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# CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

### NAT WEST CLOSES TWO BRANCHES

We reported a few months ago that Nat West intended to close their branches in Wimbledon Village and in Morden. They have now gone through with this, and the buildings are firmly shuttered. Their branch in Raynes Park closed many years ago. What an appalling disregard they have shown for the convenience of their customers.

These branches were heavily used. Customers will now have to go to the only remaining local branch in Wimbledon Town Centre, which always has long queues of people waiting to be served, and limited numbers of staff. They try to make you use machines for depositing funds, but these are so difficult to understand that one member of staff, instead of acting as a cashier, has to be on hand.

The bank will argue that much banking is now done on-line, but many customers, like me, who have been the subject of bank fraud, refuse to transact financial details on the internet which can be readily hacked. Some people cannot afford the internet or do not know how to use it. What is particularly galling is the pretence that this is somehow improving the service it gives to customers. When will large companies realise that many people prefer to transact their business with real people? When will they understand that putting the needs of customers before

increasing profits actually increases their profits by increasing their customer share?

We see the same stupid trend in supermarkets when you have to scan your own purchases, and there remain only a token number of check out tills.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

On a lighter note, I was invited by the Raynes Park Townwomen's Guild to their lovely 85th birthday buffet luncheon at St Saviour's Church Hall. You will have seen their articles which we publish in The Guide each month. The Mayor was the guest of honour, and we had a delightful cabaret performed by a group of hand bell ringers. We were told that the Guild grew out of the movement for women's rights started by the suffragettes. I was made very welcome despite being the only man present, apart from the Mayor's attendant.

We congratulate them for keeping going for so long, including through the war years.

Our Association is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and we intend to publish an Anniversary issue of The Guide in the autumn. We also hope to hold a dinner at Merton College. Details of this will follow as soon as the arrangements are finalised.

### **CROSS RAIL 2**

Cross Rail 2 is the proposal for a new rail system that is intended to run from surrey and south west London through a tunnel north of Wimbledon up to north London. This is intended to cope with the vast increase in the number of rail passengers.

It will, obviously, be an enormous expensive project, and so the Government has set up an "Independent Affordabilty Review" to advise on whether it is actually financially feasible. The scheme is not planned to come into operation until 2028 in any event. The team running this will be conducting another public consultation in due course.

### NEW TENNIS EQUIPMENT AT THE PAVILION

We are very pleased that the All England Lawn Tennis Club has provided us with new posts and nets for the tennis courts at our Pavilion in Grand Drive. We have set up two courts for members to use and we have kept the third for short tennis and other ball games.

The Club has provided these free of charge as part of its Community Outreach Programme, and we are very grateful to them for the time and effort they have given to us. Any member can use these courts, for a very small hourly charge, on application by e-mail to: pavilionbookings@gmail.com

### John Elvidge



### **CLOSING DATE**

for all contributions and advertisements is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE AND OPEN MEETINGS

#### 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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# VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT WORKS TO GRAND DRIVE

### Notification of major gas works: Grand Drive, Morden UPDATE 20/07/18

You may recall I wrote to you in May to make you aware of our upgrade of our gas network in Grand Drive, Morden.

Our project is on course to start as planned on 23 July and last approximately 20 weeks as previously stated. However, following feedback from our stakeholders and the local community we have worked with London Borough of Merton to agree a new phased plan of work to minimise disruption. We will now be working in three overlapping phases as follows.

To ensure everyone's safety Grand Drive will be made one-way southbound for the duration of our works. A signed diversion will be in place for northbound traffic. Access will be maintained for residents by following the diversion routes.

### Phase one – Grand Drive, between Church Walk and Bushey Road

We will start our project with two teams both working in Grand Drive from its junction with Church Walk towards Bushey Road. As this phase progresses, one of our teams will move to begin work on phase two.

### Phase two – Grand Drive, between Blenheim Road and Church Walk

During this phase, one of our teams will

begin working in Grand Drive at its junction with Blenheim Road and work towards the junction with Church Walk.

Grand Drive will remain one-way southbound to ensure everyone's safety. However, as our work progresses during this phase, we are hoping to be able to re-open some small sections of Grand Drive for northbound traffic to allow residents on Grand Drive to exit their homes and travel north. Grand Drive will remain closed for northbound through traffic and motorists should still follow our signed diversion.

