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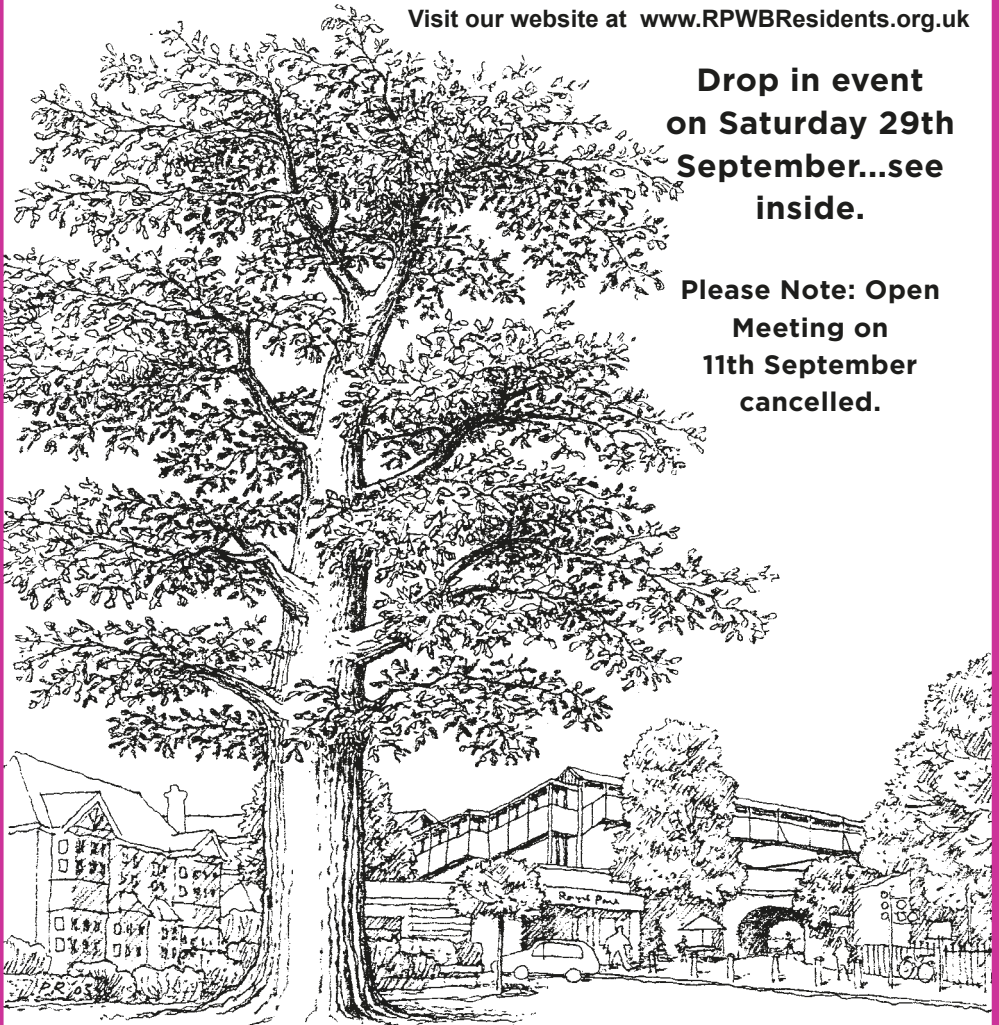
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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

RAYNES PARK VALE FOOTBALL CLUB

It may not be generally known that Raynes Park has its own football club, with a dedicated and well-maintained ground, complete with stands. This is next to Prince George's Playing Fields which itself regularly hosts football matches at the weekend.

On Saturday 11th August fans flocked to the ground to see the Club compete in the first Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Cup. This was against Lingfield. The score was 3 -0 in favour of Raynes Park. Many congratulations! They have now reached the Preliminary Round. The next step on the way to Wembley, as I write, is their match against Peacehaven on Saturday 25th August. Fingers crossed!

AFC WIMBLEDON

While I am writing about football, who can forget when Wimbledon FC won the FA Cup in 1988? After that, the team was "franchised" up to Milton Keynes, and out of the ashes AFC Wimbledon was re-born, entirely created by fans. This must be one of the most extraordinary and heartwarming stories ever of local endeavour.

