

Tadworth Flood Action Group

By my signature below I have included a link to a flier from the National Flood Forum recommending that residents in areas prone to flooding, such as flash flooding after heavy rain, should establish a Flood Action Group. As you may be aware 50 or so residents have participated in preliminary meetings with Cllr Rebecca Paul concerning property flooding that has been experienced locally. These meetings have been a step towards the formation of a Tadworth Flood Action Group (TFLAG). These residents are now being invited to form an executive committee that will initiate and coordinate the types of activities described in the attached flier. I am circulating the flier to all of the local recipients of Community Support Bulletins to ensure that all those who have been, or think they might be, impacted by flash flooding, are made aware of this activity. You should also consider joining the Group if you who have vulnerable relatives who might be at risk locally. Please reply to this bulletin if you are interested in being a member of TFLAG but have not already registered to be included in the TFLAG distribution list.

The following link enables you to view a map which indicates which areas of Tadworth, Burgh Heath etc. are at some risk from flooding. Note this type of map is typically based on calculations of probabilities of events occurring within time periods spanning 10 – 30 years.

<https://check-long-term-flood-risk.service.gov.uk/map?easting=523724&northing=156915&map=SurfaceWater>

TWRA Update



Please note that the minutes of the AGM held in May are available to read on the TWRA web site under the Meetings Tab which also includes links to the minutes of regular committee meetings: <https://www.tadworthwaltonra.co.uk/>

State of Mere (Walton) Pond

I have received several emails expressing concern about the current state of Mere (Walton) Pond. A number of different groups and individuals including David Lerner, Stuart Adamson the local Council, TWRA and the Walton Forum are taking various actions to try to ameliorate the situation. I include a link to a statement from the Walton Forum by my signature below. In addition I can tell you that action has been taken to obtain pumps and piping that are being used to aerate the remaining water to help sustain the fish. In the meanwhile residents are requested not to walk on areas of exposed beach near the edges of the remaining water.

Volunteer Needed

A volunteer is sought to help an elderly person with shopping from ASDA once or twice a month in the vicinity of the Blue Ball in Walton. Please reply to this bulletin if interested.

Health alert

The COVID statistics relating to Surrey are now published fortnightly. You can see them in full here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus/local-outbreak-plan/figures-and-statistics/full-report>

The latest report dated 26th July actually included national data up to 13th July showed 6% of people in the SE of England are estimated to have COVID. This compares with 18th June when the figure was 2.5% of the population having COVID. This is a further dramatic increase and is **now only 2% less than the previous national maximum which was reported in April**. Applying the current 6% to Tadworth & Walton would suggest that about 600 individuals in our 2 villages would have had the disease - this would be an average of 7 in every road. Fortunately in most cases the symptoms are mild but elderly and vulnerable individuals are at greater risk and the impacts of long COVID can have a

severe effect on people's lives and ability to work. Please remember previous guidelines about hand washing, mask wearing and ventilation of indoor spaces.

Epsom & St Helier Hospital reported 50 new admissions in the week up to 17th July as compared with 38 new admissions with COVID in the week up to 19th June.

Test Kits

Please remember that Lateral Flow Test Kits are no longer freely available unless you belong to particular vulnerable groups or are employed with the Health Service or similar designated professions.

Note you can purchase Lateral Flow Test Kits from reputable suppliers such as Boots for about £2 each.

Long COVID

It is estimated that over 2% of the British Population is suffering from various symptoms of Long COVID. These include breathlessness, fatigue, loss of taste, brain fog, muscle pain and many more. Epsom and St Helier are on the leading hospitals in Surrey treating these conditions but sufferers need to be referred by their GP.

Road Closure Reports

Please note that the One.Network web site which used to allow residents of Surrey to view planned future roadworks will be only allowing that data to be accessible to commercial licence holders although it can still be used to see roadworks over next two weeks.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/roadworks#planned>

Roadworks in early August are to take place in Bonsor Drive off the A217, Chequers Lane and Breech Lane.

Crime Report

Police Burglary reports up to 20th July

30/06/2022 Between 06:00 to 13:30. Walton Street, Tadworth. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Forced entry through the front door of the flat. Stolen: Including – Watches, Pen, Angle Grinder, Drill and MacBook

03/07/2022 Between 01:02. Tumblewood Road, Banstead. Attempted Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Access made into the car located outside the property. Keys taken from the car were used to, unsuccessfully, open the front door of the property. Suspect has then left the property Stolen: Nothing taken.

No reports of Catalytic Converter thefts in our vicinity.

SCAM Reports

A local resident has notified me of receiving several scam telephone calls purporting to be from their bank attempting to obtain their personal data. Some of these calls appeared to be from a local number, however, please be aware that it is possible for scammers to falsify the apparent number that is making the call. If you want to verify that a call is genuine you should dial a number that you know to be correct for the organisation concerned from a different telephone.

Top tips for staying secure online issued by Surrey NhW

People often ask me how criminal organisations and hackers get hold of their personal information. Whilst some of it can be obtained legally (by purchasing mailing lists for example) a data breach is often the source.

A data breach occurs when information held by an organisation is stolen or accessed without authorisation. It can be from any organisation that has any of your information – for example a company that you have set up an account with.

Criminals use this information within scam emails, text messages and phone calls, so that they appear legitimate. They may even send emails or call pretending to be from an organisation that has suffered a recent data breach, asking you to log in and/or confirm your identity because 'fraudulent activity has taken place', or similar.

It has recently been announced that 5.4m Twitter accounts were hacked with Twitter handles linked to email address and phone numbers. If you have a Twitter Account it would be wise to change the password now – just in case.

To check if your details have appeared in public data breaches, you can use online tools such as <https://haveibeenpwned.com>. Similar services

Upcoming Events

Saturday July 30th Coffee Shop, from 10.30am–12noon in the Good Shepherd Church and every subsequent Saturday.

Free holiday workshops (crafts etc.) for children aged 5 – 11 through August (1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 17th 22nd, 24th, 31st) at Tattenhams Community Library. Booking required see link to poster by my signature which includes times and booking details.

Sunday August 7th Good Shepherd Parish Lunch – note you must pre-book on the list in the Church

The Village Kitchen light lunch events will continue on the second Saturday of each month the next one being **August 13th**

Aug 21st 2 – 5.30pm Open Garden at 41 Shelveys Way as part of the National Garden Scheme admission Teas sold by TWOAT.

Sept 3rd 10am – 5pm Model Railway Exhibition Good Shepherd Hall

Sept 3rd 2pm “Alice in Wonderland” Breech Lane Playing Fields. For details see <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/al...>

Sunday Sept 4th Good Shepherd Parish Lunch – note you must pre-book on the list in the Church

Sept 10th Good Shepherd Hall Quiz Night with Bingo.

Sept 21st PM u3a Open House in Banstead Community Hall – see what activities are available in u3a Groups with respect to learning and social activities aimed at those over 50 who have retired.

For details of the many Group Activities and Events organised by Banstead u3a visit here <https://u3asites.org.uk/banstead/home>

Please let me know if you have an event taking place in the next 2 months.

Keep well

Mike Fox

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Attachments

- [Update on Mere Walton Pond.pdf](#)
- [Summer Fun Poster 2-side.pdf](#)
- [5. Why a flood action group updated 220202.pdf](#)