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# **HONORARY REMEMBRANCER'S REPORT FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021-2022**

## **Introduction**

Madam Mayor,

This year has been dominated by the Covid pandemic, and Guildford can be proud of its achievements in combatting the virus. The Surrey Research Park saw a substantial growth of health-related companies. Some made breakthroughs in Covid-19 testing and some made innovations in other medical fields. The Pirbright Institute was given an award that recognised its valuable contribution during the coronavirus outbreak. The Royal Surrey County Hospital demonstrated its standing as a centre of excellence by winning a significant number of national awards during the year.

More recently the war in Ukraine has been a major concern. Guildford has clearly shown its support for the Ukrainian people, the first refugees arrived here in April.

Despite the impact on the national economy of both the pandemic and the war, Guildford is well-placed with regard to its resilience. It is among the top ten most prosperous boroughs in the United Kingdom. It is also ranked as the happiest town in Surrey. We can, I think, look forward to the future with confidence.

Matthew Alexander,

Honorary Remembrancer of Guildford

April 2022

## **Business and the Economy**

### **Quality of life**

In June the Office for National Statistics released figures that showed that while Guildford had one of the highest happiness levels in Surrey they had fallen, as elsewhere, from the beginning of the pandemic.

On 24<sup>th</sup> November Rightmove published its annual Happy at Home Index. Residents were asked how they felt about where they live based on ten happiness factors. Guildford was ranked as the happiest town in Surrey, the second happiest in the South East and the twentieth nationally.

### **House Prices**

On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 the Office for National Statistics noted that house prices in Guildford had risen by 3.3% since the beginning of the pandemic

On 24<sup>th</sup> June Zoopla released figures showing that the average house price in Guildford over the preceding year was £642,900. This would require a household income of £142,867 to purchase.

In July figures released by Zoopla showed that in the year to June 134 more people had moved into the Guildford area than left it. This was the highest number for ten years, and indicated that people were moving out of London into the area because of the pandemic.

In December 2021 Move IQ estimated the cost of a flat would be around £300,000, a semi-detached house would be a little under £500,000 and a detached house £800,000.

In April the Office for National Statistics stated that the average home in Shere and Albury cost £725,000, 16.7 times the average income of £43,328.

### **Rents**

In December 2021 Move IQ estimated that a one-bedroom flat in Guildford would cost around £1,000 per month, and the rental of a house at £2,300.

### **Homelessness and rough sleeping**

On 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 it was announced that more rough sleepers in Guildford would be helped off the streets and into safe accommodation as part of an additional £570,000 of government funding.

On 9<sup>th</sup> December the homeless charity Shelter calculated that there were 96 people in Guildford homeless or in temporary accommodation. On any given night there are at least 10 people sleeping rough on the streets.

## **Council housing**

On 25<sup>th</sup> November a new online system for council housing was initiated. Applicants could bid on a property on the Borough's housing jigsaw register.

## **David Wilson Homes**

On 16<sup>th</sup> November the southern counties office of house builders Barratt David Wilson was opened at Compton House in the Portsmouth Road. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

## **Employment**

In the year to September, figures published by Nomis showed that 77.6% of those aged 16-64 in Guildford were in employment. Only 2.8% of the economically active portion of the population were unemployed.

## **Salaries**

On 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 the Centre for UK Prosperity published its index. It placed Guildford among the top ten most prosperous boroughs in the United Kingdom.

Plumplot estimated the average salary in Guildford during 2021 was £41,700. Women earned £39,000 and men £43,200.

## **Guildford Business Growth**

In June the University of Surrey published its report entitled *Charting Community-based Growth in Surrey*. Guildford was expected to be a leader of economic growth, having the largest employment pool and suffering the fewest job losses during the pandemic. Guildford remained the epicentre for high-growth companies in the county and was predicted to be the fastest to recover.

## **Experience Guildford**

From 1<sup>st</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January Experience Guildford staged the Festive Present Trail. A map of the town centre showed a trail linking ten giant presents at different locations. Words on each, when put together, made up a Christmas phrase. Prizes were awarded to some of those who returned completed forms.

## **Surrey Property Awards**

On 25<sup>th</sup> November the annual Surrey Property Awards were presented at G Live. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was a guest.

## **Shopping**

On 27<sup>th</sup> September the retail data provider Springboard released figures showing that 15% of Guildford's retail spaces were empty, double the 7.5%

in October 2019. This compared with the national average of 12%. Market Street in particular had many boarded up shops.

On 6<sup>th</sup> October there were 60 empty shops in central Guildford, one more than in July. The pandemic had seen some 13 shops close, as there were 47 empty before February 2020.

By 7<sup>th</sup> October 18 shops were opening, or planning to open. They included Zero Carbon Guildford at the bottom of North Street, Atto Korean Cuisine and Feng Tech in Swan Lane. Most were food and service ventures and mainly smaller independent traders. Rents had been cut by up to 50% in the town centre. Hugo Boss opened at 128-130 High Street and the Swiss watchmakers TAG Heuer opened a boutique in Tunsgate Quarter.

### **Fatface**

On 31<sup>st</sup> August the clothing outlet Fatface closed its branch in Market Street. The local Borough Councillor, Angela Goodwin, noted the challenging retail environment in the town following the pandemic lockdowns.

### **Guildford Design Awards**

On 1<sup>st</sup> December the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, presented the Guildford Design Awards at the Guildford Baptist Centre in Millmead.

Winners included 255 Guildford High Street in the Commercial Building category, the Hilltop New Science Centre at RHS Wisley in the New Public Building category and the Guildford Baptist Church in Millmead, in the Community Public Building category.

### **Pets at Home**

On 8<sup>th</sup> October the Pets at Home store in Woodbridge Road was officially opened by The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley.

### **Royal Bank of Scotland**

On 9<sup>th</sup> March the Royal Bank of Scotland closed its North Street branch.

### **Cheese & Chilli Festival**

On 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July, the Cheese & Chilli Festival was held at Shalford Park. There were entertainments for children. A chilli-eating contest and stalls. To comply with Covid regulations people were asked to stay seated while eating or drinking. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

## **Lidl**

On 24<sup>th</sup> June the German discount retailer Lidl opened a supermarket on Woodbridge Road in the former Curry's PC World. The ribbon was cut by the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley.

## **Solar Sisters**

In October Solar Sisters, a zero-waste food and household goods shop, opened at the top of North Street. To be as free as possible from plastic and packaging, customers were asked to bring their own containers. There was also a café with locally made cakes.

## **Ivy Asia**

On 10<sup>th</sup> March a party was held at the Ivy Asia in Tunsgate Quarter to inaugurate the new restaurant. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

## **Tunsgate Quarter**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September Business Buzz Guildford Networking was relaunched at Tunsgate Quarter. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

On 9<sup>th</sup> October the Institute of Physics South Central Branch organised an event to mark World Space Week. Based at the Tunsgate Quarter Shopping Centre, there were exhibitors, demonstrations and lectures at the University of Surrey. The High Street saw interactive physics stands, arts and crafts, space-themed music and dramatic performances.

## **Friary shopping centre**

On 5<sup>th</sup> October Next opened a branch in the Friary, spanning across both level 1 and 2 of the centre.

On 11th February the Friary supported The Climate Coalition's *Show the Love* campaign. On Level 2, green paper hearts could be decorated with visitors' personal eco pledge, which were then displayed on a giant green heart. Children of St John's Pre-School, St Nicholas CofE Infant School, Holy Trinity Pewley Down School, Sandfield Primary School and Onslow Infant School contributed their designs.

## **Slim Chickens**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March Slim Chickens, a fast-food chicken restaurant, opened in Friary Street. Food was delivered to tables by a robot.

## **Business Buzz Guildford**

On 25<sup>th</sup> November Jane Tyson and Phil Shepherd hosted a networking event in the Central Atrium of the Tunsgate Quarter shopping centre.

### **Hallmarq Veterinary Imaging**

On 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Hallmarq Veterinary Imaging was once more given a Queen's Award for Enterprise in the Innovation category for its 1.5T high-field MRI scanner, developed specifically for the small animal veterinary market.

On 7<sup>th</sup> October the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth, visited Hallmarq Veterinary Imaging on the Merrow Industrial Estate.

### **Greyfriars Vineyard**

From 19<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> June Vineyards of the Surrey Hills marked English Wine Week with a mixed case of local wines. Greyfriars contributed its Sparkling Rosé Reserve and Sauvignon Blanc.

On 16<sup>th</sup> October the 2021 harvest began, bringing in 120 tonnes of grapes within a week. This was the first time that machine picking was used and 120 volunteer pickers helped with the picking as the usual seasonal crew were unavailable.

### **Hog's Back Brewery**

On 16<sup>th</sup> August the Hogs Back Brewery Tap displayed its Cask Marque accreditation plaque after passing the beer quality organisation's rigorous inspection earlier in the summer.

### **Silent Pool Distillers**

On 1<sup>st</sup> November the Silent Pool distillery launched its Green Man Woodland Gin, in the world's first paper bottle. The lightweight bottle was carbon friendly and was made from 94% recycled paper. It used 77% less plastic and had a carbon footprint six times lower than a standard glass bottle.

### **MR Solutions**

On 30<sup>th</sup> November MR Solutions installed the world's first cryogen-free 9.4T MR. The superconducting dry magnet did not require quench lines and the system only weighed 700 kg. The variable field feature allowed translational imaging studies.

### **Bus services**

On 5<sup>th</sup> October the bus operator Arriva announced it was to close its Leas Road depot in Guildford, saying it was no longer sustainable. Its services in the Guildford area had experienced ongoing decline in passenger numbers over recent years, even prior to the effects of the pandemic.

On 14<sup>th</sup> October Arriva UK Bus and Falcon Coaches announced that they were in the advanced stages of negotiations for Falcon Coaches to take

over Arriva's bus operations in Guildford. However, by 5<sup>th</sup> November they said the deal had not progressed.

### **South Western Railway**

Engineering work took place on the South Western Railway, affecting journeys through Guildford. Rail services closed earlier on Christmas Eve and there was no service on Christmas Day or Boxing Day. A Saturday or Sunday timetable was operating from 30<sup>th</sup> December 20 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January. The company said the work would make a big difference to customer experience, with greater punctuality and resilience.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> January Network Rail closed Woodbridge Meadows for a bridge examination for two days.

On 6<sup>th</sup> January Network Rail closed Shawfield Road, Ash, for a bridge examination for two days, and on 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> January Lysons Avenue, Ash Vale, for line refurbishment.

From 17<sup>th</sup> January the South Western Railway cut services from Guildford to Waterloo via Effingham Junction and to Farnham. These were caused by the impact of the Omicron variant reducing passenger numbers and staff shortages.

### **Rail fares**

From 6<sup>th</sup> September South Western Railway off-peak fares from Guildford to London Waterloo rose by 27% for many tickets. This was a response to decreased passenger numbers during the pandemic.

### **Railway station**

On 21<sup>st</sup> April the Southeast Communities Rail Partnership's mural was unveiled in the underpass at Guildford Railway Station. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was present.



