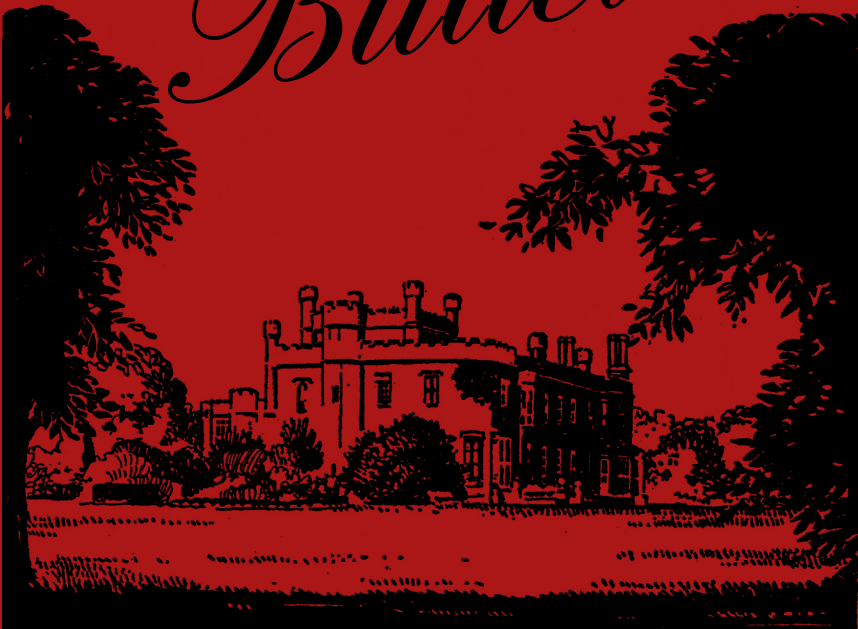


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AUTUMN 2021

GRASS VERGES

The following letter was received from the Town Clerk in March.

When it is realised that by cutting our own verges we save between 4/- and 5/- p.a. rates, the majority will welcome the Council's decision, especially as they were cut only once a year.

BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL

Town Hall,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

23rd March, 1949

GRASS VERGES

I beg to inform you that the Council in making the general rate for the ensuing financial year decided as an economy measure not to carry out the work of cutting and trimming grass verges in front of residential properties in the Borough, which work if carried out by the Council during this coming year would have necessitated an expenditure of approximately £2,630. Many burgesses already regularly mow and maintain the grass verges fronting their properties and the Council now appeal to all burgesses residing in streets which contain grass verges to keep these verges mown and tidy so that the pleasant appearance of these verges may be maintained.

The Council feel confident that the members of your Association will do all they can to meet the Council's request and I shall be obliged if you will kindly bring the contents of this letter to their notice as early as practicable.

Yours faithfully,

EDWARD R. MORE, Town Clerk.

There have been serious complaints from residents regarding the unthinking action of some dog owners in allowing their pets to foul the grass verges. May we appeal to the few dog owners concerned to recognise the annoyance this must cause to some householders, especially now that the frontagers have to tend their own verges.

The trees this year are really delightful and we have heard many most pleasing comments about them, but there is just one fault which can be easily dealt with without much trouble. The trees in quite a number of gardens overhang the footpath and are a nuisance to the passer-by, so may we ask those whose trees do overhang to do a little trimming and also cut back bushes.

DANGER SPOTS

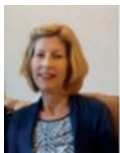
You will be interested to know that we have approached the Borough Council with a view to placing warning notices to traffic at the bus stops at Hayes Walk and West Drive, which we consider to be danger spots.

A FISHERMAN member is anxious to meet another to join forces for expeditions to coast and river. Details from the Hon. Secretary.

