

In addition to the normal content this bulletin contains items about helping others at Christmas.

CANCELLATIONS

Unfortunately I have to tell you that the Carols in Jubilee Woodland event scheduled during the late afternoon of December 7th has had to be cancelled. The weather forecast is adverse with risk of both wind and rain either of which could disrupt the event which uses candles for illuminating the pathways. The decision had to be taken today as the Scouts would need to be purchasing items for their BBQ during tomorrow. The cancellation does give an opportunity instead for those who enjoy music to attend the concert by the Mole Valley Silver Band in aid of Dyscover at the Church of the Good Shepherd from 2.30pm.

Please note the **Christmas Lighting Event in Walton** will go ahead on Friday Dec 6th whatever the weather but will be moved into St Peter's Church if conditions are adverse.

HARDSHIP FUNDS

As the weather is turning colder, if you are aware of anybody suffering difficulty in heating their homes please advise them that both the Church of the Good Shepherd in Tadworth and St Peter's in Walton have hardship funds which might be able to provide assistance. If, on the other hand, you are interested in helping local people suffering hardship you might consider making a donation to either of the Churches to help top up these funds.

ALONE ON CHRISTMAS DAY?

If you would rather not spend Christmas Day alone, why not join with those many people in a similar position to you, who will share the day together at St Marks Church (KT185RD)

Our day begins in the morning, when (if required) you will be picked up from your home (Banstead, Tattenhams, Tadworth and Preston only) and transported to St Marks Church for the Christmas Day service at 11am. Afterwards you will be entertained before enjoying an excellent Christmas lunch. There will be an opportunity for you to chat to the many other people. After watching the King's speech, we will transport you home at around 3.30pm. There will be no charge.

If you would like to join us then contact us through St Mark's church website,

<http://stmarkschurch.me.uk>

Just follow tabs Christmas 2024, then Christmas Together.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHESES

I have been asked by the Fox & Hounds to publicise the fact that the very generous, free Christmas Lunch that they are providing for local Senior Citizens on December 16th is now fully subscribed.

I should also note that the Church of the Good Shepherd Christmas Parish Lunch on Dec 8th is also now fully booked.

NEWS FROM Tadworth & Walton RA

TWRA is making its usual donations to local charitable activities at this time of year. The three activities to whom contributions are being made are St Mark's for the production of Christmas Hampers for Food Club members and others in need; The Fox & Hounds to assist in covering the cost of the free lunches for Senior Citizens and the Myti Youth Club . TWRA was introduced to the MYTI Club which operates in the Preston estate when one of their volunteer supporters came to address our Committee a year or so ago. The MYTI Club provides a range of activities including sport, art, IT, personal development opportunities and mental health support to those 8 – 15 years old. A key objective is to decrease anti-social behaviour in the area by keeping young people off the streets and by giving them a voice. You can read more about the club here: <https://www.myticlub.org.uk/>

ROAD CLOSURE

Disruption will continue in Cross Road for approximately 5 more weeks with closures for parts of it between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm on weekdays and 8 am to 1 pm on Saturdays. Cross Road links Tadworth Station to Tadorne Road in the vicinity of one of the entrances to Tadworth Primary School.

CHRISTMAS BIN COLLECTIONS

You can find details of changes to the normal Bin Collections over the Christmas period by visiting the Council web site here [bin collections](#). From this page there is also a link to the calendar for collections throughout 2025 for your particular road.

POLICE REPORTS

Winter Crackdown on Drink and Drugs Driving

Motorists are being warned there are no excuses for drink or drug driving as Surrey Police launch their annual winter crackdown campaign today.

There will be increased drug testing of motorists on our roads, as well as additional patrols, as part of Operation Limit, the nationwide campaign to tackle drink and drug driving. Throughout December you will see officers on our roads carrying out increased drug tests, breath tests, stop checks, and patrols. While we cannot always prevent people from driving while over the limit, we will be relentless in pursuing those who do.

The drug driving focus follows a rise in the number of offences detected across the country and will sit alongside our continued efforts to catch drink drivers. Last year saw 199 arrests for drink or drug driving in Surrey during December.

Being over the limit can have fatal consequences, with drink and drug driving one of the main causes of death or serious injuries on our roads. It also has serious consequences for those who are caught, such as losing their driving licence and potentially losing their job as a result.

With Christmas parties and other festive activities underway we know that, for some, the temptation to get behind the wheel under the influence of drink or drugs is higher now than at any other time of year. This decision can and does cost lives, but these deaths are all entirely avoidable if people choose not to put themselves and others at risk.

The consequences of drink or drug driving include:

- Killing or seriously injuring yourself or someone else
- A minimum 12-month ban
- An unlimited fine
- A possible prison sentence
- A criminal record, which could affect your current and future employment
- An increase in your car insurance costs
- Difficulty travelling to countries such as the USA.

If you know someone is driving while over the limit or after taking drugs, call 999.

You can also contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or report online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Burglary Reports

26/11/2024 20:48. Fir Tree Road, Epsom. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry through the kitchen door located at the rear of the property.