## **The Community**

### **Ukrainian War**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 the toddler group at St John the Evangelist, Merrow organised a collection of essential supplies for refugee mothers and children. Within a day, dozens of bags had been donated at the church to be taken by van to Ukraine.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, issued a statement in support of the people of Ukraine. In it, she said that Guildford condemned the Russian government for its unprovoked invasion, and that the local Ukrainian community was in her thoughts. To show this support the Ukrainian flag was flown outside the Council's Millmead offices, the Castle and the Guildhall, as well as floodlighting the Castle keep in yellow and blue.

Guildford's MP Angela Richardson expressed her solidarity with the people of Ukraine and support for easing visa restrictions for Ukrainian refugees.

On 4<sup>th</sup> March an evening prayer meeting at the church to express concern for the people of Ukraine was held at St Mary's, Guildford.

On 6<sup>th</sup> March children from Boxgrove Primary School raised funds to help refugee children by baking cakes in the colours of the Ukrainian flag and selling them in Down Road, Merrow. Over £350 was raised for the Ukraine DEC appeal.

On 13<sup>th</sup> March people gathered under the Tunsgate arch for a one-minute silence in support of the people of Ukraine. An air raid siren recording was played to remind them of the suffering of the innocent civilians in the war-ravaged country.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March Surrey County Council unanimously resolved to rid itself of any ties to companies that have Russian interests, following the president of that country's invasion of Ukraine.

On 25<sup>th</sup> March a vigil for the people of Ukraine was held at St Mary's, Guildford. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

By 19<sup>th</sup> April no Ukrainian refugees were known to have settled in Guildford.

### **Armed Forces Day**

On 21<sup>st</sup> June the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, accompanied by her Consort, Cllr Nigel Manning, hosted the Armed Forces Day flag raising ceremony in the Castle Grounds. The Armed Forces Day flag flew until after Armed Forces Day, five days later.

### **Afghan refugees**

In August Guildford Borough Council volunteered to house Afghan refugees following the sudden collapse of the Afghan government. Cllr Julia McShane said that the Council had previously been working with the Ministry of Defence and the Home Office under the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme. They were waiting to be allocated a number of refugees to house. A family from Syria had already been supported as part of the Resettle at Guildford scheme. This initiative, in partnership with Surrey County Council, was part of the government's Community Sponsorship programme.

### **Car Free Day**

On 26<sup>th</sup> September the Guildford Borough Car Free Day was marked by town centre market stalls, including the Farmer's Market, ethical vegan, rural crafts, antiques and street food stalls. There was live music from local groups and street play for children. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley attended.

### **Walnut Bridge**

On 4<sup>th</sup> November the new Walnut Bridge opened to public as part of a scheme to improve access from Walnut Tree Close and the railway station to the town centre.

### **Learner Drivers**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February the Bill Plant Driving School published the results of a survey which named Guildford as the second most risky area for learner drivers in the country for having a road traffic collision during a lesson.

### **Onslow Village**

On 19<sup>th</sup> September the centenary of Onslow Village was marked by the official opening of the refurbished Jubilee Gardens at the Onslow Village Hall. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth, accompanied by the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Mary Booth, attended.

### **Food Banks**

On 12<sup>th</sup> September the North Guildford Food Bank announced that there had been a six-fold increase in requests for its services since the start of the pandemic. With branches at St Clare's Church in Park Barn and Bushy Hill Community Centre in Merrow, the Food Bank was feeding 20 homes before the pandemic, with the figure rising to a peak of 120 in March 2020.

### **Pewley Down**

In May the Save Pewley Down Fields group raised £1 million towards buying Pewley Downs for the community.

On 12<sup>th</sup> October the group completed the purchase of 37½ acres of chalk grassland on Pewley Downs. The aim was to nurture wildlife, provide additional amenity space for local people, offer environmental education opportunities and to protect the area from development in perpetuity.

On 19<sup>th</sup> October Cel Spellman of the Surrey Wildlife Trust congratulated the Pewley Down Fields group for their initiative.

### **Petrol shortage**

On 27<sup>th</sup> September all petrol stations in Guildford that had petrol had long queues of cars. Those stations with no queues had no petrol. Petrol station staff were uncertain when the next deliveries would be made. At the Ladymead Shell petrol station they had had no supplies for three days. The Surrey Local Resilience Forum met to discuss the fuel supply situation. While not declaring it a major incident, it issued a statement asking residents to remain calm and not to stockpile fuel, limit purchases and when possible walk, cycle or use public transport.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October fuel supply was still a problem in Guildford. Only one petrol station– the Esso garage at Ladymead – had fuel in central Guildford. The Shell station at Peasmarsh on the Old Portsmouth Road also had petrol. Both saw long queues. Once a delivery was made it would only last between 12 and 24 hours.

On 21<sup>st</sup> October petrol prices had risen to between 137.9p per litre and 143.9p per litre at garages in Guildford. The dearest was at the Aldershot Road Esso and the Worplesdon Road Shell, both charging 143.9p per litre for petrol and 146.9p for diesel.

### **Guildford in Bloom**

On 4<sup>th</sup> July the 40<sup>th</sup> Guildford in Bloom event was launched by the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, in the Guildford Castle Grounds.

On 17<sup>th</sup> July the Guildford In Bloom Children's colouring competition prize giving was held at Tesco's in Egerton Road, Guildford. The Mayor, accompanied by her Consort, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended.

On 7<sup>th</sup> September the Guildford in Bloom awards ceremony was held at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. The Mayor presented the prizes. Aspen Close Woodland was rated the Best in Competition.

### **Hillier Almshouses**

On 5<sup>th</sup> February the Hillier Almshouses celebrated the 50th anniversary of the charity's building at Hillier House in the Farnham Road. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **Guildford Sunset Homes**

On 14<sup>th</sup> September Guildford Sunset Homes held an open day lunch at Merrow House. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was a guest.

### **Sunrise Senior Living**

On 10<sup>th</sup> December the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, switched on the Christmas tree lights at Sunrise Senior Living, Peasmarsh.

### **Pilgrim Wood Residential Home**

On 15<sup>th</sup> January the Mayor, visited Pilgrim Wood Residential Home in Sandy Lane for an afternoon tea to celebrate one of the resident's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Fly tipping**

In January figures were released showing that fly tipping had increased in Guildford, from 1,336 incidents in 2019-20 to 1,664 in 2021

### **Kill the Bill**

On 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 a Kill the Bill demonstration against the Government's proposed Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill took place in Guildford town centre. About 35 people holding signs marched while chanting their protests.

## **The Villages**

### **ALBURY**

#### **Edgeley Holiday Park**

On 16<sup>th</sup> August around a hundred residents of Edgeley Holiday Park at Farley Green, Albury were given 28 days to leave. Their contracts stipulated the portable units were only to be used as holiday homes and not for more than eleven months in a year. However, the pandemic meant some were unable to go away as usual.

#### **Albury Organic Vineyard**

From 19<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> June Vineyards of the Surrey Hills marked English Wine Week with a mixed case of local wines. Albury Estate contributed its Classic Cuvée.

On 11<sup>th</sup> November Albury Organic Vineyard was given an award by the Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey for its support to the community during the pandemic.

### **ASH**

#### **Lakeside Nature Reserve**

On 28<sup>th</sup> October a Fun Day was held at the Lakeside Nature Reserve in Ash Vale. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

#### **Guildford Walkfest**

On 1<sup>st</sup> September the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attends the launch of Guildford Walkfest at The Swan pub, Ash Vale.

#### **Ash Village Fete**

On 10<sup>th</sup> July the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, opened the Ash Parish Council's Fun Day & Fete at the Ash Centre.

#### **Nepali Christian Church**

On 18<sup>th</sup> September the Nepali Christian Church held its annual barbecue at Ash Vale Evangelical Church. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was a guest.

#### **Fuel Poverty Awareness Day**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December Guildford Borough Council's Fuel Poverty Awareness Day was staged at the Victoria Hall, Ash. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

## **COMPTON**

### **Watts Gallery**

On 6<sup>th</sup> December the Watts Gallery Trust reopened Limnerslease to the public. The former Arts & Crafts home and studios of artists George Frederic Watts and Mary Watts had been closed since the first lockdown in March 2020.

### **Mane Chance Sanctuary**

On 5<sup>th</sup> December Mane Chance Sanctuary held its carol evening at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Godalming. Shetland Ponies started the event by walking up the aisle.

## **EAST CLANDON**

### **High Clandon Estate Vineyard**

From 19<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> June Vineyards of the Surrey Hills marked English Wine Week with a mixed case of local wines. High Clandon contributed its Euphoria Cuvée.

On 17<sup>th</sup> July the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr Michael More-Molyneux, and Mrs Sarah More-Molyneux launched the 2016 vintage Euphoria Cuvée.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, opened the Home Counties Carers Photographic Exhibition at the High Clandon Estate vineyard in East Clandon.

### **Hatchlands**

On 1<sup>st</sup> July Guildford Lions Club presented *Music in the Park*, an outdoor concert and picnic on the lawn of the National Trust property at Hatchlands.

## **EAST HORSLEY**

### **Glenesk Pre-Prep & Nursery School**

On 29<sup>th</sup> June the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, accompanied by her Consort, Cllr Nigel Manning, visited Glenesk Pre-Prep & Nursery School, East Horsley.

### **Horsley Camping and Caravanning Club**

In July the Horsley Camping and Caravanning Club reported that they had been busier than usual. This was said to be on account of the pandemic leading people to take their holidays in Britain.

## **Station Parade**

On 6<sup>th</sup> December Ockham Road North in East Horsley was closed for works by Surrey County Council, despite petitions signed by 1,800 residents to postpone the roadworks until after Christmas to protect the seasonal trade of businesses in Station Parade.

## **Christmas Windows Competition**

On 7<sup>th</sup> December the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, presented prizes at the East Horsley Parish Council's Christmas Windows Competition at the Village Hall.

## **EFFINGHAM**

### **Climate Emergency**

On 27<sup>th</sup> July Effingham Parish Council formally declared a Climate Emergency. This followed the setting up of a Working Group 'Effingham Climate Change'

## **NORMANDY**

### **St Mark's, Wyke**

On 24<sup>th</sup> December St Mark's, Wyke celebrated the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its consecration. Both the Rev. Canon Robert Cotton and the Bishop of Guildford presided over anniversary services.

### **Normandy Village Hall**

On 4<sup>th</sup> September the Surrey Police Band gave a proms concert at Normandy Village Hall. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was in the audience.

On 19<sup>th</sup> December the Surrey Police Band's Christmas concert was held at Normandy Village Hall. The Mayor attended.

## **PIRBRIGHT**

### **Pirbright Army Training Centre**

On 11<sup>th</sup> March Jackson Company recruits of Alamein, Rhine and Arnhem Troops held their Pass Off parade, marking the end of 14 weeks of basic training at Air Training Corps Pirbright. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

On 15<sup>th</sup> March the Surrey Armed Forces Covenant conference was held at the Air Training Corps, Pirbright. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth attended.

## **Stoney Castle**

On 5<sup>th</sup> August Guildford Borough Council announced that 225 tonnes of non-waste materials, 66 cars and caravans, more than 100 tyres, a barn and 3,000 litres of unidentified liquids including oils and fuels had been removed from the Stoney Castle illegal waste dump in Pirbright over the previous three weeks. The Council had closed the entrance to the site with concrete bollards to help prevent further breaches, and were seeking to recover the cost of £180,000 from the landowner.

