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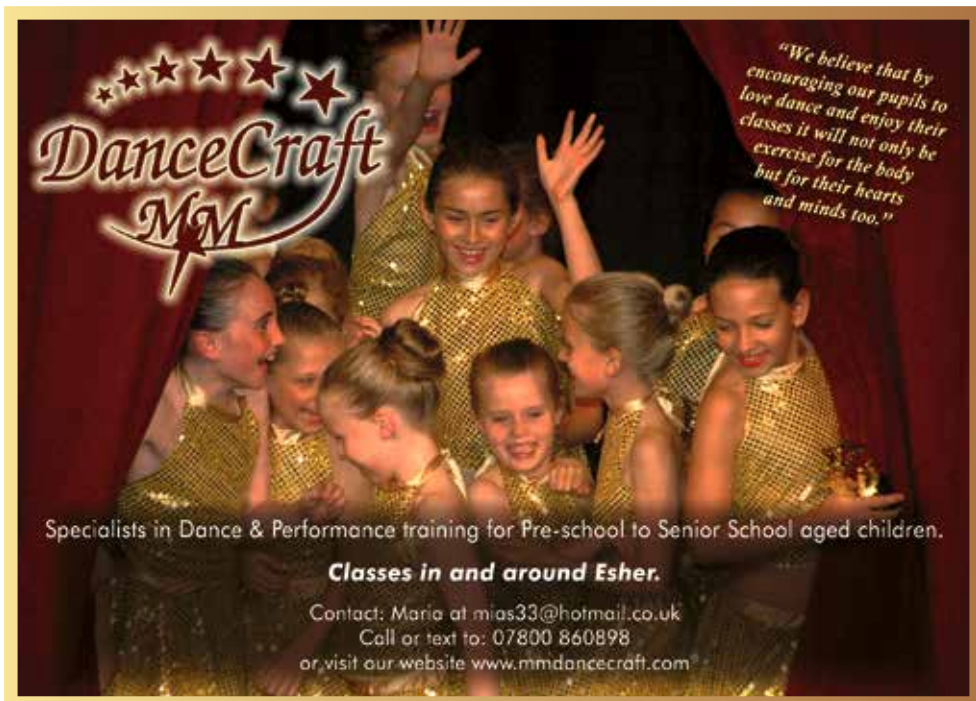
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# THAMES DITTON AND WESTON GREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## About the Association

Founded in 1934 the Residents' Association is a strong, locally based non-party-political organization, concerned with protecting the amenities and furthering the interest of residents.

We work to preserve and enhance the best in our attractive environment and the quality of life of everyone in our community.

Through regular meetings, social activities, our magazine and website we keep in touch with residents' views and we raise and spend funds for the benefit of the community, from tree and bulb planting to contesting unacceptable development projects.

With six Residents' Councillors we have a strong voice on Elmbridge Council, working with other residents' councillors to ensure that decisions are based on the needs of local communities and on good management, rather than on party politics. Our Residents' County Councillor, Nick Darby, represents our views at Surrey County Council.

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# The latest news from the Residents' Association



*Albany Reach as it should be.*

## Albany Reach

As many residents are very aware, especially those living on and near Aragon Avenue, there were frightening and violent scenes over the Bank Holiday weekend on Albany Reach, spilling out onto Aragon Avenue. The police were called to break up fights and disturbances and to combat anti-social behaviour. This was in addition to the litter and mess left by some groups by the river. A dispersal order was issued by the police for Albany Reach and this will be renewed if necessary. Your RA Thames Ditton councillors have been in touch with the Police Borough Commander and local PCs, who have been patrolling the area and responding to any reports of further incidents. We have also been in contact with officers at Elmbridge Borough Council and they have arranged extra patrols by Enforcement Teams for the Public Space Protection order, which prohibits

barbecues and camping on Albany Reach. They have also arranged for more large litter bins. The Residents' Association hopes these measures will prevent a recurrence of further issues.

## Use us or Lose Us

On page 19 we outline the growing concerns of High Street traders in Thames Ditton, who are facing an uncertain future. The Use Us or Lose Us campaign highlights the importance of shopping locally. We have lost a pharmacy and there are fears the Post Office could go too so do support our local shops.



## May Elections

The RA was extremely disappointed that none of its four local candidates for election to the new East Surrey unitary authority were successful, the first time in 90 years that our local RA Associations have failed to be represented. Enlargement of ward boundaries and the splitting of the Thames Ditton ward from Weston Green, did not help while it was also difficult to counter the party political machine of the Lib Dems. Congratulations to all our candidates who still managed to poll well. Sam Brierley with 1676 votes was less than 250 from being elected for Thames Ditton and East Molesey with Kevin Whincup getting 1298 votes. In Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward, Simon Crome attracted 2103 votes and Scott Dodkins 1867. Go to page 17 for a review of the elections.



## Help us plant 100 trees

Help Thames Ditton and Weston Green celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday with the planting of 100 trees in gardens and sites across the locality. Just one of the initiatives of the fifth Thames Ditton & Weston Green 'Nature & Climate Festival', held over three days in October. It gives everyone a chance to focus on our local surroundings and learn about living more sustainably. Activities already planned include: A screening of the short documentary 'People's Emergency Briefing', a must-see film about the climate

crisis; A special exhibition by Elmbridge Museum - view some of the amazing collection held by the museum; Making your Garden a Haven for Birds; Why My Carbon Footprint Matters, a painting competition for all ages as well as a special session of the Repair Café.

