

Hat'll do nicely

Preparations for the Surbiton Festival are in top gear, with Raven's Ait playing a key role. A fortnight of events starts on September 11, culminating in the parade through town. Everyone is encouraged to wear outlandish headgear, with September 26 designated 'Haturday'. Details on **p8**



Tolworth's time has arrived

A new book re-evaluates Tolworth's rich and intriguing history... but also looks forward to a new era of growth and prosperity for a town often erroneously thought to be merely a sprawling, between-the-wars extension to Surbiton. Which one did come first? See **p6**



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'Everest' is scaled

Fifteen youngsters climbed the height of Mt Everest to raise £5,182 for victims of the Nepal earthquakes at Tolworth's White Spider climbing centre.

Chris Butcher, 11, who has been scaling walls for two years, said that the young climbers shared the challenge. "We didn't know how long it would take, or how tired we would be at the end," he admitted.

"Reaching the height of the south base camp (5,364m) meant it was time to stop for pizza. After lunch we did slow down a bit, but reached the summit at 2.30pm."

The metal belaying devices became so hot that they had to be swapped during the marathon because the climbers risked being burnt!



An £8.4m pricetag

Surbiton's most distinctive house has gone on the market at a cool £8.4million.

Penton in Woodlands Road was built in 1931 by a man who left school at 14, tried to enlist and was rejected for service during the First World War... for being too weedy!

The recruiting sergeant's verdict on 5ft 4in Harry Wilson proved his making. He trained as a surveyor, became a property developer, and finally constructed his dream 11,000 sq ft mock-Tudor mansion.

Whoever becomes the

new owner of Penton – and Foxtons, soon to open a new branch in Surbiton, has already had serious inquiries – will be taking on a historic pile.

Grade II-listed, and set in a 1.3-acre plot in the Southborough estate, the building was the last in a series of increasingly grand Surbiton homes built by the ambitious magnate, each of them called Penton.

Wilson borrowed the name from the stretch of the Thames where he once rowed at weekends; Penton Hook, near Chertsey.

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Bus stops now serve everyone

Every bus stop in Surbiton is wheelchair-accessible after the council completed a kerb-raising project. "I'm thrilled we've reached this important milestone," said Cllr Terry Paton. Only the Royal borough and the City of London can make the boast.

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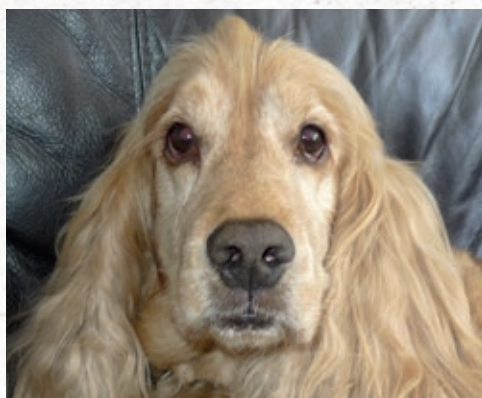
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Maxwell Woofington III, the literary hound

A bit of a wag

Surbiton's latest published author is pedigree cocker spaniel Maxwell Woofington III.

How to be a Dog is his A-Z of canine tips and observations, based on life at the top of Ditton Hill.

Max, assisted by owner Mark Leigh, launches his book at the Surbiton Festival with a canape party at the Assembly Rooms on Sept 24. Tickets from the Regency Bookshop.

A French edition is already being prepared by publisher Michael O'Mara Books.

● Full interview with Max on **p7**

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Thai up your Waggon

Surbiton's oldest pub, the Waggon and Horses is back on track after a series of management changes. There has now been serious refurbishment and major investment. The pub by the Assembly Rooms incorporates the Surbiton & Dragon, an authentic Thai restaurant and takeaway (that's Nisa and Ow, right, from the kitchen next to a tuk-tuk on the sunny terrace). The food is top-notch, with sharing platters (pictured is the 'dragon' at £11.95) making ideal light lunches. Evenings offer a full menu, with daily deals. Thought has gone into this upgrade. One bar has a 'game lodge' look, there's a private dining room for 16, and 45 can eat under the stars with a bean bag zone and private booths with TVs to watch the rugby world cup (Sept 18-Oct 31). Gareth Chalmers manages, with Mina Thongnut running the kitchen. It's still a busy local, with specially imported Czech beers as well as the usual Young's ales. www.waggonandhorsessurbiton.co.uk



Recipes for a Good Life by Annie Morris

In a right pickle

For Giardiniere Pickles, you need a small whole cauliflower (the whitest you can find), 8oz red onions, 8oz courgettes, 2 trimmed fennel bulbs, 2 red peppers, 2 yellow peppers, 6oz button mushrooms, 2 long chillis, 6 garlic cloves, 8oz cherry tomatoes (red or orange for colour), 8tbsp olive oil, 1½ pints good quality white wine, 8 fresh bay leaves, a few sprigs of fresh rosemary and fresh thyme, 20 black peppercorns, 6oz sea salt flakes,



2 large kilner jars (2 x 1 litre or 4 x 500ml). Prepare the veg for brining. Break the cauliflower into smallish florets, slice the

red onions, cut the fennel lengthways into wedges, cut, deseed and slice the peppers, then layer all except the tomatoes and garlic into a non-metallic bowl, sprinkling sea salt as you go. Pour over 3 pints of water, cover with a plate and put a tin on the plate to weigh it down so all veg are submerged. Leave overnight. Drain, rinse, then line a large tray with clean tea towels and tip the veg on. Pat with another towel to remove excess water. Tip all veg including the tomatoes, garlic and peppercorns into a bowl with the olive oil. Sterilise jars in the dishwasher or by rinsing in hot water. Pour a couple of inches of wine white vinegar in, then add the veg, bay leaves, rosemary and thyme. Top up with vinegar. An ideal accompaniment to a lovely platter of charcuterie and a glass of robust red wine. Bon appetit!