## **Pirbright Sea Fair**

On 4<sup>th</sup> September the Pirbright village Sea Fair was held, after being postponed twice because of the pandemic, to raise funds for the church and village hall. There was a surf simulator, donkey rides, sticks of Pirbright rock and other events to give visitors the feeling of a day trip to the seaside.

## **RIPLEY**

### **Send & Ripley History Society**

On 18<sup>th</sup> July it was announced that the Send & Ripley History Society had won the 2021 British Association for Local History's award for the best local history society journal.

### **Ripley Rocks**

This year the annual music festival had to be cancelled because of uncertainty about pandemic restrictions.

### **Clock House**

In October The Clock House in Ripley was awarded three rosettes by the AA, adding to its Michelin starred status. Just 16 establishments in the country were given three AA Rosettes, signifying outstanding standards which demand national recognition well beyond their local area.

## **SEALE & SANDS**

### **Hampton Estate Farms**

On 27<sup>th</sup> June Open Farm Sunday showed visitors what went on behind the scenes. The themes were regenerative agriculture and restorative nature. The following August the estate held its first combined venison and hop bine event. The wild deer population on the estate was most prolific in the weeks leading up to the hop harvest.

### **Seale and Sands Summer Show**

The annual event, due to held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, was cancelled.



## **SEND**

### **Vision Engineering Ltd**

In August the IGR Institute for Health and Ergonomics presented Vision Engineering with the Ergonomics Innovation Prize for 2021. This recognised the company's high-quality ergonomic products and services.

On 7<sup>th</sup> October the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, visited Vision Engineering at the Freeman building in Send.

On 13<sup>th</sup> October HRH the Princess Royal visited Vision Engineering works. She presented the Managing Director, Mark Curtis, with The Queen's Award for Enterprise for its Lynx EVO ergonomic stereo microscope, used for quality control in manufacturing sites around the world.

## **SHALFORD**

### **Great Fair of Shalford**

On 5<sup>th</sup> September the Great Fair of Shalford was held at the village hall on Shalford Common. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was among the visitors.

### **War memorial**

On 31<sup>st</sup> December the Shalford war memorial by St Mary's church was badly damaged when a car left the road and shattered it. A man was taken into custody by the police.

## **SHERE**

### **Car parking**

On 31<sup>st</sup> July Surrey Fire and Rescue appealed for people to park cars considerately in Shere, as they had caused delays for emergency vehicles.

### **Gomshall Mill**

In December it was announced that Gomshall Mill would be closing as a public house.

### **Shere Hill Climb**

On 5<sup>th</sup> September the Shere Hill climb was held on Staple Lane. There were a record 240 entrants, with hundreds more on the waiting list. Around £20,000 was raised.

## **ST MARTHA'S**

### **Gunpowder Mills**

On 17<sup>th</sup> November the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth, attended the annual general meeting of the Friends of the Chilworth Gunpowder Mills at Chilworth Village Hall.

### **Chilworth Manor**

From 19<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> June Vineyards of the Surrey Hills marked English Wine Week with a mixed case of local wines. Chilworth Manor Vineyard contributed its Manor Rosé 2020.

### **Chilworth Abbey**

During the year the Benedictine monks at St Augustine's Abbey launched a new website and online abbey shop. Shop sales increased, especially for organic beeswax skin creams, lip balms and furniture polish made with wax and honey from the abbey bees, and handmade Chilworth Rosary Beads.

## **TONGHAM**

### **Samfest**

The music festival had to be cancelled. With the cancellation of the 2020 event, the length of the pandemic and huge rises in set up costs it was not possible to fund the set up costs of the event.

### **Bonfire Night**

On 6<sup>th</sup> November the annual bonfire was held on the Recreation Ground, restrictions having been lifted. There was a torchlight parade, followed by a fifteen minute firework display.

## **WANBOROUGH**

### **Village fete**

On 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September the Wanborough fete was held, with church and barn tours.

## **WEST CLANDON**

### **Royal British Legion**

On 29<sup>th</sup> August the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended the National Borneo & Malaysia Veteran Association's Merdeka Day lunch at the Royal British Legion, West Clandon.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October the Royal British Legion launched its annual Poppy Appeal at the Air Training Corps, Pirbright. The Mayor attended.

On 6<sup>th</sup> November The Mayor joined fellow Cllrs, Honorary Aldermen and other volunteers on Guildford High Street to sell poppies for the appeal.

### **Clandon Park**

In September a brick conservation programme began at Clandon House. It marked the midway point in the National Trust's aim to reopen the house for the public. The project involved necessary exterior brickwork that was needed before any interior designs or restructuring could begin.

In November Historic England put Clandon Park on its Heritage at Risk register, having extensive significant problems and being in a state of decline due to poor management.

## **WEST HORSLEY**

### **West Horsley Village Hall**

On 24<sup>th</sup> July the West Horsley in Bloom presentation evening was held in the West Horsley Village Hall. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth, accompanied by the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Mary Booth, attended.

### **West Horsley Place Trust**

From 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October Torchlight Heritage staged *The Occupants* at West Horsley Place. On a trail around the house and gardens encountered historical characters associated with the house.

From 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November the inaugural Surrey Hills Christmas Fair was held at West Horsley Place. It was organised by West Horsley Play in partnership with Surrey Hills Enterprises, Guildford Art Society, the Art Shed Surrey, Wey Ceramics, Adam Aaronson & Friends and the Surrey Guild of Craftsmen.

### **St Mary's West Horsley**

On 30<sup>th</sup> September St Mary's West Horsley succeeded in raising the £12,000 needed to conserve the rare 13<sup>th</sup> century wall paintings in the church.

## **WISLEY**

### **RHS Wisley**

On 12<sup>th</sup> July the Royal Horticultural Society opened its Hilltop centre at Wisley. The £35 million project established a scientific centre of excellence for horticulture, furthering the Society's studies into the most critical issues facing gardeners. Research would focus on helping gardeners adapt to the challenges posed by climate change and pest and

disease threats, and the growing understanding of the role gardens and plants play in supporting health and wellbeing.

From 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 *Glow at Wisley* at RHS Garden Wisley saw the garden lit with decorative illuminations.

### **Insulate Britain**

On 21<sup>st</sup> September the M25 was blocked by Insulate Britain protesters in both directions near Junction 10, the A3 Wisley Interchange which lies within Guildford Borough. Surrey Police made 38 arrests.

### **WORPLESDON**

#### **Sime Gallery**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May the Sime Gallery at Worplesdon Memorial Hall re-opened in commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the artist Sidney Sime. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, accompanied by her Consort, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended.

In August the Sime Gallery was presented with the Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey's award for outstanding community support during the pandemic. The Deputy Surrey Lieutenant, Lady Elizabeth Toulson, presented the award.

## **Local Government**

### **Guildford Borough Council**

During the year Guildford Borough Council introduced a number of new and enhanced services to respond to the pandemic. They included setting up a Surrey-wide community hub at Spectrum leisure centre on behalf of Surrey County Council to coordinate measures to support vulnerable people, scaling up operations at the Crematorium to deal with excess deaths, supporting meals on wheels and providing food parcels.

On 6<sup>th</sup> July an extraordinary full council meeting was held in a lecture theatre at the University of Surrey. A report on options appraisal for greater partnership working with Waverley Borough Council, developed by the Local Government Association and Local Partnerships, was considered.

By 8<sup>th</sup> July Guildford and Waverley Borough Councils had moved a step closer to more formalised partnership working by agreeing to combine some of their administrative functions. Both councils will share a single senior management team, including a Chief Executive, Directors and Heads of Service. Once in place, the new management team will be responsible for preparing business cases for further combining of services.

On 28<sup>th</sup> July a member of the public, Daniel Hill, was ordered to leave the full Guildford Borough Council meeting after disrupting proceedings.

On 6<sup>th</sup> September Daniel Hill closed part of Guildford Borough Council's offices. The police were called after he delivered a sample of water from a village stream running through Pirbright, which he claimed was contaminated and demanded it was tested. The Borough Council said it knew no evidence of contamination.

On 8<sup>th</sup> December Guildford's application for city status was submitted to the Platinum Jubilee Civic Honours Competition.

On 1<sup>st</sup> November Guildford and Waverley Borough Councils voted on the appointment of Tom Horwood, the chief executive of Waverley Borough Council, as joint chief executive of both councils. This staff-sharing was aimed to save money and protect front-line services at a time of reduced central government funding.

On 27<sup>th</sup> November Guildford Borough Council's Carers' information fair was opened at the Hive in Park Barn Drive by the Mayor.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December a special council meeting at the Guildhall conferred the title of Honorary Alderman on five former borough councillors - Mr Vas Kapsalis, Mr Tony Phillips, Mr Keith Taylor, Mrs Jenny Wicks and Mr David Wright.

On 16<sup>th</sup> March the Civic Trust announced that Guildford Borough Council had been given a Civic Trust Award for excellence in the Built Environment.

The new Guildford Crematorium, by architects Haverstock, was praised as 'a beautiful architectural backdrop to the celebration of life.'

On 4<sup>th</sup> April the public toilets in the Allen House Grounds, the Bedford Road Car Park and the Farnham Road Car Park were closed to save money.

On 5<sup>th</sup> April the Council agreed to formalise the collaboration arrangements between Guildford and Waverley Borough Councils with approval of Heads of Terms of an inter-authority agreement. Waverley gave its approval on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Local Plan**

On 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Guildford Borough Council decided to delay a formal review of the Local Plan due to uncertainty around central government's approach to the way in which housing need was to be calculated and changes in the plan making system as a whole.

### **Surrey County Council**

On 9<sup>th</sup> November a Surrey County Council project began to bring together former service personnel through local friendship groups and offering them the opportunity to record their life stories for posterity. Guildford was one of the areas included.

On 10<sup>th</sup> December over £500k from the Your Fund Surrey was allocated towards the construction of a local community shop and café in Normandy.

On 14<sup>th</sup> December completed works to ease congestion and help traffic flow on the A31. A new slip lane for vehicles travelling southbound on the A331, wishing to travel eastbound on the A31 had been constructed.

### **Parliament**

On 30<sup>th</sup> July a YouGov poll included Guildford as one of the "blue wall" Conservative seats which could be threatened by the unpopularity of government policies. The overall Tory vote share had dropped eight points since November 2019.

On 20<sup>th</sup> October Angela Richardson, MP for Guildford, voted against the amendment to the Environment Bill. This would have prevented private water companies from discharging raw sewage into rivers. This was objected to by many local people as it was seen as a problem in the River Wey.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> November Angela Richardson was removed from her position as the Parliamentary Private Secretary to Michael Gove, following her decision to abstain in the controversial parliamentary vote on an amendment that would change the way MP standards are policed. However, a few hours later she was reappointed.

On 31<sup>st</sup> January Angela Richardson resigned her position as a permanent parliamentary secretary after the publication of the Sue Gray report into breaches of the Covid regulations in Whitehall. Constituents had written to her expressing their feelings on the subject.

## **Law and Order, Fire and Rescue**

### **Service for the Judiciary**

On 6<sup>th</sup> July the annual Service for the Judiciary was held at Guildford Cathedral. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, accompanied by her Consort, Cllr Nigel Manning, were in the congregation.