## Photography Competition

Keep your entries coming in for the Nature & Climate Photography Competition, sponsored by Killik & Co. There are four categories: Local animal life, Local plant life, Local surroundings and Open category (photos taken outside Thames Ditton & Weston Green, or photos taken by non-residents). Email entries to [gcoates@residents-association.com](mailto:gcoates@residents-association.com) by 11 September. There are cash prizes for the winners.

## Repair Cafes - why they make a difference

In our last issue we reported on the opening of a Repair Cafe in Vital Village. Since the first trial session in March two more have been held and have so far repaired items as diverse as a knitted toy, a broken ceramic candlestick, a pram cover, several kettles, a couple of radios and a chair. The Repair Cafe@Vital Village was started by Gill Coates after the Walton Repair Cafe ran a pop-up session at the Nature & Climate Festival in 2025. "The Walton Team have been incredibly helpful in helping us get up and running and several of their volunteers have joined our team too. Surrey County Council's climate change team provided help to buy some tools and the all-important Repair Cafe item - a PAT tester. The aim is to run a monthly session on the last Saturday of the month, plus occasional weekday pop-ups". Find out more and book your repair slot at [www.TDnature.org](http://www.TDnature.org)

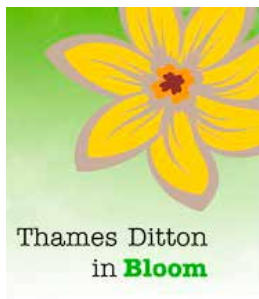


*Volunteers clearing the pond*

## Marney's Pond

Thanks to those who answered the call in our last issue to help save Marney's Pond. Thirty two volunteers, now known as the Marney's Pond Squad, have been busy clearing out waist high docks, sedges and rushes from the pond bed and are now clearing the drainage ditches on Ditton Common, that provide surface water run-off to feed the pond. The next step in saving the pond is to secure funding to install a monitoring bore hole to test the water table over the next two or three years and develop a long term management plan that is acceptable to the Council. If you would like to join the pond squad working parties or can offer any technical advice, contact Gill Coates at [gcoates@residents-association.com](mailto:gcoates@residents-association.com) or 07908 922263

## Thames Ditton in Bloom



Commuters and users of Thames Ditton Station are now greeted with an array of colourful plants and flowers thanks to volunteers who have spent hours clearing up the planter beds

and wheel barrows on both platforms. In addition and to mark the 10th anniversary of Thames Ditton in Bloom, local artists have produced a new artwork to brighten up the shelter on Platform 2. Go to page 24 for the full story

## Local Councillor wins Community Champion Award

Charu Sood was an Elmbridge Councillor who tragically died of cancer in 2024, just after the end of her year as Deputy Mayor. In her memory, the Charu Sood Community Champion Award was set up to recognise the Councillor who goes 'above and beyond' in their community. The inaugural award was presented at the Annual Council Meeting in May and the worthy recipient was Hinchley Wood & Weston Green RA Councillor, Janet Turner, who served as Chair of the HWRA for many years and with her husband Roy, has run or volunteered at almost every community activity in Hinchley Wood for 30 years, as well as turning out every month for the Weston Green litter picks. A silver cup was presented to Janet by Charu's husband Saurabh Sood. It was a 1-2 for Hinchley Wood & Weston Green ward as Councillor Gill Coates was commended by the Mayor, Steve Bax, as the runner up.



## New RA website

The RA will shortly be launching a new Residents' Association website. It is being built by The Set Up Design agency in Thames Ditton to offer an improved user experience with better visuals and content to help residents keep up with the latest news, community projects and campaigns. It will have a convenient online membership subscription facility and also provide easy access to download current and archived copies of Thames Ditton Today magazine.

## Volunteers needed to help CHEER Charity

For more than 70 years, CHEER has supported older people across Elmbridge to live dignified, socially connected and confident lives. Much of CHEER's work relies on volunteers from the local community and their support continues to make a real difference. People give whatever time they can, whether its an hour a week, occasional help or a more regular commitment. They are carefully matched to roles that suit their interests and availability. CHEER's Befriending Service provides regular visits or phone calls to older people who feel lonely or isolated. These friendly

conversations offer vital reassurance and companionship. CHEER also runs social activities and events to help people stay connected, such as the popular Fun Wellness group meetings at Vital Village. Volunteers are essential to CHEER's work so if you would like to help support older people in Thames Ditton, Weston Green and East Molesey, contact Steve Davidson via [steve@cheer-elmbridge.org.uk](mailto:steve@cheer-elmbridge.org.uk) or for more detailed information, visit [www.cheer-elmbridge.org.uk](http://www.cheer-elmbridge.org.uk)

## Craig O'Mara

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Craig O'Mara, owner of Boss Barbershop at Winters Bridge. A keen footballer, golfer and motorcyclist, and devoted Manchester City fan, Craig was one of life's great characters and a much-loved figure in the community, having run Boss for more than 35 years. Aged just 62, he had been battling cancer for several years but continued to work, always greeting his legion of customers with a cheerful welcome and irreverent chat. A huge loss.