Olivia meets tennis champ

When Olivia Glasscock is competing at Wimbledon in 10 or 15 years, she'll look back fondly at this picture, taken by father Ian, of her with a ladies' champion. The family from Catherine Road went to the Aegon Surbiton Trophy at the Surbiton Racket & Fitness Club (which has been on its site in Berrylands since 1881), and watched 24-year-old Russian Vitalia Diatchenko, ranked 89 in the world, beat Naomi Osaka from Japan 7-6, 6-0; her first tournament victory on grass. "It was inspiring for kids to see class tennis so close to home," said Ian after returning from a great day out.



In Season by Fiona Quinn

You can't beet it

It's a wonderful time of year for British produce, and the humble beetroot. And not just the standard red variety. Try Golden Globe or Chioggia. Here's a vibrant recipe for beetroot carpaccio that's super simple and works perfectly as a starter or light lunch. Take 3 medium beetroots, wash and roast in an oven at 210°C/190°C fan with skins on. They'll take around 45 minutes and you don't need any oil. Once cooked, leave to cool. Peel off the skin and use a mandolin to slice thinly. Lay the strips on a plate. For a dressing, mix 2tbsp maple syrup, 2tbsp olive oil and 1tbsp apple cider vinegar, then drizzle over the beetroot. Leave for 10 mins to marinate. Sprinkle on rocket leaves and a pinch of salt. The beetroot are available at From the Ground Up, Surbiton's weekly fruit and veg service. Order at www.fguorganic.co.uk



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Surbiton singing coach Jayne Marshall also helps public speakers overcome nerves, gain confidence and develop their voice, and coaches for auditions at her studio off King Charles Road. 020 8399 9543.

Snaps on show

Winning snaps in the annual council photo contest are at Tolworth Library, Aug 31-Sep 12. Patrick Goodacre of Balaclava Road won the Les Kirkin prize for best ‘remembrance’ picture. The new theme is ‘work and school life’. Entries close in July 2016.

Onion variety

French Table chef Frederic Duval has moved to Wimbledon village to take command of Eric and Sarah Guignard’s latest venture, The White Onion, in what was The Lawn bistro. Standard critic Fay Maschler gives it three out of five, and urges diners to pick the discounted set lunch, when the £12.50 cheeseboard is just a fiver.

Book a chinwag

Council leader Kevin Davis will hold meet-the-people chats to canvas opinion. He’s at Southborough School on September 1, 7-9pm, the cornerHOUSE, Douglas Road, from 10.30am-12.30pm on Sept 19, and Glenmore House, The Crescent, 7-9pm on Sept 29. Book a chinwag by ringing 020 8547 6654.



Diamond night

Mayoress Manisha Arora (pictured with Roy, the mayor) wore the borough’s diamond jubilee brooch to mark Surbiton & District Historical Society’s 60th birthday. A lively quiz on Surbiton history was followed by a poem by Penny Gillam on her home city of Nottingham. Meetings are at 7.45pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the library hall, Ewell Road.

Flooding update

Long Ditton residents in the Thames flood plain can drop in to an Environment Agency meeting about its new scheme to reduce the risk of flooding. Wednesday September 9 at Molesey Boat Club, KT8 9AJ.

Meaning of life

While applauding the charitable endeavours of Co-op staff, one reader chuckled at a notice on the window of the St James’s Road office. ‘Some of the Co-operative Funeralcare staff are running the Race for Life event in Hyde Park.’



Getting fruity

Surbiton’s weekly organic fruit and veg supplier, From The Ground Up, offers office fruit boxes from £17.95 to help keep staff happy and healthy.

Flats planned

Planning permission is being sought to convert the second-floor offices above Vinoteque in Claremont Road into two studio flats.

Gyles is vetted

Broadcaster Gyles Brandreth will be guest of honour at the formal opening of the new Vet4Life branch in Brighton Road on September 7, in the former Majestic Wine premises.

Water auction

The Vinoteque bar, marking two years in Claremont Road, holds a pop-up auction for WaterAid at 3pm on Sept 6. Star lot, a signed Game of Thrones script, donated by Natalie Dormer. Many women have to walk 12 miles a day for water, the distance from Surbiton to Waterloo.



A fine example of sympathetic, sensitive siting by Kingston Council, enhancing the sylvan charm of St Andrew’s Square by the discreet addition of a free-standing junction box, to provide power at occasional events. Photographer David Jacobson likens it to the scene at the start of 2001: A Space Odyssey. “Forget sundials and period water features, I think it makes a delightful centrepiece,” he says. Others praise the council for resisting any temptation to paint it green or hide it in the bushes. A worthy, potentially award-winning, improvement to a treasured green space.