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Chairman's Report – David Triggs

Welcome to the Autumn 2021 edition of our Bulletin in which our Councillors report on a wide range of issues affecting Nonsuch residents. They include local responses to the challenges of climate change, refugees from Afghanistan, planning, housing and park maintenance etc. They also highlight the environmental impact of some of our purchasing and consumption choices and a resident's responsibilities for their own trees and hedges in so far as they affect the wider community.

Another issue is the way fifth generation (5G) mobile internet services with very tall masts and unsightly ancillaries are being planned for our area. Following effective NRA representation, two particularly inappropriate locations have, so far, been refused by the Council. However, the prospects of securing socially optimum locations seems remote because they would not be compatible with the will of central government or the commercial companies involved. In considering this case the significance of **will** in connection with wider socioeconomic issues became apparent.

At a national level, how we care for and share our country's natural resources and infrastructure is a case in point. At a global level, how the nations and peoples of the world care for our planet and share its limited capacity to absorb man-made greenhouse gases is another.

Although every person born is, by nature, equally entitled to what nature provides, and all community members are equally entitled to what their community provides, that cannot happen in practice - those common goods are too dispersed and diverse. However, if we and our government **willed** it, their full **economic value** could be shared equally. If it were **collected from** those who to the exclusion of others **enjoy** a common good, it could be **paid to** those who work to **provide** the protections, goods, services and infrastructure we need. It could then **replace** taxes we currently levy on such work!

Nonsuch Ward Update

Councillor Chris Frost



Environment & Safe Communities Committee

The committee agreed to set up a cross party Working Group to oversee the implementation of the Borough Council's Climate Change Action Plan. It also agreed to refresh its policy on the enforcement of provisions relating to vehicle engine idling. The cutting of emissions by reducing and stopping the idling of engines is a component in the Council's action plans and strategies to improve clean air and tackle climate change. There will be a 'light touch' approach in enforcement using persuasion rather than financial penalties.

Planning Policy – Local Plans

Mole Valley is, like our borough, producing its Local Plan. As part of the process, councils must consult neighbouring councils to see if they have any comments. We have examined the Mole Valley draft Local Plan and have particular concerns over one aspect. They have not identified enough land to build the properties the Government are telling them to build. We feel there is a danger that we will be asked to build more as a result, and that is the key part of our response.

Planning Policy – Planning Service

Officers have produced a new Enforcement Plan which sets a framework for how the Council and its Planning Service will handle complaints and any subsequent investigations into breaches of planning control. It sets out clearly the aims and background to planning enforcement, and the scope of enforcement powers. It also sets out priorities for responses to complaints and clarifies the timescales for response by Planning Officers. The plan will also seek to

formalise how Councillors and the general public will be kept up to date in relation to the enforcement work being carried out by the Planning Officers.

Nonsuch Park

Nonsuch Park is managed by both Epsom and Ewell Borough Council and Sutton Council. Recently the Joint Management Committee received an update on its financial position. It is clear that more money needs to be spent on maintaining the roads, especially after the increased use of the park caused by lockdown and the vaccination work by the NHS. We will also need to identify funds to pay for increased costs for energy usage for the time when the current fixed price contract comes to an end.

Councillor Christine Howells



Eco chic for the home

Going green has never been more important, and now it's getting easier to be stylish and green in the home.

Start by changing to LED light bulbs, insulating the loft, lagging the boiler, and then look to natural, sustainable, and durable furniture, furnishings and fittings. Small changes can create big eco-transformations. Ways to help the environment in the home include choosing low carbon, non-toxic, energy efficient, renewable, fair trade, locally sourced, organic and natural products and materials.

There is more labelling now to help such as FSC to show timber is responsibly resourced, Goodweave to show rugs have not been made by children, Fairtrade for a fair price paid to producers. Or look out for reclaimed, upcycled, antique and vintage, the ultimate in the 3 R's reduce, reuse and recycle.

Support local artisans and businesses, which along with many other advantages, also helps to reduce the carbon footprint of transport.