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# Update from your Residents' Association

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## All change in Surrey Councils

### Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – East Surrey Unitary Authority

In the local elections in May, councillors for the new East Surrey Council were elected. The two new wards in our area are: Thames Ditton and East Molesey and Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green. We are disappointed to report the Residents Association candidates were not elected. The candidates and volunteers worked hard to convince voters that these elections should be decided on local politics and not national party politics, but the electorate made their views clear and elected Liberal Democrat councillors for both these wards. Our four excellent candidates, Sam Brierley, Simon Crome, Scott Dodkins and Kevin Whincup all campaigned tirelessly to secure the votes of our local communities but were not successful despite decades of Residents Association councillors having a proven track record in representing local residents at Elmbridge Borough Council. Please be assured that your five Elmbridge Borough and Surrey County councillors will continue to represent our communities at Elmbridge until its dissolution on 31 March 2027.

## Planning Updates

The application for an **Aldi** supermarket on Portsmouth Road (the old Guy Salmon site) in Thames Ditton was approved by the Planning Committee in March; An application to develop **Bransby Lodge** in St Leonards Road, Thames Ditton (ref 2025/2218) was withdrawn in January and has been replaced by a new application (ref 2026/0758).

Housing development on the site of **Hill Park Roses**, Woodstock Lane South, Long Ditton. The application was refused by the Planning Committee in March. No appeal has yet been received by the EBC Planning Department.

Mill Road Depot: Elmbridge BC has withdrawn the current planning application for the **Mill Road Depot** (ref 2025/3216) due to the large number of concerns raised by local residents.

These views will be fully considered as part of a revised planning application, which we expect to be submitted in the coming weeks. A drop-in session will be arranged for residents to ask questions directly to the project team.

# Councillors at Elmbridge Borough Council

## Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward



Gill Coates  
TDWGRA



Janet Turner  
HWRA



James Crawshaw  
HWRA

### **£500,000 boost for local charities and community groups**

In its last ever budget (for 2026/27) EBC has set aside an extra £500,000 for grants and support to charities and community groups, particularly those who are helping the most vulnerable residents in Elmbridge and families worst affected by the cost-of-living crisis. Some of the money will go to established charities that already partner with EBC, but the rest will be targeted towards smaller groups who are doing brilliant work under the radar. Cllr Gill Coates, who is Portfolio Holder for Community Care, says: "When you run a small charity or CIC, a grant as small as £1000 can make a huge difference. It is really good news that EBC is in a position to ring-fence this fund to help people and I look forward to being able to update you on how the money has been used."

### **Elmbridge Community Climate Action Fund (ECCAF)**

Applications can be made until 21 June by community groups and organisations to help deliver carbon reduction projects and initiatives to improve sustainability in Elmbridge. Applications are welcomed from

local groups which promote the reduction of consumption of water and energy, reduce waste, increase biodiversity or promote cycling, walking and public transport. The maximum grant is £5,000 per project.

### **Ashley Road Car Park, Thames**

**Ditton:** We are delighted to confirm that EV charging points are now installed, and we are assured that they will be operational very soon. We would also like to remind residents that the first 30 minutes of parking in the car park is now FREE! This is an initiative from Elmbridge Borough Council to encourage us to shop local and support our High Street.

### **Christmas Lights in Thames**

**Ditton High Street:** Surrey County Council will shortly be installing commando sockets on the lampposts in the High Street so that Thames Ditton can be included in the Elmbridge Christmas Lights contract from 2026 until 2029.

### **Thames Ditton station Bike**

**Shelter:** Elmbridge Borough Council has agreed to fund a new roof for the bike shelter as part of a cycle infrastructure initiative. We hope this will be installed in the next couple of months.

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# Update from Nick Darby, our Surrey County Councillor



Ahead of the new East Surrey local authority taking over from Surrey County Council in April 2027, I want to reassure residents that I will continue to be your county councillor until the end of March 2027. I will be happy to handle any matters relating to local issues in the usual way.

## Station Road

I can confirm that after much pressure, Surrey Highways has apologised for the delay in carrying out work to install new road markings, including the addition of new 20mph roundels, in Station Road, Thames Ditton. The work is to be carried out in mid June. Surrey Highways has also reassured me that it will install a Pelican crossing at the point where school children and parents cross Station Road. However, this will be subject to a feasibility study and the new East Surrey Council will need to allocate resources for the installation. In the meantime, the County Council is continuing its search for a lollipop person to help provide safe crossings during school time. If you know of anyone who would like to take on this role, do let me know.

Parking, speeding and pavement driving in Station Road remains a significant issue. As I have previously mentioned, this issue cannot be dealt with in isolation as it also effects Speer Road, Weston Green Road and Embercourt Road. I am continuing discussions with Surrey Highways officers.

In the meantime and under huge pressure from myself and local RA councillors, Thames Water finally repaired the burst water main under the station bridge. Thames Water is being pressed to reinstate road markings.

## Church Walk

The project to repair and resurface Church Walk will be completed in June. I have liaised with some residents over concerns about the work and the contractors have dealt with problems relating to overgrown foliage. This has been sensibly cut back and removed to ensure safe access not only for pedestrians, but also for parents with push chairs, people in wheelchairs and those with sight issues.

