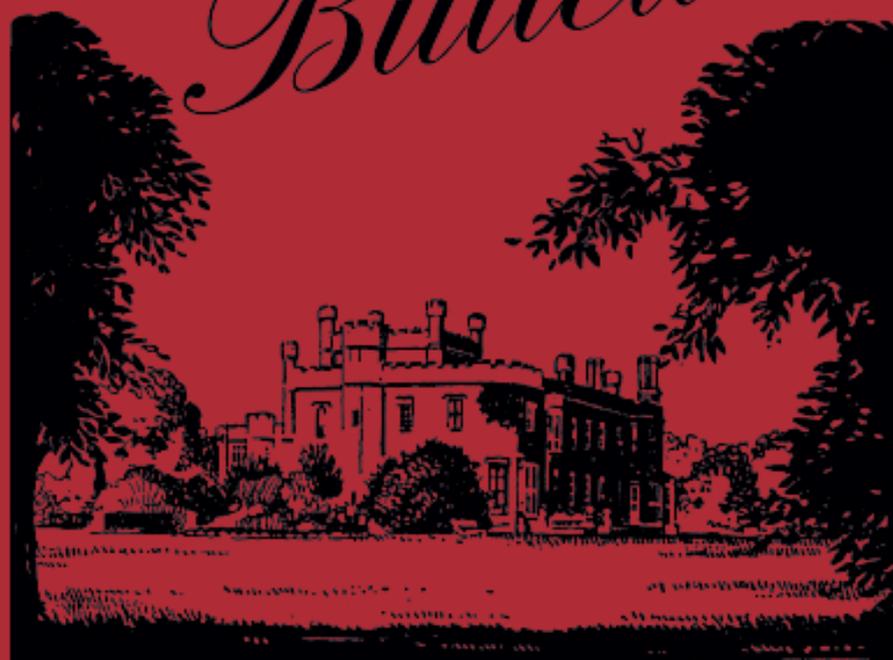


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Free Parking in Epsom and Ewell at Christmas

Throughout December there will be days when free parking is available to support Christmas events and traders in Epsom and Ewell. These include free parking on the evening of the “Ewell Yule” event and “Three Free Sundays” for shoppers at all locations in the borough in the run up to Christmas. In addition, there will be free parking on Christmas Day across the borough and on Boxing Day in Ewell village.

Details of the free parking arrangements are as follows:

5th December 2025 Ewell Yule Free parking in Dorset House and Ewell High Street Car Parks from 4pm until 7am on Sat 6th Dec - Ewell Village

7th December 2025 Three Free Sundays Free Parking at all locations in Epsom and Ewell

14th December 2025 Three Free Sundays Free Parking at all locations in Epsom and Ewell

21st December 2025 Three Free Sundays Free Parking at all locations in Epsom and Ewell

25th December 2025 Free parking at all locations in Epsom and Ewell

26th December 2025 Free parking in Dorset House and Ewell High Street Car Parks all day - Ewell Village



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Chairman's Report – David Triggs

Welcome to the Autumn edition of our bulletin which comes at a time of significant uncertainty regarding the impact that implementation of the government's plans to reform local government will have on us. In this bulletin our county and borough councillors discuss various aspects of this issue and at least three things are clear: (i) the reform is predicated on the idea that small units of government are more costly than large units, (ii) the ability of residents to influence the local services we rely upon will diminish, and (iii) over recent years public services have declined and are unlikely to improve under any currently proposed reforms.

In Nonsuch and throughout our borough we seem to continue to be well off compared with many other parts of the country but recent developments in local homelessness highlight a trend that reduces the ability of every level of government to provide public services. It is not the only example of growing nationwide and local poverty but an examination of its local incidence is instructive in highlighting the financial pressures our local council faces and those any other form of local government will face.

