

TWRA Talks with Lunch Event now on March 27th

TWRA was originally planning to hold its second "[Lunch and a Talk](#)" on March 12th, however as that date clashed with the service to celebrate the life of well-known local historian Jean Clew it was decided to postpone the lunch until Wednesday March 27th.

The event will commence at 12.15 in The Fox & Hounds, Walton on the Hill and will feature a talk from **David Hatcher**, who will describe *how the Banstead Commons complement the Surrey Hills National Landscape and why they are both so significant to Surrey's ecology*.

Tickets for this event are £22 per person for members (£27 for non-members), including lunch to be served after the talk (drinks excluded). To reserve your place, in the first instance please email Jeffrey Temple - chair@twra.org.uk - and **please put LAAT2 in the subject line of your email**. See poster at www.twra.org.uk

Chequers Lane Working Party Update

This paragraph is a repeat of the previous bulletin's information about the existence of a working party, consisting of representatives from TWRA, Walton Village Forum and Heath drive RA, to make representations to the planning authorities with respect to the planning application to create both permanent and temporary births for caravans in a field alongside Chequers Lane. You can see details of these submissions either by viewing the council planning portal or checking on www.TWRA.org.uk

If you wish to contact the working party and to be added to their information distribution list please email details of your postal address and telephone number to CLWP@twra.org.uk

At the time of writing this bulletin although the "determination date" for the application has passed no determination has yet happened.

If you are interested in the comments of the Surrey Wildlife Trust these were posted on March 13th and can be read on the Council's planning portal.

Road warnings

Part of M25 to be closed in both directions this weekend.

National Highways are closing part of the M25 this weekend to demolish the existing Clearmount Bridge that crossed the M25 and installing a new 128 tonne gantry.

A **FULL** closure is needed between Junction 10 and Junction 11 in both directions for this work to be safely completed.

This closure is in place from 9pm on Friday 15 March until 6am Monday 18 March.

There will be a diversion in place. Motorists travelling clockwise will be diverted from the M25 at junction 10 to use the A3 Northbound travelling via the A245 at Painshill and the A320 to rejoin the M25 at Junction 11.

Motorists travelling anti-clockwise will be diverted from the M25 at junction 11 to join the A320, then the A245 at Painshill to use the A3 southbound to rejoin the M25 at junction 10.

A map of the diversions can be found [here](#).

Delays must be expected. Please take this into consideration when travelling and plan accordingly.

There will be several significant closures across the M25 and A3 this year. Below are some helpful links to keep you up to date with the latest information regarding them:

· [Dedicated National Highways web page](#) for M25 Junction 10 work.

· National High South-East social media channels - [X](#) and [Facebook](#)

Please share amongst family and friends who are travelling this weekend and may not be aware of this significant closure.

Pebble hill closed between 18th and 21st March

The road between Pebble Hill and Betchworth will be closed from 18 to 21 March for SCC to undertake drainage works in Station Road at the Betchworth end. The road will be closed between 10am and 4pm on each of those days.

The road will be closed from approx. 100m south of Betchworth station, so there should still be access to the station via Pebble Hill.

New Parking Restrictions

You may have seen notices attached to lamp posts concerning Reigate & Banstead's Parking Review for 2024/25. You have an opportunity to comment by March 29th. If you want to access maps indicating where new restrictions are proposed throughout the borough including Tattenham, Banstead and Tadworth & Kingswood visit here: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/reviews/reigate-and-banstead/review-2023-to-2024>

Local roads impacted include Epsom Lane South in Tadworth and Furze hill alongside the Kingswood Arms.

Neighbourhood Watch Reports

"Local" scam calls

Please be warned that an apparently local phone number 01737 368134 is being used for SCAM calls. It is recommended that you do not answer or hang up if you receive a call from this number.

National Lectures on Crime Prevention

A series of national lectures on crime prevention are being made available note the burglary one is already over-subscribed.

The webinars are held online via **Zoom** and will be from **4.30pm - 5.30pm** each week day during that week.

Tuesday 19th March

ASB & Heritage crime – not just an issue for rural communities with [Historic England](#):

[Register HERE](#)

Wednesday 20th March

Top tips from policing's Tactical Lead for vehicle crime with [Merseyside Police](#)

[Register HERE](#)

Thursday 21st March

Understanding the role of isolation & loneliness in scams with [Re-engage](#)

[Register HERE](#)

Friday 22nd March

Stalking and female personal safety with [Suzy Lamplugh Trust](#)

[Register HERE](#)

POLICE REPORT

Anti-Corruption Reporting Line

Surrey Police and Lisa Townsend, the Police and Crime Commissioner, have joined all police forces in the UK to launch the Police Anti-Corruption and Abuse Reporting Service, which will be run by the independent charity Crimestoppers.

The service was established to give the public an anonymous and confidential route to report concerns about criminal behaviour by individuals in policing. It will bolster the Force's capability to take action against those who are not fit to serve, a commitment made by Chief Constable Tim De Meyer and Lisa Townsend, the PCC.