Finally (and as reported more fully in the news pages), I would like to congratulate Thames Ditton in Bloom and all their volunteers on their 10th anniversary and for their magnificent flower displays at Thames Ditton Station. The Anniversary Artwork installation is a lovely addition to Platform 2.

**With best wishes**

**Nick Darby**

**Surrey County Councillor for the Dittons**

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# Wealth Planning amid market uncertainty

**Periods of market uncertainty can prompt a desire to take action.**

**A disciplined approach to hold steady is often equally valid.**

Uncertainty is not new for investors. What changes is the source – geopolitical friction, shifting trade policy – and right now there is no shortage of reasons to feel unsettled. Most people are not asking ‘what is happening?’ but ‘what does this mean for me?’ This article explains why having a financial plan, and reviewing it regularly, matters most in times like these.

## **The importance of having a financial plan**

At Killik & Co, we view wealth as three layers: rainy-day savings, capital for foreseeable costs, and long-term investments for growth. This matters most during volatile periods – it lets you meet upcoming needs without disturbing long-term investments. A financial plan is not a forecast; it is built to absorb shocks without derailing your goals. Where appropriate, stress-testing models market falls, inflation increases, or income changes – and for most people, seeing their plan survive those scenarios provides a rational basis for staying the course.

## **What is cashflow modelling and how does it work?**

A cashflow model takes everything financially relevant – income, spending, assets, pension, property, tax liabilities – and projects it forward across your lifetime. It lets you see the consequences of choices before you make them, including:



- Whether you are on track to retire when you want to, and how much you can sustainably draw.
- Whether you are taking too much or too little risk relative to what you need to achieve.
- How different decisions – pension timing, downsizing, gifting – play out over the long term.

In volatile markets, an updated cashflow model gives you a concrete answer to whether your long-term position is still intact – a live planning tool to revisit as your life changes, not something produced once and filed away.

## **Understanding market behaviours and responses**

Market volatility is normal and, for most long-term investors, less relevant than it feels in the moment. Reducing risk feels instinctive, but it is one of the more reliable ways to crystallise a loss and miss the recovery that follows.

Research by Vanguard<sup>1</sup> estimates that behavioural coaching – helping clients stay invested through difficult periods – adds around 1.5% per year to long-term net returns.

## **Why it matters**

The most substantial UK study, by the International Longevity Centre<sup>2</sup>, found that people who received ongoing professional advice accumulated on average £47,700 more over a decade, with pension wealth around 50% higher for those who maintained an advisory relationship. The value lies not in a single well-timed decision, but in consistent improvements and avoiding reactive choices.

## **How to plan effectively**

Your financial plan exists to support specific goals – a retirement date, financial security, a lifestyle, or a legacy. These are almost certainly unchanged by recent market movements, but a volatile period is a good reason to check: whether your circumstances have shifted, your cashflow model is current, and your investment approach still suits your time horizon and risk tolerance.

Financial planning is not about removing uncertainty – it is about ensuring it does not catch you unprepared. To review your position or arrange a complimentary cashflow planning appointment, please email [esher@killik.com](mailto:esher@killik.com) or call 01372 464877.

<sup>1</sup> Vanguard, ‘Putting a value on your value’, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> International Longevity Centre UK, ‘What it’s worth’, 2019.

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# May 2026 Election review



The results in the recent election (see page 8) came as a significant disappointment to those involved in the Residents' Associations across Thames Ditton, Weston Green and Hinchley Wood.

For over 90 years, the Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents' Association has had councillors representing us on the Esher and Elmbridge Councils and, for more than 20 years, on Surrey County Council.

Our current councillors will remain in office until the new arrangements take effect next year, and we would like to express our sincere thanks for all their hard work and devotion to duty over the years.

There is little doubt that the change to a unitary authority for East Surrey, together with the enlargement of ward boundaries, has had an adverse impact on many Residents' Associations across Surrey.

At the same time, we recognise that we must continue to improve how we communicate our role and the value of strong, independent local representation to the wider electorate. The composition of the future East Surrey council is reflective of an increased representation from national political parties and a reduced presence of independent, local voices.

Notwithstanding the election outcome, your Residents' Association councillors will continue to represent the community on both Elmbridge Borough Council and Surrey County Council until 31 March 2027. The coming months will be a

period of transition. During this time, we will work constructively with the newly elected councillors, while maintaining our independence from the national political parties.

We remain focused on acting in the best interests of local residents and businesses and through the Residents Associations' strong independent committee structure with its convenors for Planning, Highways and Drainage, Flooding, Health and Community, the High Street and Business. We will continue to work to preserve and enhance the best in our attractive environment and the quality of life of everyone in our community.

If you would like to get involved in the work of the Residents' Association, we would be delighted to hear from you. Despite the changes ahead, there remains much work to do, to ensure that Thames Ditton and Weston Green remain great places to live and work.

Please contact Peter Haynes, Membership Secretary: [membership@residents-association.com](mailto:membership@residents-association.com) or Florian Traub, Hon. Secretary: [secretary@residents-association.com](mailto:secretary@residents-association.com)

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# Use us or Lose Us and help save Thames Ditton High Street



Growing concerns about the future of Thames Ditton High Street has prompted a group of independent traders to launch the **Use Us or Lose Us campaign**. Their aim is to highlight the importance of shopping locally and supporting the centre of the village. The campaign aims to raise awareness of the need to support local shops in the face of increasing competition, including the arrival of Waste To Plate, an outlet which distributes surplus food, flowers and other goods for free, or at very low prices.

