

# Weybridge Society

Your Residents Association, Working to Keep Weybridge a Pleasant Place to Live



## Newsletter

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Hon. Patron - Michael Aspel, OBE

### WHICH WAY WEYBRIDGE?

*What do you see as the Future for Weybridge?*

**WEYBRIDGE SOCIETY**

is hosting a

**TOWN FORUM**

on

MONDAY 20 JULY 2009

at 7.30 p.m.

in

St James' Church Centre.

The main topic of the Forum

will be the

**Elmbridge Borough Council's**

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

This far reaching protocol will affect Weybridge for the next 20+ years, with implications for planning, housing, green belt, population, health, schools, traffic, trade, – in fact almost every aspect of Weybridge life.

Come and hear about it from professionals, councillors and residents. Watch the local press and the Weybridge Society website for information about the public consultations prior to the meeting. Air your views, and help your Weybridge Society Committee put together its response to the proposals to the Council.

We have until 3 August 2009 to make our views known.

This is likely to be a very popular event, and **Admission is Free**



**TO JOIN  
THE WEYBRIDGE SOCIETY**  
Please contact  
**any committee member**  
see back of this newsletter

### **WEYBRIDGE SOCIETY'S SUMMER PARTY – 14 JUNE 2009**

**1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Enclosed with this newsletter is an application form for tickets for this popular event. It will be held again in the gardens of **Splash, Wey Meadows, Weybridge** home of our Committee Member, Anne Lindsay and her husband Ray.

There will be a buffet lunch provided, but please bring your own choice of drinks. Ticket prices are £6.00 for members and £7.50 for guests, and £2.50 for children under 10. There will be live music during the afternoon from Ray Lindsay and other musicians, and also 'The Band', a group of three young people, led by Keir Hall, who entertained at the Committee's party in February. There will also be a raffle, and all proceeds from the event will go to the

**Sam Beare Hospice in Weybridge Hospital**, as agreed at the AGM



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## **COMMITTEES' PARTY**

Each year Weybridge Society likes to say 'thank you' to all who have helped either on committees and panels, by distributing and delivering the newsletter – and this time all those who gave up time to support the Society in the September 08 Recruitment Week. This 'thank you' takes the form of a party when the Society provides the venue, glasses and cutlery – and the 'guests' bring a dish for four to six people of either a salad, savoury or dessert and their choice of drink. This year, on 7 February, our Patron, Michael Aspel and his partner Irene joined the 40 or so guests for a delicious supper, and live background music. We were lucky that 'The Band', a group of three young people - Kier, Alex and Alison – offered to entertain us with their special style of music. (They have agreed to play at the Society's Summer Party on June 14 – details elsewhere in this newsletter).

## **SAM BEARE HOSPICE VOLUNTEERING**

Anne Littleton, our Vice Chair, adds her voice to the cause of volunteering with the following contribution:

"The Hospices' teams have run special fund-raising events such as the Ladies Midnight Walk (this year on 19 June, see details elsewhere in this newsletter) and have also set up a second-hand bookshop and a general shop with household items, presents and good quality clothes. I have worked a few times in both shops when volunteers had to be elsewhere and have enjoyed the fun of welcoming all to the goodies in the shops.

People in Weybridge and the surrounding communities have also been most generous with their time, money and ideas offering a wide variety of events that have been fun and interesting, and of course every penny counts. We have had several concerts given by Treble Clef, Weybridge Male Voice Choir and Omega 3, General Quiz Nights and Call My Bluff Wine evenings, three history of art lectures given by Mrs Ann Clements, an open-air Nativity Play with live animals in December 2007, a 3-mile Weybridge walk on the hottest day last summer, an American style Thanksgiving supper, an auction of promises and coffee mornings, lunches and teas with or without Bridge. The proceeds of the Weybridge Society Summer party, including the raffle were donated to the Hospice both in 2007 and 2008, and it is our intention to make a similar contribution this year. Many people from the Society have been involved in these events and I personally would add that being involved has helped to give retirement a new meaning. If you wish to support the Hospice in any way to continue its excellent work in caring for patients and their families please contact me, Anne Littleton (840860) or Marion Newett, Appeals Organiser on 01380 818461."