The Club has been promoted many times and has managed to retain its place in the First Division of the Football League. I saw them play Coventry in their first home fixture of the season,

and the team looks good. They aim to move back to Plough Lane next season, and the ground has already been cleared of the former Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium. The new stadium will seat 11,000 in the first instance. The site will also eventually have 604 new homes and retail space.

EASTERN ELECTRICS FESTIVAL

A music festival held in Morden Park over the weekend of 4 and 5 August was so loud that residents as far away as this area were prevented from enjoying their leisure time due to the loud volume of the music. The Wimbledon Guardian reported that a resident of Raynes Park said that a relaxing weekend in his garden was spoilt by a "thumping bass" that went on until 10 pm on both days. The event was authorized by Merton Council and it apparently complied with all the required conditions.

It looks as if this is an annual event. Morden Park is in an area surrounded by residential housing. The Council should require in future that the sound levels are moderated, and that the event finishes earlier in the evening.

THE JUNCTION TAVERN IN RAYNES PARK

Older residents will remember when the Junction Tavern, near the station in Kingston Road, was a pub. When the pub closed, it was turned for a while into The Railhouse, but that venture ceased in 2011. Since then, there have been planning applications to turn the site into a hotel, but these have not been implemented.

Now a planning application has been lodged to build nine flats there, but preserving the lower section of the building, which has architectural features that are worthy of retention.

HARRIS ACADEMY WIMBLEDON

The new Harris Academy Wimbledon will open its doors this September at its temporary site in Whatley Avenue, off Martin Way. This is to cope with the extra 260 children who left primary school in Merton this year.

The permanent home for the School will be a new school building in High Path in South Wimbledon. This is due for completion by September 2020.

John Elvidge



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LETTERS



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

To: The Editor
From: Garry Hunt
Date: 27th July 2018

Do you drive an electric vehicle? Have you been struggling for how to earn your next parking fine? Merton council has the answer for you!



Totally insane. Yellow lines were here first!



To: The Editor
From: David Wilson
Date: 1st August 2018

Hi
I fully agree with John's comments regarding lack of cashier staff in Supermarkets the same issue drives me crazy somewhat, if they're quick enough to want to assist you during a self-service transaction why can't that mem-

ber of staff be employed on the cashiers till, makes no sense to me either.

Now regarding this farce with Grand Drive, I really can't understand why these works couldn't shut down parts of Grand Drive in sections.

I've already witnessed one motorist driving towards the "actual works" against the one way

system, I've had a phone conversation with the S.G.N Ops Manager last week trying to explain to her that the diverted A3 bound traffic headed down Hillcross Ave, which for most part is 20mph congested with parked vehicles will still have to contend with school traffic come September, this will just be another nightmare; but, all I received was a quite sarcastic response from her, stating she's fully aware of the conditions of the local road network and that they're only complying with the Council's Instructions.

So, I consider myself in Motspur Park unless I want to join the traffic nightmare headed for Morden, confined to heading towards Kingston then circumnavigating Grand Drive to other areas.

It sounds like Council knows best, and its fingers in ears to other's opinions as usual.



To: *The Editor*
From: *Viv Rowlands, Blakes Terrace*
Date: *6th August 2018*

As a long-time supporter of the Association my heart sinks a little when comments from the Chairman in the Guide tend to enhance the often-perceived notion that the Association is not reflecting the modern world that we live in and the diverse range of views which must exist within the area. The August 2018 Guide is an interesting example where the Chairman's comments bemoan the loss of local banks and the 'stupid trend in supermarkets when you have to scan your own purchases'.

I also regret the loss of local bank offices but I also recognise that I contribute to this situation by being an avid user of internet banking and,

as a direct result, rarely visiting the local banks except for access to the ATM machines (though I also use the local garage and cash point in Motspur Park), and the occasional deposit of the rare cheque that has been received. I even use the internet to pay the Association's membership fees I collect annually! New Malden is currently well served for banks, but when the inevitable time arrives when these also will be endangered the best course for the Association would be to lobby for alternative, perhaps cooperative services to be provided for those unable or unwilling to use the internet. Have there been any positive moves the Association has made in Wimbledon Village and Morden which could be highlighted? (I appreciate New Malden is not in the Association's area – but many of the users are.)