The number is 0800 085 000

Car Stealing Gang Caught

Four members of an organised crime group (OCG) responsible for the theft of 53 high value vehicles have been sentenced to a total of 12.5 years behind bars at Guildford Crown Court today (8 March).

All four men pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal and conspiracy to acquire criminal property and were sentenced to;

Perry Lovejoy, 29, born 01/11/1994, of Reigate Road in Horley, was sentenced to 3 years in prison

Luke Jackson, 28, born 25/07/1995, of Shoreham Close in Croydon, was sentenced to 3.5 years in prison

Billy Harrison, 30, born 29/10/1993, of Tollers Lane in Coulsdon, was sentenced to 3 years behind bars

Harry Sales, 28, born 20/09/1995, of Cornwall Road in Croydon, was sentenced to 3 years in prison

The conviction of the four men was the result of a thorough and complex investigation by the Serious and Organised Crime Unit into the thefts of the 53 vehicles, with a combined value of over £3.7 million pounds.

Burglary Reports

11/03/2024 Between 08:44 to 08:50 Downs Wood, Epsom. Attempted Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Attempted entry through the side gate to the property.

Stolen: Nothing taken. (PR 45240027914)

12/03/2024 Between 14:35 to 15:20 Great Tattenhams, Epsom. Attempted Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Attempted forced entry through the front door to the property.

Stolen: Nothing Taken. (PR 45240028535)

Vehicle theft

Tadworth, Longfield Crescent. Between 09/03/2024 12:00 to 11/03/2024 11:00 Vehicle Theft Vauxhall Astra. (PR 45240027941)

Reigate & Banstead Police March Newsletter available

[Reigate and Banstead Police Newsletter March 2024 .pdf](#)

Page 1 Welcome to our new Borough Commander - Inspector Jon Vale.

Page 2 Community Updates from our Area Teams.

Page 3 Find out about the 'Fatal Five' and the Vanguard Road Safety Team.

Page 4 Combatting Rural Crime looks at Operation Recall.

Surrey & Sussex Police Scams Newsletter (long read)

"Each month we see many incidents of fraudsters targeting our residents in an attempt to defraud them. We're working hard to prevent this and support vulnerable victims of fraud or scams. By following our tips and encouraging

family, friends and colleagues to do so too, you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim."
Detective Chief Inspector Simon Doyle, Surrey Police & Sussex Police Economic Crime Unit

Tv Licence Phishing Scam

Across Sussex and Surrey we are seeing an increasing number of reports of a TV Licence phishing email.

Some of the emails claim that the bank has declined a direct debit request and urging individuals to update their details to stay licenced. Other emails state that an issue has arisen with the most recent pre-authorised direct debit payment and recipients are advised to set up a pre-authorised debit. It is believed once the recipient has clicked the link in the email it will lead them to enter financial/personal details or download malicious malware.

A 75 year old lady from Midhurst reported receiving an email claiming to be from TV licencing. The email advised that her direct debit had not renewed as her bank card had expired. She therefore put in her card details to renew it. A few days later she received a telephone call from someone claiming to be 'NATWEST FRAUD TEAM'. They asked if she had recently received an email from 'TV LICENCING' which she confirmed she had.

They have then managed to convince her to log onto her online banking and allow them access to her device to see her screen. Part-way through the call she began to get suspicious and so hung up on the caller. She then discovered that £14,000 had been removed from her bank account, which she is working with her bank have returned.

Between 1st January and 15th January, the suspicious email reporting service received 6,307 reports relating to tv licence scams. If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk

Doorstep crime rise

For this time of year, when we would normally expect to see a drop-off in offences, doorstep crime and rogue trading reporting volumes are significantly higher than in previous years.

In particular, fraudsters citing problems with victims roof tiles and trees needing to be cut down. This is possibly due to the stormy weather we had at the beginning of the year. So far in 2024 there have been 86 reports of doorstep crime targeting elderly residents, with victims having an average age of 80. The combined loss amounts to £367,000. Proactive interventions from the banks have prevented these losses being significantly higher by calling Police when they suspect a customer is withdrawing or transferring funds to a rogue trader.

Recent examples in both Sussex and Surrey saw victims pressured into paying approximately £3500 each to fraudsters to cut down a tree, which did not need doing, having been cold called and then pressured into having the 'urgent' work carried out.

If you experience any suspicious traders who call at your door offering to carry out work, or have been a victim of a doorstep rogue trader, please telephone **101** and report them. Remember if you are not sure, don't answer the door.

Cybercrime Webinars

Due to high demand, we're expanding our monthly webinars about Cyber Security and Online Fraud you can see and register for upcoming webinars her: [Online Safety and Cyber Security Webinars | Eventbrite](#)

Delivered by our Protect Officer for Surrey and Sussex Police Cyber Crime Unit to empower you with knowledge to navigate the digital world safely.