## **GARDENS OPEN DAY – FRIENDS OF WEYBRIDGE**

**Friends of Weybridge Hospital** are arranging another **Gardens Open Day on Sunday, 17 May 2009**, when visits may be made to private gardens in Weybridge to raise funds for the hospital. Please make a note of this date in your diary. Full details and programmes of gardens open are available from the Hospital Reception and the Sam Beare Hospice shop, but can be purchased on the day at the Hospital. Teas will be available at the Hospital with home made cakes and conducted tours of Sam Beare Courtyard will take place. This is always a very pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

*(We apologise for the short notice of this fundraising event, but plans were not firm enough to advertise it in the last newsletter – editor)*

## **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

The Environment Agency is responsible for protecting and improving the environment in England and Wales. We work to improve the condition of our rivers and are responsible for managing flood risk from rivers and the sea.



We have a role managing the freshwater Thames. Our local Waterways team are based at Shepperton Lock. We help support recreation on the river. We do this by managing the flow of water over weirs to assist boat passage and maintaining the navigable channel. We also issue licences for boating and fishing.

Additionally, we manage many of the moorings on the Thames. We have identified the overnight moorings on the Weybridge bank off Walton Lane for improvements. We particularly want to provide safer pedestrian access to the adjacent towpath. Currently, the outlook from the towpath is partially obscured due to the canopy of the trees growing on the riverside.

By improving these moorings, we hope to encourage boating, provide safer mooring and make this part of the river more welcoming to all visitors. Where possible, we wish to integrate the objectives of other river and bank users.

In April 2009, we held a meeting with key river user groups, including the Weybridge Society. We outlined our proposals, which included;

- 200m of new mooring pathway with fixed mooring points.
- Excavation of the river embankment to allow for the path together with a low level retaining wall supporting the embankment.
- New steps located at the upstream and downstream ends of the new mooring providing access to the towpath.
- New steps and Disability Discrimination Act-compliant ramped access from the towpath to the mooring path and the Shepperton foot ferry landing stage.
- Options to remodel the existing beach and Weybridge Sailing Club slipway are being considered.
- Removal of non-native and unhealthy trees from the riverbank and planting of native species in addition to other landscape improvements.

The plans are currently at a very early stage and are subject to change. They are also dependent on government funding and official approval. The moorings are on Environment Agency-owned land. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in March 2010 and estimated to last 12 weeks. To ensure the safety of members of the public, access to the towpath will be restricted for the duration of any construction. However, we propose that the Shepperton ferry will continue to operate.

We believe that these works will make a real and positive contribution to the riverside in Weybridge and increase its appeal to all. *(With thanks to Thomas Howard, Flood Risk Management Graduate Engineer of the Environment Agency, who submitted this item).*

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT**

### **Sure Start Children's Centres**

Prior to the business part of the AGM, **Daphne Sohl**, Co-ordinator for the Weybridge and St George's Hill Sure Start Children's Centres addressed members.

Daphne explained the 'one stop shop' work of the centres in bringing together health, education, childcare as well as training and employment services for parents and young children up to the age of 5; helping to make parents and carers feel less isolated, and reaching out to potentially vulnerable families.

The centres' aims are to improve outcomes for children by encouraging and developing social, communication and play skills in the 0 – 5s, and also to help parents enjoy parenting more by teaching such skills as baby massage and cooking within budget with seasonal foods. The programme also plans to help foreign parents who have limited English, with understanding and writing letters, etc. Courses are usually oversubscribed, indicating the needs they fulfil in the area. Most facilities offered are free, but charges are made for some courses.

Surrey County is categorised in areas of need from (1) being very deprived, to (75) being no specific need. On this scale, Weybridge is 30, and St George's Hill, 67. Sure Start Children's Centres provide a community service, promoting a good start in life and facilitate friendships between young parents, carers and children. Currently the Weybridge and St George's Hill branches do not have permanent premises from which to operate, but investigations are being made at the Health Centre and in the Pavilion on the putting green in Churchfields Recreation Ground for the Weybridge section. A suitable venue for the St George's Hill group is still being sought (this area effectively covers the St George's Hill local government ward, which includes the Brooklands and Locke King areas in addition to the hill itself and neighbouring roads). A play scheme is being run in the United Reformed Church in Queens Road which is proving very popular. (On Mondays a Parents Group, specifically aimed at 15-24 year old parents, is in the Library Hall, above the Library, Church St).