Several shops have come together to spearhead the fight to save the High Street. Coming after the loss of the Pharmacy two

years ago - although as reported on page 27, there is renewed hope it can be restored – there are fears the Post Office could also be at risk if current trends continue.

The traders emphasise that they are not opposed in principle to Waste to Plate but believe it is in the wrong place and should not be in the heart of the village. They point out that they cannot compete with a shop which is giving away food and flowers (or at very low prices) while they have to buy their own stock, face higher inflation and increased operating costs.

With the loss of Boots in 2024, footfall in the High Street has fallen 20 per cent and there is little evidence the new outlet will redress the situation.

The Thames Ditton Residents' Association is also acutely aware that the High Street is facing testing times and to help strengthen its support of having a thriving village, it has appointed Sam Brierley, Manager of The Coffee Pot, to its Executive Committee, representing the High Street and Businesses. Sam's mission will be to protect the interests of its shops and maintain its position as the beating heart of the community.

The Thames Ditton Foundation charity, which supports the High Street shops and businesses, under their banner of 'Keep the heart in our High Street', is also concerned over the challenges facing the village centre.

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Tricia Bland, Trustee of the Foundation commented: “Looking ahead, we have to bear in mind that our High Street, a unique mix of business and residential, was originally designed for the world in or before 1926. One hundred years ago! We need to reimagine it for 2026 and beyond, whilst preserving its unique character, for all our well-being.

“One idea is the possibility of creating a ‘Lime Tree Square’, extending the pavement in a section of the High Street around the lime tree, to create an amenity space with outside tables and chairs for all, including the cafes, during opening hours. It would create a community hub, a pleasant environment for everyone, and potentially an arts, crafts and events space, bringing in more pedestrians and cyclists while slowing traffic for a greener, more sustainable High Street. We hope the new East Surrey Council will set up a consultation to investigate the viability of this.”

For its part, the Residents’ Association emphasises this proposal is at an early stage and that it will engage with residents and High Street retailers to assess its viability and gather views before forming any position.

## High Street Landmarks

While you’re visiting THE High Street, why not checkout our local history?

At one end, Picton House facing the fountain is the former home of Cesar Picton, a black African orphan who later became a successful coal merchant in Kingston; or head towards the entrance into AC Court to look at the plaque on the sidewalk explaining AC cars, makers of the Cobra - an iconic British sports car - which won the overall Le Mans prize.

At the other end, spot the Blue Plaque on the west side of the street, marking the site of the ginger beer factory founded by Thomas Hawkes – there for 100 years from 1865. Then turn in past the White and Lloyd building (previously Aldous Craig office) and you’ll find the Old Slaughterhouse circa 1560, later used by the Royal Deer catcher.

### **Would you like to learn more and find other landmarks in the village?**

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# New artwork marks 10th Anniversary



*Volunteers and supporters before the unveiling of the new artwork on Platform 2*

The Thames Ditton in Bloom community garden on Thames Ditton Station celebrated ten years of cheering the journeys of travellers with the unveiling of a fabulous permanent art installation on Platform 2, framed by colourful handmade bunting made from donated fabric courtesy of the Thames Ditton Boomerang Bags community sewing group.

The art installation traces the evolution of the garden from its founding in 2016 by local resident Tricia Bland, which coincided with Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday. From small beginnings the garden has grown to feature 19 railing and floor standing planters made by the Thames Ditton Men in Sheds and 16 wheelbarrows, donated by local residents, on Platforms 1 and 2, which are now filled with seasonal flowers all year round.

The artwork - Tricia's vision - is designed to capture the evolution of the community

garden over the last decade and celebrate the work of the Thames Ditton in Bloom community gardeners, the unsung heroes of the project, who tirelessly volunteer their time, expertise and enthusiasm.

The new installation, supported by South Western Railway and Surrey County Council, with the planting receiving support from Elmbridge Borough Council, features specially commissioned paintings and illustrations by four hugely talented local artists who have been closely associated with the Thames Ditton in Bloom community garden throughout the decade. They are Lisa Tolley, Andrea Cunningham, Charlotte Bramley and Val Rowe. Their images capture its main elements and depict the inspirational people and pivotal events which have helped shaped its creation and progress. Additional creative input came via The Set Up Design agency in the village.

# of Thames Ditton station garden



Part of the artwork



Volunteers from left are: Denisa and Robert Majoros, Trudy Wilson and Ana Birjandi

In addition to the flower filled planters and wheelbarrows, the garden features three Bee Friendly Trust planters filled with insect loving plants, three bug hotels, a bat box, various exquisite insect artworks, a 100 metre long bed plus wildflower meadow area brimming with pollinator-friendly habitats providing foraging and shelter for insects.

For 2026, the wildflower meadow area has been enhanced with an array of bee friendly flowers. The long bed has also benefitted from additional planting of a variety of perennials and shrubs, many of which are home grown by Michael and Lisa Metcalfe, who also cleared the bee and bug garden.