### **Surrey Police**

On 27<sup>th</sup> July the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, and the Home Secretary, Priti Patel, visited the Surrey Police headquarters at Mount Browne. It was his first public appearance since his Covid isolation had ended. He launched his Beating Crime Plan, which aimed to give people more confidence in their safety.

On 28<sup>th</sup> July Sergeant Terry Fry, who had been a Guildford neighbourhood team officer, was found guilty of common assault. He had used excessive force when restraining an offender at Guildford police station in 2020.

On 21<sup>st</sup> August the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey, Lisa Townsend, criticised the LGBTQ charity and campaign group Stonewall in an article in The Mail On Sunday. Stonewall said that people born male who identify as women should be able to attend women's prisons and crisis centres. Lisa Townsend pre-transition trans women in female-only environments was a dangerous ideology. Women's refuge organisers defended her view.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October the Chief Constable of Surrey Police, Gary Stephens, issued a message of reassurance after a former police officer was sentenced for the murder of Sarah Everard. He pledged the force would redouble its efforts to make the county's streets safe.

On 24<sup>th</sup> November the Police and Crime Commissioner announced that Surrey Police's headquarters would remain at Mount Browne. The force had planned to build a new HQ in Leatherhead but decided that redeveloping the Guildford site offered the best value for money.

### **Surrey Fire and Rescue**

On 16<sup>th</sup> June The Anchor pub in Wisley was evacuated when an ice cream van nearby burst into flames. On 31<sup>st</sup> July Surrey Fire and Rescue appealed for people to park carefully in Shere, as they caused delays for emergency vehicles.

On 5<sup>th</sup> November the Guildford Wellbeing Garden was opened by the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, at the Guildford Fire Station in Ladymead.

On 24<sup>th</sup> December an elderly man died after being rescued from a house fire in Oakwood Drive. Delay in the arrival of the fire engine may have



contributed to this outcome, which was blamed on station closures by the Fire Brigades Union.

### **HMP Send**

On 25<sup>th</sup> August an HM Inspectorate of Prisons report noted a serious Covid outbreak the previous January at HMP Send, which led to a staff member dying. The inspection had taken place between 10<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May. It found that despite the outbreak and the forced closure of two wings due to fire safety concerns the prison was "coping remarkably well". However, inspectors did find "purposeful activity", including training and educating, was not sufficiently good.

On 30<sup>th</sup> September the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, visited the Chaplaincy at HMP Send to observe the work of the Making Connection scheme supporting prisoners.

### **Street Angels**

On 7<sup>th</sup> November the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy held a commissioning service for Street Angels, Community Angels and Volunteer Chaplains at the Guildford Baptist Church's Millmead Centre. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **Business Crime Reduction Partnership**

On 13<sup>th</sup> October the Business Crime Reduction Partnership marked its first anniversary. It was a town-centre initiative aiming to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. In the past year the scheme has issued 65 warning letters, with a non-re-offending rate of 89%. Of the 11% that did re-offend or had been given a straightforward exclusion, two thirds had not breached their ban.

### **Murder**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August a murder investigation was launched after a woman's body was discovered in some undergrowth on the northbound A3 slip road out of Guildford, close to the junction of the A320 Woking Road. On 24<sup>th</sup> August Dane Messam, from Hackney, London, was charged with murder and remanded in custody. On 9<sup>th</sup> March Messam was convicted of murder following trial at Guildford Crown Court.

### **Rape**

On 28<sup>th</sup> June statistics released showed that 706 rape cases were reported to Surrey police in 2020, down from 753 cases in the previous year. This followed a national trend of fewer crimes during the pandemic and lockdown. However, only 1% resulted in someone being charged or summoned.

## **Drugs**

On 4<sup>th</sup> June Edward Chapman was arrested in a small car parked on The Mount when officers saw him pass something to a known drug user. The officers found a mobile phone, a burner phone, a small bag of white powder and £640 in cash. In October he was sentenced to four years and two months after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply cocaine, a class A drug, when he appeared before Guildford Crown Court.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> a woman was 'spiked' by needle in the Popworld night club in Onslow Street. She had no recollection of the evening the next day, but a mark was found on her leg where the drug had been injected. This was the first reported case of this in Guildford.

## **Guildford People**

### **Cllr Marsha Moseley**

On 19<sup>th</sup> May Cllr Marsha Moseley was appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/2022, at the Annual Meeting of Guildford Borough Council at the Guildford Baptist church. Cllr Dennis Booth was appointed as Deputy Mayor.

On 1<sup>st</sup> June the Mayor, accompanied by her Consort, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Royal County of Berkshire & Surrey virtual armed forces' briefing.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June the Mayor, accompanied by her Consort, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Rotary Club of Guildford Chantries virtual meeting.

On 28<sup>th</sup> June the Mayor attended a meeting of the Trustees of the Arundel House Charity and the Local Support Fund at Millmead House.

On 1<sup>st</sup> August the Mayor, accompanied by her Consort, attended the Surrey Mayors Association's annual general meeting and garden party at the American International School, Egham.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August the Mayor, accompanied by her Consort, joined the Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for a civic service at St Peter & St Paul's Church, by invitation of the Mayor of Godalming, Cllr Michael Steel.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, and Consort were guests at the Rotary family tea party at the Round House, Loxhill.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> September the Mayor visited John Carne Hairdressers on Guildford High Street for a reception for John Carne, who was retiring after 42 years hairdressing in the town.

On 26<sup>th</sup> September the Mayor joined Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts at a civic service at St Clements RC Church Epsom, by invitation of the Mayor of Epsom & Ewell, Cllr Peter O'Donovan.

On 27<sup>th</sup> September the Mayor joined Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for the Mayor of Surrey Heath's charity afternoon tea at the White Hart, Frimley.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for a civic service for the Mayor of Waverley, Cllr John Robini, at St Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere.

On 9<sup>th</sup> October the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for a civic service at St Peter's Church, Frimley, by invitation of the Mayor of Surrey Heath, Cllr Sarah Jane Croke.

On 10<sup>th</sup> October the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for a civic service at St Andrew's Church, Farnham, by invitation of the Mayor of Farnham, Cllr Alan Earwaker.

On 13<sup>th</sup> October the Mayor was a guest at the Worshipful Company of Cooks' annual dinner at Mansion House, London.

On 16<sup>th</sup> October the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, joined The Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for a civic service at St Peter's Church, West Molesey, by invitation of the Mayor of Elmbridge, Cllr Tony Popham.

On 19<sup>th</sup> October the Mayor attended a private viewing of the New Beginnings art awards at the Lightbox, Woking.

On 21<sup>st</sup> October the Mayor attended the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey's awards ceremony at Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking.

On 30<sup>th</sup> October the Deputy Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for the Chairman of Tandridge's charity quiz night at Warlingham Village.

On 31<sup>st</sup> October the Mayor hosted a Halloween lunch in aid of her charities; Shooting Star Children's Hospices and The Mayor of Guildford's Local Support Fund, at Weybourne House in the Portsmouth Road.

On 28<sup>th</sup> November the Mayor attended the Friends of Arundel Cathedral's Christmas Pontifical sung vespers at Arundel Cathedral in West Sussex.

On 5<sup>th</sup> December the Mayor attended the Masonic Province of Surrey's annual carol service at All Saints Church, Woking.

On 10<sup>th</sup> December the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts at the Epsom Playhouse for the civic pantomime, *Beauty and the Beast*, by invitation of the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell.

On 12<sup>th</sup> December the Mayor attended the Castle Green Bowling Club's Toast to the Club and presentation of trophies at Sutton Green Golf Club, Woking.

On 14<sup>th</sup> December the press night of Guildford Fringe's pantomime *Cinderella* was staged in Godalming Borough Hall. The Mayor was in the audience.

On 16<sup>th</sup> December the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for the Mayor of Spelthorne's charity Christmas film night, *'Love Actually'* at the Korda Theatre, Shepperton Studios.

On 18<sup>th</sup> February the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for the Mayor of Runnymede's charity evening at Joe Macari Performance Cars in Wandsworth.

On 27<sup>th</sup> February the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for a Civic Service at St Mary's Church, Sunbury on Thames, by invitation of the Mayor of Spelthorne, Cllr Ian Harvey.

On 4<sup>th</sup> March the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for the Mayor of Elmbridge's Charity Ball at the Hilton Cobham Hotel, Cobham. The funds raised went to the Mayor of Elmbridge's charities.

On 5<sup>th</sup> March the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for the Mayor of Spelthorne's charity Abba night at the Holiday Inn, Shepperton. Funds raised went to Mayor of Spelthorne's charities.

On 17<sup>th</sup> March the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for the Mayor of Spelthorne's Civic Business Reception at the Guy Salmon Jaguar Land Rover, Sunbury-on-Thames.

On 19<sup>th</sup> March the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for the Chairman of Tandridge's Charity music evening at the United Reformed Church, Oxted.

On 26<sup>th</sup> March HM Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr Michael More-Molyneux and Mrs Sarah More-Molyneux gave a luncheon party at Orange Court, Loseley. The Mayor was a guest.

On 26<sup>th</sup> March the Mayor attended Surrey Search and Rescue's *Meet the Team* event at St Georges College, Addlestone.

On 30<sup>th</sup> March the Mayor attended the Surrey Heritage Awards at Brooklands Museum, Weybridge.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April the Mayor joined the Surrey Mayors and Chairmen for the Mayor of Runnymede's Charity Ball at The Fairmont Park Windsor Hotel, Egham. Funds raised from the event went to the Mayor of Runnymede's chosen charities.

On 7<sup>th</sup> April the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of Surrey for the Mayor of Epsom & Ewell's civic day where they were taken on a tour of the Borough of Epsom & Ewell.

On 9<sup>th</sup> April the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey Districts for the Mayor of Elmbridge's charity pre-match lunch at Esher Rugby Club, Hersham. Funds raised went to the Mayor of Elmbridge's chosen charities.

### **Alicia Wilson**

On 27<sup>th</sup> July swimmer Alicia Wilson of Guildford reached the final of the women's 200m medley at the Tokyo Olympics, coming 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Oliver Wynne-Griffith**

On 30<sup>th</sup> July Oliver Wynne-Griffith of Effingham won a bronze medal in the men's eight rowing final at the Tokyo Olympics.

**Jacob Peters**

On 29<sup>th</sup> July swimmer Jacob Peters of Guildford came 6<sup>th</sup> in heat 8 of the Men's 100m butterfly at the Tokyo Olympics.

**Liam Heath**

On 4<sup>th</sup> August Liam Heath won a bronze medal in the men's K1 200m at in Tokyo. The 36-year-old defending Olympic champion clocked 35.202 seconds.

**David Black**

On 1<sup>st</sup> April David Black, who had given fifty years of service to Guildford Borough Council with the upkeep of the Guildford Castle Grounds, received a presentation from the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, at the Castle Green Bowling Club. There was another farewell at Stoke Park Nurseries the following day.

## **Guildford People: Honours**

### **Queen's Birthday Honours**

On 11<sup>th</sup> June Queen's Birthday Honours Deirdre Leach of Guildford, Co-founder of Making Connections at HM Prison Send, was made an MBE for services to prisoners.

The Chief Constable of Surrey Police, Gavin Stephens, was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in recognition of his distinguished service and lasting contribution to neighbourhood policing.