A red car tribute

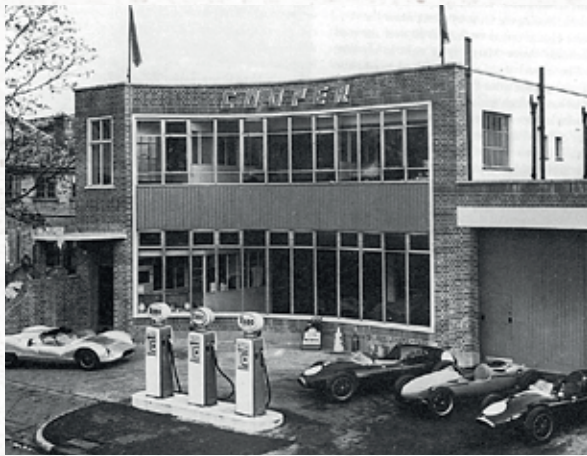
Transport’s equivalent of a blue plaque, a red wheel, has been unveiled on the old office wall of Cooper Garages at the corner of Hollyfield Road and Ewell Road. The 1961 birthplace of the Mini Cooper, it was the site where hundreds of successful racing cars were built, including the first rear-engined car used in Formula 1.

The plaque was unveiled by ex-staff, led by works foreman Roy Golding, on a Transport Trust heritage site which is currently vacant.

It was proposed by actor Kyle Stanger, who is campaigning to ‘save the home of the Cooper’ and turn it into an educational site for learning automotive qualifications and car history. It’s the Transport Trust’s 77th red wheel.

Set up by Charles Cooper in 1934, it was, in its heyday, the busiest racing car factory in the world. Charles and son John made their name in the post-war years when Cooper was the dominant force in British racing. Jack Brabham became Cooper’s first world champion in 1959, repeating the feat in 1960 as Cooper revolutionised the sport with a rear-engine chassis which became the norm for single-seaters.

Cooper was also successful in sports and saloon car motorsport, and rallying. The site was leased to the local Met Police traffic division, but now sits empty and forlorn.



At the unveiling in early August, Peter Jackson of the Cooper Car Club said: “On this day in 1960, four Cooper cars designed at this garage won at three different race meetings, among them Sir Jack Brabham.”

Suggest other red wheel plaque sites at www.transportheritage.com

Rian Hoskins

New pond unveiled on water day

Surbiton has a new wildlife pond, created at the Hogsmill water treatment works. It provides a habitat for frogs, insects, newts, dragonflies, damselflies, bugs and nymphs, and has its own elevated observation platform.

It was admired by visitors to the recent family water festival in Lower Marsh Lane, on the Surbiton/Kingston boundary, when the nature reserve’s growing importance was underlined by a strong presence from Surrey Beekeepers and the Surbiton & District Bird Watching Society.

What was once the source of a summer nasal assault on residents of Crane’s Park, Clayhill and Berrylands is now a hi-tech and largely odour-free processing centre which, under the stewardship of reserve manager Kristine Boudreau, is gaining a reputation for providing a valued home for fauna.

Local beekeepers maintain two hives there, a large ‘bug hotel’ has been built, and Surbiton’s bird watchers love the place. Sitting in the hide overlooking the large lake, society recorder Tony Quinn said: “We hope this can open out the world of bird watching to younger people.”

The rarest bird ever seen on the site was a Sardinian warbler, but down the



years there have been sightings of a wryneck, a ring ouzel and an off-course American pectoral sandpiper.

Thames Water has committed to improving the natural meanders of the Hogsmill river, to make it passable for fish via interlocking pools.

Beekeeper Keith McMahon, of Maple Road, hopes the reserve’s hives will stimulate apiarian interest.

“Water is an important part of the honey bee life cycle,” he said. “It cools the hive and is used to produce the honey.”

Tim Harrison



Clockwise from top: Kristine Boudreau at the pond; Tony Quinn in the hide; and beekeeper Keith McMahon



A model line-up

Few Surbiton shops command such loyalty that customers are happy to sashay down Maple Road to show off the new lines. But such is the affection for Shoes at Last that a bevy of part-time models – Kate, Madeleine, Laura, Vicky and Shernett – willingly obliged.

Overheard on the 281

Sky has won the rights to screen Surbiton’s very first origami championship... but sadly it’s only available on Paper View.

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Gardening tips by Janice Cripps

A sustainable future

Hampton Court Flower Show is a flagship event attracting worldwide interest, and with such international appeal I was thrilled to see this year's show had local connections; a conceptual design from African Vision Malawi, a charity set up by Surbiton resident Heather Palmer.

She began it in 2005, her vision to see a 'healthy, educated and self-sufficient community in Malawi'. She had spent 10 years of her childhood there and knew the devastating consequences of poverty in a country beset by HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Agriculture is a vital part of the country's economy, accounting for 85% of the work-force. But poor practice has resulted in low crop yields and food shortages, and the country struggles to feed its people without destroying the ecosystems it relies on.

Education is key. Farming communities need to be taught good practices, crop rotation, using manure and compost to become self-sufficient and independent.

It's appropriate that the world's largest horticultural show should provide

a platform to highlight Malawi's problems, raise the charity's profile and promote agricultural sustainability.

Conceptual gardens are essentially horticultural art installations underpinned by a single idea or message. The message must be strong and provoke a reaction, comfortable or otherwise. The AVM garden was about hunger, fear of famine and food security.

Designer Gabrielle Evans placed an infinity mirror in the centre to create the appearance of fields of maize stretching into the distance; the illusion forcing the observer to question whether food security could be achieved by relying on a single crop. Around the maize she used other plants and crops to demonstrate the advantages of diversity.

The message was powerful, well-executed and deserving of an RHS gold medal. A fitting tribute to the charity on its 10th anniversary.

"It was the first time we'd done anything like it, and the first time the designer had done a show garden," said an overjoyed Heather. "Malawians rely on the staple diet of maize, but it's just monocropping, which takes a lot of the goodness out of the soil. It's why farmers in the West rotate crops and use fertilisers. 'Three sisters' of maize, beans and pumpkins in the same field means beans are supported by the maize and are nitrogen-fixing, so putting the goodness back, while the pumpkins are ground-covering, keeping moisture in."