The council's expenditure on temporary accommodation for homeless households in the borough is currently projected to exceed the budget for 2025/26 by nearly one million pounds. This overspend is attributed to a significant rise in demand and the increasing number of households being supported in nightly paid housing. Costs are high due to the absence of affordable housing within the borough combined with competition from other local authorities (including London boroughs) for temporary housing placements. High housing, utilities and basic living costs, together with more complex family and social issues, have increased the number of households requiring assistance.

Homelessness is a nationwide problem and local authorities like Epsom & Ewell Borough Council have a non-negotiable, demand led, statutory duty to provide temporary accommodation for eligible homeless households. Funding is also delivered nationally through two main

routes but these subsidies do not cover the cost of temporary accommodation because they are based on outdated Local Housing Allowance rates. They do not reflect significantly higher rents in areas like Epsom. The government also provides local authorities with a non-statutory Homelessness Prevention Grant which is intended to fund prevention, relief and staffing activities related to homelessness but again, for Epsom & Ewell, this falls far short of its obligatory overspend.

To date there is no indication that the government's proposed local government reforms include any significant proposals to address the homelessness issue and there is every chance it will intensify as a period of serious economic challenge is entered in to.

David Triggs

Treasurer's Report

Many thanks to all those residents who have paid their annual subscriptions. We are especially grateful to the many people who have paid more than the minimum amount - thank you. If you have not paid and would like to support your Residents' Association by paying the £3 per household per year, please choose one of the following methods:

- Sign up to pay your subscriptions by Direct Debit (or one-off instant payment if you prefer) using the QR Code or by going to the "Membership" section of our website at www.nonsuchra.org



- Put your subscription of £3 (or more if you prefer) into an envelope marking it "Nonsuch Residents' Association" with your name and address included on it and then post it through the door of your Area Representative or a nearby Area Representative if your road is indicated as having a vacancy for Area Representative.

Nonsuch Ward Update

Councillor Robert Leach



Remembrance Day

The council commemorated Remembrance Day in November, in the 80th year since the end of the second world war.

Commemorations included church services at St Mary's, Ewell on Sunday 9th November when the council's wreath was formally laid and a service at St Martin's, Epsom.

Wreaths were laid at war memorials around the borough on 8th November and large poppies displayed on Epsom High Street, Ewell High Street and Stoneleigh Broadway.

Armistice Day, 11th November, was marked by a short act of remembrance by the Clock Tower in Epsom in the morning.

Earlier in the month, on 5th November, the mayor and chief executive joined children to open a Garden of Remembrance at Bourne Hall. This was open to the public until the end of November.

Last year, the Royal British Legion raised more than £80,000 in the borough. This is the highest borough figure for Surrey, even though we are the smallest borough. About one tenth of this was collected at Homecraft which has since closed, but the Legion are confident that they will set a new record this year despite this.

Solar System Walk

As the current Mayor of Epsom & Ewell I joined Sutton Mayor, Cllr Louise Phelan on 25th October to open the Nonsuch Park Solar Walk. Details of this entertaining and educational initiative can be found in the Nonsuch Park News in Cllr Christine Howell's report below.

Pantomime

This year's pantomime is Aladdin at Epsom Playhouse. Tickets cost £18.50 to £26.50 plus a £1.50 surcharge. It runs from 12th December to 4th January.

The company says "this promises to be the perfect festive treat for both young and old."

Infrastructure improvements

The council collects a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) imposed on developments.

In September, £1.3 million was allocated to four strategic projects and six neighbourhood projects. This includes a new "Library of Things" planned to open in Bourne Hall in 2026. Residents will be able to borrow items, such as appliances and tools, for free. It will be operated by Climate Action Network volunteers who will maintain items, while checkout and return will be administered by Bourne Hall Library staff.

Friend of the Mayor scheme

At my civic service on 12th October, I launched a Friend of the Mayor scheme. The scheme is mainly intended for children who get a Young Citizen sticker. The first young citizens were a scouts' company who came to the Town Hall for a mock council meeting. They defeated a motion that chocolate is bad for you. They were very well behaved and showed a good knowledge of local issues. Two more young groups are booked in.

