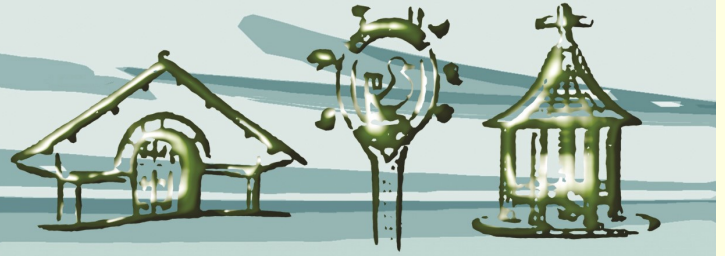


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NEW COUNCILLOR FOR WONERSH

Following the departure of Councillor Peter Neve the Council began the formal process to co-opt a new Councillor on to the Parish Council. Adverts were placed in various places, a notice was placed on the web site and applications invited from residents.

Three applications were received and the “candidates” went through a formal interview process with existing Councillors. All those who applied were very suitable candidates so the task of selecting just one of these to fill the vacancy was not an easy one.

Oliver (Oli) Burdick was offered the post and has accepted. He will attend his first meeting in February. Oli impressed the Councillors with his passion for living in the Parish and his energy and desire to ensure the quality of life was maintained. Here he introduces himself.

"My wife Claire and I moved to Wonersh two years ago to be close to family both here in the village and Shamley Green, and we have since met many more wonderful people locally. Soon after moving in we were lucky enough to have our first baby and now expecting our second in the spring.

As a Naval Architect, I hope to bring a practical side with an attention to detail to my new role as parish councillor, with the aim of making our local parish a safe, attractive, and enjoyable place to live for all of us, both young and old!"



For those who do not know Oli already there will be a chance to say hello at the Parish Annual Meeting—see over



DEFIBRILLATOR—DEFIBRILLATOR - DEFIBRILLATOR

There is now a defibrillator in Wonersh. It is located by the front entrance (under the car port) of the Wonersh Village Club and can be operated anytime by anyone in the case of emergency. There are two further units at the Garden Close Community Centre and Village Stores in Shamley Green.

Wonersh Playground

Thanks to a generous donation from the playground committee, the council have been able to get rid of the brick built picnic table and replace it with two modern tables with bench seats, (see picture). The two plaques giving some history of the playground have been reset into the concrete base. Many of you will have noticed that the Toddlers Multiplay unit has been out of commission for several weeks due to it becoming unsafe. The Wonersh Foundation has generously donated funds to enable it to be rebuilt and this should take place shortly. Parents and grandparents of children using this playground are being asked to come along between 11am and 1pm on Sunday, March 19th to give it a spring clean before the Easter holiday.

PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY - MAY 4th



The Parish Annual Assembly will take place in the Wonersh Memorial Hall on May 4th. Doors will open at 7pm and the event will commence at 7:30. In addition to reports from the Parish Council and the annual reports for the Wonersh United Charities and the Wonersh Woodland Group, we are delighted that the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) David Munro has accepted an invitation to address the meeting and answer questions.

Council Chairman Councillor Rod Weale, together with Parish Clerk Janet Crowe recently met with the PCC to address the concerns that had been expressed by residents. Following that meeting the invitation to attend the meeting on May 4th was extended.

UPDATE ON GERALD'S WOOD

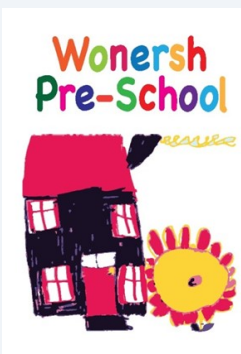
David Munro was appointed Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Surrey following his successful election campaign in May 2016. He had previously been an Army Officer and enjoyed a career in computer marketing. During his past 9 months in office, David has implemented a new Police and Crime Plan, appointed a new Surrey Police Chief Constable and delivered on a number of other projects funded by the Office of the PCC.

Mr Munro had represented Farnham South on Surrey County Council from 1997 to 2016 as well as occupying several other positions at Surrey County Council including four years as Executive Member for Adult Services and two years as Council Chairman. He also served for 17 years as a Waverley Borough Councillor.

Along with a broad and successful professional career, David is heavily involved in a range of community and voluntary activities across the county and has been a school governor for four local schools.

Aside from his busy work schedule, in his spare time, David is Treasurer of a classical music charity which gives grants to promising young singers, and when time permits, goes bell ringing and enjoys cycling.

Wonersh Pre-School is looking for new committee members.



Have you got experience working with children? Have you previously worked in a pre-school/nursery/school and want to share your expertise and help a charity? Do you want to give something back to the local community? Do you have some free time and want to meet new people?

Along with the staff, we are responsible for ensuring the smooth running of the pre-school, making sure we meet all the criteria required, running events and fund raising. We

meet once or twice a term and put on a couple of events a year to raise money to buy new resources for the children.

If you would like to help in anyway then email mail@wonershpreachool.com

Or telephone Claire 01483 894878

Wonersh Woodland Group (WWG) has completed a number of actions in their plan for Gerald's Wood, including a new path along the front of the Wood providing access to and from Chinthurst Lane and tree surgery work to clear dead and fallen trees and laurel bushes. The path through the top of the Wood is now well-established, affording excellent views across the adjoining countryside (see below). Recent coppicing of chestnut has provided material that can be utilised for local projects and suggestions are welcomed. WWG wishes to acknowledge the support of the Wonersh Village Foundation in funding the recent tree surgery, and also thank volunteer Mike Saunders for assistance with the photography in this article.

Further projects are planned for this year and we greatly appreciate the assistance of volunteers during Work Parties held every few weeks from 2pm till about 4pm. Upcoming dates are: February 18th, March 5th and 18th, April 2nd and 22nd. For anyone interested in getting involved please refer to the details on the Blog at <http://geraldswoodwwg.blogspot.co.uk/> or contact us by email: wonershwoodlandgroup@gmail.com

Various views from the wood

Right—Towards Compton and the Hogs Back

Lower Right—Towards Newlands Corner and below

Towards Winterfold and Leith Hill



LOCAL UPDATES AND INFORMATION FROM SURREY POLICE

A new website has been launched by Surrey and Sussex Police so that members of the public can find out what is happening in their area, including witness appeals, crime updates, crime prevention advice and news. Anyone can sign up to receive updates at www.intheknow.community.