The Children's centres (a government initiative through the Department for Children, Schools and Families – DCSF) have close links with schools, the CAB, Home Start, Job Centre Plus and health centres (with mental health having a particular emphasis at the Weybridge and St George's Hill centres).

Emphasis is also placed on adult learning, by helping people back into education. Daphne said the service is universal, for everybody – the outreach worker supports people in the home and introduces them to use the Centre programme, and Health Visitors are an essential link as they can encourage people to come to events and to use the facilities offered, thus reducing the real feeling of isolation experienced by some new parents.

Daphne answered questions from the floor, and said volunteers were always welcome. She was passionate about the scheme and wanted it to become a permanent service for the community. This could only be achieved if it became well known and well used in these formative years, when the positive outcome of early years support will be evident. Funding is by the government DCSF, and the scheme is subject to OFSTED inspection. The Weybridge and St George's Children Centre reports to the governing body of Cleves School.

*(Daphne may be contacted on 07824 995202, email [daphsohl@googlemail.com](mailto:daphsohl@googlemail.com))*

Barry Judd, our Chairman thanked Daphne, and then proceeded with the AGM. He reported on a busy year in which he said he had been supported by the dedicated main committee and the Panels. Membership is at record level, due in no small part to the attendance at the Oatlands Village Fayre in May and the Recruitment Week at Weybridge Library (organised and promoted by Alan Smith), when in excess of 50 new people joined.

The Town Forum and moving to Charitable Status are still works in progress. *(See details of Town Forum now arranged for 20 July elsewhere in this newsletter – editor).* Events during the year organised by Annette Davies, included talks by John Smith (Weybridge Station), and Nick Pollard (Walton Bridge); the Summer Party in June was again held at the home of committee member Anne Lindsay and her husband. Unfortunately our Patron Michael Aspel was unable to attend, but hopes to be with us for this year's event (14 June). Website – Steve McCarthy has worked hard to improve and update our website.

Weybridge Society prizes for Heathside School – one for history, the other for community work were presented in September. The Society was fortunate to receive a £500 legacy from member Meriel Biggs.

Reports from Panel Chairs followed – Education (Anne Littleton); Transport (Joe Hall); Planning (Peter White, Raymond Spary, Geoffrey Banks); Thames Gate-Wey (Tony Davies). Questions from the floor followed.

Our Treasurer, Andrew Davis reported on a successful year, both financially and membership numbers. The proceeds of the Summer Party had been donated to the Sam Beare Hospice, and it was agreed that any proceeds from this year's party (including the raffle) would again be donated to the Hospice.

The Auditor was re-elected, as was the Committee, including a new member, Maggie Alderman, whose nomination was reported to the meeting.

Under Any Other Business, Peter Vey, past chairman, brought up the idea of spending some of the Society's accumulated funds on 'improvements to Weybridge' and suggested replanting daffodils in Heath Road; other suggestions included helping the Korean Presbyterian Church (St Charles Borromeo). The Chairman promised this item would be discussed at the first meeting of the 'new' Committee, due to meet on 22 April. (At this meeting the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary would be appointed, in line with the Society's constitution).

### **LAUNCH OF THAMES MEDICAL WEBSITE**

Dena Dudding of Surrey Primary Care Trust sent the following email, which we are pleased to include for members' information:

"I am delighted to advise you that following our public meeting last year, Thames Medical GP Consortium have developed a website which allows you to register any ideas or comments on our services. The web address is as follows: [www.thamesmedicalllp.nhs.uk](http://www.thamesmedicalllp.nhs.uk). We hope you find this useful and look forward hearing your views. Kind regards, Dena Dudding, Surrey PCT."

## **PLANNING**

This information is summarised from the Weybridge Society Planning Panel's 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. Members may not know that letters sent commenting on planning applications are usually available to see on the Elmbridge Borough Council's web-site, planning section, and this includes the letters sent from the Planning Panel. (See item about how to access this information in this newsletter).