Adults can get a Friend of the Mayor sticker. The first ones were given out at the civic service.

The qualification is simply that you do not hate anyone, or at least try not to. This builds on the council's policy of "debate not hate." We may have different views on religion, politics and social issues, but we should not hate those who hold such views. Instead, we should work together where we agree and discuss other areas as friends, turning our energy to light rather than heat.

Councillor Christine Howells



Nonsuch Park News

Gold Awards

As a member of the Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee, I am delighted to inform all our residents that for the first time ever, Nonsuch Park has achieved outstanding success at the South & South East in Bloom Awards 2025, receiving Gold in both the Heritage Park and Large Conservation categories.

These awards are among the highest available and reflect the exceptional work undertaken by our dedicated volunteer group the Nonsuch Voles who work in partnership with the Friends of Nonsuch and our Countryside, Property & Estates, Arts, Culture & Heritage and Operational Teams to ensure the park is kept to such a high standard.

The Heritage Park Gold Award recognises excellence in the preservation and management of historic landscapes. The judge commended the care of the park's Grade II listed features, sensitive planting schemes and sustainable maintenance practices.

The Large Conservation Area Gold Award is awarded for exemplary biodiversity, habitat management and environmental stewardship. The judge highlighted the quality of the woodland, grassland and meadow conservation and the strong community involvement in ecological conservation.

This double achievement places Nonsuch Park amongst the highest performing public parks in the South East and demonstrates the impact of collaborative management between Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and Sutton Council, who jointly manage the park.

Well done and congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard to achieve this worthy award for our beautiful and outstanding park.

Solar System Walk

Visitors to Nonsuch Park can now enjoy a journey through the Solar System thanks to the successful launch of the Nonsuch Park Solar Walk which was opened to the public on 25th October by Sutton Mayor, Cllr Louise Phelan and Epsom & Ewell Mayor, Cllr Robert Leach.

The Solar Walk is an engaging scaled model of the Solar System stretching through one of Epsom & Ewell's most loved green spaces. Each planet is represented by an informative plaque showing its relative distance and size in comparison to the Sun, helping visitors of all ages experience the vastness of space in an accessible and educational way.

The Solar Walk is a fantastic addition to Nonsuch Park, blending education, exercise and the beauty of our surroundings. It's ideal for families, schools and visitors of all ages to enjoy.

The walk starts at the Mansion House which represents the Sun and it finishes at London Road car park representing where Pluto would be. Points along the way represent the planets and each is clearly signposted with quizzes and facts and figures to interest everyone. At this scale, the next nearest star would be in South America!

Developed in partnership with the Ewell Astronomical Society, the project combines outdoor recreation with science learning in a fun and interactive way.

Councillor Shanice Goldman



Working Together for a Safer, Stronger Epsom & Ewell

This autumn marks an important moment for our borough with the launch of the Safer Epsom & Ewell partnership: a new initiative bringing together Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, Surrey Police, Surrey County Council and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner.

The partnership is about collaboration and connection, making sure that all the agencies working across our area are joined up, visible, and focused on the issues that matter most to residents. That means not only addressing safety and wellbeing, but also supporting young people, improving access to services and strengthening the sense of pride and belonging that defines our community.

It has been encouraging to see how local organisations and residents have already embraced this approach. From community events and youth programmes to neighbourhood groups and volunteer networks, there is real energy behind the idea that we can achieve more when we work together. Safer Epsom & Ewell gives us a platform to build on that energy, making sure that every voice counts and every part of the borough feels included.

As you will see elsewhere in this bulletin, discussions about local government reorganisation have been continuing. Understandably, many residents have questions about how these changes could affect smaller districts like ours. Whatever direction those discussions take, our focus locally will remain the same: keeping services close to residents, maintaining strong local leadership and protecting the unique character that makes Epsom & Ewell such a special place to live.