### Phase three - Grand Drive, between Heath Drive and Westway

Both teams will be working in conjunction on Grand Drive, starting at its junction with Heath Drive and heading south towards its junction with Westway.

Grand Drive will remain one-way southbound to ensure everyone's safety. Some small sections of Grand Drive may now be open for northbound traffic to allow residents on Grand Drive to exit their homes and travel north. However, Grand Drive will remain closed for northbound through traffic and motorists should still follow our signed diversion.

You can find more information about our work on our dedicated project page at:

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

Dan Edwards - Southern Gas Networks



### Editor's Blog

### The Eden Stell Guitar Duo, in concert at St Saviour's Church

St Saviour's Church in Grand Drive is delighted to be hosting a concert by Mark Eden and Chris Stell on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018**, **7pm reception for 7.30pm**.



Widely regarded as one of the world's leading classical guitar ensembles, Mark and Chris are internationally renowned for their dynamism, innovation and breathtaking virtuosity. For over 25 years they have performed at venues and festivals around the world and have made numerous radio and TV appearances. In 2017 they made their debut in the Changsha festival in China.

The programme will include works by Johannes Brahms, Mauro Giuliani, Domenico Scarlatti, Francis Poulenc, Federico Mompou and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco.

Tickets are £12 from Wendy Cannon (020 8397 0805) in advance, or at the door.

### My Favourite Things

Great news for Julie Donabie, owner/propretor of 'My Favourite Things' in Worple Road. She has been selected as one of the five finalists for the RETAS award as a greeting card/gift shop for best Independent Retailer in London.

There were six finalists in the London area category and the winner was Northwood Cards & Gifts. Julie says "Although I didn't win I had a really fabulous day It was just like the BAFTAS! It is a real honour and shows that independent businesses such as My Favourite Things can achieve excellent results and be proud.

# Recycling and rubbish collection changes from October 2018 Visit a roadshow event

To find out more about the new service visit one of Merton's roadshow events to speak face-to-face with Merton Council officers and representatives from Veolia, our waste collection contractor. We will be pleased to answer any questions you may have regarding the new collection service.

### **Wimbledon Town Centre**

Wednesday 8 August 2018, 11am-4pm The Piazza, Wimbledon, SW19 1QB

#### Morden

Tuesday 14 August 2018, 12 noon–4pm Sainsbury's Morden, London Road, Morden, SM4 5HT

#### Morden

Thursday 16 August 2018, 12 noon–4pm Garth Road Household Reuse and Recycling Centre, 63–69 Amenity Way, off Garth Road, Morden, SM4 4AX



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# WISLEY FLOWER SHOW

The Annual trip to Wisley Flower Show will be on

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## DIVERSION TO 163 BUS SERVICE

Letter from TfL to Committee Member Jerry Cuthbert

Our ref: 11975426 21 June 2018

Thank you for contacting us on 6 June, about a forthcoming diversion to route 163 in Raynes Park while gas mains replacement takes place. Firstly I apologise for the slight delay in replying.

I can confirm the diversion, which will be in place from Monday 23 July to late December, was only recently finalised. It was therefore unavailable to SGN for their drop-in sessions. Buses towards Morden will continue to serve the whole of Grand Drive, as the southbound carriageway will remain open.

Buses towards Wimbledon will be diverted along Cannon Hill Lane, Martin Way and Bushey Road to re-join the normal route. Raynes Park Station will continue to be served in both directions. The nearest open stops on the normal route will be St John Fisher School (GP) and Raynes Park Station (P).

We'll make more information available on our website nearer the time. We did this for the closure of Approach Road at: tfl.gov.uk/tempbuschanges.

Our local bus operations manager has requested publicity to be produced for affected stops. This will show the nearest open stops. Drivers will also call at any fixed stop, when requested, while on diversion

Thank you once again for contacting us. Please contact us again if you need assistance with TfL services in the future. We can also be reached by phone on 0343 222 1234.

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# Spotlight on...Wimbledon Community Association

### Who are we?

Wimbledon Community Association (WCA) dates back to 1946 when it was set up by Sir Cyril Black MP. In its more recent past, WCA ran a successful Community Centre in Wimbledon... The Centre was closed due to the building falling into disrepair and WCA disposed of its share in the premises in 2012. Since then, the charity has been run by a small Board of Trustees and a Board Secretary, all being unpaid volunteers. In 2016, a part-time member of staff was appointed to assist with the operations of the charity.

