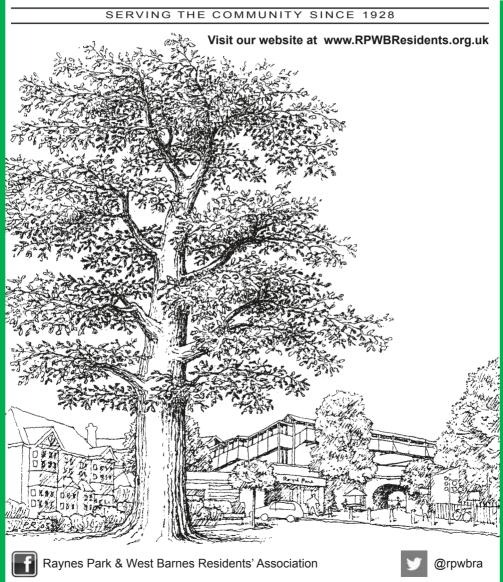
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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

PARTIAL CLOSURE OF GRAND DRIVE

We remind everyone that traffic will not be able to come down Grand Drive northbound from July 23rd until December. This is because of work to replace the gas mains, which is being done in two phases.

Two exhibitions were held by Southern Gas Network to set out the diversions that are being proposed. We urged them to set out diversion signs from miles around, since this will be absolutely necessary.

We fear that despite the advance publicity most motorists will be taken by surprise, and that there will be traffic chaos for weeks to come. It seems certain that Hillcross Avenue, Cannon Hill Lane, Martin Way and Bushey Road will bear the brunt of carrying the extra traffic, and that these roads will be clogged up for the whole day.

The plans did not include the new routing needed for the 163 bus, and we have asked Transport for London to clarify this and suggested a route that will link with the bus coming in the other direction

We have set out the details and plans of the proposals on our website, which is kept up to date: www. RPWBResidents.org.uk

FURTHER ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE CYCLE RACE

On top of this, there will be a weekend of further road closures for the now annual cycle race around London. This will be on the weekend of 28th and 29th July. The cycle route is from Kingston Hill, along Coombe Lane and Worple Road, up Wimbledon Hill, and along Parkside. There will only be very limited crossing points, yet to be announced, for cars and pedestrians. Again, full details can be found on our website.

LAND BEHIND THE MAISONETTES IN CANNON HILL LANE

There is a strip of woodland of about half an acre that runs behind the maisonettes in Cannon Hill Lane and next to the All England Club tennis ground in Grand Drive. It is an enclosed site, with no vehicular access. It was bought some years ago and the new owner proceeded to knock down a number of trees protected by tree preservation orders, until he was stopped by the council, and then prosecuted. There still remain on the site 11 trees with such orders

The owner decided to sell the land by auction, with a guide price of £20,000/£25,000, and obtained the price of £51,000. It appears that the then would be buyer did not complete, and so it has been put up for auction again through a different set of auctioneers.

What was unknown to us until we saw the legal pack with the first auction is that the land is not only land locked, but also has a covenant over it restricting its use to a plant nursery. It appears unlikely that this covenant can be broken without a very difficult application to the Lands Tribunal. So probably it will remain as open space, incapable of development for house building.

We await to see if anyone buys the land, and for what purpose.

John Elvidge



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LETTERS



(Letters to the Editor should be sent to: Jilltruman2@gmail.com)

To: The Editor From: Roger Stevens Date: 19th June 2018

I am not often stirred to write to express my views, but I find the negative attitude in The Guide to the recent and planned gas works appalling.

Yes, communication about the recent works by the station could have been much better. There seems to have been little coordination between the various parties and initially the signposting was awful. However, these matters were resolved. I personally made eight calls to the council before the northbound right turn from Grand Drive to Bushey Road was suspended. Once this was achieved matters improved. The signposting for the Rainbow estate was awful! However, the works were completed early!

We are now close to phase two and, hopefully lessons will have been learnt. I am sure there will be problems initially but hopefully these will quickly be resolved.

