be good news (slowly thawing fingers crossed!).

I GOT MY LIFE BACK WITH SLIMMING WORLD - NOW I WANT TO HELP OTHERS

By Kate Ayres

I feel amazing after losing 6½ st last year, and for me it has really been life changing!

I've always had issues with my weight, and have tried all sorts of diet. Some worked for a short time, but I had never found anything that meant I was truly in control of my weight.

Last year I was feeling miserable, my knees hurt and I got breathless doing any sort of exercise. I hated to go clothes shopping, as nothing would fit and I was taking medication daily for a stomach problem.

An awful photo of myself on holiday made me decide I had to do something about my weight, but I was reluctant to try another slimming group. I assumed I would fail again.

Finally, after not being able to get up off of the floor one day due to my size, I was determined to try and luckily I saw an advert for a weight loss group. I was really nervous, but a friend wanted to join too, and this gave me the courage to walk through the door. My best decision ever!

I was welcomed into the group, where everyone was friendly and supportive, and I was never made to feel embarrassed about my weight. I was told I could set my own target, with no pressure from anyone.

The consultant explained about Food Optimising, and how I could eat unlimited free foods. I was really sceptical, but after losing 7.5lb in my first week, I was convinced! I had never eaten so much in my life, and was losing weight too. My family loved the meals, and friends are shocked that I can enjoy a cooked breakfast, a prawn stir-fry, or even chips!

As I lost weight I started enjoying exercise. I started by taking short walks, then jogging and Clubercise, and have even had a go at rowing. I feel fitter and healthier than I ever have before, and have been able to stop my medication. This is a massive added bonus that I was not expecting. I was told I would have to take it for life.

I have continued to attend the group every week, as I now have free lifetime membership since I have achieved my target weight. Friends and family have told me I am looking great, and I am feeling great too.

Finding the group changed my life, and now I want to share the secret with everyone who is struggling with their weight. Last Summer I



Before & after photographs provided by Kate Ayres

trained as a consultant and opened my own group in Weybridge. Now I love helping others to begin their weight loss journey. If you would like to find out more please call me on 07749 998923, or join us any Wednesday, 7.30pm, at Weybridge Centre for the Community.

HOW RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS CAN OFFER PROTECTION FOR YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

By Kay Williamson

It is with some apprehension that I write this article on 'Restrictive Covenants' just as Elmbridge is considering where to construct the many new homes required to be built in the borough. However, covenants can prevent undesirable development and can help retain some of the green and leafy surroundings which make Elmbridge such a desirable place to live.

Historically, when many of the older housing estates in the borough were first developed, the land owners imposed restrictions on the type of development which could take place in order to protect the locality. Typically these restrictions, known as restrictive covenants, stipulate that 'only one detached house per plot' can be built or that each building can only be used as a 'single private dwelling house' which would prevent a block of flats, nursing home etc being constructed. Infringement of the original 'building line' is another common clause as is the restriction preventing residents from operating a business from the premises.

It is important to note that covenants do not form part of planning law and are not considered by the planning authorities when determining the outcome of a planning application. They are purely private restrictions which can protect certain pre-agreed standards and can be enforced through the court system by the beneficiaries of those covenants. The protection of these standards has benefits for the wider community as the present character of the location can be retained in a way similar to a Conservation Area.

Typically, in neighbourhoods where large rear gardens exist, developers approach the residents to sell part of their garden land and to buy one property to demolish in order to gain access to the garden land at the rear of neighbouring properties. This situation may be favoured by some residents but others may seek to protect their surroundings and with the benefit of enforceable restrictive covenants, unwanted development can still be thwarted. It is worth noting that since 2010, the importance of gardens has been recognised by the government with such land re-classified as Greenfield.

The time to act is as soon as you become aware that a new development is being proposed. Once it is established that the land in question is burdened by restrictive covenants, you should write to the developers to advise them that their proposals would breach the existing restrictive covenants which you intend to enforce.

If developers are made aware of the situation in writing before purchasing the land, such a warning may deter them from proceeding as acquiring indemnity insurance will be difficult.