Communication is key to that success. Whether it is through ward meetings, community drop-ins or the informal conversations that happen on our high streets and in our parks. Staying connected helps us understand what's working and where we need to do more. I'm committed to keeping those channels open, to listening, responding, and ensuring that decisions are made *with* the community, not just *for* it.

Epsom & Ewell has always been known for its strong civic spirit and the kindness of its people. As we look ahead, that sense of togetherness will continue to guide us, helping us create a borough that is not only safe, but inclusive, vibrant and full of opportunity for everyone who calls it home.

County Councillor John Beckett



CGR – Community Governance Review Epsom & Ewell

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council carried out a public consultation as part of a Community Governance Review which closed on the 9th October 2025. It asked our residents if they wanted the borough council to investigate further the creation of new community/parish councils in Epsom & Ewell.

In April 2027, all 12 councils in Surrey will be abolished to be replaced by two new unitary councils which will be created to replace them.

The new unitary councils will take over all the local services that the boroughs used to deliver and be responsible for delivering education, social care, rubbish collection, housing, planning applications and more. The new unitary council for East Surrey will represent 650,000 people – to give you an idea of scale, there are currently around 80,000 residents in the borough of Epsom & Ewell.

Epsom & Ewell does not have any parish areas or parish/community councils, so in the future there won't be a local tier of government in our borough. Resident Association Councillors at Epsom & Ewell Borough Council feel that this may lead to a democratic deficit between the residents and the new unitary authority. That is why further investigation into the creation of new parish/community councils will ensure that local decisions and local voices can continue to be heard and to support local democracy in Epsom and Ewell for years to come.

Parish or community councils could be responsible for parks, open spaces, playgrounds, community centres, allotments and cultural events. A parish council would also be a statutory consultee on planning matters that are considered within the borough. Remember- "you as residents have a choice and you as residents have a voice."

Local Government Reform – Update

Residents will be aware that the government and the Leader of Surrey County Council are planning to abolish Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and Surrey County Council and create a new system of Unitary Authorities and an elected Mayor in Surrey.

The Resident Associations of Epsom and Ewell have expressed our concern about the undemocratic nature of the process for developing the County Council's Unitary proposals, as well as the cancellation of the May 2025 elections which would have provided an opportunity for residents to have their say on this issue and on other matters important to residents locally.

The plans now submitted by Surrey to the government show that the costs of this reorganisation could be as much as £103 million, and that does not include payoffs to high-ranking council officers made redundant by the process, which could add £millions more to the cost.

In addition, the proposed Elected Mayor for Surrey, to be elected possibly in 2027, will also be setting their own council tax charge and that new charge will be added to every council tax bill from that date.

The decision has now been made by Westminster and the option for two unitary councils has been chosen for the county of Surrey.

Hannah Dalton, Leader of Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and Chair of the Surrey Leaders' Group, representing eight borough and district councils who supported the three unitary council option said:

"We are extremely disappointed by the government's decision to proceed with two unitary authorities, effectively creating two 'mega councils' that risk losing local identity and responsiveness to our community's values.

This decision goes against the three unitary model put forward by our councils, which we believe offered a more balanced and representative solution for Surrey."

The government chose the two unitary model even though 51% of Surrey residents expressed a preference for the three unitary model compared with only 19% preferring the two unitary option.

The government's announcement confirms that an East Surrey unitary council will replace the Elmbridge, Epsom & Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate & Banstead and Tandridge councils and a West Surrey unitary council will replace the Guildford, Runnymede, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath, Waverley and Woking councils.

Surrey County Council, along with the 11 district and borough councils, will be abolished, with the two new unitary authorities taking responsibility for services such as adult social care, children's services, waste and recycling, local planning and highways.

While Local Government Reorganisation is supposedly expected to deliver financial savings over the long-term, the government has recognised that Woking's debt cannot be resolved solely at the local level. It has announced a first tranche of debt relief to aid in the reduction of Woking's debt, subject to progress with its asset rationalisation programme.