Surely it would help if, instead of whingeing about the chaos to come, a positive attitude was adopted, plans studied, and helpful comments forwarded to the relevant parties.

SGN would not be undertaking this work and spending £975.000 for their own amusement.

Personally, I prefer this work is carried out in a planned way rather than risk a mid-winter supply failure.

[Editor's Note: A great many concerned individuals as well as Mr. Stevens and Association Officers were in touch with SGN about the first phase, particularly as we had been given to understand that they would meet with us to discuss these matters prior to the start of the work.

It is fair to say that SGN and their contractor for this phase seem to have planned things better this time, particularly with the information provided at the two drop-in sessions that they organised. The signage for the diversions has been thought about and planned much more carefully. However, we are still awaiting a response from TfL to our enquiry about the 163 bus diversion.]



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Editor's Blog

The Lantern Arts Centre

Raynes Park's thriving community theatre prides itself on producing artistic work of the highest quality. There is something for everyone at the LAC: a film club for pensioners, a children's theatre club and youth theatre, activities for toddlers and babies, costume hire, jazz nights, art exhibitions, a community choir and much more.



The latest LAC theatrical production - Thornton Wilder's Pullizer prize-winning play 'Our Town' - is directed by the Lantern Arts Centre's new Artistic Director, Amy Phillips, who directed 'The Crucible' at the LAC in 2015. Set

in the fictional American small town of Grover's Corners, young George Gibbs and Emily Webb fall in love, marry and confront their mortality.

Don't miss 'Our Town' which is on at the Lantern Arts Centre, Worple road, from Wednesday 11th to Saturday 14th July at 7.30pm, (Saturday matinee 2.30pm).

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Prudential Ride London

It would seem the annual Ride London cycling event is scheduled for 28 - 29 July 2018. Whilst, at the time of writing, there is no information on planned road closures, if it's the same as last year, we should expect major road closures on Sunday 29 July 2018.

The route is expected to pass through Raynes Park again, coming along Coombe Lane, Worple Road and then up Wimbledon Hill. This will mean significant access restrictions to all properties in West Wimbledon, in the Coombe Lane / Copse Hill / Ridgeway areas and north and south of Worple Road

For people who live near Raynes Park or in West Wimbledon area and are planning an event at home, have travel plans, expect visitors or have similar commitments on Sunday 29 July 2018, they are strongly advised find out in advance how this will affect them. However, this year, the closure of Grand Drive to northbound traffic for the gas main replacement works will have just started. This will surely add to the confusion.

Check the TfL website for further information.

David Freeman



WISLEY FLOWER SHOW

The Annual trip to Wisley
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Road Closures in Grand Drive – From 23 July for 20 Weeks

Members may be aware that major works are planned to replace the gas mains in Grand Drive. Consequently, most of Grand Drive (between the Beverley Roundabout and Bushey Road) will be closed to northbound traffic for the duration. SGN (formerly known as Southern Gas Networks), which owns the gas main, has recently held two drop-in sessions in our area, to improve awareness within our community. Thus, we now have a better understanding of what the proposed road closure for Grand Drive will mean for residents.

From 23 July 2018, Grand Drive will be closed to northbound traffic from the Beverley Roundabout all the way to the junction with Bushey Road. This closure will run for 20 weeks.

However, southbound traffic from the junction with Bushey Road to the Beverley Roundabout, will continue to be able to use Grand Drive.

Access to local streets

All the side turnings along Grand Drive will continue to be open but traffic entering Grand Drive from the side streets will have to turn south. Similarly, access into the side streets from Grand Drive will only be possible for southbound traffic.

Diverted Traffic

A diversion for local traffic wanting to travel north along Grand Drive from the Beverley roundabout to Bushey Road will be signposted, via Hillcross Avenue, Martin Way and Bushey Road. Traffic from further south will be diverted along the A24 (London Road), via Morden and then Martin Way.