Nevertheless, armed with a planning consent, some developers will be determined to proceed and residents should be aware that employing specialist lawyers and barristers to fight a legal battle against a well-heeled and knowledgeable developer can be a very expensive and nail biting experience

That said the following advice is based on personal experience.

Let's assume that the Council has granted permission for a development which local residents believe would have a detrimental impact on the local environment. If restrictive covenants exist, it may still be possible to prevent this development. A good start is to form a 'Resident's Association' as this will generally involve like-minded people who are willing to pay a share of the potential costs. The first stage is to involve as many of these fellow residents as possible and to explore their Title Deeds to determine the existence of any restrictive covenants that can be defended. Although there may have been breaches in the past, it is still possible that a court will uphold the covenants even though a developer may seek to have them declared 'obsolete' because of previous breaches. Previous breaches can be 'forgiven' by the beneficiaries of the covenants.

Restrictive covenants are normally recorded in the Register of Entries contained within the Title Deeds of each property. Copies of these documents are held by the Land Registry and an 'office copy' of the document can be obtained from the Land Registry for a small fee.

In our case, the developer challenged a restrictive covenant in the High Court and although planning consent had been granted for the replacement of 3 detached properties by 22 apartments in two blocks, the restrictive covenant was upheld by the Court and costs were awarded against the developer. Had that development proceeded, we are confident that within a short time a 'domino effect' would have occurred with many of the houses in the road being demolished and replaced by blocks of flats, radically changing the area's long established character. There are other examples in Weybridge and elsewhere where the court has determined on the side of the residents and unwanted development has been halted.

Researching historic legal documents can be a time consuming and painstaking exercise. We and other residents locally have been greatly assisted by Victor Mishiku of the Covenant Movement who gives his guidance and campaign advice voluntarily. His energy and expertise coupled with the specialist knowledge imparted by his legal allies were invaluable. His interest started in the mid-eighties when living on the green and pleasant Hanger Hill Estate in Ealing, one of the London suburbs where builders were scouring the back gardens for 'development opportunities' at the height of the housing boom. Eager to protect the special character of the area, a Residents' Group, led by Victor, was formed. Extensive research found that restrictive covenants existed which prohibited any further development on the land. News of Victor's 'Covenant Movement' began to spread and many subsequent cases have resulted in back gardens, rugby pitches, allotments and recreation grounds being saved for the benefit of the wider community in localities including Banstead, Harrow Weald, Ealing, Cheam, Croydon, Norbury, Rickmansworth, Stanmore and St Albans to name a few.

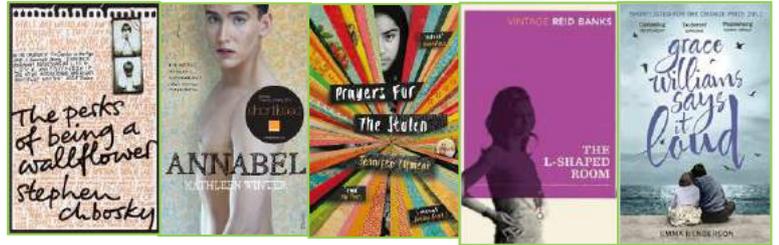
In the future, the Government of the day may decide to declare some historic restrictive covenants obsolete in order to release land for development but for the present, as a High Court Judge stated some years ago, "It is fortunately still the law that people who have contracts are entitled to enforce them regardless of what local authorities think is suitable in terms of planning permission."

Many members of the Weybridge Society are well informed in respect of Elmbridge Borough Council's policies and on planning law and will endeavour to assist local residents with planning problems. However, if you and your neighbours are facing the prospect of unwanted development and have established that you do indeed have the benefit of restrictive covenants, then waste no time in contacting Victor Mishiku of the Covenant Movement at 7 Castlebar Road, Ealing W5 2DL (Tel: 020 8991 2538). Victor works closely with a knowledgeable lawyer widely experienced in planning law and covenant matters. And one last recommendation: do not be deterred or slow in providing the information that Victor requests – he knows exactly what is needed and how to present it to maximise the chances of success.