On the topic of self-scanning at supermarkets a visit to the New Malden branches of Waitrose and Tesco will demonstrate that the self-scanning handsets are very popular. This is of course a chicken and egg scenario – would they be popular if there were more tills open? Personally, I find the devices very helpful for modest size shopping forays, saving me a considerable amount of time – does this make me stupid? However, whilst the Chairman and I hold differing views on this subject this does not seem to be an issue that falls within the remit of the Association.

Everybody is welcome to their views of course, but I wonder if airing such 'soap box' views in such a negative manner is helping the Association to move forward and generate new members. Whilst the delivery of the Guide is positively welcomed by those in the area for which I am a distributor it is slowly losing members with no new households joining over the last few years. Perhaps nothing can change that, but an airing of solutions rather than problems might help. The Association has done, and continues to do many excellent things, but as we all know the

world is changing, and changing fast. All of us, including the Association, needs to reflect this in its premier publication if it is to celebrate its 90th anniversary with a positive and vibrant future in front of it.

[Editor's Note: Mr. Rowlands brings up a challenge in suggesting that the Association should perhaps be promoting some sort of co-operative approach to the problem. I really do wonder exactly how this might be achieved - and again whether it really is necessary. John Elvidge clearly believes something needs to be done, and further comments:

"I appreciate that there may be differing views, and that these have been expressed in a courteous manner. However, I maintain that it is a prime purpose of the Association to complain about a gross deterioration in services to local residents - and I do not see how we can possibly fill the gap. I met another long serving volunteer yesterday who was complaining bitterly about the closure of the Nat-West in Morden since she had to report a fraud on her on-line account. She joined a queue in the Wimbledon branch that took 1.5 hours to reach the desk as there were only the two cashiers on duty and was then told that the bank had closed. So, I am not alone or out of date in my views! John"

Any ideas?



To: psears@lqgroup.org.uk
Cc: Tom Sly
From: David Rush
Date: 25th July 2018

The Meadowsweet Drainage Ditch Grand Drive London SW20

I last wrote to you on the 25th of June regarding the above ditch. Following my email Tom Sly exchanged Emails with Miss Leacock asking that the ditch is cleared. I first asked to have the ditch cleared before the spring growth made it difficult, however nothing has been done and as I said before the ditch is in a dire state and nothing has been removed.

Although the ditch carries less drainage than before the All England Lawn Tennis club diverted much of the drainage flow to another outfall, even so in the event of sudden heavy rains with the ground so dry we could easily experience flash flooding and in its present state the ditch would not be able to cope

Such an event could cause local flooding, especially to the cottage nearby.

My reason for writing at this moment is to put L & Q on notice that in the event of my property being damaged by such an event then, I shall look to L&Q for damage's. I am passing this letter on to others in the area as they also may wish to act because of London & Quadrant's neglect in this matter.

I regret having to write this emailed letter.



To: The Editor
From: Michael Marks (RPWBRA Cttee Member)
Date: 9th August

Keeping up with a changing world

The Chairman's Comment points out a big problem for the area and hopefully will open many discussions.

The staff in high street banks are not used enough, customers' needs are changing, machines are getting quicker and easier to use. Most of us have access to the internet from home, work or library. Crime on the internet is out there but it is the new home burglary.

Bottom line is the banks are businesses and not a public service. They are changing to suit the medium to long term customers' needs. The government set up the Giro Bank which was a Public Service Bank in the Post Office. After many years and changes the public did not use it. I bank using all the online or telephone facilities, what service do we need them on the high street for?

There was a time when people complained that the high street was full of banks, building societies and estate agents. These three were destroying the neighbourhood. Now that they are leaving we say we need them. Supermarkets never had enough tills open, so they brought in automation, now we want the cashiers back.

