



EFFRA NEWSLETTER

Effingham Residents Association

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Thank you Mandy

for all you have done for the community



Why Effingham has a Parish Council (EPC) and a Residents' Association (EFFRA) whilst East Horsley has only the former and Bookham only the latter

EPC was established in 1894 as a result of the Local Government Act and acts as the first tier of government. EPC also administers a burial ground, the allotments and was given the King George V Playing Fields in trust in 1938 by the residents who bought the land. Since then EPC has variously acted as custodian trustee and sole trustee. EPC is funded by a precept added to residents' council tax bill.

EFFRA is entirely separate from EPC and was established following concern in 1962 by a group of residents about the involvement of some parish councillors in a housing development. Since then EFFRA has continued as a check and balance to EPC and also to promote residents' interests and maintain a sense of community. Our website <https://effinghamresidents.org.uk> provides the latest Effingham news and information to residents as does our Noticeboard. We co-ordinate annual Heritage Open Days in Effingham and Little Bookham (putting on the occasional exhibition – see below) and run three litter picks a year. EFFRA also reviews planning applications that affect the village as a whole or affect the Effingham Neighbourhood Plan, the Guildford Local Plan, the Effingham Conservation Area, the Surrey Hills Area of National Beauty (AONB) or the Green Belt; we make comments where appropriate. EFFRA only occasionally comments on an individual householder's application if it contravenes one of these policies. All Effingham residents are members of EFFRA unless they choose to opt out because we want to represent the whole village. EFFRA is mainly funded by advertising on its website and by donations.

A resident recently told us that Effingham is fortunate to have both a residents' association and parish council and we hope other residents agree. People involved in each organisation find it rewarding, so why don't you consider helping? EPC is currently looking for up to three new councillors (see Effingham News). EFFRA needs a new Honorary Secretary with computer skills to help organise our activities. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact chairman@effinghamresidents.org.uk

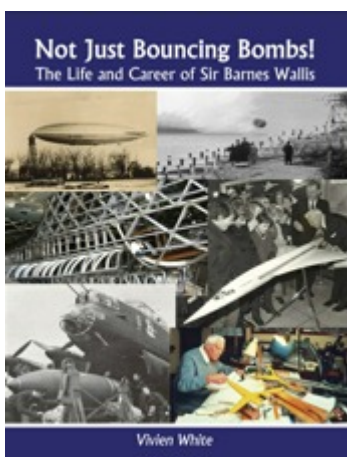
2023 Dates for your Diary

Saturday 9th September - Heritage Open Day See enclosed leaflet. Due to its popularity, EFFRA is again putting on an exhibition about Barnes Wallis in the Tithe Barn in Manor House Lane, Little Bookham. Vivien White's book titled *Not Just Bouncing Bombs! The Life and Career of Sir Barnes Wallis* will be available at the exhibition at a price of £8. This book includes information about his life in Effingham and a number of exclusive photographs provided by his family. All proceeds go to EFFRA.

Tuesday 12th September - EVRT AGM (Trust which runs KGV Playing Fields) at 8pm KGV, Browns Lane.

Sunday 1st October - Effingham Commoners' Day 12 to 4pm. Organised by the Parish Council & other local organisations.

Saturday 21st October - Litter Pick organised by EFFRA with the Parish of St Lawrence with All Saints One of three per year (a special litter pick was added this year for the Coronation Big Help Out). Meet from 1.45pm at St Lawrence Church Hall in Browns Lane for a 2pm start. All equipment is provided and there are refreshments afterwards. Come and join us - the more volunteers the cleaner the village!



Effingham News

Financial Crisis at Guildford Borough Council (GBC) Officers have warned that a section 114 notice (local authority version of bankruptcy) due to a £10 million accounting error and high spending may need to be issued unless large cutbacks are made. The 10 October Council Meeting will consider measures to be taken which are expected to be cuts in services. In May GBC was also warned by the Government that it must improve its performance in considering planning applications or it will be placed in “special measures”.