Elections 2026

Elections for the new unitary authorities are scheduled for May 2026. These will initially be shadow administrations with the new authorities expected to become fully operational and take over from Surrey County Council and Epsom & Ewell Borough Council in April 2027.

This means that the current five County Councillors and 35 Borough Councillors for Epsom & Ewell will be replaced by only 10 unitary authority councillors in May 2027. This means a reduction of 75% in locally elected representatives creating a democratic deficit for the residents of Epsom & Ewell.

The process to select Resident Association candidates to stand for the 10 councillor positions will be taking place over the coming months.

Bikes on Epsom High Street.

Various actions have been progressed since a motion was raised at Surrey County Council in October 2024, notably Surrey Highways have had some productive conversations with two of the main companies involved – Uber Eats and Deliveroo. The other party involved, Just Eat, has chosen not to engage with Surrey, as of yet, but the council will continue to try on this point.

Progress has been made with Uber Eats and Deliveroo on understanding their operational and enforcement arrangements and how best Surrey can utilise this information to tackle and report poor driver behaviour. In particular, Surrey is seeking to formalise a process with district and borough councils and the police for reporting driver behaviour to the delivery companies.

Delivery rider hotspots have been added to the lists for daily parking enforcement visits where there are parking/waiting restrictions that can be enforced and Surrey Highways will seek to agree other enforcement action processes with police or district and borough councils where needed.

Further work ahead includes identifying alternative parking for mopeds/motorcycles near food outlets where pavement or antisocial parking occurs, replicating the work currently underway by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, and developing a publicity campaign.

Helping to make a winning team

Your Nonsuch Residents' Association Bulletin is written, edited and delivered by volunteers. Sometimes our volunteers have other commitments which can lead to delays in receiving your copy.

In 2027 the borough council ceases to be. If Ewell's Resident Associations are to continue to have a voice in local government we need to win next year's elections to the new unitary authority. Please consider helping the effort by becoming an Area Representative or volunteering with the Residents' Association in another capacity.

The Property Budget

While affordability remains a challenge, a relatively lower mortgage rate environment and steady wage growth have helped support buyer confidence. Although the broader economic outlook remains uncertain, with the affordability picture gradually improving, we continue to expect modest growth through the remainder of the year.

For a definitive answer to where house prices went in September, we will have to wait until official figures from HM Land Registry are released. However, datasets suggest the housing market has remained broadly stagnant, with prices not rising or falling by even one percentage point.

Further challenges for the housing market could also be on the horizon with the Autumn budget property tax changes. High levels of supply and a growing sense of uncertainty as November's Budget approached kept downwards pressure on demand and prices.

Will house prices rise beyond 2025?

Some experts think house price growth could pick up in 2026 and beyond. With wages expected to grow 22% between 2025 and 2029, combined with a strengthening economy, buyer confidence will be high together with the willingness to take advantage of improved mortgage conditions.

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Southern Railway Contactless Payment Fares

Anyone travelling south from Ewell East from 14th December will be able to use contactless payment for journeys to the following Southern Railway stations Ashtead, Leatherhead, Box Hill & Westhumble and Dorking (Main).



To support contactless payment the fare structure is being “simplified” from 7th December. Return fares are being scrapped, presumably because of computer system limitations, and instead you will need to purchase two single tickets. In addition, Super Off-Peak fares are being scrapped altogether leaving just Peak and Off-Peak fares available.

Off-peak return fares currently offer a significant fare reduction compared to the cost of two single fares. While Southern has reduced the cost of off-peak single fares in an attempt to lessen the impact of its “simplified” fares, many passengers making return trips will be paying more and, in some cases, considerably more for their journeys.

The Bulletin looked at the impact of the changes on the cost of journeys to and from Leatherhead. All prices quoted are taken from the National Rail App using the fares on 26th November compared to the same journey on 10th December.