And the medal? "Gaby worked so hard; she was meticulous," said Heather. "But when the lady came over and said we'd won a gold medal, we were just overwhelmed! It was a great experience. We had so many compliments."

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Heather Palmer's delight at winning gold



How you feline?



Shreen Haywood, left, and Amy Bergs put Luna and Molly at their ease

Anyone who's taken a cat to the vet will know the challenge. Weeing, pooing, howling... and then there's the cat.

Help is at hand. Amy Bergs' home visits spell the end of the basket ritual, and the 'What have I done to deserve this?' glare.

"Cats often hate going to the vet; they are afraid of the basket, journey, the clinic that smells of dog, and that stainless steel surface," said Amy, from New York state, who studied for eight years at Cornell.

Set up in 2013, with Surbiton at its centre, the Cat Doctor covers Surrey in the M25, with Amy and colleague Shreen Haywood zipping round in their catmobile.

Oddly, Amy is allergic to cats and can't let them lick her face. To cap it all, the cat doctors both get car sick!

Giving 16-month-old ginger sisters Luna and Molly a weigh-in, check and injection was made to look easy. Amy and Shreen

took time to reassure the cats who, in safe surroundings, treated it all as an entertaining distraction from a couple of attentive new friends.

Their owner was given tips, and printed sheets with care and food advice.

"Cats don't tell you when they're hurt or sick," said Amy. "They don't show pain, so an annual health check is important."

Owners keep in touch. Some send photos, which Amy assesses. "We're heavy on preventative care," she said. "But the key is being in familiar surroundings, which puts the cats and the owners at ease."

The service extends to end-of-life care, when the last hours of an elderly moggy can be managed so puss falls asleep in the comfy basket at home, rather than having to make that upsetting last journey.

Fees start at £31.50 for a call-out. See www.thecatdoctor.co.uk **Tim Harrison**

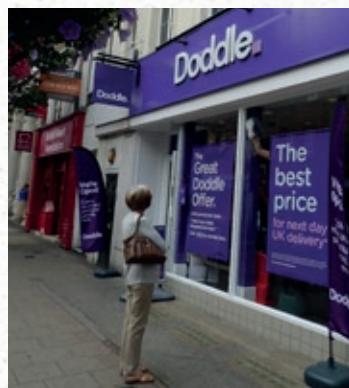
This new shop's a Doddle

A passer-by stares at the latest addition to Surbiton's high street, and wonders what in the world Doddle is. The shutters have risen on the old Phones4U branch at 8 Victoria Road, empty for the past year.

Doddle is a parcel sending and collection centre, letting shoppers who buy online pick up goods if they're away from home all day. It opens until 8pm, weekdays.

Inside is a compact changing room, so anyone who has picked up a package of clothes can try them on, and instantly return to sender if they don't fit.

Network Rail, which part-owns Doddle, hopes the proximity to the station will appeal to commuters. Up to 100 Doddles will soon exist. Surbiton is the 36th.



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Our holidays were a minefield

Surbiton has been a place of fear these past few weeks; a town filled with parents hiding under soft furnishings, in sheds, and beneath heaps of grass-stained laundry, living in trepidation of the scamper of happy feet, the squeals of excited voices, and that hopeful question: 'What are we doing today?'

The summer holidays.

What do ordinary human beings with no, or limited, super powers do to entertain children for six solid weeks?

Summer holidays for

my sister and I meant a fortnight in Cornwall. Rock pools, beaches and adventure playgrounds when it was sunny, National Trust properties and model railways when it was raining.

And mines. I've seen many mines. Our parents, desperate to keep us stimulated, would plunge us into cold, damp darkness to listen to a bearded man called Geoff in a hard

hat tell us about breaking ore, bringing ore to the surface, dressing ore and smelting ore.

We were child prodigies in ore. What we didn't know about it wasn't worth knowing. At one stage I was convinced my only career choice would be Professor of Ore as I understood more about it than about practically anything else.

But Surbiton does not have a significant mining tourism scene. So are kids content with puzzles and Play-Doh modelling? Do you spend hours in Balaclava rec? Feed the ducks? Take them on an improving tour of bus stops? ('Kids, look how the bus stop on Upper Brighton Road differs from the bus stop by Waitrose. Note the curvature of the shelter. Callum, are you paying attention?')

My friend recently spent six hours with her four-year-old at a soft play area. Six hours. Surely after six hours little Lily could graduate to hard play?

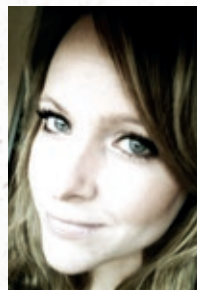
I have seen harassed parents trailing armies of hyperactive children round supermarkets, many simply too old to fall for the 'Here's a fun game - let's see if you can find me a tin of Icelandic flying sardines in a lemongrass froth' trick.

The other day I heard a fraught father growl 'Sophie, if you don't stop taking things out of other people's baskets, I will do something... frightening.'

Sophie looked suspiciously at him, waited until his back was turned, then swiped a lettuce from an elderly lady's basket and wedged it between the tinned tomatoes.

If anyone needs the address of a good local mine, let me know.

Becky Mayhew



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Dream mansion is £8.4m

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Originally Penton sat in splendour in 4.5 acres, but successive owners have sold off parts of the site for further house-building.