Tricia Bland centre, with the four artists (from left) Val Rowe, Charlotte Bramley, Andrea Cunningham and Lisa Tolley



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# A new application to reinstate a pharmacy



*The RA's Health & Community convenor, Karen Randolph, who has been leading the campaign to reinstate a pharmacy in the centre of Thames Ditton, brings news of a new development*

Readers will know Thames Ditton High Street lost its pharmacy in early 2025. A petition seeking the reinstatement of the pharmacy quickly attracted 1200 signatures. In April 2025 a locally based individual pharmacist applied (supported by the RA) to the NHS to reopen the pharmacy, on the basis of 'unmet need'. (NB. Unlike any other retailer a 'new' pharmacy needs a license if they wish to dispense NHS prescriptions, from the local Integrated Care Board - now Surrey & Sussex ICB). That application was refused by Surrey Heartlands ICB (the predecessor to Surrey & Sussex ICB) on the basis that the 2025 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), considered there were NO gaps in pharmaceutical provision in the whole of Surrey. This conclusion was reached despite the closure of 20 or so pharmacies in Surrey in just the preceding 2 years!

We know the strength of feeling in the village has not gone away. The applicant, with our encouragement, has now made a new application on a slightly different basis. This is a costly process and necessarily involves the help of a pharmaceutical consultant to navigate the (extremely) bureaucratic application process. The Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association together with the Thames Ditton Foundation, have jointly funded the process. Surrey & Sussex ICB (Integrated Care Board) will make their decision later this summer/autumn.

This new application is to address 'unforeseen benefits' - primarily on the basis that the data for the 2025 PNA was collated prior to the Government's introduction of its '10 year Health Plan' and therefore would not have taken the requirements of the government's plan into consideration. The Health Plan sets out a comprehensive strategy to reform the NHS and change the way it operates. It proposes moving care closer to people's homes. This includes expanding the scope and remit of local pharmaceutical services, with the intention of reducing the impact of ill health and easing pressure on GP's, while improving access to essential health care and advice for patients.

Many consider pharmacists are an underused asset. They are highly trained health professionals who are now being encouraged to offer prompt advice and treatment for specific conditions. Currently, those in our village who are likely to need a pharmacy the most - the elderly, those with chronic health conditions, families with young children - are being disadvantaged. By rejecting the reinstatement of a pharmacy it is surely contrary to the intentions of the Government's new health service strategy? A pharmacy in Thames Ditton, will also encourage people to shop local and help us keep the Post office in the village too.



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The new home also boasts a mobility scooter storage in their back garden for residents still enjoying their independence.



They have a Monday-Friday activities team who are supported by visiting professional musicians and arts and crafts specialists, which enables the Home to provide a full diary of events amidst much laughter and atmosphere. They have their own minibus which is often seen in the local area as they visit many local attractions and enjoy group lunches out at various local garden centres plus the occasional pub lunch.



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# Marney's: At the heart of Weston Green



*With two pubs a day closing across the UK we are fortunate that those in Thames Ditton and Weston Green are still providing us with excellent hospitality. But how are they surviving? To find out, Louise Russell talks to Marney's Village Inn owner Tom Duxberry.*



*Tom Duxberry is pictured with his colleagues Abbi Lane (left) and Anna Collins*

Tom took over Marney's, a traditional style country pub in Weston Green, 16 years ago, to ensure its continued independence as one of the few family-owned hostleries in the area. Since then he has expanded and improved the pub's offering with the addition of seasonal menus, covered seating, a huge pub garden and facilities for private parties. Tom listens to what his regulars want from their local, with Marney's reputation for excellent food and

beers recognised with for the third year running, a Diners Choice Award which he puts down to chef Joey Sharman, who has been with Marney's for over seven years. Staff stability is one of Marney's many assets.

But in the current economic climate it's a continuing challenge to keep going. The pub's business rates alone are set to rise from £20,000 to £50,000 - a 175% increase.

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“Unfortunately, it feels like the government doesn’t want pubs to survive,” says Tom. “The business rate increase is horrendous but costs for beer, wine, food, energy and staff continue to rise too. Added to which customers have less money in their pocket. It puts pubs in a position where they have outgoings at an all-time high, with less money coming in.”

However, despite the current challenges facing the hospitality sector, Tom continues to keep Marney’s thriving at the heart of the Weston Green community. He certainly is an ideal landlord for a pub like Marney’s - he knows his regular customers well and talks enthusiastically about how much he loves the place, enjoys the people he works with and is proud of what Marney’s brings to the area. His banter with the regulars at the bar suggests how much being part of Marney’s means to them too.

Marney’s has become an excellent venue for birthdays, wakes, christenings and occasionally weddings – although Tom’s loyalty to his regulars is such that he is reluctant to close the pub fully for an individual event. Instead, there is the ‘Secret Garden’, a beautiful, covered space ideal for occasions. The Monday Quiz night every month is always extremely popular and there are music events across the year. A new initiative for 2026 is a BBQ school in the garden.

“We are lucky to have a great cross section of regular customers,” says Tom. “For many the pub is a huge part of their life in Weston Green and I am delighted it continues to be an important part of the community.”

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Since then the railway has been expanded with members building the two tracks, one with a flyover and the other with a tunnel running for a kilometre, while also laying two miles of electric cables for the 'Hampton Court' signal box. The largest of its type in the world, the signal box is built

to the highest standards and is used by Network Rail for training. Today members run 10 engines, some owned by the Society, others built by members, for the 500 plus visitors who come to the monthly running days on the first Sunday of the month and open days on Bank holidays and other special occasions.

