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## TATTENHAMS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION 50 YEARS OLD

Since 1967 the TRA has been looking after the interests of our residents, ensuring that your needs are considered and you get at least a fair share of resources. The Association's newsletter from 1967 echoes similar concerns to those of the present day: developers who want to build blocks of flats not in keeping with the character of the area and complaints regarding litter and noise from the horse racing. Back then we had 16 committee members and 800 paid up members, and 2 councillors.

Today, we battle with developers building back garden developments, retirement flats and highdensity housing. The race course is still a source of pleasure and occasional pain. In 2016, after an incident reported as a riot at the Derby, the TRA held the police and the Jockey Club to account and the 2017 event passed without significant incident.

Local government has always said there isn't enough money, but back in 1967 the street lights were on all night! Austerity and restrictions and grant cuts today has resulted in severe cuts to budgets, and services are at risk. We are very concerned about our hospital services, social care, education, the state of our roads and pavements. Our councillors are working hard to ensure we continue to get the best outcomes from the limited resources available.

We have an advantage over residents of 1967. We now have 3 councillors representing over 3,000 households and much better communication channels. Our councillors voice our concerns until we get some action. We have been supporting our residents to ensure their objections to unsuitable developments are made in the most effective way. Development applications are increasing and we have been quite successful both at the council and on appeals with the Bristol Planning Inspectorate.

Our councillors are vigilant in spotting and reporting problems. However <u>YOU</u> can also take action. More council services are available on-line and both Surrey and Reigate councils have telephone help centres. <u>ARE YOU FED UP</u> with a rough piece of pavement, road or damaged tree, dangerous infrastructure? See inside for our handy guide as to how you can help sort it. We are looking forward to another 50 years, so let's <u>TAKE ACTION TOGETHER</u> to keep Tattenhams a great place to live!

## TATTENHAMS R. A. - AUTUMN MEETING WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at 6.30pm

Tattenhams Community Library, Tattenham Corner

# THE FUTURE OF LOCAL HOSPITAL SERVICES

### DANIEL ELKELES, CHIEF EXECUTIVE EPSOM & ST HELIER NHS TRUST WILL PRESENT THE OPTIONS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS

Plus: during refreshments, a question and answer session with your local councillors



### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

### Tattenhams Resident's Association Autumn Meeting Wednesday 25th October

This is your opportunity to hear directly from Daniel Elkeles, Chief Executive of Epsom & St Helier NHS Trust and ask questions about the future of the Epsom and St Helier Hospitals.

Either Epsom or St Helier (or both) could be downgraded unless an investment of £300 million plus is secured. The NHS Trust managing the sites has set out six scenarios for public consultation, only one of which involves acute services continuing at both sites.

#### **Proposed Options:**

- Both hospitals continue as they are and receive enough funding to bring them up to a "functional level".
- Options 2 and 3 are a new specialist acute facility at *either* Epsom *or* St Helier.
- A new specialist acute facility based at Sutton Hospital.
- A variation of the above a new specialist acute facility based at a combined site of Sutton Hospital and the Royal Marsden Hospital.
- No capital investment, so acute services withdrawn and no specialist cancer care in a combined site with Royal Marsden.

The acute facility would involve accident and emergency, maternity and paediatrics, high dependency and coronary care units, and fully meet NHS standards.

The Trust says 85% of patients would see no change and would attend the same site as now. An A&E service would continue, with both "walk-in and urgent treatment centres" on both sites.

Local MP's have responded very differently. Our MP, **Chris Grayling**, has expressed "profound concerns" about launching yet another discussion on the hospitals' future without any clear indication from NHS England that funds would be available for a new hospital. He supports the separation of Epsom and St Helier, and sees Epsom working as part of a network of Surrey Hospitals.

**Crispin Blunt,** MP for the majority of Reigate & Banstead, takes a different view. He supports the case for co-location in Sutton with the Marsden, stating "the Surrey option is off the table and should stay off the table" for the time being. **Come to our meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm to hear more and discuss the options.** 

### **Community Recycling Centres Update**

We reported in the summer newsletter about a Council consultation on service cuts. The Surrey cabinet has agreed to many sites being closed for at least two days each week, excluding weekends, which was opposed by 50% - and to get rid of the daily free bag of construction waste, such rubble and plasterboard, which was opposed by 75%. We think this short-sighted because fly-tipping is likely to rise and offset the savings. However, they did pull back from closing four sites permanently.