Harry Wilson, born Thomas Henry Wilson, bought up the land at the 'elbow' of Woodlands Road in June 1930, and hired a Norwegian architect to interpret his vision for a grand family home with a real 'wow' factor. Construction of the 10-bedroom mansion was completed the following year. It has since been condensed to eight bedrooms, plus a string of bathrooms and en-suites.

Built in the vernacular revival style, Penton has hand-made brown and buff bricks, timber frame panels and stone dressings. The windows have square leaded panes.



Entering through the porch, you find yourself in a hall running the length of the building. The rooms have impressive chimneypieces, with the original doors surviving, complete with brass snake-head hinges. Quirky features include an outside loo... for the gardeners.

The driveway splits and rejoins around an oak tree before reaching a grand turning circle (illuminated by a miniature 'lighthouse') in front of the main door.

Wilson was a passionate rower, naming the house after Penton Hook, where he took to the water at weekends. In fact he named house after house Penton. By the mid 1920s he lived in Penton in Ditton Road, and by the late 20s he was at a new Penton, at 5 Corkran Road, round the corner from the present version. He also built a house for himself in Marlow, and called it 'Hook'.

Harry's granddaughter Jill Austin, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday, has fond memories of Penton in the 1940s.

"I was four when the [Second World] war started," she said. "We lived in St Mary's Road, and I used to play in Penton; the attic was one huge playroom!"

"Harry was a wealthy man, but he was very small. He went to enlist [in the First World War] and was told that he couldn't go to war because he would have had to carry his own weight in equipment!"

Harry Wilson, whose father ran a collar-making business in the days when collars were detachable, began his own property company when he was 23... and, Jill says, "always wanted to build a Tudor house".

Foxtons is looking for a buyer (possibly from overseas) who won't blink at the £1m stamp duty. Christian Dickson told The Good Life that the price tag reflected demand for a suburb with rapid links to the centre of London.

"It's a growing market," he said. "There are few places with a 17-minute fast train to Waterloo."

Foxtons, which recently achieved



Strikingly simple

Hearts and Flowers by Brian Collins was judged best print at Kingston Camera Club by David Eastley, who praised its 'striking simplicity'. The group, set up in 1893, is one of the UK's oldest, and meets on Monday evenings at the St John Ambulance HQ, Athelstan Road, on the Surbiton/Kingston boundary. Brian took the picture on a club outing to Limehouse. Club chairman Sue Buller, who lives in Southborough Road, reports that the first meeting of the new season is on September 7.



Above, the house nears completion in 1931. Left, the drawing room in the 30s. Below, the front today



£800,000 for a two-bed town-centre apartment, is opening a branch opposite Sainsbury's in Victoria Road in October. It believes that the sale of properties such as Penton will act as a further spur to the local market.

Ten years ago Penton was sold by Surbiton estate agent Hawes. The price was kept private.

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Anyone labouring under the impression that Surbiton is superior, and Tolworth is merely a bit of between-the-wars infill, needs to get their history straight.

Tolworth is in the Domesday Book of 1086, with excavated evidence from present-day Alpine Avenue on the Sunray estate revealing round-houses from as early as 600BC, while a Surrey map of 1596 shows Tolworth and Long Ditton... but no Surbiton.

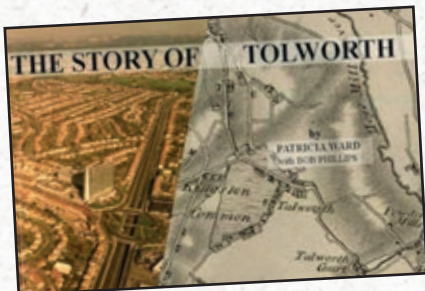
The Story of Tolworth by Patricia Ward and Bob Phillips, offers a well-researched examination of a district often written off by outsiders as a tower block, bowling alley and underpass surrounded by identikit houses.

Forty years ago, Pat wrote the history of St Matthew's parish to mark the church's centenary.

This new volume uses those researches as its foundation, but expands the scope to cover the whole of Tolworth.

It also initiates a debate about what should constitute Tolworth's

Celebrating Tolworth



modern boundaries, and speculates on the effect of redevelopment at Tolworth railway station, with the arrival of Lidl's relocated HQ, and the likely renaissance of the shops and businesses along Tolworth Broadway.

Pat, who read history at Cambridge, is passionate about the past, and has dedicated the book to the Surbiton & District Historical Society, marking its diamond jubilee in 2015.

Every Dr Johnson needs a Boswell, and Pat's is Bob Phillips, a former partner at Ernst & Young in North America, who lives near the Alexandra rec and who has provided momentum for the project.

"I'd say 70% of the book is totally different to Pat's original," he said. "The scope is different, and it projects into the future of an expanding Tolworth."

The book delves into the story of Tolworth Hospital, the saga of installing the drains, the origins of the Kingston By-Pass and the massive housebuilding programme of the 1930s.

It also looks at the establishment of churches in Tolworth, and the various ways residents entertained themselves, from the opening of Tolworth Odeon (now covered by Tolworth Tower) to the music scene at the Toby Jug.

One section celebrates the rich ethnic diversity that exists in modern Tolworth, especially the increase in the number of residents with roots in Sri Lanka.

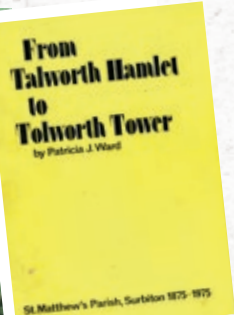
But it is the detailed examination of Tolworth's historic boundaries, and some brave suggestions for an up-to-date redrawing of the lines, that is likely to stimulate most discussion.