THE EDITOR'S RECOMMENDED READS!

By Haley Jenkins

I've wanted to do an article like this for a long time. I have an enormous appetite for reading, I always have a book on the go and lately that has grown to encompass other formats of literature, such as manga and graphic novels. You are never too senior to try something new, you are never too young to try something that little bit harder, and you should never be afraid to read something that is 'a little bit out there, a little bit different'. Championing this during my day job as a librarian, and as a writer, I now would like to recommend five books that might take you out of your comfort zone.



THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER BY STEPHEN CHBOSKY (1999) - This is a coming-of-age epistolary novel follows the trials of Charlie Kelmeckis, a 15-year-old boy who has just entered his freshman year of high school in a Pittsburgh suburb. Charlie writes to the reader, his unique and unconventional voice describing the friends, family and the terrible questions that come with growing up: Do we choose the love we think we deserve? How do we find our place in the world? In his day-to-day life Charlie grapples with two traumatic experiences from his past: the suicide of his only middle-school friend, Michael and the death of his favourite aunt, Helen. When he meets Sam and Patrick, two enthusiastic and troubled seniors who are fighting their own battles, can Charlie finally find happiness and leave behind his loneliness?

ANNABEL BY KATHLEEN WINTER (2010) – A baby is born in 1968 in Croydon Harbour, Labrador, Canada. The baby has both male and female parts, but his parents decide to call him 'Wayne' and raise him as a boy, keeping the details of his birth a secret from everyone except his nurse Thomasina. In the hard-living, masculine black-and-white world of Labrador, how can Wayne possibly allow Annabel, his female shadow-self who lives inside him, to breathe? How can his parents ever tell their son that they made the wrong choice? Was it the wrong choice? This novel is a beautifully crafted tale of what it means to be female, male and part of the harsh landscape of Labrador.

PRAYERS FOR THE STOLEN BY JENNIFER CLEMENTS (2014) – Direct, potent, unexpected and musical, this book is about what life is like for the daughters of Mexico and how they live in the shadow of the drug cartels. In Ladydi Garcia Martinez's world, being an ugly girl is a good thing, it means you can pretend to be a boy and maybe the men in black SUVs won't steal you away.

There is humour and beauty in Ladydi's world, but she wants to know more, to live a life not haunted by men and their guns. But the cartels have eyes everywhere, how can any girl escape?

THE L-SHAPED ROOM BY LYNN REID BANKS (1960) - Unmarried and pregnant, Jane Graham is forced to leave her good job and her father's house for a dingy, bug-ridden rundown room in Fulham. She cares nothing for herself, the room or her neighbours. But slowly the life that buzzes around her creeps in and she begins to take an interest in those around her: Toby the budding writer, John the jazz-player and their tyrannical landlady who watches them and reigns supreme. As she begins to let love back into her life, Jane finds a new faith in her future and who can tell what that future might bring?

GRACE WILLIAMS SAYS IT LOUD BY EMMA HENDERSON – This isn't an ordinary love story, but Grace isn't an ordinary girl. Described as 'disgusting' by nurses and put away in the Briar Institute by her parents, Grace's life is controlled by the doctors and nurses who see her and her fellow inmates as retarded and useless. On her first day at the institute, she meets Daniel, a boy who can type with his feet and who sees a different Grace: one who is beautiful and intelligent. Together they go through the trials, betrayals, disappointments, triumphs, beauty and abuse that children with profound disabilities had to face growing in institutions in the 1950s and 60s. This is a challenging read, but worth it.

All of these titles are available at Surrey Libraries

ELMBRIDGE LOCAL PLAN STRATEGIC OPTIONS FOR BUILDING DEVELOPMENT 2015-2035; WHAT ARE THE DANGERS FOR WEYBRIDGE AND ELMBRIDGE?