We expect the changes to come into operation from the start of the year, and anticipate the site in Leatherhead to be open on the days which Epsom will be closed. The site in Earlswood/ Redhill will be open 7 days a week.

### **Roads Update**

The re-surfacing of Chapel Way was completed in August. The project had been cancelled because of the gas main replacement, and the works gang had moved on to another county. Your councilors kicked up a fuss because this was a firm commitment in this year's already limited plan, and the council were shamed to get the work gang back.

Councillors put in a bid for resurfacing of the worst stretch of pavement at the Tattenham Corner shops. Look out for work to start soon. *Rue Stanley ruestanley17@gmail.com* 

### **OUR ROUGH GUIDE TO LOCAL SERVICES**

Public services are in theory easier to access as they have moved online, however in compiling the research for this article we found it still confusing- and if you don't have access to the internet who are you going to call?

Below we have outlined a few of the services you may need and how to access them either by telephone or on the web. Before you call have some information ready on where the problem is located so the inspectors can find it.

If you need the emergency services- <u>Fire</u>, <u>Police</u>, <u>Ambulance– you should always call 999</u> If it's flooding, or another environmental danger, call Surrey County Council **T: 0300 – 200 - 1003**.

#### **HIGHWAYS**

Responsibilities are split between the County Council and the Borough Council. The majority are provided by Surrey County Council, with the Borough's services primarily dealing with cleansing services.

#### Surrey County Council

Responsible for **potholes**, **road surface damage**, **pavements and verges**, **street trees**, **streetlights**, **traffic lights**, **street furniture** (signs/ barriers), iron work (manhole covers), blocked and broken street drains/gullies, flooding, gritting and grit bins, and most other highways issues.

**Contact centre: 0300 - 200 – 1003** (office hours only, but answerphone message can be left and there is an emergency service for problems resulting in an immediate danger).

#### Email: contact.centre@surreycc.gov.uk

**Text phone (via Text Relay)**: 18001 0300 200 1003 **SMS**: 07860 053 465 **Fax**: 020 8541 9575 **Minicom**: 020 8541 9698

Website: <u>www.surreycc.gov.uk</u> – click on the "Report it" tab from the home page.

### **Reporting Problem Trees & Vegetation**

The level of response is dependent on the location, size and risk the tree poses to public safety. The tree maybe; inspected within 28 days, monitored as part of the routine inspection programme or be included on a work programme in response to the enquiry and subsequent inspection. Issues with trees & vegetation include: blocked sight-lines, danger of falling limbs/branches, visible roots causing footpath hazards.

### **Reporting Problem Pavements**

Is the pavement a trip hazard and where is the problem located? Has the pavement sunk or is it raisedand if so, by how much? Is the gap larger than a 50p piece (20mm)? Is the pavement loose, rocking, damaged or missing? Is it a cobble, tarmac or Scalpings (loose surface material) pavement?

### What happens to potholes?

The Council's published policy is to "maintain the highways network to a reasonable standard, commensurate with available funding, and successfully defend against the majority of third party claims for damage and injury." In other words, the rules set in legal cases and the courts in relation to the location, depth, area of a pothole are very much the factors which decide whether a pothole will be repaired, and how quickly it will be done. Alternatively, potholes not reaching the threshold are merely logged and monitored through future inspections.

A similar set of standards and rules apply to all other highways problems.

However a fault is reported, a Highways Inspector will visit the site within 5 working days to assess the defect. An exception is for faults that seem to be an immediate danger.

PRIORITY 1:	Inspect and make	Individual or multiple potholes with very high risk	
Highest Risk	safe within 2 hours	of interaction with vehicles or pedestrians and	
		likely to result in serious or fatal consequences	

## **OUR ROUGH GUIDE TO LOCAL SERVICES**

PRIORITY 2:	Repair within 5	Individual defect greater than 40mm in depth &			
Medium Risk	working days (or 20	150mm in diameter (pavement greater than			
	days after made safe)	20mm depth & 100mm diameter)			
PRIORITY 3:	Repair within 20	Individual defect greater than 30mm in depth &			
Low Risk	working days	150mm in diameter (pavement approaching			
		20mm depth & 100mm diameter and worsening)			
PRIORITY 4:	Not usually repaired	Individual or multiple defects less than 30mm in			
(unpleasing to the eye,		depth or less than 40mm but unlikely to worsen			
but not considered a		in the short term (pavement less than 20mm &			
safety issue)	100mm diameter)				

### Reigate & Banstead Borough Council

Responsible for grass cutting, street sweeping, litter picking, fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles, graffiti, dead animals, street name plates, parking enforcement. (Also missed bins.) The Borough Council works through the JET (Joint Enforcement Team), a partnership with Surrey Police, to combat anti-social behaviour and certain low level crime.