Currently the peak time cost from Ewell East is £4.60 and a return ticket is £9.20. The new fare is £4.70 in each direction, making a return £9.40.

The current off-peak cost is £4.60 single and £5.40 return. The new fares will be £3.20 single and £6.40 return.

The current Super Off-Peak cost is £3.80 single and £3.90 return. With no Super Off-Peak, the new fares will be £3.20 single and £6.40 return.

Under the simplified fare structure there are significant price cuts for people travelling in one direction. However, what percentage of passengers travel one way? Are they not planning to come home again? For some making return journeys there are hefty price hikes.

Incredibly, if you now pay £3.90 return, your fare will increase 64%!

Those people who will save on a return journey are those that travel out in the morning peak and return off-peak. For these people the two single fares will cost £7.90 versus a current cost of £9.20.

Southern point out that you can still purchase paper tickets but do be wary about buying a paper return ticket if you are travelling out during the peak and returning off-peak because you will have to pay the higher return fare of £9.40 (versus £7.90 for the two single journeys).

However, as always with rail fares, there is a caveat! You can only use railcards with paper tickets, so railcard users may be better off with a discounted paper ticket rather than contactless. So please check your options carefully from 7th December. Simplified fares – they're easy!

Full details and FAQs can be found on the Southern Railway website, www.southernrailway.com

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Psephology Corner



Cllr Beckett outlined above some of the changes that have been set in motion for the replacement of our existing councils with a unitary authority to be elected in May 2026. The proposed changes may well lead to a significant change in local government politics in East Surrey.

For unitary authority elections, East Surrey will be split into divisions. Each division will return two councillors to the new unitary authority. The divisions are composed of a combination of wards – our division is Ewell Village, Stoneleigh & Nonsuch a combination of the three existing borough council wards.

For decades the Conservatives held a majority of seats in Surrey, even on less than 50% of the vote. However, the Conservative vote has crashed in opinion polls and in recent local council by-elections. They recently lost their majority on the county council. This opens the door for new political leadership in the East Surrey unitary authority.

Resident Associations (RAs) hold power or sway in three of the five local council areas that make up the new East Surrey unitary authority. Some RAs, like those in Epsom & Ewell, stand in borough and county elections. Other RAs fight borough elections but not county ones. From May 2026, with just one level of local government, those RAs will need to contest elections on a bigger scale if they want to get councillors elected and maintain influence in the unitary authority.

Epsom & Ewell RAs are already organised and have fought successful campaigns in county elections. RAs in areas like Tandridge and Elmbridge may need to combine forces to fight campaigns in their areas in order to maintain a strong RA voice across East Surrey. Indeed, looking at recent voting patterns there is possibility that a combined RA party could take power in East Surrey in the first unitary election.

In areas where RAs are not strong, the Liberal Democrats look the most likely winners. They are very strong in the Mole Valley and in Elmbridge. However, if the RAs in Esher, Weybridge and Walton organise and stand candidates they may be able to compete with both the LibDems and Tories just as they do a borough council level.

What about other parties? Labour doesn't have any significant presence in East Surrey and has lost support in the national polls. Both the Greens and Reform hold as many county council seats as Labour. Will the Greens and Reform make further progress in 2026 and at who's expense? Reigate has a significant Green Party presence on its borough council and Reform has won council seats elsewhere. How these parties perform next year could be important as they may hold the balance of power if no single party wins a majority.

More than any recent local election in Surrey, this one looks a very open affair. The LibDems will want to consolidate the gains they made at parliamentary level in 2024, which included winning the Epsom & Ewell seat. The Conservatives will be hoping to arrest their decline in a region where a majority was previously a given. Reform will be looking to win seats off the back of their national opinion poll lead and the Greens will be hoping to build on their strength in Reigate. Ironically, given that the change is being made by a Labour government, Labour is the one party that looks to have little hope of success.