By Richard Marshall

HOUSING TARGETS -

To meet new housing targets, the Government requires Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC) to produce an updated Local Plan to meet 'objectively assessed housing need' (OAHN) for 9480 dwellings in the Borough by the year 2035 (an average of 474 new homes a year), and to identify where these might be sited. EBC's draft proposals aim to show ways to contribute to these national housing targets and plan for them properly on a sustainable basis. The first phase of public consultation took place between 16 December and 24 February, and exhibitions were held showing a selection of strategic options. The first exhibition was held above Weybridge Library on 10 January and was well attended. Any of the public could comment individually by responding to the formal questions on EBC's website. By the time this article is published, Weybridge Society's planning panel will have made a detailed response under its duty to protect the character and amenities of Weybridge for the public benefit of local residents. The consultation includes questions about housing types (e.g. smaller and more affordable), employment and infrastructure (transport, schools etc). To form a sustainable community, new housing would need to be balanced in sizes and types, in order to service shops, schools, hospitals etc and minimise traffic demands for commuting.

The next consultation phase, in July, will show more detail of sites proposed, after digesting the responses from the first part of the consultation. The process of completing the new Local Plan will involve balancing the pressures from developers, employers and residents in the various wards of the Borough. These matters will

eventually be thrashed out at a Public Examination by a Government Planning Inspector, who will then determine the final Plan.

We have to note that Weybridge is quite a small part of Elmbridge Borough, which reaches to Thames Ditton, Molesey, Esher, Claygate and Oxshott and has a population of over 150,000 in all. These various settlements are separated by designated Greenbelt land which covers more than half of this popular leafy and spacious Borough. Except in town centres, housing density in Elmbridge is generally low and dispersed, so that there is heavy car-dependency and traffic. Our neighbouring town of Cobham, which is also in Elmbridge's South Planning Area, is threatened with proposed loss of two Greenbelt spaces. Cobham's Conservation Trust has made strong representations against this, and also against Guildford Borough's proposal for housing on its border near the A3 at Wisley airfield, which is currently under an appeal completely separate from this new plan.

GREENBELT LAND - A major issue the Plan tackles is to make more land available for housing, partly on previously developed ('brownfield') land, but also by releasing small amounts of Greenbelt land. Greenbelt was originally designated to prevent urban sprawl and maintain natural separation between settled areas. 'Exceptional' release of low-value Greenbelt land which EBC regards as 'weakly-performing' in preventing sprawl and achieving separation, has been suggested as a reasonable way to help meet housing needs of a more affordable kind than is possible on high-value urban land. Any such release might also help

reduce pressures for higher-rise building in existing built areas, as well as strengthen the case for the rest of the Greenbelt to remain intact. It is not, however, clear how land released from Greenbelt would be effectively restricted to affordable housing or any other positive purpose, rather than become victim of developers' routine quests for gain from high value houses. Affordable housing might be better sited near public transport and infrastructure rather than on remote land. Councils also have a duty to co-operate with neighbouring boroughs, and Elmbridge has seven of these on its borders. In Weybridge's case the adjoining town of Addlestone in Runnymede Borough already provides many people who work in Weybridge, and hosts 'Weybridge Business Park' as an area of commercial employment.

COMMENT ON WEYBRIDGE PARKING (a Surrey Council matter which needs Elmbridge input)

Weybridge is congested and needs more off-street car-parking, especially for commuters. There are well-known problems with sustainable transport and travel patterns. Off-street car-parks on the town's borders might help to save the town from town-centre congestion, but the Plan does not address this.

COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

In the 1960s the Macmillan Government oversaw national building of 300,000 houses annually. Since 1956, Weybridge Residents Association, now Weybridge Society, has consistently made combined efforts to ensure good sense and quality of design in building for a range of attractive housing, and to retain and enhance the character and amenities of this town. Several model schemes (such as the SPAN and Templemere developments), Hillcrest and many modest new closes, have been built to replace large houses in the past 60 years. Meanwhile the constant financial ambitions of developers and owners have led to expanding house sizes, or to greater number of dwellings ('densities') per hectare. Weybridge has fortunately emerged with a character still rich in hidden variety, which can best be discovered on foot. The resulting character is far from uniform and includes extremes, from the prominent new urban apartment blocks on the A317 such as are to be built on the old Grotto pub site (with zero parking provision) and on the Honda garage site, to the other extreme of remote hyper-secure private estates with expanding mansions. Since 2012 under the National Planning Policy Framework, Government Planning Inspectors have been required to

approve plans provided they form 'sustainable development'. This term is supposed to mean meeting the economic, social and environmental conditions which should avoid making life worse for present and future generations of the general public. The question of affordability for the younger generation is already very serious in Elmbridge, due to relentless inflation in house-prices.

PURPOSE AND DETAIL OF THE NEW PLAN - The purpose of creating the new Elmbridge Plan is to forestall the alternative of letting the initiative pass to Government and beyond the control of EBC's councillors and officers, as apparently happened in Guildford and Runnymede; hence this serious attempt at a proper Plan with reasonable public consent. As well as expecting to find potential urban sites for approximately 3700 homes over 20 years on previously developed land, the Elmbridge Plan now outlines an option (No.2) of releasing small parts of Greenbelt land which are considered 'weak' in meeting its original purpose of preventing urban sprawl. The first draft has identified three areas for this, two in Cobham/Stoke D'Abernon and one in Long Ditton. Parts of these are in any case absolutely protected in other ways and will remain so. Weybridge's Greenbelt areas, which are not large, are proposed to remain intact, but there is a risk that the Inspector might deem otherwise, and this will be a matter of fair judgement within Elmbridge as a whole. There is, however, a mention of possibly extending the Brooklands Industrial Estate. Meanwhile Heathrow and Brexit add uncertainties about future needs. It is proposed that retail provision should revert to a focus on town centres. Public open spaces, nature reserves, flood-plains and heritage areas are to remain protected. For Weybridge residents, the planned extra housing up to 2035 is not greatly threatening but we will be under constant commercial pressure for more development. We will have to be alert to preventing detriment to the public interest of keeping the town and its environment viable and vibrant, without adding to exclusive areas which are very dependent on cars. Overall, the Plan seems thoughtfully based on evidence and on policies aimed at the public interest, but dangers may emerge from the next stages of negotiation by the Borough and in due course by the Government's Planning Inspector.

TEMPLEMERE – MANAGEMENT BY DESIGN

By Clare Baxter

Templemere is an award-winning estate situated on Oatlands Drive, halfway between Walton and Weybridge. Built in 1963, there are 65 three and four bedroom houses, arranged in staggered terraces and small crescents, on 12-acres of historic parkland and woods sloping down to the Broadwater Lake.

It is home to a mix of original residents, empty nesters, families and singles of all ages. Most residents know each other and enjoy spending time together both informally and at a variety of organised events.

Templemere is one of several estates in Weybridge built by Eric Lyons and Geoffrey Townsend of local developers SPAN. Lyons and Townsend had a shared vision of social housing. Eric Lyons said: "The test of good housing is not whether it can be built easily, but whether it can be lived in easily."

Fundamental to the Span ethos was the Residents Society and the idea of a shared responsibility for the management and maintenance of the estate. Geoffrey Townsend in particular promoted the concept of a legally constituted residents' association; membership was (and still remains) a condition of sale and includes covenants that place mutual obligations on residents to maintain the properties and the grounds as originally intended.

For 50 plus years, Templemere has been run by a committee of management, which works hard to maintain the integrity of the estate, adhere to the covenants and seeks ways to preserve and enhance the community.

Members are elected annually and each member has an area of responsibility – gardens and trees; window cleaning; estate lighting; roads and paths; aerials and the lake - engaging with contractors, the local authority, utilities providers and estate agents, when and where necessary, in order to manage, replace, reinstate and remedy community assets and amenities.