By combining a mixture of rivers, roads, ward outlines and dotted lines on yellowing maps, the authors have come up with a suggested shape that may – who knows – be adopted one day.

Pictures are referenced, and there are detailed background notes leading readers to other sources and websites.

● The Story of Tolworth is published on September 25 by Broomfield Press at £8.50. Copies will be available at Tolworth Library, Re:Fresh Books in the Broadway and Regency Bookshop in Victoria Road.

Tim Harrison



Bob Phillips and Pat Ward with, top left, the new book. Inset above, Pat's history from 1975, which marked the 100th birthday of the parish of St Matthew's in Surbiton



Now you see it, now you don't. There's more sky in Cotterill Road without the 147-year-old pine, felled for health and safety. Two cherry trees are to be planted



Saluting Simon

Surbiton soldier Pte Simon Richardson, 31, who has served with the 2nd Battalion the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment for two years is one of a dozen squaddies cycling from the east to the west coast of the USA to raise funds to support soldiers' families in difficult times. The cyclists are in continuous relay, aiming to take a fortnight to reach Santa Monica on September 21.

Currently based in Cyprus, Simon is no stranger to challenges. Two years ago he suffered chest pains and was diagnosed with a disease which cost him 20% of his left lung. He fought back, regaining his fitness. The team will cover 3,000 miles, climb 170,000ft and cross 12 states. You can donate via www.pwrr.org.uk



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Bike ride generosity

A host of local riders took part in the 100-mile Prudential RideLondon, joining 95,000 other cyclists thundering along Portsmouth Road. Among them, Lucy Brown and Chris Wickens, both 34, from Grove Road, pictured with the family. Lucy's four-year-old nephew was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy, and completing the ride has raised more than £8,840. "Thank the Lord that's over," said Lucy after 6hrs 46 mins. "We had friends and family cheering for us on the day, which really spurred us on."

● Surbiton GP Martin Wolfson, from the Claremont Medical Centre in Claremont Road, raised £1,000 for Shelter, the homeless charity. "My bum's very sore," he said. "I'm 65; my wife says I should act my age!" He did it in 5hrs 58mins.

Spoken words

Teacher Martha Jesty holds a 'language audit' on Friday Sept 4 from 10am at the Holiday Inn, Portsmouth Road, giving free 20-minute face-to-face sessions to assess Spanish language knowledge, and see which areas need improving. She also runs Peruvian cookery classes locally, combining them with language-learning.

Lodge arrives

Funeral directors Lodge Brothers, run by the seventh generation of the family, has opened at 50 Brighton Road, opposite Naturally Chinese. The business began in 1780, with the emphasis on peace of mind and personal service. The firm's stonemasonry showroom is also on site, relocated from Kingston.

Licensing Act 2003 – Licence Application

The Douglas Centre Trust, operating as the cornerHOUSE Community Arts Centre, 116 Douglas Road, Surbiton, KT6 7SB, is applying to The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames for a new licence. We wish to amend the hours during which the licensed premises may be open for the sale of alcohol. Currently these are from 7pm-11pm Monday to Saturday and from 7pm-10.30pm on Sundays.

At present the bar is only open when there is a public event. We are applying for permission to reduce the evening licence period so that the bar will close at 10.30pm Mondays to Saturdays and at 10pm Sundays. We are also seeking permission to sell alcohol additionally on the few occasions (approximately 15 times per year) when there is a matinee. On these occasions the bar would open at or after 12 noon for the purpose of serving drinks to those attending the matinee.

There is no material change in the other aspects of the licence that was originally granted in 2006, i.e. events held at the venue can take place between 10.30am and 11pm Monday to Saturday and 10.30am to 10.30pm on Sundays for the performance of plays, other public events, showing of films, performances of dance, and the associated use of live or recorded music. The Douglas Centre Trust does not hire the premises for private parties, discos and similar events in consideration for our neighbours. This will continue to be the case. In the past year the number of actual public performances of any type has not exceeded 90.

If you wish to make representations in respect of this licence application you should do so before September 17 to: Licensing Team, Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, Guildhall 2, High Street, Kingston, KT1 1EU

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Amy’s sax appeal

The first of Thames Concerts’ annual series in the acoustically superb St Andrew’s church, Maple Road, features twice Grammy-nominated saxophonist Amy Dickson and pianist Catherine Milledge. It takes place on Saturday October 3 at 7.30pm. Amy, a Classical Brit winner, will range from Rachmaninov to Gershwin. Discounted advance tickets at www.ticketweb.co.uk, or on 08444 771 000. Artistic director Benjamin Costello is also starting a run of free, Saturday-morning concerts, showcasing local talent beginning with Surbiton High’s musicians at 10.30am on Oct 17.

He’s so bold!

Surbiton-born Julian Clary read extracts from The Bolds, his first children’s book, to an amused audience at Richmond library. Answering questions from children, the comedian and writer said the book about a family of hyenas disguised as humans had been inspired by childhood memories. “The idea came fully formed; it only took me a few months to write,” he said. “It’s based on a family living in our road who had a lot of hair. As a child, I made up stories to myself about them.” Clary, 56, famed for his camp innuendo and lacerating wit,



has already written a sequel. With illustrator David Roberts he will be at Hampton Court in the Radio Times Festival on September 27 at 11.30am.