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time. (PR 45240136378)

24/11/2024 21:06. Waterer Gardens, Burgh Heath. Attempted Residential Burglary Method of Entry – Attempted entry through a door to the property

Stolen: Nothing Taken. (PR 45240135995)

17/11/2024 Between 01:00 to 06:00. Kingswood Road, Tadworth. Residential Burglary resulting in the theft of a Vehicle. Method of Entry – Forced entry through the back door to the property.

Stolen: Car Keys, Car (Audi) and cash. The vehicle has been recovered. (PR 45240132452)

14/11/2024 17:47. Forest Drive, Kingswood. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry through a first-floor bedroom window, located at the rear of the property.

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time but including Jewellery and Watches. (PR 45240131462)

Contacting Us

The Police Reference Number (PR) with each of the reports is shown in brackets. If you have any information on any of the reports, including CCTV, please contact us quoting the Police Reference Number (PR).

Ways to Contact Surrey Police

Accessible Ways

We want to make sure our service is as accessible as possible for everyone. If you're deaf or hard of hearing there are a number of tools available to help, including our textphone service and the Pegasus scheme for people who may find it hard to communicate with us.

The best way for everyone to contact us about a non-emergency matter is through our website or our social channels so private message us or start a live chat on our website at any time!

Here are some other tools you can use:

- Textphone - for those who are deaf or speech-impaired, communication is easy with our Textphone 18000 or the Relay UK app for 999 emergency texts.
[999 emergency text service](#). Please note, you must register your mobile phone first.?
- Pegasus Scheme – if you have speech or communication challenges the Pegasus card scheme streamlines the help you receive in urgent situations.
- SignVideo BSL Interpreter - if you're a British Sign Language User, our SignVideo partnership means you're just a click away from a remote BSL interpreter.
- Police Link Officers for Deaf people (PLOD) – if you are deaf, you can SMS text us on 07967 986130.
- Herbert Protocol – if you care for someone with dementia or Alzheimer's, the Herbert Protocol ensures we have the essential info to act fast and keep them safe, if they go missing.

You can find out more about these by visiting - <https://www.surrey.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/us/contact-us/sur/accessible-contact/>

We are proud to be a Disability Confident Leader, committed to inclusivity within our force and the community.

Please share this information with anyone you think may benefit from knowing about these accessible ways to contact us.

Contact the Neighbourhood Team

As always, the local Neighbourhood Team are keen to receive information on all crime spotted or believed to have occurred as this can assist with ongoing enquiries, as well as helping to pool information to build a wider understanding.

If you believe you have any information relating to relevant information or concerns you can:

- Call 101
 - Online reporting <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>
 - If you have social media, why not give us a follow. You can also message us if you want to report something to us
 - Our Facebook is Reigate and Banstead Beat (Surrey Police) and our twitter is ReigateBeat
- You can also give information totally anonymously by contacting the Independent Charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111; or through their anonymous online form <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

In an Emergency please contact 999.

For general enquiries please email us at: reigateandbanstead@surrey.police.uk

EVENTS

Friday 6th Dec Christmas Lighting event in Walton starts at 5pm at Mere Pond, 5.15pm at St Peter's Churchyard - see full details and poster at www.TWRA.org.uk/news/events

PLEASE NOTE IF THE WEATHER IS BAD THE ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR ST PETER'S CHURCHYARD WILL STILL TAKE PLACE BUT INSIDE THE CHURCH.

Saturday Dec 7th Craft Community meeting from 9 am in the Good Shepherd Church. All age groups and skills welcome to join Michelle in this new group which meets on the first Saturday in each month - materials will be provided for beginners.

Saturday Dec 7th. Coffee Morning Good Shepherd Church from 10.30 am and subsequent Saturdays usually in the Church.

Saturday Dec 7th 2.30pm Good Shepherd Church, Mole Valley Silver Band Concert in Aid of Dyscover adm £10.

Saturday Dec 7th Carols in Jubilee Woodland from 4pm CANCELLED

Sunday Dec 8th Good Shepherd Parish Lunch note this Lunch is fully booked (Note Parish lunches are usually on the 1st Sunday in a month)

Saturday Dec 14th Coffee Morning Good Shepherd Church from 10.30 am

Saturday Dec 14th Walton Village Kitchen - Light Lunches in the Riddell Hall every second Saturday.

Dec 21st Coffee Morning Good Shepherd Church from 10.30 am

Saturday Dec 28th Coffee Morning Good Shepherd Church from 10.30 am

Saturday January 4th Coffee Morning Good Shepherd Church from 10.30 am and subsequent Saturdays usually in the Church.

Sunday January 5th Good Shepherd Parish Lunch note you must book in advance with your name on the list in the back of the church.

Saturday Jan 11th Walton Village Kitchen - Light Lunches in the Riddell Hall every second Saturday in a month.

Friday 24th January “The Tale of Snow White” 7.30pm in the Good Shepherd Hall. COGS Family Pantomime. Tickets on sale from Dec 15th £15 adult £7.50 child. Family £40 (2+2). Phone 01737 362610 online www.ticketsource.co.uk/goodshepherdtdaworth

For details of the many Group Activities and Events organised by Banstead u3a for those no longer in full-time work, visit here <https://u3asites.org.uk/banstead/home>

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

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