**Oatlands** – submitted by Geoffrey Banks, Joint Chair, Planning Panel

### **1.4, Woodland Grove (2008/1604)**

This application to replace a detached house by two pairs of semi-detached 4-bedroomed houses was refused by the Council last August. The decision is now under appeal and will be the subject of a Public Hearing at a date still to be arranged.

### **2.1-10, Sycamore Court, Oatlands Chase (2008/1763)**

This application for 12 town houses (in four blocks) to replace ten flats was refused by the Council in October. The subsequent appeal was dismissed in March.

### **3.44 & 46, Oatlands Chase (2008/1817)**

This proposal to replace two detached houses by a block of five three-storey town houses was refused by the Council in October. The subsequent appeal was allowed in March.

### **St. George's Hill Ward,**

submitted by Peter White, Joint Chair, Planning Panel

### **4. 38, Queens Road 2008/1163, 2008/0028**

Both these applications were refused by the council, and the applicant appealed to the Planning Inspectorate against the council's decisions.

The inspector dismissed the appeal on 2008/0028 but allowed the appeal on 2008/1163.

### **5. Nyleve, Godolphin Road 2008/2786**

A new application has been submitted to demolish the existing house and replace it with a much larger house. The latest application, however, places the proposed house further back into the site, and was considered by the Planning Panel not to be an application to which we would object.

This application has now been given planning permission.

### **6. The Dell, Locke King Road 2008/0231**

The Planning Panel objected to this application as we considered the site unsuitable for the proposed substantial residential development.

The application for 48 flats was refused by the council in June 2008.

Elmbridge Housing Trust, the applicant, appealed against the decision and a Public Appeal was held at the Council Offices on 2 April 2009.

We now await the Inspector's decision.



## **2009**

There have been no applications so far in 2009 in the St George's Hill ward that the Planning Panel considered required any comment.

This reflects the general substantial decline in new Planning permission applications, however, several developments that received permission in previous years are proceeding:- Grove Lodge, Old Avenue; The Villiers, Gower Road; Warrenhurst, Bridgewater Road; Gower House, Gower Road; 244-246, Brooklands Road.

**WEYBRIDGE NORTH & SOUTH** – Submitted by Raymond Spary, Joint Chair, Planning Panel

### **7.20&20a Church Street (2005/0184,1437,2576 & 2006/0156,0950,1813,2288,2007/0367,0980,1797, 2501 & 2850, 2008/0229,0858,2417 & 2771, 2009/0362)**

The narrow site of the old bakery, adjacent to the entrance of Weybridge Hospital now has a complicated history of 17 planning applications and 3 appeals. The latest application is for a modified access through the narrow space between the buildings and the Hospital fence which also proposes a path at right angles across the Hospital land. Both the Hospital authorities and the Weybridge Society have objected to this application.



### **8.133 Queens Rd (2005/2819, 2006/1747 & 2007/1426 & 2008/1986)**

We are now awaiting the result of the appeal on the fourth application which is for 27 units of sheltered accommodation.



### **9.Churchfields Avenue (2004/2380 & 2006/2810 & 2007/2666,2674 & 2008/2686 & 2009/0301)**



This site was the playing fields of Wallop School which has been defined by the Council as Strategic Open Urban Land (SOUL). The first 5 applications for houses on this site have been either withdrawn or refused by Elmbridge Council. The latest application suggested that approximately 50% of this private land could be available for use by the public. The Planning Panel continues to object to development on this important open land in the centre of Weybridge, and also objects to a number of aspects of the proposed scheme. This application was refused.

### **10. Unit 4 St. Martins Court, York Road, (2008/2751)**

We are pleased to report that this application, to extend the commercial area with a four storey building including 10 flats, was refused by Elmbridge Council.



The developer has taken the decision to appeal.

**11. Old Rectory, Church Street, (2008/2836, 2837)**

The Old Rectory is a Grade II listed building within Weybridge Town Centre Conservation Area. The Planning Panel objected to this proposal, which was to allow parking in front of this important building.



We are pleased to report that Elmbridge Council has refused this application.