### Contact centre: 01737 - 276000

### Hearing Impairment: Text - 07834 - 626468

**Website:** <u>www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk</u> – click on the tab "Report Cleaning Requests and Antisocial Behaviour To Us" from the home page.

### **Surrey Police**

David Munro is Surrey's Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) and is responsible for ensuring police accountability. In recent years, the police have reduced face to face community engagement, and tell residents to engage with their online community called **"IN THE KNOW"** which promises the latest crime updates - witness appeals, crime updates, crime prevention advice and news.

You can sign up to the Surrey "IN THE KNOW" service at www.intheknow.community/

### Surrey Police Contacts: emergency- 999, Non-emergency 101, Text: 07786 - 204020

- Crimestoppers: 0800 555111
- Fraud & Cybercrime, including individual frauds and bogus tradesmen T: 0300 1232040
- Anti-social driving? Requires an independent witness/ Dashcam footage- REPORT ONLINE
- Non-emergencies- REPORT ONLINE: <u>www.surreypolice.uk</u>

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### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

My name is Maria Hewson, I'd like to introduce myself as the new Community Development Worker for Tadworth, predominantly the Preston Estate and the nearby sections of Tattenhams around Chetwode Road, Chapel Way and Headley Drive which are in the regeneration area.



As a result of the excellent work carried out in Merstham by its Community Development Worker, the Borough Council commissioned a "Listening" project in the Regeneration area. This involved listening to local residents and interested partners to hear what they had to stay about living and working in the area. This report was presented to the Borough Council who agreed to fund a Community Development Team. Together with my colleagues we cover Horley, Merstham, West Redhill and the Preston Regeneration area.

### So what does a Community Development Worker do?

My role is to work with the community to create greater cohesion, identify any gaps in services, identify assets and celebrate good practice. This is with the view of bringing about positive change.

This involves getting to know all members of the community, attending groups, listening to residents and talking with organisations that offer support and services within the area. A big part of my role involves connecting people so that we are able to work together more effectively and signpost clients to the appropriate services.

As a number of residents in this community don't have access to opportunities that other people have, my role is to work with them to ensure there is equity for all. Part of my job involves working with residents to enable them to have a voice which is heard and influence decisions that affect their lives. I can support residents on a 1:1 basis over issues that affect them or with groups looking to develop projects.

I work across all sectors of the community, early years through to our older population. For example; working with youth services around increased youth provision in our area and looking at voluntary transport for older residents.

Community development work is fluid and very much depends on the community and their needs. It is a long term role as things develop and change over time.

I would love to hear from you and I can be contacted on 07854 171 376.

## **LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY**

**TATTENHAMS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION:** <u>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> October - Autumn Meeting 6.30pm.</u> Tattenham Corner Library – The Future of Our Hospitals

Speaker – Daniel Elkeles, Chief Executive, Epsom & St Helier NHS Trust.

**TATTENHAMS LIBRARY:** <u>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> October 2.30-5pm - Golden Oldies Quiz.</u> Come and pit your wits in an afternoon quiz whilst enjoying teas and cakes. Teams of 4-8 people or we can team you up with others. Tickets priced at £5 (including tea and cakes) available from Library.

**BANSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** <u>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> November – Late Autumn Show.</u> Community Hall, Park Road, Banstead SM7 3AJ see **www.bansteadhorticulturalsociety.com** or call Show Secretary on **01737 351224** to enter.

**ADVENT AT TATTENHAM CORNER:** <u>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> November 4-7pm</u>. Plenty of Christmas stalls, refreshments, carols, a visit from Father Christmas and the turning on of the Christmas tree lights.

CHRISTMAS BAZZAR: Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10-2pm. St Mark's Church, Great Tattenhams.

**AGE CONCERN (also known as STAYWELL):** <u>Banstead Men's Club</u> meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 12.30- 2.30pm at the Banstead Centre, The Horseshoe, Bolters Lane SM7 2BQ. Get together with other men, enjoy various activities, a glass of beer and a light lunch. Charge of £5.

