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# Ewell Court Residents' Association

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# Ways to contact ECRA:

**Facebook: Ewell Court Residents' Association (ECRA)**

Feel free to send us a message through our Facebook page and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Information and images of past events can be viewed on our website:

[www.ewellcourtra.org](http://www.ewellcourtra.org)

You can email us on: [ecra1938@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ecra1938@yahoo.co.uk)



**ECRA Chair: Kerrie Baker**  
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Welcome to this first digital edition of The Courtier. This has been produced, rather than our usual printed copy, in response to keeping our delivering Road Reps safe during the coronavirus outbreak. We wanted to go ahead with magazine production to keep in touch with our members and provide the usual updates from all our connected organisations, including Age Concern Epsom & Ewell, Citizens Advice and also present updates from our Councillors. All of these have been working hard during this time to provide assistance to those in need, and for that, we thank you.

## Ewell Court Residents' Association

### OBJECTIVES

To safeguard and promote the interests of residents and encourage them to take an active part in local affairs. To assist in just, efficient and economical local government and to nominate candidates for Borough and County Council elections and keep local government free from party politics. Articles and comments printed herein are not necessarily the views of the Editor or the ECRA Committee. The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit any material submitted.

## Your Local Councillors

Residents' Association Councillors are independent of party politics and their commitment is to serving the community where they serve. All our Councillors understand the issues and concerns of our community and will report back on any issues raised either to you personally or through the Committee and General Meetings of Ewell Court Residents' Association.

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### Surrey County Council Committees:

- People, Performance and Development Committee
- Member Conduct Panel
- Member of the (SCC) Epsom and Ewell Local Committee

### Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Committees:

- Strategy and Resources (Chairman)
- Financial Policy Panel (Chairman)
- Standards Committee

### Outside Bodies:

- Member of Appointments Panel, Epsom and Ewell District Scouts

**Epsom and Ewell Borough Councillor Peter O'Donovan**  
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### Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Committees:

- Environment Committee
- Planning Committee
- Licensing Hearings Panel

CONGRATULATIONS  
on becoming  
Deputy Mayor  
for 2020-2021!



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### Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Committees:

- Health Liaison Panel
- Human Resources Panel
- Standards Committee



### Outside Bodies:

- Age Concern (Epsom & Ewell)
- Governor at West Ewell Infant School & Nursery

If you wish to contact Peter or Guy by telephone, please do so via the EEBC Contact Centre on 01372 732000.

## Chair's News

### Community Support

This has been a very unusual time for everyone. Since lockdown began the community has pulled together to help those in need. I have been very impressed by the willingness of locals to go out of their way to help others who were unable to leave the house to get supplies and have also provided support in so many other ways. There has been many, many examples of kindheartedness, including a local sewing group who have been tirelessly making scrubs, wash bags and ear protectors for NHS staff for weeks now. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those looking after us, including the NHS workers, the supermarket staff and delivery drivers, the school teachers, the postal staff, the police and so many more. An extra thanks to all those in the community who set up support groups specifically to assist those in need. The rainbow on the front cover symbolises our thanks.

As we come out of lockdown and businesses start to trade once again, please take a moment to appreciate how wonderful and full our normal lives have always been. A few weeks with bare supermarket shelves shows us that we perhaps take this 'land-of-plenty' for granted....many varieties of everything to choose from, every day of the week. Many have enjoyed the simpler aspect of life with no travel, less traffic and pollution, no planes flying overhead and the knowledge that we are all in this together. Let us remember these lessons as we get back to our new normal.

### Social events

As I'm sure you will all be aware, the arrival of the coronavirus meant that we had to consider whether to run any of our social events this year. We had



### Join the ECRA Committee?

Do you live in Ewell Court? Would you like to join our Committee and assist us in organising our regular popular events? We are a great team who have a lot of fun along the way while creating memorable events for the locals. Email Kerrie Baker, Chair of ECRA on [kerrie@kerriebaker.co.uk](mailto:kerrie@kerriebaker.co.uk) for more information.



Have you read this?

already announced the fact that we could not run our charity Duck Race (due to essential improvements and enhancements to the Hogsmill River) and we had planned to hold a quiz night in May. We had started planning our sixth Trifest live music event for September 2020, but this too has sadly been postponed until autumn 2021. We will make it a good one! We will also endeavour to bring you more fun outings and trips just as soon as it's safe to do so.