Local Election Results 5th May 2023 - Merel Rehorst-Smith, the Liberal Democrat candidate, was elected as our Borough Councillor after Liz Hogger stood down after 24 years. Merel is on the GBC Executive and is Lead Councillor for Regulatory and Democratic Services. Her contact email is: merel.rehorst-smith@guildford.gov.uk The Parish Council elections were uncontested as there were insufficient nominations to fill the ten positions. Six councillors stood again, there was one new nomination (Merel Rehorst-Smith), three councillors having stood down. Contact clerk2010@effinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk) if you are interested in becoming a parish councillor as there are three vacancies.

The road tables at the approaches to the mini roundabouts from Effingham Common Road and Lower Road were installed in late April to improve the safety of children crossing to St Lawrence Primary School. EFFRA has raised residents’ concerns that the gradients of the finished road tables are insufficient to slow cars and do not appear to meet the agreed specifications. As a result, remedial work is to be carried out, but we hope the disruption will only be for a short period.

Effingham Lodge Farm/Howard School development. Previously the Planning Inspector refused the Berkeley Homes reserved matters application for up to 99 homes that were already agreed in outline for the existing school site. This refusal was largely because of harm it would cause to the Little Bookham Conservation Area and All Saints Church. The new application is likely to be considered at the GBC Planning Committee in November. If the application is approved, work might start in summer 2024 to build the 49 houses at the front of Effingham Lodge Farm on Lower Road. Work on the new school is unlikely to begin prior to mid-2025. Both EFFRA and EPC have objected as the new planning is still unsatisfactory in a number of respects. We hope Berkeley Homes will listen and make improvements to the application.

Development on Church Street Former Playing Field – On 30th May, GBC agreed the application for 10 houses. Work is expected to start in September and to take 18 months. This was the fourth planning application for the field. Whilst the agreed number is one more than the Neighbourhood Plan allocation and the design is not perfect, it is far better than the 23 dwellings originally proposed for this small, sensitive Conservation Area site. The archaeological survey required by the planning approval has recently been carried out and has found evidence of both Roman and Saxon occupation on the site. Also found is evidence of a very large probable medieval fish pond belonging to the lord of the manor of Effingham East Court - the manor house was on the site of Effingham Place and demolished around 1800.

Orchard Walls – The developer has applied for a further house with access through the garage area of the private road at Crossways. This will be decided by the Planning Inspector as GBC did not give a decision in the allotted time.

Wisley New Town of up to 1,730 dwellings – This will be decided by the Planning Inspector at an Inquiry starting on Tuesday 26th September as GBC did not make a decision on the application in the allotted time. The GBC Planning Committee belatedly considered the application on 10 July and unanimously rejected it based on the Planning Officer’s recommendation. This will form part of the evidence to the Inspector as will all 1,393 objections and 142 supports submitted from the public.

Effingham Post Office – Unfortunately, there appears to be no prospect of the post office reopening.

The Reverend Mandy MacVean, Rector of the Parish of St Lawrence, Effingham with All Saints, Little Bookham retires on 31st August (see front cover). It is expected her successor will be in post in early 2024 and we hope will be as community minded as Mandy who worked closely with EFFRA.

The Methodist Chapel is also waiting for a new priest to be appointed.

**For the latest Effingham news and information visit EFFRA’s website effinghamresidents.org.uk
Join 370 other residents and subscribe to the news blog to receive the news direct to your email –
average 1 to 2 emails a week.**

Focus on our Village Businesses
Opening hours and contact numbers on EFFRA's website
effinghamresidents.org.uk/shops



Layla's

Coffee shop with delicious home-made food and a friendly welcome from Euna and Ian.

Headliners

Popular hairdressers run by Sue. 30 years in the village and counting!

Parker & Son

Cheryl and Barry sell everything you want from a hardware store. See offers brochure in store.

The Bakery

Our local bakery with products baked in East Horsley.

The Village Supermarket

An extensive range of food, drink and other products. Open extended hours 7 days a week.

Bevan's

Fine food & butchery open 7 days a week.

Loolabells

Friendly little café in our beautiful King George V Playing Fields with takeaway service.

The Village Pubs

The Plough

A warm welcome from George and Ewa with delicious food and regular events with lovely garden.

The Queen Stage

Independent pub with a varied menu featuring local produce and four suites to rent.

Garden Centre & Garden Machinery

MPS

Garden machinery sales and maintenance with great service.

The Vineries

Village garden centre offering wide range of plants etc with spacious café.

Other advertisers

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