**BBC ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW**



The ever popular BBC Antiques Road Show is coming to the Brooklands Museum on Sunday 31 May. The Road Show will follow its usual pattern – experts and specialists will be on hand to consider items brought in by the public – and to

give advice and valuations. Sometimes large items can be transported to the event by the BBC, but application must first be made by sending details and photographs to Antiques Road Show, BBC, Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2LR, or by email to [antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk](mailto:antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk) As members know, Brooklands Museum is the birthplace of British motor sport, a national treasure – and a great place to visit, putting Weybridge on the map. With an average of 7.5 million viewers for each programme, the profile of Brooklands will be broadcast far and wide – to the benefit of the Museum, and to Weybridge too!

**EBC ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2009**

**Elmbridge's Beautiful Birds Bugs Butterflies**

Have a bugging experience! Get a birds' eye view of nature that will give you butterflies in your stomach. Dig out your camera and take it to the open spaces, woodlands and commons in Elmbridge to photograph our birds, bugs and butterflies. Budding and experienced photographers of all ages are invited to observe and take snapshots of these delightful creatures in their natural habitat. This is a wonderful opportunity to take inspiration from nature in parks and gardens in the area and collect your own images of the local wildlife. Simply share your best photos with us!

There will be great prizes for winners and runners up. Last year's winners discovered the secrets of professionals in beautiful books on the art of photography. This year's prizes will be equally exciting.

Winning entries will be displayed on the Elmbridge Borough Council website. An exhibition of all entries will be available to view at the Civic Centre during November 2009. Judging will take place in November with winners announced in early December 2009. Age group 8-12 years, 13-18 years and 19 years and over.

For more information or an application form contact the [Arts Development Officer](#), at Elmbridge Borough Council, telephone 01372 474584. Closing date for entries Monday 27 October 2009. (This item reproduced from the EBC website [www.elmbridge.gov.uk](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk)).

**WOKING & SAM BEARE MIDNIGHT WALK**

**19 JUNE 2009**

Woking & Sam Beare Hospices are please to announce that their Ladies only Midnight Walk will take place on Friday 19 June.

The walk is a 10 mile circular route from West Byfleet via Weybridge and finishes back at West Byfleet. Last year's event was such a special night, many ladies taking part to remember loved ones and to thank the Hospices for the care they had given. For everyone involved it was an evening of great fun and camaraderie. This year the minimum age has been lowered to 13+ years to enable more "girls" to take part with family and friends.

Mary Lacey, Director of Fundraising at the Hospices explained "We are very excited about this year's event. last year over 550 women walked on the night and raised a staggering £118,000! This year we are hoping to double the number of participants and the amount of sponsorship raised! Local companies have once again helped support the event and we must thank Woking News & Mail, Marvellous Media, Woking Print, WaterMills, Woking Leisure Centre and Proctor & Gamble for their generous sponsorship."

This is your chance to help raise money to support your local Hospices based in Weybridge and Woking. Registration is simple - either visit the website

[www.wsb-midnightwalk.co.uk](http://www.wsb-midnightwalk.co.uk) where a form can be downloaded or call the fundraising team on 01483 881752 and they will send some forms to you. They also need people to help with Marshalling and check in, please call 01483 881752 to register.

This item submitted by Lorraine Weedon, Marketing & Communications Manager

Tel: 01483 881752 [www.wsbhospices.co.uk](http://www.wsbhospices.co.uk)



**DID YOU KNOW?**

In 1900, Weybridge celebrated not only 'Queen Victoria's Coronation Day' on 28 June, but also the opportunity to fund raise for the orphans and widows of local men killed in the Boer War. 111 entries took part in the procession of decorated floats and wagons, accompanied by brass bands and six local fire brigades (Weybridge had its own) that made its way round Weybridge and Oatlands, collecting contributions along the route. A splendid photograph of one of the floats – HMS Powerful, a battleship – under 'Admiral' Bennett – a local shopkeeper in the Quadrant – 'Empire' Confectioners, appears in 'A Window on Weybridge' by DM and JL Barker, and is reproduced from a copy in Elmbridge Museum. (The book is available at the museum).

### **SARUM SCHOOL REUNION**

Longer standing residents of Weybridge will remember Sarum School, founded by Miss VME Connolly in 1941, which used to be in Oatlands Chase (and also originally in Ashley Road, Walton), and which closed in 1967. Every few years a team of dedicated 'old girls' arrange a re-union, and this year it was held at Silvermere's 'Inn on the Lake'. More than 70 attended, and enjoyed a delicious three course meal, and many old friendships were renewed, with much chat and laughter. It was good to welcome one teacher from the mid 1950s, Mrs Elvidge, PE, who addressed the gathering and reminisced over her happy time at Sarum.