Our March sessions are almost fully booked but we have availability in April so please act fast if you would like to join us for the below sessions.

General Cyber Security and Online Fraud Awareness – For those already somewhat comfortable using technology. This session will cover everything you need to know to massively reduce your chance of becoming a victim and also empower you with knowledge to help the ones you love and care for.

Gentle Learning Version – This session covers the topics above but in a slower paced and more accessible format for people less confident with technology.

Safeguarding Humanity: The risks of AI (Artificial Intelligence) – AI has taken the world by storm and introduces many benefits as well as highly sophisticated methods of Fraud and Cyber Crime. This shorter yet cutting edge talk will empower you to use AI tools safely whilst also making yourself and your family resilient to AI generated scams.

UPCOMING EVENTS' LIST

Saturday March 16th 10am – 5pm Model Railway Exhibition. Good Shepherd Hall, Station Approach. Child friendly and refreshments available. See details at www.TWRA.org.uk

Saturday March 16th Good Shepherd Coffee Shop from 10.30 am and regularly on Saturdays thereafter - usually held in the Church.

Saturday March 16th 11am to 1.30 pm Please note the usual Walton Village Kitchen on the 2nd Saturday is suspended as it is replaced by weekly soup Saturdays through the six weeks of Lent, weekly through to March 23rd. At these events a variety of homemade soups with bread and cheese are served in the Riddell Hall from 12noon with Tea & Coffee available from 11am.

Friday 22nd March Curzon Country Cinema presents “The Miracle Club” at the Riddell Hall 2pm. 4.30pm and 7pm. All seats £7 see poster link at www.twra.org.uk

Saturday 23rd March at 4pm “Afternoon Tea with the Hilltop Choir” in the Riddell Hall. Tickets £5 to include a slice of cake and cup of tea. Bookings at leah@hilltopbenefice.org or phone 07801985786.

Saturday 23rd March from 7pm – 10pm The Church of the Good Shepherd (COGS) Social Club present an International Food Evening in COGS Church Hall. Tickets from 01737 362610 with adult £12, child £6.

Sunday 24th March 10am – 12 noon Community litter Picking Event. Meet at Jubilee Woodland to collect sacks etc. and return there at noon for light refreshments

24 to 31st March Holy Week with services in all local churches and a Walk of Witness on 29th Friday from 10am to the Good Shepherd from Tadorne Road and an open air service at 10am at Mere Pond before a family service at 10.30am in St Peter’s.

Wednesday March 27th from 10.30am to 1pm Open Gardens with Hot Cross Buns in aid of The Children’s Trust at adjoining gardens in The Firs and Kirkstone in The Hoppety including plant sales. Admission £6 (cash only). Sorry no parking in The Hoppety.

Wednesday 27th March from 12.15pm TWRA Talk with Lunch see above and poster at www.twra.org.uk

Sunday April 7th from 12.30 pm Good Shepherd Parish Lunch in the Hall – note you must book by putting your name on the list at the back of the church. (Note it is usually on the 1st Sunday in a month)

Wednesday 10th April 7.30pm Good shepherd Hall – Walton & District Local History Society hosting a talk by Tim Richardson “1913 – When words turned to Deeds: Bombs, Arson and a derby Day Tragedy” describing how the suffragettes went on the offensive.

Saturday 13th April from 2pm Kingswood, Walton and Tadworth Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show at the Good Shepherd Hall. Teas, cakes and plants for sale. Adm £1.

April 13th Restart of Walton Village Kitchen lunches in Riddell Hall

Sunday 14th April from 1pm to 5pm Open Garden in aid of TWOAT at Meon House 4 Meon Close. Home-made cakes and teas. Admission £6

Thursday 18th April 2pm in the Riddell Hall (provisional venue) “Fire Safety Around the Home” an event organised by Walton Open Group with involvement by the Fire Brigade

Friday April 19th, Saturday April 20th Tadworth & Walton Overseas Aid Trust annual street collection in outside shops in Tadworth, Walton & Kingswood.

Sunday April 21st from 2pm Open Garden in aid of NGS with Teas by TWOAT at 41 Shelveys Way.

25th, 26th, 27th April Riddell Hall doors open at 7.30pm. The Gage Players present “The Nightingales” by Peter Quilter. Tickets £12.50 box office 01737 812703 or visit www.thegageplayers.co.uk

Wednesday 15th May TWRA AGM at Chinthurst School doors open from 7pm.

Saturday 18th May Walton May Pageant & Fayre Procession along Walton Street Fayre in Howards Close.

Saturday May 18th 7pm – 10pm Family Gameshow Night at Good Shepherd Church Hall

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

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

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Note. The next issue of “The Tribune” is expected to be distributed in May. If you wish to read an online version of the current or previous versions of The Tribune please visit the TWRA web site here <http://www.twra.org.uk/about/t...>