Social secretary Ed Miller, who is leading the 90th anniversary celebrations said: "We are delighted to reach this milestone and continue to run this special attraction for the local community. But we do need more support and hope volunteers and enthusiasts will join us as we head for our centenary. We are a very friendly bunch, so if readers would like to get involved, speak to any member on an open day, or come to our weekly Sunday morning meetings."



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# Dittons Fair



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Cleo and her dog Geoff, winner of Best Child Handler in the dog show



Scout Leader Tony Baker with the Esher Theatre pantomime horse



Parents taking a break from running the BBQ



Karen Faulder, Sarah Woodthorpe and Suzan Baker, who all run Monday Cubs, are pictured with young cub Hal

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*The fundraising team from the RNLI*



*Heather Owen (left) and Vicky Todd of the 3rd East Molesey Scout and Guide Band*



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## It's Never Just a Lightbulb

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What the daughter doesn't know is that Mum has been thinking exactly the same thing.

She noticed the bulb had gone weeks ago. She looked at the stepladder and made a quiet, private calculation. She thought about asking a neighbour, then decided against it. She mentioned it once, lightly, not wanting to make a fuss. And when her daughter arrived, cheerful and capable and trying not to show the tiredness of a four-hour round trip, she felt something she finds hard to name. Gratitude, yes. But beneath it, something else. The uncomfortable awareness of a distance that used to feel like independence and has started to feel, on certain days, like something rather different.

Neither of them says any of this out loud. Instead, they have a cup of tea.

This is the conversation happening in homes across the country. Not the dramatic one. The quiet one. Two people who love each other, both aware something has shifted, neither quite sure how to say it first. "You never really think about it," one family told us, "until you find yourself in this situation." They are right. Nobody does. And yet, somehow, life doesn't quite get easier. Not yet.

What changes things is rarely a single moment. It is the slow accumulation of small ones. The lightbulb. The heating that keeps going. The phone that rings too long before it's answered. Until one day someone asks, gently, shall we just look at a few alternative options?

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It is never just a lightbulb. But that lightbulb moment is perhaps a very good place to start.

# Solution to the Spring Crossword



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| 12 | E | M | B  | L  | E | M | S |    | I |    | H  |   | Y  |   | A |   |
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| 16 | B |   | D  |    | T |   |   | 17 |   |    | 18 | C | A  | M | E | L |
|    | O |   |    | 20 | M | O | R | A  | S |    | 21 | S |    | T |   | H |
|    | O |   | 22 | O  |   | O |   | H  |   | 23 | C  | R | A  | Y | O | L |
| 24 | B | O | B  | S  | L | E | I | G  | H |    | 25 | W | R  | I | N | K |
|    | I |   | A  |    | A |   | T |    |   |    |    |   |    |   |   |   |
|    | E |   | M  |    | T |   | I |    | A |    | M  |   | E  |   | R |   |
| 26 | S | E | A  | B  | E | D |   |    |   | 27 | B  | E | R  | Y | L | S |

Congratulations to the senders of the correct entries opened in the shuffle who win a £10 voucher to spend in local shops.

Simon Simpson

Denise Pavey

Mary Bowen

## Dates for your diary

### Farmers' Market

Mercer Close Car Park (by the library)  
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### Weston Green Litter Pickers

Meet at Marneys pub on the first  
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### Thames Ditton Litter Pickers

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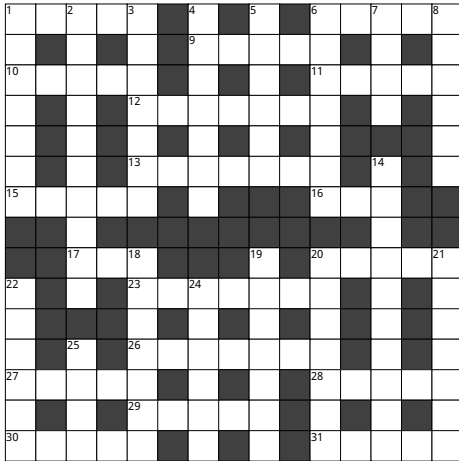
Peace

Hope

# Summer Crossword



By Andy Howarth



## ACROSS

- 1 and 17A International tournament (5,3)
- 6 Half of Hispaniola in 1A (Group C) (5)
- 9 Surprise Hampton Court feature? (5)
- 10 The referee applies these (5)
- 11 Red Sea Gulf (5)
- 12 Alf and Glen different managers of this team (Group L) (7)
- 13 View Elaine oozing? (7)
- 15 They lead to Rome (5)
- 16 Northerner's dinner (3)
- 17 See 1A
- 20 In a spa in hot country (Group H) (5)
- 23 3rd in the waste hierarchy (7)
- 26 Force part of a Norman dated castle (7)
- 27 Former name of the DRC (Group K) (5)
- 28 Black Stars (Group L) (5)
- 29 Place to hear gaga Queen song? (5)
- 30 Itemises oblique slits (5)
- 31 Light used to distract at 1A (5)

