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MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

TWO NEW COUNCILLORS FOR SHAMLEY GREEN

Some recent changes to the Parish Council have seen two new Councillors co-opted and a new Clerk appointed. Clerk Janet Crowe is leaving after working for the Council for some 20 months; Janet will be leaving at the end of the year to take up a new position in the voluntary sector. Cathy Hoy and Ray Marley joined the Council this autumn and the Parish Council is delighted to announce the appointment of Camilla Harris to the position of Clerk. Camilla will be known to many residents, especially in Shamley Green, as she has worked with several villages clubs and association and was a teacher in the area for a number of years.

Cathy has worked in global people development roles for the last 16 years for Coke, Expedia and Tesco. Cathy now works for herself, running a small learning and development business, which she started earlier this year, focusing on developing line managers, in-house training teams and individuals within the retail sector.

Cathy and her partner Darren moved to Shamley Green just over a year ago and are both part of a small group of local neighbours who run the newly formed Shamley Green cinema, a pop-up cinema at the Arbuthnot Hall. Cathy looks after marketing and the cinema website.



Ray retired in April after 30 years as a Surrey Police officer, the last three of which were spent on secondment to the College of Policing as the Detective Superintendent responsible for national policy and guidance on police misconduct. Prior to the secondment he had a varied career including

major crime investigation and being the Superintendent responsible for neighbourhood policing in West Surrey.

Now he delivers training to police forces and also chairs Fitness to Practise hearings at the Nursing & Midwifery Council.

Ray and his wife have lived in Shamley Green for five years and he spends much of his time walking their Labradoodle.



A few words from Camilla Harris who starts work as the Parish Clerk in January 2018 "I have lived in Shamley Green for twenty years, having moved here from the South Coast with my husband David and children Emily and Oliver. The children went to the village school, (Oliver after attending Mrs Scott's Shamley Green Pre-school, then Wonersh Montessori Nursery School). Though our children have flown the nest, Rosa the cockapoo puppy, Thomas the ragdoll cat – star of BBC's Secret Life of Cats documentary – and a clutch of chickens now share our lives.

Always with an interest in community life, I've been on the NSPCC Committee, Secretary of the History Society, a volunteer at both the school and pre-school. I am a non-playing member of Shamley Green Cricket Club, and more recently have become the Club Welfare Officer for Wonersh and Shamley Green Young Cricketers; responsible for the safeguarding of the children in our villages' youth cricket teams".

Wonersh Update

There have been two important issues which have both been causing concern to residents.

The first is the application for a 65ft mobile phone mast on the triangle of parish land opposite the United Reform Church by Savilles on behalf of Vodaphone Telefonica.

Vodaphone have now independently reached an agreement with the URC for this to replace the existing mast behind their church.

The second issue was one of excessive and sometimes dangerous parking in Barnett Lane near the junction with the Cranleigh Road. The Council decided not accept the Surrey County Council's offer of double yellow lines to resolve this issue; infractions the Council was advised would be difficult to enforce and the painting of yellow lines might create a precedent for the future.

Advance notice of village event in November 2018

Wonersh History Society, in conjunction with the Memorial Hall Committee, are in the early stages of planning an event in the Wonersh Memorial Hall on **Saturday November 10 2018**. That date is the day before the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Great War Armistice. The event is aimed at honouring local people who fell or served their country in the two World Wars. Wonersh History Society are in the process of contacting various clubs and organisations in Wonersh with a view to making this an event with wide community involvement.

Anyone who is interested in participating in the event should contact Wonersh History Society via their website <http://www.wonershhistory.co.uk>. The Society would also welcome hearing from anyone who has information or a story to contribute, or has artefacts or memorabilia that they would be willing to loan for the day, or who is willing to lend a hand in the planning and organising of the event.



The planned closures of recycling centres, including the one in the neighbouring Parish of Cranleigh caused a great deal of concern across our own Parish. The Council submitted an objection to Surrey County Council and such was the furore across the Borough that SCC reconsidered their position. One of the main reasons for objecting to the plans was the anticipated increase in fly-tipping. As this photo shows flymo—tipping is something that is already of concern!

Shamley Green Cinema

A group of residents in Shamley Green have recently come together to launch a cinema at the Arbuthnot Hall, to bring the community together and raise funds for the Hall itself. By all accounts the first screening in October (*Their Finest*) was a great success! No details were spared, 1940s-attired usherettes were ready to greet people as they entered the hall, and the aroma of popcorn filled the air. The second film night was in early December, showing a sing-a-long version of the very popular musical, *Grease*. Fancy dress was encouraged and everyone who attended got into the spirit of it! These first screenings for Shamley Green Cinema were a roaring success. The next film will be *A United Kingdom* on 3 February 2018. We wish the team all the best! Tickets can be purchased from Shamley Green Stores, The Bricklayers Arms and The Red Lion.

A new year... a new look!

We are updating the Parish Council website in the new year, with a fresh new look.

The Civil Parish of Wonersh includes the three villages of Blackheath, Shamley Green and Wonersh. The website provides insight into all three villages, useful information about the Parish and the Council itself.

Along side the new look website, we are also launching a Wonersh Parish Council Facebook page, to engage with local residence on social events and activities in the 3 villages.

The new look website and Facebook page will go-live 1st February 2018.

The Villagers Public House - Update:

Last year the Blackheath Village Society set up a Crowd Funding site and with contributions from the residents and wider community (with donations from Village Fair receipts), raised in excess of £23,000 to fund a planning application to keep a smaller pub. This involved developing part of the property into 2 cottages, to fund the whole project and in September (2017) our application was successful.

Our application promoted a community pub for the local & wider community and we provided a detailed business plan, strategy and profit & loss account

A further planning application has also been submitted by a development company but no decision on this has yet been made by Waverley Borough Council. There are various aspects of this application to which residents object and we are hoping the property will come back on the open market providing us with the opportunity of purchasing the public house at market value and developing it in accordance with our plans.