The key question is, can the Resident Associations take the fight to the big parties and continue to represent their local communities within the new unitary authority and perhaps even take a majority of seats? In the Spring we'll take a closer look at the fight for control of the new unitary authority, how the parties are shaping up, where the main battlegrounds will be and we will hear from our own candidates.

One thing is sure. Epsom & Ewell Resident Associations have a proud, winning record in local elections at borough and county level and Nonsuch RA with its neighbours will be looking to add the two seats in our division of East Surrey to that record come May 2026.

Nonsuch Residents' Association

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Landmark anniversaries for Epsom and Ewell

Cllr Robert Leach is working on a timeline history of the borough (and some areas just outside it). This includes details of people associated with the borough. It already runs to 77 pages! And work continues. It will eventually go on the Bourne Hall website. In the meantime, here are some landmark anniversaries from Robert's timeline.

5 years ago (2020)

- It is decided to build a new hospital in Sutton rather than Epsom but to modernise Epsom Hospital.
- Outbreak of Covid and lockdowns. Benches are subsequently installed around the borough in memory of those who died.

10 years ago (2015)

- Crossrail 2 is proposed. It would run from Epsom, north through Victoria and St Pancras, to Broxbourne. The plan was paused in 2020 and remains paused, probably indefinitely. Crossrail 1 is now the Elizabeth Line on the London Underground.
- Planning permission is given for the first Aldi store in the borough, on Kingston Road near Ruxley Lane. The company successfully appeals against a planning condition on delivery hours.

15 years ago (2010)

- Closure of county court and magistrates' court in Epsom.
- Epsom-born comedian Tim Vine wins prize for funniest joke at Edinburgh Festival: "I've just been on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday. I'll tell you what: never again."

20 years ago (2005)

- Epsom Technical Institute and School of Art merges with Kent Institute of Art and Design to become University of the Creative Arts.
- Epsom is named as the best place to live in England in the television programme *Location, Location, Location*.

25 years ago (2000)

- Police force in Epsom transfers from Metropolitan Police to Surrey Police.
- Future prime minister David Cameron applies to be Conservative parliamentary candidate for Epsom and Ewell. He withdraws when he secures the nomination for Witney, which he wins.

30 years ago (1995)

- Epsom is twinned with the French horse-racing town of Chantilly.
- Szymon Serfalinowica, aged 84, is the first person to be charged with war crimes under a new law. The case is heard at Epsom magistrates' court.

35 years ago (1990)

- South Street and part of Epsom High Street become one-way.
- Establishment of Epsom Health Care National Health Service.

40 years ago (1985)

- Closure of White Hart pub in Epsom. It is now the site of Metro Bank.
- Birth of Epsom-born fitness instructor Joe Wicks.

45 years ago (1980)

- Town Centre Scheme (Ashley Centre) is approved but the cost has doubled to £20 million.
- Spread Eagle in Epsom gets a new eagle made from resin bronze, replacing the eagles removed in the Victorian period.

50 years ago (1975)

- Plans are presented for Ashley Avenue Redevelopment Scheme, now known as the Ashley Centre.
- Green Line express bus routes 712 and 713 through the borough are discontinued.

55 years ago (1970)

- New Bourne Hall is completed.
- Epsom-born recording engineer Glyn Jones supervises mixing The Beatles' *Let It Be* tapes.

60 years ago (1965)

- Local government reform sees Surrey reduced to 23 councils. It is further reduced to 11 in 1974.
- Ewell telephone exchange, whose EWE translates as 393 on modern phones, is expanded by addition of Ivydale (394), Galleon (330) and Derwent (337) exchanges.

65 years ago (1960)

- London Road by Nonsuch Park gates is made wider and the bend less sharp.
- Epsom resident George Woodcock becomes general secretary of the TUC.

70 years ago (1955)

- Borough council acquires the lordship of the manor of Epsom.
- Last burials of patients from mental hospitals in a cemetery at the junction of Hook Road and Horton Road. It is now derelict and overgrown with grave markings removed.