Members who did not know the school may recognise the areas of Oatlands Chase – Sarum Green and Cleeves Wood, both of which take their name from the school. Cleeves was the old house in which the school operated.

The reunion organisers are always interested to hear news of any old girl, especially with contact details – so if you know of someone who went to Sarum, please let Penny (01932 349219); Jill (01483 763214) or Ann (01932 842782) know. Their details can then be added to the data base for notice of future reunions.

### **ELMBRIDGE MUSEUM'S EDWARDIAN CELEBRATION – 27 JUNE 2009**

Date for your Diary! Party in the Park! - pencil Saturday 27th June into your diaries to celebrate the centenary anniversary of Elmburgh Museum. Step back in time for an Edwardian experience! Why not bring along a picnic, wander amongst the stalls and enjoy a slice of birthday cake? There will be something to capture everyone's imagination as the Museum celebrates the history of Elmburgh. Join us from 12 noon to 4 pm in Churchfields Recreation Ground, located to the rear of Elmburgh Museum. The Museum will be open as usual.

### **OATLANDS VILLAGE FAYRE**

**Weybridge Society** had a stand at the Fayre on 9 May. The bright, if a little windy day attracted large crowds of people, and our stand was supported by a succession of Committee and Panel members who put the case for Weybridge Society. Our membership application form and copies of previous newsletters were distributed to interested visitors to the stand, and we hope that their interest may be turned into new members – for it is by the strength of our membership that our voice and opinions as a Society are judged.

Many concerns were raised, not least traffic, parking and road use in general, and this gave members of the Transport Panel the opportunity to invite signatures for the Transport Panel's petition about traffic in Weybridge. *(If you would like to sign the petition, or have copies, please contact Joe Hall, Chair of the Transport Panel, on 01932 858595, [transport@weybridgesociety.org.uk](mailto:transport@weybridgesociety.org.uk)).*

We hope the organisers of the Oatlands Village Fayre were pleased with what seemed to be a very successful event; Weybridge Society contributed £25.00 in recognition of the opportunity to have a stall at the Fayre, to advertise and promote our work.



### **ROSE THEATRE, KINGSTON**

Richard Matthews, the Marketing officer of the Rose Theatre asked if we would include the following item – Although not strictly a 'Weybridge' item, we know that many of our members support the Rose Theatre, and we thought that any who do not, may like to know about its forthcoming productions. (Mention was made of the Rose in the Spring 2008 newsletter, when it opened).



**"Classic drama & new writing at the Rose Theatre, Kingston this Spring: 'The Winslow Boy' & 'Harvest'.** Following the success of their first two home-grown productions, the Rose Theatre is delighted to announce their third, a revival of Terence Rattigan's classic **'The Winslow Boy'** from 7 – 30 May.

*Ronnie Winslow, a thirteen year old naval cadet, is falsely accused of theft. His father and sister take matters into their own hands to prove his innocence and to restore the honour of their family's name. Based on a real life legal case, 'The Winslow Boy' is an astonishing drama about injustice, the force of the establishment and the power of one family's love and belief in the truth. The production is led by acclaimed actor **Timothy West** and also features **Adrian Lukis** (Lewis, Foyle's War) and **Diane Fletcher** (The History Boys).*

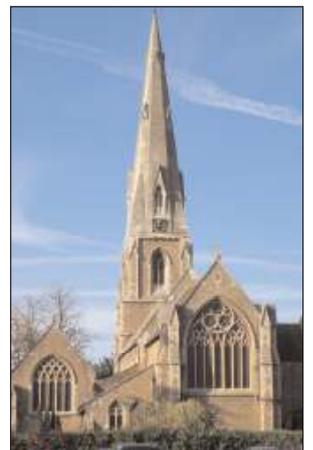
Following 'The Winslow Boy', the Rose presents the critically acclaimed play **'Harvest'**, from writer Richard Bean. This comic epic charts the rise and fall of the English rural smallholding through four generations of the same family. Bean's play *'The English Game'* ran successfully at the Rose last summer, and *'England People Very Nice'* has recently played to sell-out houses at the National Theatre.