We have all seen the use of online banking increasing, together with the cashless society we must embrace it if we like it or not. Even the homeless must change, see the following BBC link

<https://www.bbc.com/news/az/stories-45102437/scanning-homeless-people-with-smartphones-to-donate-money>

The self-scanning in the supermarket is a fore-runner to the Amazon cashier-less supermarket, which has been under trial for approx. 5 years, see video on the below link.

<https://youtu.be/NrmMk1Myrxc>

It is something residents of local areas must be aware of, how to make our high street a place we want to go. Home workers need to see clients

or suppliers, they use the local coffee shops and restaurants as meeting points.

On line purchasing is convenient but who has time to wait for the delivery. Using a local shop for collections and returns brings people together, Shell - Worple Rd, Mike's News - Durham Rd, Costcutter - Coombe Lane etc. all are collection and drop off points. On the way home from the station go in to one of these places, pick up the internet purchase and buy the few things that you missed off your internet shopping delivery, everyone gains.

Resident Associations in all areas should be in discussion with councils about selectively lowering the local shop's business rates, fewer daytime restrictions with lower charges for parking. Increase bicycle locking facilities and helping to return people to the high street. The shops will become places to go for anything personal i.e. a meeting, to eat, haircut, beauty treatment, doctors, dentist etc.

The topic of slowly losing members has been discussed and I have been looking into it. The Guide as a paper version is still read by a lot of people and there will always be a place for it. At a later date a full online version will become more the norm. After speaking to a few people, who have received their monthly copy, I was not surprised to hear that they did not realise there was a local Resident Association behind it.

In this day and age, marketing plays an important part in our lives. I am looking at the best ways of contacting people living in the area. Compared to when the Association was formed a lot more households are renting with the view to moving on and fewer are owners. Both owners and tenants do have an important part to play in the community even if it is just a short-term commitment.

To: *RP&WBRA*
From: *Veronique, Wimbledon Cancer
Friendship Group*
wcfg@live.co.uk or 07948 767 936
Date: *13th August 2018*

of you as possible then. I will act as temporary chair till then and welcome any suggestions and comments on this situation. In the meantime, I hope to see you at the autumn meetings.



Re: Important Notice

The Wimbledon Cancer Friendship Group was setup in 2006 by a small group who had had cancer and who felt they would have appreciated having somewhere to go to speak about and share their experiences with people in a similar situation. At that time there was no-where in the Wimbledon area to go to so, with the help of Macmillan, the WCFG was started. Two members of the original group, Peter and Veronique, are still volunteers. Over the years we have been joined by some dedicated and inspiring new volunteers who have managed to develop and maintain the group. Maria has been Chair for two years and stepped down in July and we now need a new Chairperson but, unfortunately, none of the volunteers is able to take over that role. Having done it myself for many years originally, I know how time and energy consuming it is.

We are very sadly having to face the fact that we will probably need to close the group. We have speakers booked till the end of the year, so we are currently thinking that the Christmas party will be our last gathering. We will be very sad to wind down something we have been so committed to and through which we have met some amazing and inspiring people with cancer, had some fascinating talks, learnt so much and formed some very special friendships. Our visitor numbers are small and there is now more support available and able to offer more with the opening of Maggie's, Pauls, etc., as well as access to the internet. We plan to make the Christmas party a celebration of what we have achieved and hope to see as many



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Editor's Blog

Café @ the Place

A new Pop-up Café at Holy Cross Church

Holy Cross Church is opening a pop-up cafe on October 6th and from then onwards it will be held on the first Saturday of the month. The Café will be open from 10.00am to 12.00pm and will be serving tea, coffee, cake and soft drinks. It's so good to meet and chat we hope you will come. All are welcome. For more details contact Sally Pusey, Parish Administrator

St. Saviour's Concert

A reminder about the up-coming concert at St Saviour's Church in Grand Drive when Mark Eden and Chris Stell - internationally recognised as one of the world's leading classical guitar ensembles - will be playing works by Johannes Brahms, Mauro Giuliani, Domenico Scarlatti, Francis Poulenc, Federico Mompou and Mario

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The Concert is on Saturday 6th October 2018. Reception 7.00 for 7.30pm. and tickets are available at £12 from Wendy Cannon (020 8397 0805) in advance, or at the door.