Think natural; sisal, cork, wool, linen, hemp and alpaca. Avoid cotton which, although it is a natural fibre, is far from environmentally friendly. Over 99% of cotton is grown using fertilisers and GM seeds, and amounts of water and pesticides are used to grow it in dry and warm regions.

Think beauty; wood, bamboo, slate and linen.

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Councillor Colin Keane



Afghan Refugees

There have been many reports recently in the news following the Taliban take over in Afghanistan of the need for local authorities to help in housing and settling Afghan families in the UK.

A proposal was debated by the Borough Council on 30 September to take in Afghan families where a member had worked for the British forces in Afghanistan. Assurances were given that the call had gone out for appropriate housing for larger families to house the refugees without using housing earmarked for the Borough's existing homeless people.

After an amendment, the Council passed a motion to take in five Afghan families under the Government scheme. For the first four years all costs should be covered centrally. The refugees will all be given ongoing support to help them assimilate into the UK.

Boundary Commission Report

A review of the total number of Borough Councillors for Epsom and Ewell, the number for each ward, the roads within each ward and the total number of wards has been ongoing for some time. Changes made will take effect from the Borough elections in May 2023.

The latest report published by the Commission giving their proposals to date was published on 5 October.

The number of Councillors is proposed to reduce from the current 38 to 35 Councillors in line with a submission made to the Commission by Epsom and Ewell Borough Council. The current 13 wards are proposed to increase to 14 wards with the creation of a Horton ward.

Under the proposal Nonsuch Ward will keep three Councillors. Also, Nonsuch Ward will take in some additional roads from Ewell Ward (in the part of the ward currently covered by the Association of Ewell Downs Residents) to keep within the required range of voters per Councillor.

The proposals do not change the area looked after by Nonsuch RA.

Please see the link below for the report. Pages 16 and 17 explain the additions to Nonsuch Ward

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/surrey/epsom-and-ewell>

Interested parties have from 5 October to 13 December 2021 to make any representations to the Boundary Commission.

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County Councillor John Beckett

Surrey County Council's renewed bid for more powers

In July 2020 we alerted residents to SCC's plans to abolish all of Surrey's Borough and District Councils and create a Single Unitary Council providing all services for Surrey's 1.2 million residents. The plan was hatched in secret, with SCC's leaders only talking to the Government and Surrey's Conservative MPs, and it was only made known when it was revealed in an article in the press.

At the time the Government told SCC that it was premature, but not before the leaders of SCC had spent over £¼ million of council taxpayers' money on consultants, leafleting, market research and lobbying. All then went quiet, including during last May's County Council Elections, when the Conservatives made no mention of continuing to seek a deal with the Government.

It was therefore a surprise (or perhaps not, given his track record) that, following an enquiry on 16th August by RA County Councillors, SCC's Leader Tim Oliver revealed that he had made another bid for a county devolution deal six days earlier. Once again, he failed to inform the Borough and District Councils, who had to read the details in the news outlets. Worryingly, the Leader of SCC has also been secretly working on a detailed plan for Surrey that he is only now willing to share. How much is being spent on that?

Back in 2020, not one Borough or District Council in Surrey supported the SCC's plans for a Single Surrey Unitary Council and an on-line petition against the proposals received nearly 6,000 signatures. Yet SCC's Conservatives are once again seeking to impose their, as yet unpublished, plans for local democracy in Surrey. Their track record on open government and listening to residents' concerns is not good, and as Residents' Association Councillors we will continue to work with residents and like-minded Councillors to challenge any attempt to concentrate power in the hands of SCC.

Surrey County Council's Conservatives refuse to end the night-time switching off of street lights

The tragic death of Sarah Everard while walking home alone in south London in March this year emboldened women to speak out on the issue of personal safety. The right to feel safe walking our streets at night has become a major political cause across the country. The national Government reacted immediately by committing £25 million to help enhance street lighting in areas of poor illumination and to improve CCTV coverage.