ECRA is here to support our residents in any way we can, and our Councillors have continued to follow up queries and deal with any problems our residents have been facing. Our Facebook page has been regularly updated with updates from the Council (thanks to Councillor Eber Kington for all his diligence and keeping us all up-to-date in a new and fast moving environment). We hope you found it informative. The help provided by EEBC to vulnerable residents (see page 4) was heartwarming to learn about, and is an example of what a great part of the world we are lucky enough to reside in.

Throughout this first ever digital issue of *The Courtier* we have shown our usual events, clubs and meetings but used these covid-19 badges to highlight that they are currently on-hold or cancelled. This way you get to see what we normally get up to!

Good health,

Kerrie Baker  
ECRA Chair



**Please remember to support our local businesses as we gradually leave lockdown and the shops and businesses open back up.**

**Many of our beloved local shops, businesses and restaurants will have suffered a heavy financial loss in recent weeks so we're sure they will be pleased to see you all back again.**



## Borough Notes by Councillor Eber Kington



### Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Update as of 16/05/20

Below is a brief summary of how Epsom and Ewell Borough Council has been managing its resources to support the community during the Covid-19 emergency.

When the Covid 19 emergency was declared in March, Epsom and Ewell undertook a strategic shift in the deployment of staff and resources:

1. 48 members of staff were shifted to work solely on the emergency response to Covid 19
2. An Incident Management Team was set up under the Chief Executive
3. A Borough Emergency Control Centre was set up, consisting of three Cells (Welfare, Information & Support, and Environment)
4. A Community Hub was created to co-ordinate support for the borough's most vulnerable residents
5. The Town Hall was closed to the public
6. Most Town Hall based staff were relocated to work from home
7. Committee Meetings (other than Planning Committee Meetings) were temporarily suspended

The Community Hub has been the centre for contacting all E&E residents on the Government's shielded list plus other E&E residents identified by EEBC/GPs/local charities etc. as vulnerable. Residents have been contacted and asked if they have/need support with their shopping or for collecting prescriptions. Examples are given below of the work of the Community Hub:

1. In the week ending 24<sup>th</sup> April, 970 calls were made to shielded residents and 472 calls made to vulnerable residents.
2. Most residents who are called do not need support but have really appreciated being called. EEBC is working alongside Age Concern Epsom & Ewell. Residents aged 69+ are being referred to ACEE when appropriate.
3. Nine Councillors have been part of the team telephoning vulnerable residents. They have been heartened by the positive comments received from those they call, the fortitude of so many residents and the support that family, friends and neighbours have been giving to these vulnerable residents.

*In addition:*

4. EEBC's shopping service has been expanded and a prescription service introduced.
5. A Welfare Team was set up to visit homes, for example, where a known shielded or vulnerable resident was not picking up the phone call.
6. In the week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 133 follow up house calls were made to shielded and vulnerable residents.
7. The Meals at Home service has expanded from just over 100 meals a week in March, to 1027 meals in the week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

The work and care shown by EEBC officers undertaking the activities above has been both outstanding and inspiring. Many are working in areas new to them and many are also volunteering for additional tasks outside of their working hours.

### Borough Council Services

The resources required to manage the Covid-19 emergency has meant that some Borough Council activities services have ceased, or staffing numbers reduced or officers are no longer available face to face. However:

1. The weekly recycling and refuse collection has been maintained throughout.
2. The garden waste service was reintroduced following a short suspension once the Council was sure staffing numbers had not been affected by Covid-19.
3. Car parking has for a while been free in most car parks. (Exceptions are where car parking space needs to be available for key council staff, emergency services and volunteers).
4. In the week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 92 residents were in paid-for homeless accommodation. Numbers have increased due, for example, to: encouraging rough sleepers into accommodation, at risk individuals opting to leave their homes, prisoner releases, sofa surfers being asked to leave their accommodation and people leaving homes of a shielded family member.
5. Epsom Cemetery was closed to the general public in response to Government guidelines but is now open as that guidance has now changed. However, weekday opening is reserved for funerals to protect the privacy and safety of mourners. Throughout the stay-at-home period family members have been able to attend funerals. EEBC has arranged for additional plots to be dug to cope with the sad increase in the number of burials.

## EWELL COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



### QUIZ NIGHT



Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm (7:30 start)

Includes hot food, drink and FUN!