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## DOWN

- 1 Injured brawler gets the bird (7)
- 2 Unwillingness (10)
- 3 Author of The Lorax (2,5)
- 4 Midlands team nickname (7)
- 5 A man, a plan, a canal... (Group L) (6)
- 6 Gamers wear them (7)
- 7 Modern Mesopotamia (Group I) (4)
- 8 His wings melted in Africa ruse (6)
- 14 Double hulled boats (10)
- 18 First paint coats (7)
- 19 European Commission backs gold rod for S American republic (Group E) (7)
- 20 Criminal lag seen off West African favourites (Group I) (7)
- 21 Description of VAR by some? (3,4)
- 22 You would be nuts not to back them? (Group C) (6)
- 24 A host (Group B) (6) 25 Rock group favouring make up (4)

# SERVICES, CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND GROUPS

## SERVICES

|                                                                                                |                                        |                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Cheer (Concern and Help for East Elmbridge Retired)                                            | General Enquiries:                     | 07895 762100 (Mon-Wed)<br>www.cheer-elmbridge.org.uk |
| Ditton & Weston Green NeighbourCare                                                            | Lesley Haynes                          | 07791 483445                                         |
| Elmbridge Borough Council Community Support Services                                           |                                        |                                                      |
| Thames Ditton Dementia Centre                                                                  | Nikki Harding                          | 01372 474526                                         |
| Meals on Wheels, Community Transport, Dial-a-Ride,<br>Alarm & Telecare services, Relief Carers | ask for service at central switchboard | 01372 474552                                         |
| Esher and District Stroke Club                                                                 | Ann Pollock                            | 0208398 6132                                         |
| Voluntary Action Elmbridge                                                                     | Sally Dubery                           | 01372 463587                                         |
| Surrey Youth and Adult Education Service                                                       | Elmbridge Area                         | 020 8979 8334                                        |

## GROUPS

|                                               |                           |                                     |
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| 3rd Thames Ditton Brownies                    | Emily Wattret             | 3rdthamesdittonbrownies@gmail.com   |
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| 1st Weston Green Guides                       | Sumathi Jeevaratnam       | sumathi.jeevaratnam@gmail.com       |
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| 2nd Thames Ditton Guides                      | Vanessa Corby             | 2ndThamesDittonGuides@gmail.com     |
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| 3rd Weston Green Brownies                     |                           | 3wgbrownies@gmail.com               |
| 1st Weston Green Rainbows                     | Lizzie Owen               | westongreenrainbows@gmail.com       |
| 4th Thames Ditton Ajax Sea Scouts             | Chris West                | chris.west@ajax.org.uk              |
| Dittons Scout Group                           | Stuart Jack               | 07971 479740                        |
| Emberbrook Trefoil Guild                      | Mary Bowen                | 020 8398 6857                       |
| Friends of Bushey and Home Parks              | Jean Smith                | 020 8977 9391                       |
| Girlguiding in Thames Ditton and Weston Green |                           | dittonsdistrict.hjh@gmail.com       |
| Molesey and Dittons Neighbourhood Watch       | Chairman: John Haberfield | 020 8398 5256                       |
| Parents and Toddlers(St Nicholas church)      | Information               | 020 8398 7211                       |
| Ripieno Choir                                 | Nick Harris               | 020 8399 7231                       |
| Small Saints Baby and Toddler Group           | Cathy Wise                | cathy@allsaintsweston.com           |
| Surrey Bell-ringers                           | Giles Andre               | 020 8979 1994                       |
| Bereavement Café                              | St Nicholas Church Hall   | 020 8398 9641                       |
| Thames Tots (Kings Church, Speer Road)        | Abby Kelly                | Office@Kingschurch.com              |

## CLUBS

|                                              |                   |                                 |
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| Albany Motor Yacht Club                      | Secretary         | 01784466651                     |
| All Saints Weston Lunch Club                 | Alison Cruthers   | 07957 347170                    |
| Archery: Rivernook Bowmen                    | Nigel Harris      | secretary@rivernookbowmen.co.uk |
| Arts and Heritage Club                       | Carol Butcher     | 01932 867511                    |
| Cercle Francais d'Esher                      | Brigitte Tiller   | 01932 860842                    |
|                                              |                   | brigitte@ptiller.com            |
| Claygate Bridge Club                         | Hon. Secretary    | 020 8398 1710                   |
| Colets Health & Fitness                      | info@colets.co.uk | 020 8398 7108                   |
| Ditton Bridge Club                           | John Dagnall      | 02083984463                     |
| Dittons Skiff and Punting Club               | Secretary         | enquiries@dittons.org.uk        |
| Dittons & Hinchley Wood Royal British Legion | Hon Secretary     | 020 8398 6263                   |
| Ember Players (Drama) Ember Sports Club      | Anne Segal        | 07712 778357                    |

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|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
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| Ember Sports Club: Tennis                   | Annabel Duncan       | 0208 786 6318                    |
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| Esher Bridge Centre                         | Paul Whicker         | 01372 460157                     |
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| Surbiton Golf Club                          | Secretary            | 0208 398 3101                    |
| Surbiton Hockey Club                        | Secretary            | 020 8398 2401                    |
| Thames Ditton Lawn Tennis Club              | Steve Aukett         | secretary@tdltc.com              |
| Thames Ditton & Esher Golf Club             | Mark Rodbard         | 020 8398 1551                    |
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| Long Ditton Youth Club                   | Toni Izard               | 07749 633973            |
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| Thames Ditton Women's Institute (W.I.)   | Secretary                | 020 8398 8615           |

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