163 Bus Diversion – Cannon Hill Lane

The northbound 163 bus will be permitted to continue north from the Beverley Roundabout, along Grand Drive as far as the traffic lights outside St John Fisher School, before being diverted along Cannon Hill Lane, Martin Way and Bushey Road.

We are waiting for confirmation of this diversion to the 163 bus from TfL.

It is suggested that residents who normally use the northbound 163 along Grand Drive, should first catch a southbound bus and then change to the diverted northbound route at St John Fisher School.

Diverted HGV Traffic

For HGV traffic from further afield, which normally passes northbound along Grand Drive, a diversion will be in place to encourage HGVs away from local roads. This diversion will be signposted via the A24 (London Road), A240 (Ewell Bypass) and A3, passing through North Cheam, Stoneleigh and Tolworth.

SGN Leaflet

SGN's information about the works is available at:

https://www.sgn.co.uk/Roadworks/ Southern-projects/Morden-Approach-Road-and-Grand-Drive/



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In Memoriam Pamela Robinson



June 1934 - April 2018

9th of May sadly saw the funeral of Pamela Robinson, a valued member of the local Community and a greatly appreciated member of the Association's Committee for many years.

Pamela was a very talented artist and designer trained at the School of Interior Design at the Royal College of Art under its creator and director the distinguished Architect and painter, Sir Hugh Casson.

Recognising her ability, Pamela was selected by Sir Hugh to join his very successful architectural and design practice, Casson Conder, where she stayed throughout her working life. The firm was responsible for such well known buildings as the Cambridge University Arts Faculty and the elephant house at London Zoo. Sir Hugh and his team also designed interiors for the Royal Yacht Britannia, for Buckingham

Palace, Balmoral and Windsor Castle. Pamela also worked closely with Sir Hugh's wife, architect, designer and photographer, Lady Margaret Casson.

Residents' Association Connections

Pamela, together with David Freeman, represented the Association on Merton Council's Borough Plan Advisory Committee and through that Committee worked closely with the Design Review Panel which provides advice to the Planning Applications Committee on design matters. She was a founder member of, and an Association representative on, the Ravnes Park Association - a local umbrella organization comprising Residents' Associations and businesses set up some years ago - whose aim is to enhance and improve Raynes Park Town Centre



Pamela also designed the very distinctive cover of the 'The Guide' and advised on the interior decorations of the Tennis Pavilion, now the Association's HQ, which it took over and refurbished about 5 years ago.

Getting to know Pamela

Despite all this, I only had the privilege of getting to know Pamela well four years ago, when with the new Pavilion up and running, it was suggested by one of our local Councillors that we should open a social club for older people.

I discovered that Pamela, who despite all her problems of failing sight and increasing immobility, loved her social life and she continued to enjoy every minute of it right up to the end. She was a founder member of The Pavilion Club as it is called, and greatly enjoyed all the meetings and outings that were arranged, joining in the discussions and contributing to our With Great Pleasure sessions with well-remembered poems from her schooldays. Pamela was also a mine of information about trees, shrubs and flowers, and loved the Association's annual trips to Wisley.

Shopping Guru

She also liked to do her own shopping, and we used to go shopping together once a week. I learnt a lot on those shopping trips! Pamela was a very fussy shopper, and I was quickly educated into buying all our vegetables loose (after examining them closely for freshness and lack of flaws) and taking great care to check on the latest "use" or Sell by" dates on any wrapped goods.

I discovered that Pamela had a great sense of humour, loved to party and always enjoyed the company of attractive men. I didn't have time to learn everything about her very interesting life that I would like to have known but I did appreciate her artistry, her extensive knowledge about so many things, her gentleness, her fierce independence, and her friendship very much indeed.

Pamela's funeral took place at Putney Vale Crematorium and was attended by many generations of her family, nephews, nieces, and great nephews and nieces, as well as friends, family and officers of the Association.

In the autumn, the Association will plant a shrub in Pamela's name in the Pavilion grounds.