Tickets only £12 per head (no food option just £8)

Teams of 8 (max) single player or smaller teams

usually be accommodated

Raffle & charity auction supporting

Casey children's ward - Epsom General Hospital

Prize donations always welcome!

Book your places now - pay in May

For reservations - email Louise on

ecra1938@yahoo.co.uk for a booking form



## EWELL COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### BINGO CLUB

*Come and join us for a friendly afternoon of Bingo,  
with time for tea, a chat and a raffle*

**The last Thursday of each month**

(December date to be confirmed)



Ewell Court House 2-4pm

For more info email Louise on ecra1938@yahoo.co.uk

Entrance Fee £3 (incl. refreshments & raffle)

Books 50p Flyers 25p



6. Most of the Borough's parks and open spaces have remained open for public use. However in a few cases, and at the request of the Police, parks and/or associated car parks have been closed for a period because users have not been following the social distancing guidelines.
7. The Finance, Council Tax and Benefits Teams are ensuring that local businesses which are entitled to a business rate 'holiday' receive it, and those qualifying for a small business grant of £10k or funding from the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund, receive the funding ASAP. It is crucial that we support our local businesses and economy.

There are many of examples of EEBBC staff doing that bit extra or taking on important new roles. One resident was delighted to see her Meals at Home delivered by her "dustman". On VE day about 200 vulnerable residents received a complimentary special roast dinner from the Borough Council, prepared and delivered by council staff volunteering their free time.

#### Effect on the Borough Council

The Finance Team are maintaining a record of additional costs to the Borough Council as well as estimated loss of income. These figures are reported to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on a regular basis. Current projections indicate a loss to June of over £2 million. The worst case scenario could be a £10 million loss at the year end.

The Borough Council will look to see what positives can come out of the emergency, such as new ways of working, greater use of technology/ conferencing, closer working with both partners and local voluntary groups and the re-shaping of old/new services.

#### Borough Councillor Eber Kington

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to Councillor Peter O'Donovan  
on becoming Deputy Mayor for  
Epsom & Ewell  
for 2020 - 2021!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### Regular Dates:

#### Ewell Court Residents' Association Committee Meetings

Second Wednesday of every month [except August] 7pm-8:30pm, at Ewell Court House. We would like to remind our Road Reps. that they are welcome to attend monthly meetings.

#### Ewell Court Residents' Bingo Club

"Come and join us for an afternoon of fun, bingo, tea and a raffle". Too shy to come alone?- Don't be - email Louise on [ecra1938@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ecra1938@yahoo.co.uk). Entrance fee £3 including raffle & refreshments. Books 50p, flyers 25p. At Ewell Court House 2pm-4pm on the last Thursday of every month (except December, when the date varies).



#### Ewell Court W.I.

Meet at Stoneleigh Methodist Church on the first Wednesday of the month 2pm-4pm. Call Pam Hancock on 020 8393 3031.

**Parent and Toddler Club - Bourne Hall** - Meet up every Wednesday in school term time from 09.30 - 11.30am. £1.00 per family. Activities include free-play, crafts, books, story-time and singing. Refreshments included.

**Art Workshop at Ewell Court House** - Mondays 2-4pm. ~£50 for a 12 week term. A friendly, welcoming group of local people who enjoy drawing and painting in a beautiful setting. All abilities. Contact Pat Lowe for more information, 020 8393 2532, or 07762 153858.

**ECHO Film Club at Ewell Court House** - Thursday afternoons at 2pm. See advert elsewhere in the magazine for more information.



### Church Services

**Ruxley Church** - (Ruxley Methodist † St. Francis of Assisi), Ruxley Lane, KT19 0JG. Find out about us on [www.ruxley-church.org.uk](http://www.ruxley-church.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/RuxleyChurchEwell](http://www.facebook.com/RuxleyChurchEwell). Church Office: 020 8394 1081.

**Sunday Services - 10.00am and 6.30pm** - Services vary and draw on both Methodist and Church of England traditions. Ministers: Rev. Emma Aikins (Methodist) & we are seeking a new Anglican Vicar.

Join us for coffee and cakes on Mondays 9.00-11.30am (term time only, not bank holidays) and Thursdays 9.00-12.00 each week. Everyone welcome, come along for a chat and make new friends. Parent/Minder and Toddler Group on Wednesdays 9.15-11.15am.