*"Richard Bean, a marvellously funny and humane dramatist... Funny, poignant and with a heart as big as a house, this is a rich Harvest indeed."* Telegraph

Tickets for both productions start from just £7, and can be booked in person at the Rose box office (24-26 High Street, Kingston KT1 1HL), by calling 0871 230 1552, or online at [www.rosetheatrekingston.org](http://www.rosetheatrekingston.org)

### **FRIENDS OF ST JAMES' CELEBRATES 21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY**

It is 21 years this summer since the Friends of St James was formed as a charity to conserve and preserve the fabric of St James Church, an iconic landmark on the Weybridge scene and a Grade II\* listed building. The Friends will be celebrating the anniversary at the time of the patronal festival, on Sunday, 26 July. There will be a celebration of Choral Evensong, followed by an informal supper in the parish centre – and maybe even some "home-made" entertainment!



All are welcome at Choral Evensong; if you wish to attend the supper, tickets will be on sale from the Parish Office (01932 856399) or from Trish Dodds on 01932 840288.

## **DO YOU NEED PLANNING PERMISSION FOR YOUR EXTENSION?**

New regulations covering the type and extent of development that may be carried out on a house and within its curtilage **without express planning permission** came into force on 1 October 2008. The Government's aim was to create a more permissive regime for homeowners and to reduce the workload of Local Planning Authorities. The new regulation is significantly more complicated than the previous one, and the Society's Planning Panel felt that a clear and reasonably concise summary of it would be useful to members.

For a copy of this summary and other relevant information, please consult the Society's website on [www.weybridgesociety.org.uk](http://www.weybridgesociety.org.uk).

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

How do I view an application using my computer and the internet?

Go to the Elmbridge Borough Council's web-site at [www.elmbridge.gov.uk](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk)

- click on Planning and Property
- click on Applications-online search
- click on Search for a planning application

This will open the **Planning Application Enquiry** page. You now have a choice of how you define the property you are interested in.

If you know 1. the reference number of the application. Fill in the box at the top of the page and click on **search**. The Application Page for the property will be shown.

If you do not know 2. the application reference number you can search for it by its address using the other boxes on the page.

Even if you only know the *road*, fill in that box and click on **search** and the site will give you a list of all applications in the road, with reference numbers, in date order. You then click on the **number, in green**, and the Application Page will be shown.

You should now have the **Application Page** of the application that interests you on your computer screen, with all the current information about the application.

The page gives a long list of information available. You can track the progress of the application:

Reference number; Application details; Administration details; Key dates; Planning department decisions; Appeal; Planning application details; Ownership certificate; Neighbours informed; Consultees.

## **Attachments**

This section contains further detailed information concerning the details of the application:-

The application form; Drawings and plans; Design statement; Letters of representation; Officer's report; Decision notice; Appeal decision.

The information in this section can be seen from this page if you click on the green text eg (**drawings and plans**). Your computer will be given the documents as a PDF file, which you will have to open to view the documents.

**Opening a PDF file.** (if you do not have an "adobe reader" on your computer).

In order to view these PDF files you will need an Adobe Reader, which you can obtain as follows.

- Type 'adobe reader' into the Search box at the top right corner of the Planning Enquiry page and click GO. This will bring up a list of items related to Adobe Reader.
- Click 1 'Help with the PDF files'  
A screen headed 'help with the PDF files and adobe reader' will appear.
- Click the icon labelled 'get Adobe Reader', which will take you to the Adobe web-site.
- Follow the on-screen instructions to download the Adobe Reader onto your computer.

Once you have done this, every time you select a PDF file the Adobe Reader will open automatically and display the file. (*submitted by Peter White, Joint Chair, Planning Panel*)

## **CRIME IN ELMBRIDGE**

The Community Safety Partnership team has submitted the following press release regarding the reduction of crime in Elmbridge, with the request that we should pass on the good news:-"**Domestic burglary in Elmbridge drops by 34%**

Following the final initiative of the 'Lock Out Burglary' campaigning December, the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership advised there has been a drop in domestic burglary in Elmbridge by 34%. During the 7 month campaign, the main aim was to get the message out to the public to keep their homes secure by locking windows and doors with initiatives being carried out to reinforce that message.