Jill Truman





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St Saviour's project to restore the memorial and remember the fallen

A task group has been set up to restore St Saviour's war memorial and research its history and stories of those who are named on it. An exhibition is planned to open in the church two weeks before Armistice Day so local people can appreciate what the Great War meant for the community and the sacrifices it made. It is unlikely that all work on the restoration will completed before then, though it is hoped that it will have begun.



A restoration team will start raising funds once all the required permissions have been obtained. It is hoped that much of it will be covered by grants though there is likely to be a gap. If you would like to contribute towards it, and pledges have already

been made, please contact St Saviour's Priest-in-Charge, Peter Kelley.

Another team of local volunteers has been researching archives, press coverage and other leads to build up a picture of what went on and the individuals involved. It is keen to hear from anyone who might be able to provide relevant information. Perhaps members of your family, or the families of people you know. lived in this area and were involved in the Great War and may have been commemorated on the St. Saviour's memorial. You may have stories, anecdotes, press cuttings, photographs and other memorabilia relating to those times and the men who gave their lives that you could make available to us. If so, or if you have any leads you think it would be worth following, please email: stsavioursofficesw20@gmail.com, or ring the parish office (02085409406) or talk to anyone you know at St Saviour's



INVITATION TO JOIN US

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Wessex Route Briefing Note – Performance – As of May 2018

Summary

- Network Rail's Wessex route is one of the busiest and most congested parts of the railway network. The number of passenger journeys on the route has more than doubled in the last 20 years, to around 234 million per year, and is expected to increase by a further 40% by 2043.
- We appreciate our service has not been good enough overall following the completion of major upgrade work at Waterloo in August last year.
 Our passengers deserve, and rightly expect, a high performing train service.
- A number of significant incidents have impacted the service in recent months, including infrastructure issues at Waterloo (see page 2 on 'Waterloo'), a fire in the throat of Waterloo in December (which caused severe disruption), bad and extreme weather conditions and points failures and track issues at some of the busiest parts of our network. The congested nature of our network means that delays can have a severe knock on effect.
- Train performance on the Wessex route in April 2018 was recorded as 89.5%, using the public performance measure (PPM)1. We will continue to try to provide the best service possible for our passengers. Independent review on performance
- The Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling MP, recently commissioned

- an independent review into operational performance on the South Western Railway network to 'ensure all possible steps are being taken to improve performance and passenger experience'.
- We welcome the review and are working with its chair, Sir Michael Holden. It is expected to be completed in summer 2018. Responding to incidents
- When an incident happens on the railway network we respond as quickly as possible to limit disruption and get people on the move again. o Our joint Network Rail and South Western Railway control centre, at our state of the art Basingstoke railway operating centre, has improved interventions leading to a 1.4% improvement in performance between the morning and evening peaks. o We have appointed seven senior incident officer roles working 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to lead on incident responses affecting Network Rail and South Western Railway. 1 The public performance measure (PPM) shows the percentage of trains which arrive at their terminating station within 5 minutes (for London & South East and regional services) or 10 minutes (for long distance services) - https:// www.networkrail.co.uk/who-we-are/ how-we-work/performance/publicperformance-measure/ 2 Preventing incidents
- We are making every effort to stop incidents before they happen, through increasing resources on this part of the network and using 'intelligent technology'. o We are increasing

our asset inspection regime in the Waterloo area and have appointed a new track section manager to prevent incidents occurring. o We have provided some additional teams and resources for maintenance and incident response between Waterloo and Basingstoke. o Using 'intelligent technology' we monitor the efficiency of our infrastructure, which has allowed us to intervene early on around 500 occasions in 2017/18 which could have all resulted in infrastructure failures delaying passengers. o There has been a 6% improvement in service affecting failures in the past year, with a 27% improvement since 2014, o We are introducing new safer isolations to turn off electricity to the track remotely. This keeps our staff off the track, improving safety, with less disruption to passengers and means we can deal with incidents more quickly. Waterloo upgrade programme

• Disruption after upgrade work at Waterloo last August was due

to signalling equipment faults and snagging issues. Newly installed infrastructure did not perform as we expected in day-to-day operating conditions. All issues relating to the upgrade were resolved in autumn last year.