The Chief Officer of Surrey Special Constabulary, Ken Iredale, also received recognition by being awarded a British Empire Medal for his work on the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **New Year's Honours**

In the New Year's Honours:

Dr Adele Parks of Guildford, an author, was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire for services to literature.

Var Ashe Houston of Guildford was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to holocaust remembrance.

Alexandra Sanderson of Ash was awarded the British Empire Medal for her community work.

### **The Guildford Roll of Honour**

Due to the pandemic, no additions were made to the Roll of Honour.

### **THE MAYOR OF GUILDFORD'S AWARDS**

On 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 the Mayor of Guildford's Awards for Service to the Community were presented. There was a significant rise in the number of people receiving the awards for their service this year. Over 60 residents and groups were recognised for making a real difference, especially during the pandemic.

On 26<sup>th</sup> November the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, presented the Mayor's Community Heroes Award to Sophie Brown at her home in Guildford.

## **Guildford People: Obituaries**

### **Andrew Hodges**

On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Honorary Freeman Andrew Hodges died suddenly. He had represented Christchurch Ward on Guildford Borough Council for 35

years, being elected Mayor in 1987-88 and serving as Leader of the Council from 2003 to 2010. He stood down in 2011, and the Council conferred on him the title of Honorary Freeman in the same year in recognition of the long and distinguished service he had rendered to the Borough of Guildford as a councillor, past Mayor and Leader of the Council.



## **Religion**

### **Churches**

On 15<sup>th</sup> April the Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness processed from Friary Street to Holy Trinity, Guildford. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth was among them.

### **Guildford Cathedral**

On 13<sup>th</sup> October King Edward's School Witley held its first Admissions Day service for two years at Guildford Cathedral. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth, attended.

On 12<sup>th</sup> March *Inspiring Women*, a concert arranged by Hennessey Brown Music, was performed at Guildford Cathedral. All the composers and musicians were women. It celebrated International Women's Day weekend as part of the Guildford Cathedral Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was in the audience.

On 24<sup>th</sup> March His Honour Christopher Critchlow DL was installed as the High Sheriff of Surrey at a ceremony in Guildford Cathedral. The guests included the Mayor and the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey.

### **Holy Trinity, Guildford**

On 4<sup>th</sup> September the investiture of Knights and Dames into the Order of St George took place at Holy Trinity church. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

On 12<sup>th</sup> September the Mayor headed the procession to Holy Trinity church for the Civic Service, the first for two years. The civic party included Angela Richardson MP and Deputy Lieutenant Miss Jane Macaulay JP. Pupils from Ash Manor School provided a Combined Cadet Force escort for the procession and a choir for the service.

On 8<sup>th</sup> December the Fountain Centre's Christmas Concert was held at Holy Trinity. The Mayor attended.

### **St Nicolas, Guildford**

On 12<sup>th</sup> November the Caleb Lovejoy Almshouses' annual reception was held at St Nicolas' Parish Centre. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **St Mary's, Guildford**

On 26<sup>th</sup> June the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, officially opened the Garden of Hope at St Mary's, Guildford. The project had been initiated by the Town

Centre Chaplain, Noelle Coe, in remembrance of those who died from coronavirus.

On 4<sup>th</sup> March the World Day of Prayer was marked by a service at St Mary's. The Mayor was among those who attended.

### **Guildford United Reformed Church**

In August the Guildford Sunflower Café reopened after being closed since the beginning of the pandemic. Based in the United Reform Church, Portsmouth Road, the cafe aimed to provide individuals with dementia and their carers with the opportunity to meet with others in similar circumstances in a warm and welcoming environment.

On 5<sup>th</sup> December the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth, attended the annual Festival of Christmas Trees at the Guildford United Reformed Church, Portsmouth Road.

### **Eden People**

In August Miller Homes Southern made a donation to Eden People, a Christian group based in Guildford which provides local support for mental health and wellbeing for its local residents. This was part of the housebuilding company's Community Pot initiative.

## **Charities**

### **Surrey Community Action**

In May 2021 Surrey Community Action received a Certificate of Excellence from the High Sheriff of Surrey, in recognition of its community support during the Covid crisis.

### **Surrey Care Trust**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July the Surrey Care Trust held their Big Yellow Duck Race at Millmead Island, Guildford. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth attended.

On 9<sup>th</sup> March the Surrey Care Trust celebrated their volunteers with an event at Guildford Cathedral. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **Voluntary Action South West Surrey**

From 1<sup>st</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> June Volunteers' Week was an opportunity to thank volunteers who had supported their local communities throughout the pandemic.

### **Samson Centre**

On 9<sup>th</sup> June the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, accompanied by her Consort, Cllr Nigel Manning, visited the Samson Centre at the Waterside Centre for a tour of the facilities.

### **Shooting Star CHASE**

On 17<sup>th</sup> October Shooting Star Children's Hospices held its Sunrise Walk. The funds raised went to support the work of the hospices in Guildford and London.

On 11<sup>th</sup> March the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, hosted a *Film & Fizz* charity night at the Guildhall in aid of her chosen charity Shooting Star Children's Hospices. .

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April the Mayor hosted the St George's Day charity ball in aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospices and The Mayor of Guildford's Local Support Fund, at the Guildford Harbour Hotel.

### **Guildford Hard of Hearing**

On 13<sup>th</sup> December the Mayor attended the Guildford Hard of Hearing support group's Christmas lunch at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre.

### **Kelly's Guildford Run**

On 19<sup>th</sup> February the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended Kelly's annual Guildford 5K and 10K run, held in partnership with the University of Surrey's Students' Union. The route started at the Austin Pearce Building, the proceeds going to The Rainbow Trust, The Alzheimer's Society, and Oakleaf Enterprise.

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

On 6<sup>th</sup> April the Mid-Surrey Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous displayed an exhibition, *Darkness into Light*, at the Guildhall to mark their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was opened by the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley.

### **Macmillan Cancer Support**

On 24<sup>th</sup> September a Macmillan Coffee Morning was held at Luxford Farm on Broad Street Common. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was a guest.

In September the Sime Gallery inside Worplesdon Memorial Hall held its first Macmillan coffee afternoon and £85 was raised.

### **Teenage Cancer Trust**

By 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Andertons Music Co had raised over £117,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust in a raffle. The prizes were guitars and other equipment donated by Andertons themselves. All the proceeds were given to the charity.

### **Oakleaf Enterprise**

On 8<sup>th</sup> July the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, visited Oakleaf Enterprise in Walnut Tree Close with Cllr Dennis Booth.

On 6<sup>th</sup> August Oakleaf Enterprise won was awarded £5,000 in a national competition run by the charity insurance company Ansvar. This went to fund the Kickstart wellbeing programme, a 12-week fitness course designed to boost physical and mental health.

### **British Heart Foundation**

On 8<sup>th</sup> June the British Heart Foundation held a book sale at 46, Brooke Forest, Fairlands. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended, accompanied by her Consort, Cllr Nigel Manning.

On 25<sup>th</sup> September the British Heart Foundation held a bucket collection at the Guildford branch of Tesco. The Mayor attended.

On 1<sup>st</sup> December the Mayor switched on the British Heart Foundation's Christmas Lights at Dynevor Place, Fairlands.

### **Hillier's Almshouse Charity**

On 5<sup>th</sup> February Hillier's Almshouse Charity celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its current building at Hillier House in the Farnham Road, Guildford. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service**

On 24<sup>th</sup> February a reception for nominees for the Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service was held at the Tithe Barn in Loseley Park. It was hosted

by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr Michael More-Molyneux and the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was a guest.

### **Cherry Trees**

From 17<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August an art exhibition at High Clandon Estate Vineyard raised £14,466 for Cherry Trees.

### **Halow project**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November the Halow project was visited by HRH Sophie, Countess of Wessex to thank them for their work with young people with learning disabilities.

### **Age UK Surrey**

On 10<sup>th</sup> September the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Age UK Surrey and Guildford Borough Council's Shopmobility was celebrated at the Shopmobility office in the Bedford Road multi-storey car park. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was present.

On 17<sup>th</sup> December Age UK Surrey's annual Christmas carol service was held at Guildford Cathedral. The Mayor was in the congregation.

### **ABF The Soldiers' Charity**

On 8<sup>th</sup> June the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth, attended the ABF The Soldiers' Charity's virtual talk, "Viruses, Vaccines & Autoimmune Disease".

## **Organisations and Societies**

### **Guildford Lions**

On 6<sup>th</sup> November Guildford Lions' Fireworks Fiesta was held in Stoke Park. There was no torchlight procession this year, but there was live music - featuring the cover band Blurasis. There were also bars, and food stalls from Madira's Kitchen and All Out Foods. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **Freemasons**

On 19<sup>th</sup> September the Surrey Freemasons held their annual lunch at the Guildford Masonic Centre, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Guildford Cathedral. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was among the guests.

On 29<sup>th</sup> March the Surrey Freemasons signed the Armed Forces Covenant at a ceremony at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **Rotary**

On 12<sup>th</sup> December the Rotary Club of Guildford's Mayor's Christmas Concert was performed by the Vivace Chorus, at Holy Trinity Church, in aid of the Mayor of Guildford's Local Support Fund. The Mayor attended.

On 9<sup>th</sup> March the Rotary Club of Guildford District staged its *Schools Got Talent* concert at GLive. Music was performed by pupils from Christ's College, the Duke of Kent School, George Abbot School, and Prior's Field School.

### **Guildford Chess Club**

On 11<sup>th</sup> September the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, officially opened the Guildford Chess Club's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary simultaneous display on Guildford High Street. Seven of England's highest-rated and most talented chess players accepted challenges from more than 375 adults and children by taking them on simultaneously in the open air. One hundred and twenty-five chess boards were laid out for three sessions throughout the day.

### **Probus '83**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December the Probus 83 annual ladies and guests' Christmas lunch was held at the South West Surrey Masonic Centre in the Portsmouth Road. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was one of the guests.

### **Guildford Hungarian Cultural Association**

On 5<sup>th</sup> February the Guildford Hungarian Cultural Association's family concert was held at the St John the Evangelist Church Centre in Merrow. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June the Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum, based in Burpham, received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. It is a race equalities charity set up to advocate for the needs and aspirations of Surrey's ethnic minorities, who make up 17% of the population.

### **National Trust**

From 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April an Easter egg trail was arranged by the National Trust at Dapdune Wharf.

### **Guildford Twinning Association**

On 10<sup>th</sup> June the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended the Guildford Twinning Association's virtual annual general meeting.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August the Mayor attended the Guildford Twinning Association's summer lunch party at the South West Surrey Masonic Centre at Weybourne House.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November the Guildford Twinning Association staged a festival of German films at the Lakeside Restaurant at the University of Surrey. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth, attended.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November a virtual meeting of the judges for the Guildford Twinning Association's short film competition was held. The Mayor attended.

On 28<sup>th</sup> November the Guildford Twinning Association held a Mini German Christmas Market at the Guildhall. The Mayor attended.

### **Guildford Society**

On 20<sup>th</sup> October the Guildford Society, in conjunction with the University of Surrey, held its annual architecture lecture. The Society was keen to see the design quality of multiple housing schemes improved in the Borough. Jason Cornish and Glenn Howells spoke on issues related to multiple housing, covering sustainability, housing forms, landscape, transport, and building communities.