75 years ago (1950)

- Closure of Horton light railway that was used to bring building materials to new mental hospitals. The track was cut up and sent to Nigeria to build Lagos Harbour.
- Old gunpowder and corn mills by Hogsmill River are cleared to become a nursery.

80 years ago (1945)

- Sewer trench is dug at entrance to Cherry Orchard Farm revealing a flint rubble wall. This finally establishes the exact location of Nonsuch Palace. The site was excavated in 1959.
- Birth of Jimmy Page, Epsom resident, rock guitarist in Led Zeppelin. His family moved into Miles Road where Page found a guitar left by previous occupants. He and Eric Clapton record a song called *Miles Road* in 1965.

85 years ago (1940)

- After the Rollason's factory in Weybridge was bombed, what was left of its Wellington bomber production line was moved to Ewell.
- In a three-month period, the borough suffers 380 high explosive and 1,265 incendiary bombs.

90 years ago (1935)

- Epsom Urban District Council buys Epsom Common for £4,000. It also buys Ewell Court House.
- Cherry Orchard Farm becomes part of Nonsuch Park.

100 years ago (1925)

- Electrification of the railway line from Waterloo to Epsom and beyond.
- S6 bus service is renumbered 406.

125 years ago (1900)

- Stoneleigh now has 20 farms, most of which become housing
- Board of Guardians buys Middle House in Woodcote. This was used on birth certificates to avoid saying the birth was at the workhouse. The workhouse was on part of the site of Epsom Hospital.

150 years ago (1875)

- Most of Upper Mill on the Hogsmill is closed after an explosion
- The corrugated iron church of St Mary's, Cuddington is enlarged. In 1895 it is replaced by the current brick building.

175 years ago (1850)

- Establishment of Epsom Board of Health, one of the first such bodies in England.
- Holman Hunt in Ewell paints *Christ in the House of His Parents*.

200 years ago (1825)

- A suggestion is made for Grand Imperial Ship Canal to be cut between Rotherhithe and Portsmouth. It would have crossed Epsom Common. The idea was abandoned.
- First known chemical analysis of Epsom Salts. It states "it is of a calcareous nitre and soluble bitter cathartic salt." It is actually magnesium sulphate.

225 years ago (1800)

- Epsom now has more than 400 houses
- Epsom Vestry (early form of local government) has to be adjourned. There are so many defaulters on the rates that the accounts could not be completed.

250 years ago (1775)

- Duke of Bedford sells the lordship of the manor of Cuddington to Sir Edward Northey. It remains in his family until 1993. The last Northey to hold the title did not know he was lord of the manor until contacted by an archivist writing the history of Cuddington.
- Horse and Groom pub in Epsom changes its name to the Marquis of Granby.

275 years ago (1750)

- Worcester House is replaced by Worcester Park Farm. One wall of this House still stands next to Delta Road in Cuddington.
- Approximate date that a windmill is erected in Ewell by what is now Windmill Lane.

300 years ago (1725)

- Vicar of Epsom tells the bishop that there about 1,500 people living in Epsom. In a year there are 60 births, 6 marriages and 50 burials.
- Ewell parish reports having 583 residents.

425 years ago (1600)

- Approximate date that Earl of Worcester becomes keeper of the Great Park which is renamed Worcester Park.

575 years ago (1450)

- Building of Flint Tower, the oldest part of St Martin's church still standing.

625 years ago (1400)

- Old map shows Kingston Road, Ewell, now the A240.

725 years ago (1300)

- Reported that assailants attacked Dean of Ewell and threw him into the water.

1350 years ago (675)

- First mention of Cuddington in a deed of doubtful authenticity.

1750 years ago (300)

- Evidence of a Saxon settlement in Ewell.

Local history is a fascinating topic. If any residents have their own historical research on the area that they would care to share in the Bulletin, then please get in touch via the website.



Thank you

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Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Editor

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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.

* 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.

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