The majority of people live at Templemere because they have actively chosen to live on a SPAN estate; they like its Mid Century style of architecture, appreciate the effort that has gone into maintaining its wonderful landscaped gardens and have bought into the SPAN ethos of community living. However, there are occasions when the activities of residents are at odds with the Society's rules and regulations and the committee will step in to uphold them.

All new homeowners receive a welcome leaflet and a copy of the House Style and Product guide. This provides useful information about how to maintain a Templemere home, including approved products and suppliers of external features such as new front doors, double-glazed windows, garage doors and roofing. (The covenants state, amongst other things, that nothing must be done to change the external appearance of the houses.)

The website www.templemere.co.uk provides more information about the estate past and present – the site's history, plans of the houses and the gardens, pictures of events and interiors of some of the houses. There are regular printed newsletters, welcoming newcomers (and babies) and updating everyone on activities, forthcoming social events, window cleaning schedules etc.

Templemere is also close to achieving Conservation Area status, an initiative that is designed to ensure that the estate is able to continue to enjoy its unique setting and architecture for many years to come. Conservation Area status will help the management committee protect and enhance the estate for future generations. It will provide an extra layer of protection and material representation on planning decisions on neighbouring properties too.



Photographs provided by Clare Baxter – below is Templemere's annual 'Family Day' party on the green. They always have a number of stalls - tea and cakes, crafts, tombola as well as games, a bouncy castle, 'Templemere's Got Talent', a barbecue and fireworks in the evening!

REFRAMING WEYBRIDGE WI

By Claire E. Dyson

Thank you so much for this opportunity to contribute an article about the WI in general and Weybridge WI in particular.

The first WI was formed in 1897 in Canada as a branch of the Farmer's Institute bringing women from isolated communities together and offered training in home economics, child care and aspects of farming

traditionally done by women, such as poultry keeping and small farm animal husbandry.

The Women's Institute movement in Britain started in 1915 during the First World War as the then Government wanted to encourage countrywomen to get

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involved in growing and preserving food to help increase the supply of food to the war-torn nation.

The WI offered British women a way to support the war effort and they did so in huge numbers. By 1917, 137 WIs had been opened and the movement was growing so fast it became independent of Government with the formation of The National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI). By 1921 there were 2,237 WIs, 4,244 in 1928 and by 1945 modern day levels of 6,033 were reached.

Many WIs began forming choirs and the NFWI ran a competition for an 'Institute song', hoping to find a new, unknown poet. Many poems were submitted but nothing suitable found. Jerusalem had been used by the National Union of Suffrage Societies in the 1918 celebrations of women's enfranchisement. Many of the leaders of the NFWI had been part of that struggle to win the vote for women so in 1924 Jerusalem was adopted.

I find it very moving that this song links the modern day WI, which continues to campaign on issues dear to our members, to the original women's suffrage movement. Past campaigns have involved equal pay, climate change and gaps in the midwifery workforce. This year's shortlist, generated by members, includes supporting women's refuges, keeping plastic out of our oceans and improving access to specialised maternal mental health services.

In 1948 the last major piece of the WI story fell into place with the opening of Denman College, the WI's own

residential and day adult education college near Oxford. Denman is open to members and non-members, men and women and runs cookery, craft and lifestyle courses. Please visit <http://www.denmancollege.org.uk/courses> to find out more.

At the time of writing, The WI is the largest women's voluntary membership organisation in the UK with almost 220,000 members in over 6,300 WIs and 69 federations (regional offices) in England, Wales and the Islands. Weybridge WI re-launched in January 2016 and is formed of a varied array of women from different backgrounds all finding things in which they take common joy. Our focus in 2016 was to re-form, in 2017 it is to support our community.

The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of most months at *Weybridge Centre* for the Community, Churchfield Place, KT13 8DB. Meeting format is "What's On" and news from NFWI and Surrey Federation, a tea break then a guest speaker. This year we've had talks about whiskey (including tasting) and the love lives of post-Restoration Royalty (what an eye-opener that was!). As a Weybridge WI member you can also join Interest Groups: Photography, Pub Quizzes, Craft, Gardening, Baking, Walking, Bridge and Social Butterflies.