Happy Anniversaries

We will be publishing an Anniversary Guide to celebrate our 90th Anniversary and as this year we also coincide with the 100th anniversary of WWI and the 90th Anniversary of Women gaining the vote on the same terms as men, we would like to include something to celebrate these anniversaries too.

If you have any family stories about either of these events – an ancestral suffragette or WWI veteran - that you would like to share with us, we would be delighted to include them in the Anniversary Guide. Please just send them to me by post or email – Ed.

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Well done Raynes Park Vale You're on your way!

Raynes Park Vale played an FA Cup game on 11th August. The visitors were Lingfield FC. This time the spectators easily outnumbered the players.

Raynes Park Vale won three-nil no less! – £2,250 winnings - only 9 more wins to get to Wembley?

Beware of Cold Callers on the telephone or at the door

I am told by one of our active Members that he received a telephone call on 20th August inviting him to arrange an appointment to hear all about the advantages of an insulating foam which is applied to the underside of roofing slates/tiles.

The caller suggested it was a new product from Canada. However, my informant states that this is not true. This foam insulation has been available for years and he has had experience in the use of this type of product which, like other insulating foams (Styrofoam etc), should be avoided at all costs. When fire is applied to such material it burns and gives off toxic fumes. People should know this, but already - even in the light of the Grenfell disaster - it is being sold in this borough.

CLOSING DATE

for all contributions and advertisements is the 10th of the month preceding publication.

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Raynes Park Community Forum 14th June 2018

Notes from the Chair's report

Chair: Cllr. Hina Bokhari who was Introduced by Mike Edwards of the Raynes Park Association

Thames Water update

Carl Leadbeater and Craig Boorman from Thames Water provided an update on investigations and actions following flooding in the Raynes Park area, particularly in Abbots Avenue. The presentation can be found at:

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/council-and-local-democracy/community-forums/raynes-park-community-forum>

It was explained that the recent problems have been caused by surface water getting into the foul water system when the two systems should be completely separate. The rain water is overwhelming the foul water system, otherwise there are no problems within the system. Investigations are continuing to try and discover where rain water is entering the foul water system - a complicated issue to resolve they will need to cover the Carl Leadbeater agreed to provide an update on the investigations at a future meeting.

Open Forum

Raynes Park station – the perimeter fence behind Starbucks is in a poor state of repair as are the support beams under the bridge. Tony Edwards explained these issues have been raised with Network Rail (NR), but they have not been responsive. NR are now using the prospect of Crossrail 2 as an excuse not to invest in the station. Councillor Crowe explained the NR have said there is no budget for station improvements, only a small budget for addressing health and

safety issues which is prioritised based on risk.

Veolia street sweepers are leaving their full green bags by bins, but these are not being collected within 24 hours resulting in mess from animals getting into the bags. Residents are asked to report bags left or damaged as fly-tipping on the Council website so that colleagues can monitor the performance of Veolia

Town Centre Developments and Railway Station

South side of skew arch: Tony Edwards said that the Astroturf installed has survived well so the plan is now to add seating. He is waiting to hear if funding was available or if it might be possible to make seats.

Bins on north side of skew arch: There is no update on the bins on the north side of the skew arch.

FOLLOW UP NOTE: The Waste Services Team will be carrying out a comprehensive review of all the Neighbourhood Recycling Sites across the borough this year. The review will include consultation with residents to each site and other stakeholders. The review will start later in the summer.

West Barnes Lane Community Infrastructure Levy – ideas were submitted for improvements but there is no timescale or figures available.

Crossrail 2 – Jerry Cuthbert provided an update. The review into the business plan is still to be completed so there is no movement on the scheme. In the meantime, the NR/TfL design team has approached local residents' groups to discuss the future of the level crossings on West Barnes Lane. With increased train frequency the crossings would no longer be viable, so alternative options will need to be developed.

Residents can also contact Crossrail 2 directly at: <http://crossrail2.co.uk/contact/>

Planning

Kris Witherington provided an update on behalf of Neil Milligan.

All England Club sports fields Grand Drive – 18/P1024.

Major application for the new club house, car park, second air dome, groundman's maintenance buildings and courts on the sports fields off Grand Drive. 15 replies received to consultation. Officers are awaiting further information from the applicant on matters including a bat survey with the aim of getting this to late June Committee.