Having a ball at St Mark’s

A Grand Waterloo Ball organised in London by Surbiton’s Regency dance club Mrs Bennet’s Ballroom raised nearly £1,500 for Help for Heroes. The cheque was presented to retired Royal Navy officer James Cameron Wood by Mrs Bennet herself, aka Libby Curzon, at a tea dance at St Mark’s church hall. “We raised the money with a ball for 150 dancers, and a silent auction,” said Libby. Jocelyn Enfield, aka Mrs Elton, a regular at the Surbiton classes, added: “We enjoy making costumes to turn ourselves into Elizabeth Bennet from Pride & Prejudice. The gentlemen quite turned our heads by arriving as Mr Darcy and even Major Sharpe!” No experience is needed, and costumes are saved for the twice-yearly tea dances and balls. Fortnightly lessons (comfy clothes and flat, soft-soled shoes that don’t grip too much) start on September 9 at 8pm at the hall by St Mark’s church.

Upside-down dog

Highlights of the Berrylands Artists’ 70-picture show included Fiona Cook’s pastel portrait of Chip the dog hanging upside down, and Elizabeth Edwards’ Tarr Steps. Other stand-outs were Pat Deacon’s river view, and her Sunset on the Shard. The group meets at Berrylands Christian Centre, 41 King Charles Road, Mondays (10am-noon and 2-4pm).

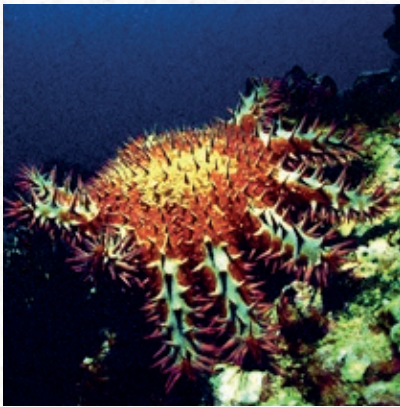
- Auditions for the Green Theatre Co’s performance of Beyond Therapy by Christopher Durang, directed by Dan Clinton at the cornerHOUSE, Douglas Road, in November, are being staged (for 14 to 25-year-olds) on Sept 2, 7.30pm.
- The life and works of Spanish golden age artist Diego Velazquez is examined at the Surbiton Arts Group’s meeting on September 14 at the Surbiton Library annexe in Ewell Road. Leslie Pitcher delivers an illustrated talk at 8pm.
- Wally Sewell’s Sherlock Holmes-based play The Adventure of the Crying Boy is performed by the Entire Theatre Co at the cornerHOUSE, Oct 16 and 17. “My first Sherlock exposure was having the Hound of the Baskervilles read to me as a boy,” said Wally. Also on the bill, a performed reading of the Sherlock Holmes story The Adventure of the Creeping Man.

A book that provides paws for thought

I’m seven and a half, I’m a pedigree cocker spaniel, and my first book, How to be a Dog, is published at the end of September. It’s about living with humans... and getting the upper paw. There’s only room for one alpha male! It’s advice for dogs, from a dog, and I practise what I preach. For example, ‘Fetch’. In the book there are two versions. The Fetch that humans like to play involves throwing a ball for me to retrieve, then drop at their feet. But realistic Fetch involves throwing a ball, and me ignoring it, wandering off,

then making the human retrieve the ball themselves. So, a bit about me. I’ve been with Mark and Debbie Leigh for four years. Mark’s the one with the glasses. Before that I belonged to Gillian Taylforth’s sister. People are always interested in that. I live in Surbiton, and enjoy walking in those fields behind Squire’s garden centre. It’s a good place to meet other dogs. Which brings me to sniffing. Sniffing another dog’s bottom is our equivalent of checking a profile on Facebook. It tells me all

I need to know; what they’re like, their diet, how old they are etc. Being a pedigree it’s important to know who you’re mixing with, so a good sniff is vital. Cats? Our mortal enemies. A cat jumping on a table to get food is cute, a dog is just dirty! Walks? Humans have an idyllic vision, but it’s really all about pulling the lead, barking at cats and trying to get into the road. More on me at mark-leigh.com • Published by Michael O’Mara at £9.99 (about 18 cans of Winalot) **Maxwell Woofington III**



Angel delight is served

Underwater photographer Terence Arpino (that’s his ‘crown of thorns’ coral) and artist Sara May exhibit at the cornerHOUSE, Douglas Road, from Sept 6-Oct 4 as Where Angels Fear to Tread. Gala night: Tuesday September 15, 7pm. Sara’s work is principally life drawing.

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Enjoy a festive day out on Raven's Ait

Though it dominates Queen's Promenade, few Surbitonians have set foot on Raven's Ait. That changes on Sunday September 20 when free ferries will shuttle anyone across.

It's one of the highlights of this year's Surbiton festival, from Sept 11-26, branded Surbo15. Organiser Bob Noble says it's a golden chance for locals to experience life on the island, with food and entertainment – including performances by the Vocality Surbiton choir, led by Ben Crawley.

"The festival began as a day, grew to a week and is now two weeks of events," said Bob.

After a launch dinner on Fri Sept 11, there will be a mad hatter's tea party and story-telling for children at St Mark's church on Sat Sept 12 to mark the 150th anniversary of Alice in Wonderland.

The Seething Wells Trycyclingathon is staged at Claremont Gardens on Sun Sept 13, with rides for experienced and novice cyclists, and a fancy-dress and vintage ride.

That evening comic Danny Buckler is doing a stand-up comedy show.

On Mon Sept 14, entries to a photo competition will be displayed at St Mark's church. The overall theme of the festival is hats, and headgear must figure in

photographic entries in some form or other. Entries must be in by Mon Aug 31, and there are prizes worth hundreds of pounds.

SurbExpo is on Tues Sept 15, at Glenmore House in The Crescent, celebrating and promoting the area's numerous small businesses and giving plenty of opportunities for networking, as well as staging talks and presentations by business gurus.