### What do we do for the community?

We are passionate about preserving community space and bringing our community together. In the absence of a physical premises, we provide a community website service, Wimblecomm, which aims to connect people, places and their passions! To achieve this, we host a unique venue directory where you can find out more about the wonderful spaces available to the community across Merton. This also features a Community Noticeboard which hosts an events and activities calendar to help keep people of all ages up-to-date with what is available in Merton.

### How can you find out more and get involved?

We would love to hear from you, so you

can contact us directly, or via our contact form; subscribe to our newsletter Community Bytes, and connect with us on social media (Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and Facebook.)

If you have a venue and associated events/activities that you would like to see advertised on Wimblecomm, please contact us directly,

Finally, as a small charity, we are always looking for new people to join us as volunteers. We currently have projects underway which may be of interest, or you might even consider joining us as a Trustee. Details of our volunteering and Trustee specifications are as follows:

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**Genevieve Etienne-Farrell**Community Development Officer



### INVITATION TO JOIN US

If you have received the Guide but are not yet a member of the Association please phone Andrew Barwick 8543 0978 who will put you in the picture.

# History of the PADDOCK ALLOTMENTS and HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The land itself was set aside for allotment use in 1926 covering 5.5 acres and allowing some 107 plots to be made available for an annual rent.

The Paddock Horticultural Society was formed in 1949, initially to purchase and sell stock to the tenants on the Paddock Allotment Site on Cannon Hill Common.

During the next 28 years, the Society allowed neighbouring residents to join and use the small trading facilities. In 1987, the committee introduced social gatherings which, as happens at such events, led to discussions of the committee being able to improve the conditions of the site. Thus, in 1989, the London Borough of Merton asked the Paddock allotments and Horticultural society to consider becoming a self-managed site and by way of encouragement, erected an antivandal fence, increased the water supply by

an additional 40 tanks and provided the shell of a 15-metre square Marley building.

Within two years The Paddock members had set up the administration of plot letting, partitioned the building and had the electricity supply installed in 1991.

Satisfying the London Borough of Merton that they were capable of looking after the site themselves, they were awarded selfmanagement status. This enabled them to be in control of all the allotment rent income. whilst still answerable to the Council at any time. Since then the Society has erected a garage, fitted out the clubhouse, the shop, kitchen, office and workshop; improved drainage to the lower end of the site, laid hard standing around the building, created a gazebo area as well as a picnic green, provided extra gates into the site and improved conditions in the car park. recently they have installed land drains and improved pathways.

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catering and trading facilities. The trading hut (shop) is currently open at weekends and carries an excellent range of products at reasonable prices. Supplies of plants, bulbs and all other seasonal items are available at appropriate times during the year.

Sunday morning is the focal point of the week, with the trading hut in full swing and the catering volunteers providing full breakfasts in the clubhouse for a nominal charge. A far cry from sitting on an upturned bucket with tea made over a Gaz cooker discussing how they could improve their lot!

The Society has come a long way since then and is mindful that the social side has made it what it is today. A full diary shows that members enjoy their outings and parties just as much as their gardening and specialist horticultural events, and in the past from appearing on GMTV to winning National Horticultural competitions and from

visiting the Eden Project in Cornwall to the Benedictine Monastery in France.

The allotment site itself now has more than 170 plots and is fully tenanted, with a waiting list; but the Paddock Horticultural Society (now a Company Limited by Guarantee) is an **open** organisation, which residents are invited to join for a modest annual fee. The benefits are numerous, and rest assured, new members will be made very welcome.

From Information presented by Ruth Whitehead, General Secretary of the Paddock Allotments and Horticultural Society."

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### Summer Reading Challenge 2018 Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>

Children can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at West Barnes library, this year's theme is **Mischief Makers**. Ages 2-3 and 4+

Read 6 books and you'll receive a medal, a certificate and the chance to win one of many prizes, including an iPad, tickets to Warner Bros Studio tour – The Making of Harry Potter.

### Monday Coffee Afternoon – 1-2.30pm Join us for coffee and biscuits every Monday, and make new friends No need to book - just turn up!