557 Kingston Road – Dundonald Church – 17/P0763 - proceeding towards finalizing the S106 for the new church with flats above and then issuing planning permission.

559-589 Kingston Road – Manuplastics

and land to the west – 16/P1208

Work has commenced on sorting out the S106. There is also a second application for 103 units (17/P2529) which is now in abeyance. The agent has said his client will review whether to withdraw the second application pending the outcome of work on the S106. The applicant has decided to appeal the second application which, following amendment, is the same as that which was endorsed by Planning Committee. Work is proceeding apace on the S106 to avoid the need for the appeal to progress.

South side of Wyke Road – 17/P0609

Construction of three apartment blocks (two three storey blocks and one four storey block containing 10 x 1-bedroom flats (Amended scheme). A report will need to be prepared for Committee but given the need for some adjustments to design and the need to get comments on flood risk it is

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unlikely that this will be before July.

40A Lambton Road - 17/P2023 - 3 dwellings on a backland site – reduced from 4 – considerable local interest –refused by Committee in April.

3/3A Orchard Lane - 17/P3256 – 5 dwellings on backland site – approved but nothing in the form of discharge of conditions since then. No change.

61 Grand Drive – 17/P2016 – 3 dwellings – amended plans received - not a committee case.

80-86 Bushey Road - 16/P1317 Major retail/food and drink development. Most unoccupied buildings now demolished. Unclear as to how the approved scheme might progress for the time being as occupied buildings like Pets at Home remain and the scheme would need to somehow work around these.

Councillor Bokhari invited the meeting to hold a moments silence in remembrance of those who died in the Grenfell tragedy in June 2017. After this the meeting was closed.

Dates of future meetings:

All at 7.15pm in the Library Hall

Tuesday 18 September 2018

Thursday 6 December 2018

Tuesday 26 March



Raynes Park High School partners with Wimbledon Hockey Club for new AstroTurf hockey pitch for training purposes and international hockey games

Raynes Park High School, Bushey Road, has partnered with Wimbledon Hockey Club for the construction of a new £450,000 AstroTurf hockey pitch. This new pitch will not only be used for school matches, but also elite hockey games and will enable the club to expand participation for young people. Construction will take place during the school holidays with the new pitch due to open in time for the school's Open Evening on Thursday 27th September. Wimbledon Hockey Club will be funding the new pitch and paying for its maintenance.

Forging partnerships with the local community

Kirsten Heard, Headteacher, Raynes Park High School, says "We are delighted to be partnering with Wimbledon Hockey Club on this joint BECSLink Community school to forge partnerships with the local community. It will put the school on the map as a community school and garner interest in hockey."

Paul Knowles, Head of Junior Hockey at Wimbledon, says "Most importantly, this

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partnership secures the club's long-term future use of a world class pitch. With 20 international players and 10 Olympians, this is a much-needed facility for our elite players as well as our wider membership. The extended hours of use all year round will also provide the base for expanding our junior programme and enable the club to inspire more local children to take part in the sport we love. Raynes Park High School have been a pleasure to work with and we look forward to supporting them in their hockey playing journey in the years ahead."



From left to right: Crista Cullen, MBE, Olympic gold medal field hockey player; student Ashton Keddo, Raynes Park High School; Paul Knowles, Wimbledon Hockey Club; Raquel Spinola, student Raynes Park High School and Kirsten Heard, Headteacher, Raynes Park High School

Crista Cullen, MBE, Olympic gold medal field hockey player and a member of the Wimbledon Hockey Club, says "As part of the women's Great Britain squad at the Rio Olympics, we agreed that our team's aim was to inspire the next generation. Therefore, I'm proud that the newly developed pitch will not only provide a much-needed world-class surface but will also be a venue

to inspire local boys and girls to enjoy sport supported by our team of international players and coaches from Wimbledon."