There is an Antiques Roadshow-style antique valuation day on Thurs Sept 17 before a day of river festivities on Sat Sept 19 at Thames Sailing Club, Portsmouth Road; a chance to try yachting, rowing and kayaking.

"We're really using the river this year," said Bob. "The river festival for Surbiton is on the middle weekend."

On Sun Sept 20 Raven's Ait opens to all visitors, with ferries dotting across from the end of Queen's Promenade by the Grove Road/Portsmouth Road junction.

There's a chance to meet author Mary Lawson at Glenmore House on Tues Sept 22, with another comedy night staged on Wed Sept 23 in the new Vet4Life clinic in Brighton Road, featuring Trevor Lock and friends.

Writer Mark Leigh and his dog Max are at Surbiton Assembly Rooms on Thurs Sept 24



to talk about his new book (p7), and on the same night there's a Surbiton film festival at the Holiday Inn, Portsmouth Road, with film clips of the area, some featuring local actors.

The main festival day (pictured) is on Sat Sept 26, with Victoria Road closed and filled with stalls; Claremont Gardens and St Andrew's Square buzzing with activity; and the traditional parade through town.

It's when everyone is being urged to wear an outrageous hat while watching the marching bands and vintage cars go past. There is also a pavement photo exhibition in Maple Road.

• More details of events including a culture cafe at www.surbitonfestival.co.uk



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An image that sums up Surbiton? Gemma Wildig captured the morning light on the London-bound platform 2 in what would make a superb book cover

Claremont Gardens facelift

Surbiton Wildlife Group is proving it can get things done. On a Friday, 45 volunteers gave Claremont Gardens a facelift, followed by 70 helpers on the Saturday. The area was split in four, with a digger used to remove established bamboo.

Weeding, thinning and litter-picking went well. The hope is that if the gardens look neat, antisocial behaviour will be less likely.

As well as litter, the volunteers found a large knife, earrings, a road sign and a pair of specs. The



All ages found plenty to do

garden rockery was dug, cut back and replanted, transforming the appearance, while the 'canal' is now weed-free.

The work was helped by a capital clean-up grant, Glenmore House (which gave staff), Waitrose (which gave both staff and refreshments), and Quadron, which donated plants from the Hampton Court Flower Show.

"But it was really all about the fantastic community for putting their backs into it on a very hot weekend," said group secretary Adrienne Stocks.

Saturday finished on a high as Pizza Express gave the workers free pizzas.

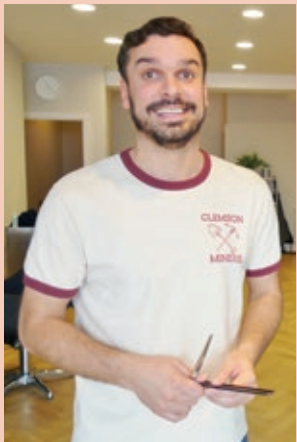
• Eight cameras, six memory cards, 48 batteries and a hedgehog house will form part of the group's wildlife survey kit, following a £750 grant from Surbiton's neighbourhood committee. The aim is to build a picture of wildlife levels, focusing on hedgehogs, now in steep decline. Cllr Malcolm Self said: "The more local, community-led initiatives like this that we can get behind as a council, the better."

A trim new arrival

A prime-location site in trendy Maple Road has opened as Ward & Cross, a ladies' and gents' hair salon, having been a boarded-up storage unit for years.

Stuart Ward, right, a partner in the business with Matt Cross, is the stylist at what is the firm's second branch to the original, which opened in Ashted in 2006.

The image is upmarket, but understated. Staff are trained at the Aveda academy, with products sold at the 95 Maple Road salon. Haircuts start at £30 for men, £48 for women (U12s half-price, plus student discounts). The salon opens Tues-Sat from 9am, with late nights Wed and Thurs. 020 8399 0906.



Wrong number

by Morris Thain

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I'll know you're talking rubbish



Breakfast fizzes

The award-winning farmers' market in Maple Road is holding free draws in October, November and December to attract more first-time visitors, with a sparkling prize of a champagne breakfast for two.

Flyers about the market will be dished out from stalls at the Surbiton Festival on Saturday September 26, to spread the word among a wider public.

Each flyer gives free entry to prize draws at the remaining markets for 2015, on October 17, November 21 and December 19. To take part, visitors have to come to the market and put completed coupons in a box on the organisers' stall.

Extra draw tickets will also be on sale at each market, with proceeds going to the market's charities. The draw will be made on the day.

The prizes of market breakfasts for two at a Maple Road restaurant include a cork-popping champagne special.

Not Crufts, just Scruffs

A fun dog show is being staged at the Alexandra Millennium Green, Alexandra Drive, on Saturday September 5, with a class for the scruffiest pooch.

The event at the picturesque Tolworth space starts with registration at noon, with judging after 1pm. There are 10 classes, with a small entry fee.

There will also be a dog training display, and a basic training session that anyone can join.

It promises to be a lively spectacle, whether or not you are a dog owner. Refreshments available.

The event is run by Sara Bridgeman of Wagtime dog walking and training (www.wagtime.org.uk).

Categories are: waggiest tail, prettiest bitch, best trick, best puppy, most appealing eyes, most handsome dog, scruffiest dog, 'leave the sausage', fancy dress, and the dog the judges would most like to take home with them.

The Millennium Green is a charity which saved the park from being concreted over in 1990. The trust which runs it has no public funding. By becoming a friend (from £10 a year), supporters chip in to cover the running costs. More information at www.alexandramillenniumgreen.org.uk

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