### **Guildford Institute**

From 1<sup>st</sup> September the Guildford Institute offered over 60 courses, workshops and talks, with some being available online.

On 18<sup>th</sup> October S. I. Martin, a specialist in Black British history and literature, explored Surrey's black history at a special event marking Black History Month.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended the Annual General Meeting of the Guildford Institute in Ward Street.

### **Guildford U3A**

On 15<sup>th</sup> December the Guildford U3A's Christmas Carol concert was held at St Nicolas' Church, Guildford. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **Guildford Model Engineering Society**

On 4<sup>th</sup> July the Guildford Model Engineering Society held its gala weekend at Stoke Park. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth, attended.

### **Guildford Archery Club**

On 20<sup>th</sup> August the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, visited the Guildford Archery Club in Normandy, for archery practice.

On 30<sup>th</sup> August the Mayor shot the first arrow at the Guildford Archery Club's Acorn Tournament at Manor Fruit Farm, Normandy.

### **Burpham Bowling Club**

On 21<sup>st</sup> July the refurbished clubhouse at Burpham Bowling Club at the Sutherland Memorial Park was opened by the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, accompanied by her Consort.

### **Castle Green Bowls Club**

On 24<sup>th</sup> July the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, accompanied by her Consort, were invited to the Castle Green Bowls Club's president's evening in the Guildford Castle Grounds.

### **Guildford Cricket Club**

On 27<sup>th</sup> July, at the Guildford Cricket Festival, Surrey CCC played Nottinghamshire CCC in the Royal London Cup at the Woodbridge Road ground. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, invited guests to her marquee. Surrey won by 33 runs

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth, visited Guildford Cricket Club, Woodbridge Road.

### **The County Club**

On 29<sup>th</sup> July the County Club re-opened with a wine and canapés evening.



On 7<sup>th</sup> October the annual Mayors' Dinner was held at the County Club. The Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Marsha Moseley spoke to members about her role as Mayor and her support for her charity Shooting Star Chase.

On 18<sup>th</sup> November a Beaujolais Nouveau breakfast was held in aid of the Meath epilepsy charity.

On 25<sup>th</sup> February the Deputy Prime Minister, Dominic Raab, visited the County Club for a Conservative Business Club breakfast.

On 7<sup>th</sup> March the refurbishment works at the club had been completed.

### **Amnesty International**

On 13<sup>th</sup> December Guildford Amnesty International's annual Christmas card signing took place at St. Nicolas Church Hall, Guildford. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **Climate change**

From 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September Great Big Green Week saw some 25 events and activities in which community groups, organisations, and businesses showed the work being done in response to the climate and ecological crisis. On 18<sup>th</sup> September a talk entitled *Doughnut Economics-Guildford's Role on a Changing Planet* was given in the council chamber at Millmead.

On 20<sup>th</sup> November Zero Carbon Guildford opened a town centre hub in the former New Look shop in Friary Street. It was designed to help engage residents and businesses of Guildford in Surrey with climate and environmental issues and build a community-led climate action plan.

On 14<sup>th</sup> February storm Eunice caused power cuts affecting some 1,700 homes. There was travel disruption, with some South Western Railway services having to be suspended due to fallen trees on the lines. Trees were felled in Guildford and there was damage to the roof of a building on Worplesdon Road. A fallen tree blocked Woking Road and the North Street Market was cancelled. By 20<sup>th</sup> February more than a hundred houses in the Borough were still without electricity.

On 27<sup>th</sup> February Extinction Rebellion members from Guildford, Godalming, Farnham and Reading met at Newlands Corner for an outreach event. A boat was displayed and a stand set up giving information on climate change.

## **Culture and Entertainment**

### **Vivace Chorus**

On 17<sup>th</sup> May, the Vivace Chorus were disappointed when they were told that they could not have more the six singers together despite coronavirus restrictions easing.

On 26<sup>th</sup> March the Vivace Chorus performed the concert *Best of Broadway* at G Live, including songs from *The King and I*, *Mary Poppins*, *Les Misérables* and *West Side Story*. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was in the audience.

### **Guildford Art Society**

The Spring Exhibition had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

From 6<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> November the Autumn Exhibition was staged in the restored barn at West Horsley Place.

### **Surrey County Show**

The Trustees of the Surrey County Agricultural Society, which runs the Surrey County Show, had once more to cancel the annual show because of the pandemic.

### **G Live**

On 28<sup>th</sup> March the Guildford Primary Schools Music Festival was held at G Live. Pupils from ten local schools came together as a choir and an orchestra. The Mayor was in the audience.

### **Guildford Shakespeare Company**

On 21<sup>st</sup> June the press night of the Guildford Shakespeare Company's production of *She Stoops to Conquer* was staged in the Castle Grounds. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, accompanied by her Consort, Cllr Nigel Manning, were in the audience.

On 21<sup>st</sup> July the press night of the Guildford Shakespeare Company's production of *As You Like It* was staged at Racks Close in Quarry Street, Guildford. The Mayor and her Consort were in the audience.

On 18<sup>th</sup> October the Guildford Shakespeare Company staged the press night of their production of *Tales from Hans Christian Andersen* in St Nicolas' church, Guildford. The Mayor was in the audience.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> February the Guildford Shakespeare Company's production of *Hamlet* was performed at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was in the audience.

### **The Man in the Moon Theatre Company**

On 18<sup>th</sup> December The Man in the Moon Theatre Company's production of *A Christmas Carol* was staged in the Mill Studio at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was in the audience.

### **Surrey Sculpture Society**

With live indoor venues unavailable early in the year, Sculpture Showcase moved online.

From 30<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> September the Society's summer exhibition was displayed at Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens.

From 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> November Surrey Sculpture Society's fourth annual 'Art in the Garden' exhibition was displayed at the Savill Garden, Englefield Green.

### **Guildford House Gallery**

From 6<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December an exhibition, *100 Years of Remembrance*, was staged at Guildford House Gallery. It featured items from the Surrey Infantry Collection. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, visited on the opening day.

On 18<sup>th</sup> December the Guildford House Gallery Café closed. Phineas Williams, the proprietor, said he had been forced to take the decision.

In January work began on repairs to the back gable wall of Guildford House.

### **Yvonne Arnaud Theatre**

From 19<sup>th</sup> July all performances at the Yvonne Arnaud theatre returned to full capacity, after distancing restrictions were lifted. A temperature check or check-in via the NHS Test and Trace app were no longer required. The audience were asked to wear masks.

On 27<sup>th</sup> September the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, was the guest at a Guildford Business Breakfast at the Yvonne Arnaud. His visit had been postponed from March 2020 due to the pandemic. The Archbishop spoke on 'Ethical Leadership and Business Success.' The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

On 25<sup>th</sup> January Guildford Borough Council adopted a phased reduction in the funding it gave to the theatre. It would fall from £310,000 to £200,000 by 2024. The pandemic and government cuts in council grants were cited.

On 15<sup>th</sup> February the premier of *Sheila's Island* by Tim Firth was staged at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. The Mayor was in the audience.

### **Electric Theatre**

From 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> December the Guildford Christmas Market was held at the Electric Theatre, in association with Guildford Lions and the Academy of Contemporary Music. There were stalls for arts, crafts and gifts, together with street food, handmade groceries, live music, children's entertainment, and winter bar.

### **New House Art Space**

On 11<sup>th</sup> February the New House Art Space in Bedford Road was launched by Dominique Frazer, founder of The Boileroom. Having twenty studios, it was a place where artists, groups and organisations could share spaces and ideas.

### **Guildford Arts**

On 7<sup>th</sup> July Guildford Arts launched its annual summer art exhibition at the Mill Studio. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley attended. The exhibition, which included paintings, photographs, prints, sculpture, ceramics, and glasswork from national and local artists, lasted until 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### **Guildford Beer Festival**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July the eleventh Guildford Beer Festival was held at the Guildford Cricket Club. It featured over 100 cask ales and craft keg beers sourced from around 25 independent and micro-breweries in Surrey, Hampshire, Sussex, and Berkshire. In addition to the main beer bar, a second bar had a broad range of ciders, wines, and gins from local producers along with soft drinks. There was also live music and food. The organisers donated £20 to the Prostate Project for every volunteer that they sent to work a shift at the festival.

### **Legends Festival**

From 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August the Legends Festival was held in Stoke Park, after more than a year of uncertainty. Tribute bands played music from the 1960s to the 1990s. The thirteen acts included Badness, Absolute Bowie, the Upbeat Beatles, and Cloneplay.

### **Guildford Book Festival**

On 4<sup>th</sup> October the Guildford Book Festival's literary lunch was held at the Guildford Harbour Hotel. The author and playwright Kate Mosse and the antiques expert Philip Serrell spoke. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was a guest.

On 5<sup>th</sup> October the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth, attended the Guildford Book Festival's *Gone With The Boys* event at the Guildhall.

On 6<sup>th</sup> October the Deputy Mayor attended the *Operation Pedestal* event at the Electric Theatre.

On 26<sup>th</sup> October as part of the Guildford Book Festival, Phil Tufnell spoke on 'How not to be a Cricketer', at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. The Mayor was in the audience.

### **Guildford Fringe**

On 5<sup>th</sup> July the Guildford Fringe in Conversation with Peter Gordon was held in the back room of the Star Inn. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, accompanied by her Consort, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended.

### **Guildford Chamber Choir**

On 26<sup>th</sup> June the Guildford Chamber Choir celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a concert at the Guildford United Reformed Church. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

On 13<sup>th</sup> November the Guildford Chamber Choir gave a concert *Songs of Renewal*, conducted by Max Barley at St Nicolas' church. It featured the first performance of a commission especially written for the choir's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, *Come, Sleep* by Helen Williams. The Mayor attended.

On 26<sup>th</sup> March the Guildford Chamber Choir sang a concert conducted by Max Barley at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth, was in the audience.

### **Southern Pro Musica**

On 9<sup>th</sup> October Southern Pro Musica gave a concert entitled *Dear Wolfgang* at Holy Trinity Church. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, was in the audience.

On 14<sup>th</sup> January Southern Pro Musica gave a concert '*Songs from the Shows*' at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. The Mayor attended.

On 20<sup>th</sup> March Southern Pro Musica's *Family Concert* of orchestral music was performed at G Live. The Mayor attended.

### **Guildford Opera Company**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December Guildford Opera Company's production of *The Merry Widow* was staged at the Electric Theatre. The Mayor was in the audience.

## **Heritage**

### **Heritage at Risk**

In November Historic England updated its Heritage at Risk register. Four Guildford properties were listed as being in poor condition: The Church of St John the Baptist, Abinger; the Church of St Luke, Burpham; Clandon Park, West Clandon; and West Horsley Place.

Clandon Park was seen as at high risk, with 'extensive significant problems,'. The church of St John the Baptist, Abinger, was at risk due to defective rainwater goods.

### **Platinum Jubilee**

On 26<sup>th</sup> January the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, planted a tree at the Sensory Gardens in Stoke Park as part of The Queen's Green Canopy initiative, marking Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

On 6<sup>th</sup> February a choral evensong was held at Guildford Cathedral to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the accession of HM the Queen. The Mayor was in the congregation.

### **Abbot's Hospital**

On 24<sup>th</sup> June the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended Abbot's Hospital's virtual governors' board meeting and annual general meeting.