To find out more please come to a meeting, visit our Fb page @weybridgewi, www.weybridgewi.com, email weybridgewi@gmail.com or call 07990 800 733

WEYBRIDGE PLANNING NEWS

Disclaimer: The following information is summarised from the Weybridge Society Planning Panel's minutes of its meeting on 7th November, with updates at the time of writing this summary.

2015/2699 - Arbrook Farm, Walton Lane. This area was used during the construction of the new Walton Bridge. The application was withdrawn at the last minute. We have been informed that the Council's Compliance Officer has eventually "stirred the owners into action" and, as a result, a new planning application is anticipated.

2016/1001 - ALBANY LODGE, WESTDENE WAY - 14 objections had been made, including one from the Society, and the Planning Officer subsequently refused consent on the 27th October on very comprehensive grounds.

2016/1195 - 20/22 Castlevue Road. The proposal is for a terrace of 5 two storey houses. The Planning Panel lodged an objection on the grounds of a cramped and undesirable development. Twelve objections have been received by the Council.

2016/1403 - LAND BEHIND 17/19 CHURCH STREET Our Planning Panel sent in an objection, lodged on grounds of overdevelopment of this small but prominent site. Permission was refused by the South Area Planning Sub-Committee of Elmbridge Council but unfortunately it has been permitted on appeal by the inspector. We hope that the new building will not look as badly out of place as we anticipate.

2016/1448 The Grotto Monument Hill - This application for the landscaping of the site of the four storey building, containing 11 flats, has been finally permitted, despite our Planning Panel's significant reservations with regard to the dangerous pedestrian site lines caused by the boundary wall.

2016/1644 - 7/9/11 HALL PLACE DRIVE AND 165 QUEENS ROAD –On this proposed development of 22 residential units following the demolition of 4 houses 36 objections have been reported, including one from Weybridge Society on the grounds of total overdevelopment. Elmbridge Planning Officer refused consent and the outcome is now being considered by the planning inspector on appeal.

2016/2023 - “Carandal”, Brooklands Lane. Pair of semi-detached houses, 9 objections had been lodged the EBC South Area Planning Sub-Committee have granted consent.

2016/2803 - 18 SPRINGFIELD LANE – This is an outline proposal on part of the Services and Social Club site for 9 dwellings. The Society has lodged an objection, mainly endorsing the Conservation Officer’s comments, but no decision has yet been made by the Council.

2016/2975 - CLEVES LODGE, CLEVES WOOD - One and two storey extensions to existing house, this application has now been withdrawn.

2016/2989 - FINNART LODGE, 154 OATLANDS DRIVE – This new application has now been refused.

2016/3158 - ADVERTISEMENTS ON THE MORRISONS ROUNDABOUT, MONUMENT HILL (A317)

2016/3160 - this relates to the “War Memorial” roundabout at the Cricket Green (Queens Road/Hanger Hill junction);

2016/3155 - this relates to the “Station” roundabout at the junction of Heath Road, Hanger Hill and Brooklands Road.

2016/3151 - this relates to the Roundabout at Brooklands Road (Following multiple objections the considerations of these applications seems to have stalled in the Council system.)

2016/3250 - “WESSEX”, SOUTH ROAD. (DETACHED 2 STOREY BUILDING WITH ROOMS IN THE ROOF, COMPRISING 8 FLATS) - The planning panel consider this as an overdevelopment with overbearing bulk. Following 33 objections this application has been refused.

2016/3450 - 47 Thames Street. (Basement car park for 6 cars plus ramp access). The Planning Officer, following 13 objections, has refused this application.

2016/3522 - 11A PORTMORE PARK ROAD - Objections were considered regarding overdevelopment, poor elevational treatment, bulk and massing, and character/appearance/setting in the street scene. This application has been refused.

2016/3527. 10 Oatlands Close. This application was in our opinion, for excessive extensions, but was granted consent by the planning officer, following only 2 objections.

2016/3766 - “Cleves Lodge”, Cleves Wood. Single and 2 storey extensions to existing house, following withdrawal of the previous application planning permission has been granted.