In support of that national call for change, and during the SCC local election in May, all Residents' Association candidates made a promise to seek to end SCC's policy of switching-off Surrey's street lights at night. To meet that promise, we proposed a Motion at the July SCC Council Meeting:

1. To make a commitment to end the street light switch-off as soon as is practicable, but as a matter of urgency
2. To fund the additional costs out of the £2 million saving from the current switch to LED street lights

SCC's own estimate says ending the night-time black-out will cost just £113,870 per year, a small sum to pay from a SCC budget of billions.

Unfortunately, despite the compelling testimony of several Councillors about their own feelings of insecurity walking home at night, the ruling Surrey Conservatives were unwilling to change their policy. All the Conservatives, including the one remaining Conservative County Councillor representing a Division in Epsom and Ewell, voted against ending the street light switch-off policy.

Our Motion was defeated by just 37 votes to 30, one of the closest votes for some time at SCC, but sadly not enough to bring SCC in line with so many other local authorities where it is recognised that the right to feel safe walking our streets at night is a major requirement for political action across the country.

Trees and hedges

Due to the recent unusual weather, there has been a lot of growth of shrubs and trees and a lot of complaints of overgrown plants affecting public footpaths.

Can we please ask you to make sure that if you have a tree, shrub or bush which is planted on private land or in a garden and which hangs over the public footpath that it is kept under control, as it is down to the property owner to keep pathways clear.

However, if you notice a particularly bad example of this while out and about you can report it to SCC who will write to the owner asking them to clear it. If they don't then the County Council has the ability to remove it and send the bill to the landowner.

You can report all trees, hedges, grass or weeds issues using the Report link on the SCC homepage or call or email the contact centre on:

- **Telephone:** 0300 200 1003 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays).
- **Email:** contactcentre@surreycc.gov.uk

Free Christmas Parking

Parking will be free in Epsom & Ewell Borough Council shoppers' car parks on Sundays 5th, 12th and 19th December 2021.

Message from the Editor

I would like to thank all our contributors and advertisers for their continued support in these unusual times and wish everybody a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Reclaim These Streets

On Sunday 3rd October a demonstration was held in Nonsuch Park near the Mansion House following the attack on a young woman jogger which took place a month earlier in the park.

The event was organised by War on Woman founder Kira Charlton along with Reclaim These Streets, the social movement founded following the murder of Sarah Everard.

More than 120 people attended the event including families with placards and Borough Councillors Hannah Dalton and David Reeve. Residents from Ewell, Epsom, Cheam and Sutton were in attendance with a police presence and a representative from the Press.

The attack in Nonsuch Park was among a number of incidents in which women have been targeted in the Epsom area in recent months. Kira gave a speech, along with others, demanding more action from local and central government to stop violence against women.

Afterwards candles and tealights were lit to remember those women who had suffered violent attacks.

Linda Lau

Housing Market Update

Mark Jenkins of Mark Anthony Estate Agents

With UK homeowners reassessing their housing needs during the pandemic the housing market has on average increased 8% in 2021, with Epsom and Ewell exceeding this growth at over 10%.

For the vast majority, Christmas is all about family and friends, gifts, and eating your own body weight in turkey. For many however, it is a deadline and a challenge to complete on a new home.

If you are one of these homeowners or prospective buyers considering a move before Christmas, acting quickly to increase your chances of a smooth relocation is key, particularly as the housing market appears to be holding its momentum despite the end of the stamp duty incentive with demand still outstripping supply being a key driver of price growth.

With no sign of the market slowing and mortgage rates remaining at an all-time low, the months leading up to the festive period are crucial for those navigating the home buying process. If you would like to complete before the December deadline you need Mark Anthony Estate Agent, an experienced and proactive local agent.