PC Mark Howells the Crime Reduction Advisor for Elmbridge says, "The 'Lock Out Burglary' campaign and other ongoing burglary initiatives run by Surrey Police, assisted in reducing burglary in Elmbridge, but we urge homeowners not to be complacent and continue to shut windows and doors when they go out". He added "As the warmer weather is approaching there is a tendency to leave homes insecure, but would be burglars will target your house first - simply locking doors and shutting windows can put them off".

The Community Safety Partnership also pointed out that residents in Neighbourhood Watch areas have (since April 2008) attracted 67% less burglary offences than residents in non NHW roads. For any further information, or if you would like to join Neighbourhood Watch please contact the Crime Reduction Advisor PC Mark Howells at Esher Police Station on 0845 125 2222.

For any further general information please contact the Community Safety Team, by telephone on 01372 47 4393 / 4399 / 4398 or email [communitysafety@elmbridge.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@elmbridge.gov.uk) People with information about criminal activity who do not want to go to the police can call Crimestoppers twenty four hours a day, seven days a week to pass on what they know anonymously on 0800 555 111."

**ELMBRIDGE MUSEUM'S EDWARDIAN CELEBRATION – 27 JUNE 2009**

Date for your Diary! Party in the Park! - pencil Saturday 27th June into your diaries to celebrate the centenary anniversary of Elmbridge Museum. Step back in time for an Edwardian experience! Why not bring along a picnic, wander amongst the stalls and enjoy a slice of birthday cake? There will be something to capture everyone's imagination as the Museum celebrates the history of Elmbridge. Join us from 12 noon to 4 pm in Churchfields Recreation Ground, located to the rear of Elmbridge Museum. The Museum will be open as usual.

**ONE HUNDRED - ELMBRIDGE MUSEUM'S CENTENARY**

On 23 June 1909, a small museum in Weybridge opened its doors for the first time. A century later, Elmbridge Museum continues to bring history to life for children and adults alike. In celebration of this momentous anniversary, we present **One Hundred: Elmbridge Museum's Centenary** – a new exhibition running from **23 May to 26 August 2009.**

**One Hundred** is a history of history, tracing the Museum's journey across the century. Explore how it was formed in the genteel Edwardian era, see how it survived two world wars, and learn how 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology shapes its role today.

**One Hundred** also considers the very idea of a museum, questioning why people have the urge to preserve, and what a museum is today. The exhibition ends by asking visitors to contribute to a 'virtual museum', suggesting what museums might collect in 2009 and beyond...

Elmbridge Museum, Church Street, Weybridge, is open from 11 – 5 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 10 – 1, and 2 – 5 on Saturdays. Closed Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. Tel: 01932 843573 or email [ebcmuseum@elmbridge.gov.uk](mailto:ebcmuseum@elmbridge.gov.uk) or log on to [www.elmbridgemuseum.org.uk](http://www.elmbridgemuseum.org.uk)

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**BUSINESS PROFILE – WEYBRIDGE BLACKSMITHS L.T. ANSTEAD, SHEET METAL WORKS**

Tucked away in what must be one of Weybridge's most historic areas is LT Anstead, Sheet Metal Works. Just behind The Ship Hotel, (the Ship has a history going back to the early 18<sup>th</sup> Century) is Ship Yard, and at No.10 you will find very skilled craftsmen. This is not your pristine and ordered factory – far from it, but out of this old building comes metal work of the highest quality and design. Many members will know 'the blacksmiths' and will have experienced their excellent work and optimistic 'yes, we can make (or mend) that' approach!

The Sheet Metal business was started in 1924 by Mr Leslie Anstead, but a business had been on the site some years before. In 1944 after leaving school, his eldest son Derek joined his Father in the business, and in 1976, after his Father died, Derek took over, and was joined by his brother Ronald – both are still working there today.



Over the years, the work has changed from car body repairs, metal fabrication, etc., and today the work is mostly making wrought iron gates and railings (and even staircases and cricket screens!). The works are open from Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 10 Ship Yard, High Street, Weybridge. Tel: 01932 842041.

We are lucky to have such a business in Weybridge, and long may it prosper.