2016/3888 - “Charters”, Cavendish Road. House proposed to be replaced by 2 pairs of semi-detached houses. Following 4 other objections the panel objected on the grounds that it was detrimental to the street scene and overlooking etc.

2016/3938 - 4 Park Lawn Road. This application is for part two and single extensions on side, rear and front. Following refusal of previous application, applicant had re-applied for planning permission with only the tiniest of alterations. This application now also refused, following the Society’s objection on grounds of overdevelopment, as well as 7 other objections being lodged.

2016/4043. 15/19 St Mary’s Road. 6 two bed flats on the site of Kemble Close garages. The scheme was thought to be ugly, with little amenity space and no parking. The society objected on the grounds that it was undesirable over development. A total of 6 objections are registered.

2016/4076 - 11 Oakfield Glade. Additional 2 storey house. The proposed house was “unattractive” The planning panel added to the 38 objections on the grounds that it was an overdevelopment totally out of character with the neighbourhood.

2016/4120. “WILLOWBANK”, WEY ROAD. The applicant was “stretching the rules” as the proposal contravenes the Council’s policy/rules on flood prevention as well as being an overdevelopment. This application was withdrawn following 32 objections.

OBJECTION - 2016/4126 - Clive House, Queens Road. A planning application for change of use of the building from offices to residential was permitted, the new proposal is for a three/part four-story building with basement to provide 30 flats. The Weybridge Society objected to this application as follows: - The proposed development is insensitive to the local environment being out of proportion in terms of mass, bulk and height. It fails to recognise the local environment of a well set back building line. It would dominate the street scene and is not appropriate to the current village environment; it would destroy the unique atmosphere of the locally distinctive Queens Road Village. The lack of car parking spaces would add significant stress to an already saturated road system. There are currently 74 objections.

2016/4272. 6 Bladon Close (off Ellesmere Road). Rear front and side extensions. The planning panel added an objection to the other 13 objectors saying that the proposed extensions would make the house too unsympathetic, overbearing and result in terracing with adjoining properties.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Scrabble Club - EVERY THURSDAY at Weybridge Library 10am-12.30 with the hope to expand to other games! Free, fun and a chance to make friends!

6th April 2017 – The Annual General Meeting of the Weybridge Society will be held on Thursday April 6th Small Hall of St James' Parish Church (parking in Road car park) at 8.00 p.m. Doors open 7.30 for

29th April 2017 – The Great Weybridge Bake Off – Time/Location: all day but entrants must bring their 10.20am to Weybridge Green Market in order to be

take place from 10.30am, winners to be announced at 12:30pm. Entry Price: £2 per Cake (Category). Categories: Celebration Cake, Family Cake, Half-Dozen Cupcakes. Prizes In Each Category For: Children Up To 12, All Other Entrants Over 12 (Teens & Adults), Best In Show Trophy. Prizes will be presented by TV Celebrity Ruth Langsford. **HOW TO ENTER:** Please register your interest by Friday, 31st March to gilleastwood@btinternet.com.

2nd July 2017 – Weybridge Society Summer Party - details to be announced.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Weybridge Society will be held on Thursday April 6th 2017 in the Small Hall of St James' Parish Church (parking in Churchfield Road car park) at 8.00 p.m. Doors open 7.30 p.m. Before the meeting starts, come and enjoy a drink and have the opportunity of informal chats with Committee and Panel members. After the formal AGM there will be an opportunity to raise items for discussion from the floor. Please make a note of this date in your diary!

Copies of the Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report, Agenda and minutes of the last AGM will be available at the meeting. Nominations for the main committee should be sent to the Chairman in advance of the meeting. The Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary are elected by the committee from its number at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the Society's constitution and rules.

Would you like to join the Weybridge Society? See the back page for details!



2017 in the Churchfield 8.00p.m.

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CORRECTION: In the last newsletter, the deer photograph was accredited to Kay Williamson. It was in fact taken by Siobhan Ward.

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