### **Charlotteville Jubilee Trust**

On 25<sup>th</sup> December the Charlotteville Jubilee Trust organised Christmas Day in the Spike, a series of tours of the former casual ward of the Guildford Union Workhouse. The manager John Redpath and local historian David Rose led groups round the cells where vagrants and tramps would once get a bed for the night. There were post-tour refreshments of hot chocolate, mulled wine, mince pies, and biscuits.

### **Guildford Town Guides**

On 29<sup>th</sup> August the Guildford Town Guides launched a new walk about Lewis Carroll, devised by David Smith and Jeff Thomson.

On 4<sup>th</sup> March the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, hosted a reception at the Guildhall for the Guildford Town Guides and Encounter Walk Volunteers.

### **Heritage Open Days**

From 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> September the Guildford Heritage Open Days were held. Volunteers from the Guildford Society, Friends of the Museum, and the Town Guides opened the castle, the undercroft, and the County Club. The Grammar School gave tours of the chained library. Amongst other events, there was a display of Dennis vehicles outside Holy Trinity Church and river

pageant organised by the National Trust at Dapdune Wharf. Historical reenactors attended in their costumes.

### **Guildford Castle**

On 11<sup>th</sup> September the jazz group Picante played music inspired by Buena Vista Social Club and the Gipsy Kings in the Castle Grounds to help raise money for Guildford Philanthropy. There were food stalls, including those run by local charities Neat2Eat and the Matrix Trust, which Guildford Philanthropy had helped support.

### **The Undercroft**

From 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December a display of locally-made computer games artwork was mounted in a themed arcade in the Undercroft as part of the Guildford Games Festival.

### **Guildford Museum**

On 24<sup>th</sup> July the Friends of Guildford Museum celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Guildhall. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended accompanied by her Consort.

On 18<sup>th</sup> September the Mayor attended a photocall for the Heritage Open Weekend at Guildford Museum.

In October the boots worn by famous garden designer Gertrude Jekyll were returned to Guildford Museum, having been previously lent to Godalming Museum. She had donated them to Guildford Museum in 1907. They joined Gertrude Jekyll's collection of traditional household items on display.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

On 6<sup>th</sup> November a service of dedication for Lt Nicholas London, of the Honourable Artillery Company, in the Castle Grounds. The service was also in remembrance of all those listed on the new war memorial. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

On 11<sup>th</sup> November Armistice Day was observed with a two-minute silence at 11am at the Guildhall. The Mayor joined Cllr Joss Bigmore, Leader of the Council, Mr James Whiteman, Managing Director, and local veterans and cadets for the event.

On 14<sup>th</sup> November the annual Remembrance Service was held in Holy Trinity church, conducted by the Rev. Canon Robert Cotton. Civic representatives included the Mayor; Council Leader Joss Bigmore and James Whiteman, the Council's Managing Director. Also attending were Angela Richardson MP, with Colonel (Rtd.) Patrick Crowley representing the armed forces. There were also representatives of the Royal British Legion, Surrey Police, the Salvation Army, Scouts, St John Ambulance, and veterans. The Friary Band led the procession to the Castle grounds, where wreathes were laid at both memorials.

### **Christmas lights**

On 16<sup>th</sup> November there were reindeer and other children's entertainment in the town centre, with live music presented by Experience Guildford outside Holy Trinity Church. The Guildford Christmas lights were turned on from the Guildhall balcony at 7.00pm. There followed a firework display provided by White Lion Walk.

### **Holocaust Memorial Day**

On 27<sup>th</sup> January the University of Surrey marked Holocaust Memorial Day with an online event on YouTube. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **Guildhall**

On 7<sup>th</sup> November the Combined Charities Christmas Fair was held at the Guildhall. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

On 18<sup>th</sup> November the Mayor co-hosted a Guildford Philanthropy reception at the Guildhall.

In January work began on repairs to the outside structure of the Guildhall, including the clock and bell tower.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March the Mayor hosted a special reception at the Guildhall to thank the Chairmen and Clerks of Guildford's 23 Parish Councils for their hard work and commitment throughout the year.



## **Children and Young People**

### **Children's Business Fair**

On 17<sup>th</sup> July the Children's Business Fair was held on Guildford High Street. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, accompanied by her Consort, Cllr Nigel Manning attended.

### **Home-Start Guildford**

On 14<sup>th</sup> October Home-Start Guildford's annual review was held at Astolat in Corniers Way. The Deputy Mayor, Denis Booth, joined volunteers, trustees, patrons, and staff to celebrate the work of the charity.

### **Guildford Young Carers**

On 16<sup>th</sup> October Guildford Young Carers' family fun day was held at Guildford Spectrum. It gave the young carers a few hours of much-needed freedom for those caring for their siblings, parents or other relatives. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **Scouting**

On 15<sup>th</sup> July the Guildford West District Scouts' virtual annual general meeting was attended by the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley.

On 24<sup>th</sup> April the Guildford West and Guildford East Scouts celebrated St George's Day with a parade at Guildford Cathedral. The Mayor attended.

### **261 (Guildford) Squadron Air Training Corps**

On 17<sup>th</sup> September the 261 (Guildford) Squadron Air Training Corps held its annual formal inspection at Christ's College. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **Combined Cadet Force**

On 11<sup>th</sup> June Col (retd) Patrick Crowley, the chief executive of the South East Reserve Forces' & Cadets' Association was made an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. He had close links with Guildford.

## **Schools**

### **Royal Grammar School**

On 24<sup>th</sup> June the Royal Grammar School's sports day was held at the athletics track at Guildford Spectrum. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, accompanied by her Consort, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended.

In December the Royal Grammar School was rated as one of the top ten independent secondary schools in the South East in the Sunday Times School Guide 2022, and ranked 20<sup>th</sup> overall in Britain, based on examination results from 2017 to 2019.

### **Guildford High School for Girls**

In December Guildford High School was awarded the title of Independent Preparatory School of the Decade in the Sunday Times School Guide 2022, and 5<sup>th</sup> in the national ranking, based on examination results from 2017 to 2019.

### **Tormead School**

On 1<sup>st</sup> December Guildford Borough's Planning Committee unanimously rejected Tormead School's application for a development at the Urnfield school sports field. It would have included a floodlit, all-weather hockey pitch and a 6-lane running track as well as other improvements. It was felt that the proposals would harm the site's status as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

### **King's College**

In May 2021 pupils at Kings College in Park Barn were tutored in persuasive speaking skills by the Guildford Shakespeare Company as part of the Company's Brave New World programme. It was relevant to the College's focus on teaching children to express themselves and giving them the public speaking skills.

### **Guildford County School**

On 12<sup>th</sup> August GCSE results were received. Because of the pandemic these were derived not from examinations but by a Teacher Assessed Grade.

On 4<sup>th</sup> November the Guildford County School held its awards evening at Guildford Cathedral. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

On 16<sup>th</sup> December the Guildford County School's Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held at Guildford Cathedral. The Mayor was in the congregation.

### **St Peter's Catholic School**

On 14<sup>th</sup> October the school was unable to hold its annual open evening at the school. It was replaced by an online event.

### **Transgender**

In July the Teaching Regulation Agency revealed that a teacher who had been sacked from Ash Manor School had made comments about a pupil who had publicly identified as female. She had also failed to step in when other pupils had used hostile and derogatory language when talking about the pupil.

## **Higher Education**

### **University of Surrey**

On 6<sup>th</sup> July the University launched the Surrey Centre for Innovation and Commercialisation. This aimed to help academics turn their ideas into commercial reality, following the pioneering spirit of Surrey's previous innovations. The University had contributed £1.8 billion and nearly 20,000 jobs to the UK economy.

In August, the Higher Education Authority released figures which showed that the pandemic had affected Surrey graduates' employment opportunities. 15 months after leaving the University in 2019, 6% were still unemployed, compared with 4% in the previous year.

On 16<sup>th</sup> September a new bridge dedicated to E.H. Shepard was inaugurated at the University of Surrey. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended the ceremony.

In mid-September students from the University of Surrey began to move into Guilden Village, the new accommodation block built in the grounds of Guildford College. The £100 million development included an indoor mini-golf course, gaming arcade, gym, rooftop terrace and a cinema room. There was controversy when it was discovered that the building work had damaged the roots of two protected oak trees.

On 16<sup>th</sup> March the High Sheriff of Surrey's Youth Awards were presented at the Rik Building at the University of Surrey. The Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

### **Guildford College**

On 25<sup>th</sup> November a care skills centre was opened at Guildford College by Angela Richardson MP, together with Sally Dicketts, Chief Executive of Activate Learning and Kathy Slack, Chief Executive of Enterprise M3 LEP. They were taken on a tour of the facility, which students had already been using.

### **Merrist Wood College**

On 19<sup>th</sup> January Merrist Wood College launched the Volunteer Community Gardening scheme. This initiative aimed to help local people connect with each other and connect with nature at a time when mental health issues are prevalent in the community because of the pandemic.

### **Academy of Contemporary Music**

On 6<sup>th</sup> September the Academy of Contemporary Music fully returned to on-campus learning as the government eased restrictions. The Academy was able to continue with its "Learning By Doing" approach.

### **Guildford School of Acting**

In September the Guildford School of Acting prepared to open its doors to the public for the first time since March 2020. On 18<sup>th</sup> November the first play of the season, Vinay Patel's *Sticks and Stones*, opened.

## **Science and Technology**

### **NESA Robotics**

In November, at the time of the COP26 climate change conference, NESA Robotics emphasised the low environmental impact of its UVD robots and their contribution to combatting COVID-19. UVC light disinfected without chemicals and killed all viruses and bacteria, both on surfaces and in the air.

### **The Pirbright Institute**

On 7<sup>th</sup> July the Pirbright Institute was awarded the Higher Education Business Continuity Network's COVID-19 Pandemic Response award. It recognised the contribution of the Institute to the coronavirus outbreak.

Over the previous 18 months the Institute had delivered its critical research and Reference Laboratory services, providing testing and surveillance capabilities to the British government, the World Organisation for Animal Health, and the United Nations. Pirbright also contributed to the UK national diagnostic testing response through donating diagnostic equipment and providing staff, volunteers and diagnostic training.

### **Gold-I**

On 24<sup>th</sup> November Gold-I, based in the Surrey Research Park, won the Surrey Business Award for Business Innovation for its Data Switch, which added a new revenue stream to the business and has enabled it to enter the hedge fund sector. Hundreds of applicants had to be reduced to sixty finalists across 16 categories.

### **Surrey Satellite Technology**

On 9<sup>th</sup> December Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd was selected to lead a UK Space Agency study to define the mission requirements for a complex mission to de-orbit two non-operational space debris targets. The Low Earth Orbit Pursuit for Active Debris Removal study will define concepts for de-orbiting 2 uncooperative UK space assets from low earth orbit. SSTL had valuable experience in two previous Active Debris Removal demonstration missions.

### **Guildford Games Festival**

From 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> December the Guildford Games Festival 2021 was held, beginning with the Games Awards and following with videos debuting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. A display of locally-made computer games artwork was mounted in a themed arcade in the Undercroft.