• The ongoing £800m Waterloo and South West Upgrade will be completed by the end of this year with the reopening of the former Waterloo International Terminal. o This will increase peak time capacity at Waterloo by 30% - space for an extra 45,000 passengers every morning and evening.

The five additional platforms in the former International Terminal will also give us more flexibility during disruption, which should improve our ability to recover from delays. Please direct any questions to the Wessex route public affairs lead, Aeneas Tole, on aeneas.tole@networkrail.co.uk



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Local History Talk: - Tuesday 17th July 10.30-12pm

'The History of Croydon Airport', talk by Perter Skinner. Refreshments provided, No need to book.

Explore Learning Workshops

Friday 10th August 2-3pm – Number bonds for ages 5-7 (Learn to be super–speedy with number bonds).

Friday 31st August 2-3pm – Natural Hazards ages 11+ (Learn more about hurricanes, volcanoes and tornadoes) Booking essential on 0208 274 5789 Explore learning workshops



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE AND OPEN MEETINGS

July

Tuesday 10th - Committee 8.00pm Pavilion

August

NO MEETING

September

Tuesday 11th - OPEN MEETING 7.30pm Pavilion

October

Tuesday 9th - Committee 8.00pm Pavilion

90th Anniversary Dinner TBC

November

Tuesday 13th - Committee 8.00pm Pavilion

December

Saturday 15th - Volunteers' Party 7.15pm Pavilion

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018

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Age group 4-11 Years

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EXPLORE LEARNING SUMMER 2018

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"Leading women forward"

Lyn Chalcroft's talk to the Guild on 17th May entitled 'Dem Dry Bones' turned out to e about osteoporosis, ow to avoid it and ow to keep your bones strong during the aging process. Apart from a good diet with milk for calcium, exercise is very important. Lyn demonstrated a number of useful exercises. Producing silk scarves, she got the whole company trying these out, and having a great deal of fun!

On 19th July our speaker will be Heidi Gomes giving a talk entitled 'World of the lunchbox network'

Details of our annual coastal coach trip are given in the adjacent column. I am liaising with the coach company about timings and exact pickup points because of the proposed gas road works in Grand Drive due to commence at the end of July and will keep those reserving a place informed as well as putting any update in The Guide.

The Raynes Park Townswomen's Guild meet in St. Saviour's Church Hall monthly, on the third Thursday of each month (excluding August) at 1.45 pm. A visit and a lunch together are also arranged each month as well as some social functions in local homes.

New Members are always welcome.

Dorothy Raymond

WORTHING

Thursday 16th August 2018

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THE PADDOCK OPENS ITS GATES TO THE PUBLIC FOR CHARITY

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In Raynes Park the event was an absolute delight because, rather than a once-a-year visit to a private residence, the quantity and sheer variety of the plots at the Paddock turned the experience into the equivalent of a country walk through clusters of fruits, vegetables and flowers.

During the weeks leading up to the event, plots were tidied and inspected, plans were drawn up for catering arrangements, leaflets and posters prepared and distributed. Some members baked cakes to sell at the event whilst others contributed examples of their artwork for a display of paintings and craft.

On the appointed day the sun was shining and visitors came from various parts of London. Some were seasoned NGS explorers, for others it was their first experience of this scheme. One visitor



informed me that she came from Kingston, choosing the Paddock because ploughman's lunches were advertised! Visitors praised the welcome they received, the individuality of the plots - appreciating the hard work required for establishing and maintaining them - the lunches, cream teas and cakes and the relaxing rural atmosphere.



Cynthia Hatcher, who coordinated the arrangements, was delighted with the day and thanked all who had contributed to its success.

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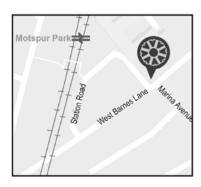
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