## LITTLE BURGH - A LITTLE HISTORY

Everyone knows where to find the ASDA superstore. When it opened, nearly 30 years ago, their slogan was "It 'Asda be ASDA." Some folk will remember the Kinloss Cash and Carry store that preceded it, while older residents might even remember the WWII army depot; maybe you've stumbled across the concrete buoys, used for blocking the road, that sit on the grass verge outside ASDA. Few, if any, will remember the Riding School, now buried beneath the car-park, established by the Colman family who lived at the mansion in Nork Park.

The area we are talking about is sometimes referred to as Little Burgh. Indeed, there was a house called "Little Burgh" that stood roughly where the ASDA petrol station is today. An account of Banstead written in 1801 states that the house was built in 1786 by Christopher Buckle, who then occupied Nork House (built in 1740).



We have an early description of the Little Burgh house from a sales notice placed in the Morning Post in 1846: "TO BE LET, a genteel and roomy Cottage residence, adapted for a respectable family or for a sporting gentleman, pleasantly situated on Borough-heath, containing drawing-room, dining room, five bedrooms, dressing room and closets, library, housekeeper's room, kitchens and numerous and excellent domestic offices; also a coach-house, stabling for four horses, cowsheds, yards, shrubberies, walled garden, and a plentiful supply of excellent water."

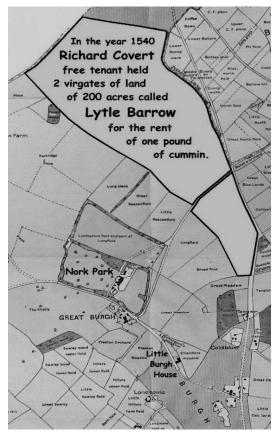
A notable occupant of Little Burgh House was George Frederick Hudson.

As oldest tenant on the Nork estate, he was there, on horseback, to greet the Earl and Countess of Egmont as they arrived at Nork House in 1875. Their carriage was escorted by the band of the 25th Surrey Volunteers (maybe the first 'Music in Nork Park'.)

Another occupant of Little Burgh House was the artist, George Earl, who painted animal pictures, primarily dogs. He was an early member of the Kennel Club. He painted this picture of 'Caesar' King Edward VII's dog. George Earl died in 1908, leaving £8,000 to his widow, Frances. Little Burgh was sold the following year. Then, it included 4/5 bedrooms, outbuildings, a three-roomed cottage, gardens and grounds.



In 1911, Gordon Colman married Miriam Hankey in Fetcham church, before moving into Little Burgh House.



So why was the house called Little Burgh? When Christopher Buckle built the house, he named it after the nearby manor called Little Burgh, which had been purchased by his family in 1627. Actually, the house stood outside the grounds of the manor. An account of 1540 records that Richard Covert, a free tenant or free-holder, held 2 virgates of land of 200 acres called "Lytle Barrow" for the rent of one pound of cummin.

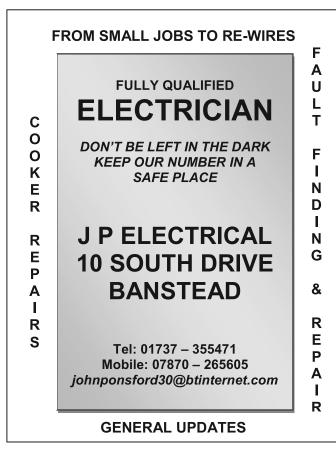
Mention of cumin seed is interesting, not only because we tend to think of cumin as a modern addition to our kitchens, but also because it helps us to trace Little Burgh further back in time to 1325, when Henry de Bergh, a bailiff and farmer of Banstead, held 2 virgates of free land, for which he paid 23s 6d in annual rent and 11b of cummin.

In medieval times, cumin was used in cooking and as a medical or herbal remedy. Also, it was not uncommon for annual rents to be paid in spices, primarily cumin and pepper – hence the term peppercorn rent.

It is likely that the cumin was imported from overseas rather than grown locally. Of course, nowadays you can always buy it at ASDA. *chris.watkins7@ntlworld.com* 



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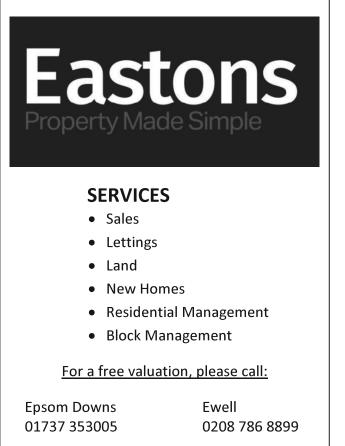
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