### **Surrey Research Park**

In 2021 there were 200 companies and 4500 employees on the Research Park. During the year, there was a substantial growth of health-related

companies. Some made breakthroughs in Covid-19 testing and others delivered healthcare innovations, such as early diagnosis of cancer and dementia. These companies benefited from close interaction with the Royal Surrey County Hospital and the University of Surrey nearby.

With regard to the environment, Superdielectrics developed high energy density, low cost, low environmental impact electrical energy storage devices. The breakthrough used hydrophilic polymers, which could enable supercapacitors to charge cars in minutes. These devices might replace lithium-ion batteries.

## Health

### Coronavirus

On 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 the Cannon pub in the Portsmouth Road installed an 'antiviral gateway' to sanitise customers as indoor hospitality resumed. Sponsored by Heineken, the portal measured their temperatures and sanitised them from head to toe on arrival.

On 30<sup>th</sup> May there were no Coronavirus cases being treated at the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

From 26<sup>th</sup> May to 9<sup>th</sup> June two parts of Surrey, Ash and Ash Vale, were included in a surge testing programme that mostly occurred over the border in Hampshire. Both Surrey areas were in Guildford Borough, which had seen 83 Delta variant cases as a whole, almost double the 40 cases recorded a week earlier.

In the week ending 18<sup>th</sup> June the number of cases in Guildford went up 39%. There were 86 positive Covid-19 tests, 24 more than the previous seven days.

In the week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> July the areas in the Borough with infection rates over 200 included Tongham, Gomshall, Shere & Albury, Shalford & Wanborough, Guildford Town Centre, Horsley & Effingham, Ash Wharf, Woodbridge Hill Pewley Down & The Mount.

The week to 19<sup>th</sup> July, saw infection rates increase in Burpham, Boxgrove & Merrow West by 200%, and in Shalford & Wanborough by 150%. Vaccine uptake in central Guildford had been lower than elsewhere

From 29<sup>th</sup> July until the end of August, the GP-led vaccination service based at G Live managed by the local GP Federation Procure Health, was re-located to George Abbot School. The re-location took place with the easing of lockdown restrictions and the phased return to hosting events at G Live.

On 1<sup>st</sup> August there was a cream tea party at Fairlands Community Centre to thank local volunteers who had helped many vulnerable people during the pandemic. Hosted by Worplesdon Parish Council, around 70 volunteers of the 134 invited, and their guests, attended the tea party.

In the week ending 1<sup>st</sup> August Guildford had an infection rate of 186.2, a 25% fall from the previous week.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August the coronavirus infection rate in the Onslow Village and University areas in Guildford was 440.8 per 100,000 population. This was high, compared with the national average of 296.6.



In the week ending 4<sup>th</sup> August 293 cases were recorded in Guildford, 13 fewer than the previous week and equivalent to a fall of 4%.

On 16<sup>th</sup> August Guildford Borough had the highest infection rate in Surrey, with a 30% increase from the previous week. The average for the county was a 19% increase. This was likely to be because of restrictions being lifted in the final stage of the government's roadmap.

On 19<sup>th</sup> August researchers from the University of Surrey's Global Centre for Clean Air Research published the results of their tests on face masks as a protection from coronavirus. Respirator masks could be worn for up to 9.5 hours and be 97% effective in protecting against virus-laden particles. Medical face masks were comparable with respirators at up to 7.3 hours of usage time and around 81% effectiveness. However hand-made masks were the least effective at 47%.

On 28<sup>th</sup> August figures were released showing that Burpham, Boxgrove & Merrow West had the highest infection rate in Surrey at 644.1.

In the week ending 30<sup>th</sup> August the coronavirus infection rate for Guildford was 230.1 cases per 100,000 people. This represented a 29% fall from the previous week. The average for the county of was 241.8.

In the week ending 17<sup>th</sup> October the Royal Surrey County Hospital admitted 23 new Covid cases, compared with 9 in the previous week.

In the week leading up to 20<sup>th</sup> November Guildford saw the highest week-on-week increase in the Covid infection rate in the country. It rose from 435.6 to 690.4.

On 10<sup>th</sup> December an anti-vaccination protest occurred at the Covid vaccination centre at Artington. The staff in the temporary buildings locked the doors, preventing those arriving for vaccinations from entering. Some 15 protesters tried to distribute leaflets and banged on the windows. Police were called but no arrests were made.

By 12<sup>th</sup> December cases of the Omicron variant of the virus had been confirmed in all Surrey boroughs, with the exception of Elmbridge and Guildford.

By 17<sup>th</sup> December parts of Guildford Borough had seen up to a third or a quarter of all residents failing to be vaccinated. Cases had increased by 5%.

On 19<sup>th</sup> December 2,088 cases had been reported in Guildford during the previous week. The infection rate was 1,388.7, an increase of 91%. This compared with 917.6 and 64% nationally. Booster vaccinations had been given to 55% over and hospital admissions had declined slightly.

High demand over the Christmas period saw a shortage of lateral flow tests. By 31<sup>st</sup> December fewer than half the pharmacies in Guildford had lateral flow tests in stock.

In the week ending 31<sup>st</sup> December the Guildford infection rate fell by 5%. This compared with an average rise of 18% in the South East region.

In the week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> January there were a total of 1,929 coronavirus cases recorded in Guildford, a 16% increase over the previous week.

In the week to 16<sup>th</sup> January 33 new coronavirus admissions were made to the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

In the seven days to 31<sup>st</sup> January Guildford saw one of the biggest rises in its infection rate of any local authority area in the country. The Borough's rate jumped from 985.7 new infections per 100,000 people to 1245.1.

On 9<sup>th</sup> March the UK Government published statistics showing that in the previous week there had been no deaths from coronavirus in Guildford within 28 days of a positive test. However, the number of confirmed cases over the same period showed a 57% increase compared with the preceding week.

On 9<sup>th</sup> March the Mayor, Cllr Marsha Moseley, thanked the Cook Shop at the Kingpost Parade in Burpham for donating over 4,000 meals during the pandemic and also the volunteers at Fairwood Helpers for delivering them to those in need.

In the week to 20<sup>th</sup> March 45 Covid cases were admitted to the Royal Surrey, up from 33 in the previous week.

### **Surrey Heartlands Clinical Commissioning Group**

On 18<sup>th</sup> November the Surrey Heartlands Health Tech Accelerator website was launched. Based at the University of Surrey, it provided a focal point for collaboration between citizens, researchers, industry innovators and the health and social care system in Surrey Heartlands, focusing on innovative products and services that address health and care priorities.

On 18<sup>th</sup> February all of Surrey Heartlands' Covid vaccination clinics had to close because of the red weather warning in place for Storm Eunice.

### **Royal Surrey County Hospital**

In mid-July the St Luke's Cancer Centre at the Royal Surrey became a centre of excellence for brain tumour treatment and research. The Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Mission recognised the centre's achievement after a rigorous assessment.

In August a robot cleaner was introduced into the hospital, which cleaned large floor areas more efficiently.

In September the Royal Surrey was declared Patient Safety Team of the Year in the *Health Service Journal's* Patient Safety Awards for innovative projects set up during the pandemic. The St Luke's Cancer Centre and Pharmacy Team were awarded HSJ Patient Safety Team of the Year, as well as winning the Safety in Medicines Management Award. The Glaucoma Monitoring Team won the Patient Safety Pilot Project of the Year Award. On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October the Emergency Department was officially opened after a two-year, £8million project to remodel it. Guildford's former MP Anne Milton, who was herself a nurse, toured the new facilities.

In November the hospital was given a Building Better Healthcare Award for the best Covid-19 technology solution after virtual ward rounds were set up to protect patients and staff in the Intensive Care Unit and virtual visiting was introduced on the wards using information technology.

In early December the NHS Elect Patient Experience and Quality Improvement Awards saw the Royal winning awards in two categories. One was a service that has enabled patients to receive IV antibiotics at home or in the community and another that has improved the way we care for older people living with frailty. The Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy Team won the Patient Experience and Communications category.

In the week ending 5<sup>th</sup> December only 9% of patients waited over 30 minutes in ambulances outside the Accident & Emergency department, compared with national average of 23%. 30% waited over 4hrs to be seen in A&E, compared with 26%, and only 2% had to wait over 4hours for a bed, compared with 32% nationally.

In the week ending 31<sup>st</sup> December there were only 30 new admissions at the Royal Surrey, a small decrease from the previous week and a lower number than any other Surrey hospital.

During the week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> January there were 36 coronavirus patients being treated at the hospital, an increase of 4 over the previous week.

From 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February, 23 patients were admitted with coronavirus, an increase of 21.1% compared with the previous week. By 1<sup>st</sup> March 34 in-patients were being treated for Covid.

On 24<sup>th</sup> February Jo Macleod, a consultant nurse in the Royal Surrey's paediatric team, was honoured with the Chief Nursing Officer for England's Silver Award for her dedication and improvements to her profession. She had led initiatives to improve the health of new-born babies.

On 31<sup>st</sup> March it was revealed that male medical staff at the Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust were paid £5 per hour more on average. More than three-quarters of its employees were female.

## **Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**

In August Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust was shortlisted for the Mental Health Innovation Award category of the HSJ Awards 2021. This was for the new primary care-based mental health services, which provided people with specialist care at their GP's surgery. This GP Integrated Mental Health Service provided adults who have significant mental health needs with quick and easy access to help.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November a High Intensity Service was introduced alongside existing mental health services to increase support for military veterans who needed urgent mental health support.

## **Midwives**

On 21<sup>st</sup> November the group March with Midwives held a vigil on the lower High Street as part of a national protest over working conditions. Some had been required to work 12-hour shifts without breaks, though they pointed out the Royal Surrey was better than most at providing continuity of care.

## **South East Coast Ambulance Service**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November the South East Coast Ambulance Service was criticised by the GMB Union for their use of Fiat ambulances. They said that these had a significant safety flaw which prevented the safety belt being worn correctly.

On 10<sup>th</sup> January the average response time for life-threatening and time-critical cases was eight minutes, compared with the national seven minute target. The service had been under maximum pressure, with many staff off sick.

In April a staff survey showed that 86% considered there were not enough staff for them to carry out their work properly.

## **MAN v FAT**

On 7<sup>th</sup> January MAN v FAT Football was launched at the Kings Community Sports Hub in Southway. The six-a-side football club was aimed at overweight and obese men to lose weight gained over Christmas.

## **A3 Pollution**

In July Highways England issued a pollution progress report which showed that the A3 through Guildford had the highest level of nitrogen dioxide pollution in the country. The length between the hospital turnoff and Woodbridge Hill had concentrations as high as 89 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The Air Quality Standards Regulations stipulate that they should not exceed 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. Professor Prashat Kumar of the University of Surrey, and founder of the Global Centre for Clean Air Research, suggested that this could be due to heavy traffic volume, congestion, idling, and stop-start vehicles. Concerns

were raised about health risks in Park Barn, Westborough, Dennisville and parts of Onslow Village.

### **Fairlands Practice Patient Participation Group**

On 10<sup>th</sup> October World Mental Health Day was celebrated by the Fairlands Practice Patient Participation Group at the Fairlands Community Centre. Speakers from a number of organisations included the Samaritans, CAMHS Youth Counselling Service, Action for Carers, Oakleaf Enterprise, North Guildford General Practice Integrated Mental Health Service, Worplesdon Parish Church and Worplesdon Primary School.

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