We take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

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- * Please attend the Annual General Meeting in March each year. This is the opportunity for you to hear what is going on in your area, what is planned and what needs to be considered. It is also the opportunity for you to contribute your thoughts, both formally and informally, to the Committee and to the Councillors.
- * At any time, please give us your input. You can contact your Area Representative, or any member of the Committee, or any of the Councillors, on any subject which you think involves us. If you do not tell us things, there is a fair chance we will not know about your particular concern.
- * If you contact council officers or the police about something which is of interest or concern to other residents, please let us know so that we can collate input and keep people informed.
- * Please continue to give us your support on any matter affecting the residents and the community. The strength of a community rests in the hands of its residents.
- * If you are able to help by becoming an Area Representative or by joining the Committee, please let any of the officers or Area Representatives know. The effort involved is not huge but the benefit to yourself and to the other residents can be significant.

This Association functions through the efforts of willing volunteers and we are always keen to hear of those who are prepared to help.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for caring.



A Link with the Past

By OUR CHAIRMAN

Enquiries are often made as to the precise meaning of the name of our estate, and members may be interested to know that the name arose from a desire of Henry VIII to build a palace which should exceed in magnificence the newly completed Palace of Versailles, built by Le Roi de Soleil (Louis XIV of France). To this end the Palace was designed by a Florentine architect. The result was undoubtedly a wonderful structure of brick, timber and stucco, and consisted of a number of magnificent buildings built round a large courtyard with outlying halls and pavilions.

Nonsuch Palace was built on land formerly occupied by Cuddington Village and Church. Cuddington parish covers an extensive area, but to-day there is no village or church of that name, for in building his palace and its grounds, Henry had no hesitation in pulling down all the houses on the site. The palace was commenced in 1538 and was not finished when Henry died nine years later. In 1538 the King was temporarily a widower, Jane Seymour having died the previous year. Anne of Cleves became Queen in 1540, but she was soon displaced by Catharine Howard, whose execution prepared the way for Henry's marriage with Catherine Parr, the King's last matrimonial venture.

There is no record that any of Henry's Queens visited Nonsuch, but later Queen Elizabeth was much interested in the property and paid many visits to the Palace. Pepys' visit to Nonsuch is described in his diary. The diarist Evelyn also visited and described Nonsuch, and there is also good reason for thinking that Shakespeare took part in plays in one of the pavilions in the spacious park.

When Henry VIII died the palace came into the possession of the then Earl of Arundel, who made many additions, but the cost of these extensions was so heavy that the Earl's successor had to dispose of the property to satisfy his creditors.

The palace passed through many hands, and in 1669 Charles II made it over to the Duchess of Cleveland, who at the same time was made Baroness of Nonsuch. The lady's debts, however, compelled her to pull down the palace and most of the buildings, and to sell the contents. The materials were disposed of for building purposes. Lord Rosebery's house, "The Durdons," and many others being built from these materials.

Sir Walter Raleigh was a frequent visitor to Nonsuch, and it was here he courted Elizabeth Throgmorton. History is vague concerning the courtships of Queen Elizabeth, but it has been noted that the visits of the virgin Queen to Nonsuch often coincided with Raleigh's visits to the Carews at Beddington, and this may be thought to have some bearing on Sir Walter's prompt committal to the Tower when he married Elizabeth Throgmorton in 1592.

The present house, built in 1805, has recently been taken over, with the grounds, as part of the "Green Belt."

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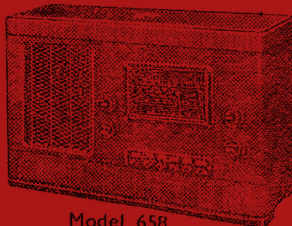
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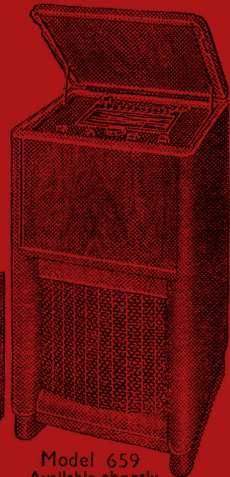
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