### Explore Learning Workshop – Natural Hazards

### Friday August 10th 2-3pm

Are you fascinated by Mother Nature? Come along to our workshop and learn all about tornadoes, tsunamis, and volcanoes. **Booking essential – 0208 274 5789** 

FREE Local History Coffee Morning Tuesday August 21st 10.30-12pm Talk on the The Human Face of War by Sarah Gould. Refreshment provided. No need to book

### Explore Learning Workshop – Number bonds

### Friday August 31st 2-3pm

Number Bonds - Do you want to be super-speedy with your number bonds to 10 and 20? Come along to our workshop and amaze your teacher after half term with your skills.

### Crime Book Club Friday August 31st 6-7pm

New book club for fans of crime fiction This month's title is **Legacy** by Alan Judd To join email: mail@friendsowbl.org.uk.

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RAYNES PARK LIBRARY NEWS

### Coming up at Raynes Park Library

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### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018 Saturday 7 July – Saturday 8 September

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### **EXPLORE LEARNING SUMMER 2018**Booking required for both sessions

A Squires Journey (learning punctuation) – Ages 5 to 6 Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1-2pm

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### RAYNES PARK TOWNSWOMEN'S (AFTERNOON) GUILD

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### 85<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### Broken down delivery trucks and heroines!



On Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Raynes Park Branch of the Townswomen's Guild celebrated its 85<sup>th</sup> birthday party. This makes our branch one of the oldest groups (someone said the 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest) in

being today. However, our party was characterised by what could have been a disaster and a series of rescuing heroines. In short, the food ordered from a reputable supplier did not arrive and was not available for collection until well after the Mayor and other guests had been welcomed and seated.

The first heroine was Mary of our longsuffering catering help team who made three trips (in hope) to collect the food, two abortive and one where it was finally suggested she should help herself to what was ordered, or similar, from the shelves in the store!

The second was Penny Ryan, deputising for the National TWG Chairman – in fact the National Treasurer and our national trustee representing southern England on the national council. After we had welcomed the lady Mayor of Merton who spoke for a few minutes to congratulate us on this birthday, Penny took to the floor to cover quite a long wait with an off-the-cuff, comprehensive, talk on the formation and history of the Townswomen's Guild.



We had booked a group from the Nonsuch Handbell Ringers to entertain us after the meal but in the event, they hastily set up their equipment to play to us while we collected and ate our food, which was displayed speedily by John and Mary. They played a very enjoyable selection of tunes in a variety of styles, all with a surprisingly mellow sound. Later they invited members to come to examine the bells. At least one member had a go! The ladies of the hand-bbell ringers, too, deserve special thanks!

Our monthly lunch outing took us to The Haywain in Epsom for another very pleasant meal. We were surprised when another group of ladies arrived a little later, some of whom we recognised. This was a party from the Morden Park (eve) TWG! Obviously The Haywain is a general favourite for TWG ladies!

### Worthing Trip – Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> August - £15

There are still seats available. Please telephone 8395 4989 if you are interested in joining us.

I am in discussion with our coach company who wish to wait until road works scheduled to cause one-way traffic south along Grand Drive start towards the end of July to see how the traffic flow in the area 'beds down' before confirming pick-up points and times. Please make sure I have your telephone number or contact address so that I can keep everyone informed in August.

### **Next Meeting**

In **September** 2018 the monthly meeting will be on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 for 1.45 at St Saviour's Church Hall. **A speaker** – Miss A Hoyland – will give us a **talk entitled** 

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### **PAVILION SOCIAL CLUB**

The Pavilion Social Club is a social and activity club for residents in the area. The club was established in March 2014 and has been very successful, growing steadily in numbers. We hold weekly gettogethers for men and women. Our club offers an exciting programme of activities including occasional guest speakers, theatre trips, lunches and visits to places of interest in both London and the South East but our main focus is on developing and encouraging social links and also on enjoying friendships new and old. You will always receive a warm welcome!

#### INTERESTED?

Do join us on Thursday afternoons at THE PAVILION, 129 GRAND DRIVE, RAYNES PARK

(The old Raynes Park Residents'
Tennis Club)
from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.
There is an annual membership fee of £5 and a weekly subscription of £2 to cover costs.

### **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Light refreshments are available with thanks to Waitrose - Raynes Park, and local residents for their generous donations through the Community Matters scheme

For more information
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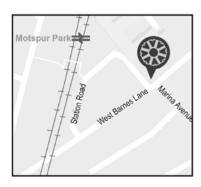
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