The club has been supporting the school in providing inspirational coaches and players to attend school events. This will increase next year with coaching being offered to children at the school with the aim of supporting Raynes Park High School's students developing a long-term love of the sport. To kick start this journey, the club is donating new hockey sticks to the school. The school pitch will also provide a new venue to expand the Wimbledon Hockey Club's schools outreach programme. The pitch will predominantly be used for hockey, although it can also be used for other sports such as football using temporary football marks which can be brushed off. Construction will take place over the school holiday with the new pitch due to open in time for the school's open evening on 27th September.

About Raynes Park High School

Raynes Park High School is a co-educational comprehensive school which educates around 1,000 pupils, aged 11 to 19. It became the first state school to be an accredited Tim Henman Foundation BECSLink Community in March this year. The school is working alongside national and local Merton businesses, education charities, and sports and arts organisations to provide outstanding resources and learning opportunities for young people. This offers students and teachers not only from the school, but also other local schools the opportunity to develop new skills and interests. www.raynespark.merton.sch.uk

About Wimbledon Hockey Club

Wimbledon Hockey Club, founded in 1883, is one of the world's oldest hockey clubs. It is a section of the multi-sport Wimbledon

Club. Wimbledon are one of the largest and most successful hockey clubs in the country with both the men's and women's teams fielding multiple current Great Britain internationals. The club has also recently started working more widely in the community with a schools' outreach project, which to-date has brought hockey to 2,000 local Merton state school children.

<http://www.thewimbledonclub.co.uk/hockey>



News from the Friends of West Barnes Library

(next to Motpur Park Station)



New Events

Tiny Shakers

Movement and music for children aged 0-4 years. Every Monday starting from 10th September 10am -10.30am
Child £3 – family/childminder £5
No booking required.

Summer Reading Challenge July 7th – 8th September

This year's theme is Mischief Makers, with characters from the Beano Children are invited to come along to the library and sign up.

**Friends of West Barnes Library
Photography Competition entry view-
ings 10.30-7pm, Monday September 10th**

All day event to view the competition photographs. Free refreshments provided
Winners to be announced

Local History Talk

Tuesday September 18th 10.30-12pm
Reminiscences of Old Merton – talk by Sarah Gould. Free refreshments provided
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World's Biggest Coffee Morning 10am-12pm Friday September 28th

Help us celebrate this great event, everyone is welcome! Free coffee, tea and cakes – no need to book

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This is a free drop-in session, and we would be delighted to meet as many local people as possible.

No need to RSVP, just keep a note of the date and come along!

Please note, due to circumstances beyond our control, the Open Meeting scheduled for the evening of 11th September has been cancelled.

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Thursday 8th November 2018**

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Children Are Quick

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here!

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.
(I Love this child).

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I'.

MILLIE: I is...

TEACHER: No, Millie, always say, 'I am.'

MILLIE: All right, 'I am the

ninth letter of the alphabet.'

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it.

Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand...

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

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TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

Sent in by Dr. Garry Hunt



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90th Anniversary Dinner TBC

November

Tuesday 13th - Committee 8.00pm Pavilion

December

Saturday 15th - **Volunteers' Party 7.15pm Pavilion**

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- equipment to help you hear better
- different ways to tackle your tinnitus
- helpful communication tips

FREE HEARING CHECKS ALSO AVAILABLE:

Tuesday 18th September (11am-2pm), and Tuesday 16th October (11.00am-2.00pm)

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018 -

Saturday 7th July to Saturday 8th September

Children are encouraged to read six or more library books of their choice during the summer holidays with collectable incentives and rewards, a chance to enter

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Heidi's talk was entitled 'World of the Lunchbowl Network'. It was set up initially to provide a meal for orphaned children living in extreme poverty. It only takes 33p to provide food for a child for a day!

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The Lunchbox Network is operated completely on a voluntary basis, so they are proud that, consequently, with every £1 donated to Lunchbowl 92p goes directly to benefit the children in Kibera.

Our thanks to local Residents who supported our trip to Worthing (despite difficulties with pickups in Grand Drive area) and our hostess and assistant for the very successful summer Garden Party.

In **September** 2018 the monthly meeting will be on Thursday, 20th at 1.30 for 1.45 at St Saviour's Church Hall. **A speaker** – Miss A Hoyland – will give us a talk entitled '**Never judge a book by its cover**'. Do join us.

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