**St. Clement's Church** - 307 Kingston Road, Tel: 020 8393 5572 Sunday mass at 8:30am, 10:30am & 6pm (except August). [www.stclementsewell.org.uk](http://www.stclementsewell.org.uk).

## ECRA Events

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Runnymede to Windsor Boat Trip** - Coach to Runnymede Boathouse followed by a cruise upstream to Windsor. This trip has been **cancelled** due to the coronavirus pandemic. We will bring you more fun trips as soon as we can.



#### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September - TRIFEST 2020 - Auriol Park

This event has been **cancelled** due to the coronavirus and will be back in autumn 2021 with all the usual fun, live music and stalls.



## EMEF - Epsom Medical Equipment Fund Raisers

The car boot sales have been **cancelled** this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The car boot sales raises much needed funds for Epsom Medical Equipment Fund. The Fund is grateful to AutoTest for their support over the years.

**13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October - 'Crazy For You' Epsom Light Opera Company:** at Epsom Playhouse from 13-17 October 2020 (postponed from April 2020) After much deliberation, the production team and ELOC Committee decided to postpone 'Crazy For You' until 13-17 October 2020. We hope you will be able to make this new date. A collection will be made during the interval and after the show for Epsom Medical Equipment Fund. ELOC have supported EMEF for many years and the Fund is very appreciative to them for their support.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Barn Dance at Ewell Castle School**, 7pm. With the Hogsmill Group and caller Veronica. The very popular barn dance which was due to be held in April has been postponed and will now take place on Saturday 31 October (subject to confirmation). Tickets are £20 each to include a fish and chip supper (please bring your own dips, nibbles, drink and glass). Tickets are available from Bess Harding on 020 8337 8181.

Please look on our web site [www.emef.org.uk](http://www.emef.org.uk) and sign up for our newsletter, make a donation through The Big Give which does not charge a fee or Click on to **Every Click** raising free donations when you buy and top up in store grocery and gift cards.

### ECRA Vacancies - General Committee Members

Do you live in Ewell Court? Would you like to join our Committee and be part of our strong and healthy Residents' Association as a General Committee Member? There are no specific duties, just the chance to attend our meetings and assist with our events.

Email Kerrie Baker, ECRA Chairman on [kerrie@kerriebaker.co.uk](mailto:kerrie@kerriebaker.co.uk) for more information.

## Age Concern Epsom & Ewell Coronavirus Relief Efforts

Since Mothering Sunday, Age Concern Epsom & Ewell (ACEE), along with the nation, has been adapting the way that we provide services to our elderly clients within the borough. With face to face services such as the ACEE Foot Clinic, Monthly Sunday Tea meetings and The Men's Club being put on hold, most of our clients were advised by the government to isolate for 12 weeks.

With isolation and loneliness being issues that ACEE has been working tirelessly to eliminate within the older community since 1947, the coronavirus has now heightened these issues and threatened to compromise our charity's mission to provide a range of services for older people that improves their lives and enables them to be socially active and independent. For a digital copy of our brand new services brochure please visit our website [www.ageconcernepsom.org.uk](http://www.ageconcernepsom.org.uk).

ACEE are now providing new and relevant services to the older community during the Coronavirus Pandemic; we have now extended our Information & Advice helpline from 9am – 4pm Monday – Friday, offering FREE and confidential advice on many issues affecting the older community.

At present, on average, the ACEE office is handling 49 Covid-19 calls per day, with calls manned by 6 new office volunteers. Furthermore, a team of 18 volunteers have been working from home, making welfare calls to all 5500 of our ACEE clients, with weekly or fortnightly calls now being made to clients based on individual needs. For full details about our current services please visit [www.ageconcernepsom.org.uk/coronavirusupdate](http://www.ageconcernepsom.org.uk/coronavirusupdate).

With panic buying leaving supermarket shelves empty and delivery slots booked up at the start of lockdown, the calls ACEE received via our helpdesk have been made up mainly from concerned clients not being able to get basic food supplies or medication. With the help of 154 NEW volunteers and our team of dedicated staff, ACEE have been able to assist over 450 clients with essential shopping deliveries and over 350 prescription deliveries since lockdown started. Our amazing volunteers also helped to deliver 75 Afternoon Tea Boxes to ACEE clients for the VE Day Stay at Home celebrations. With our VE Day street party, hosted with *Go Epsom & What's On In Epsom* cancelled due to the coronavirus, we did not want our 75 selected guests to miss out. *Go Epsom* kindly sponsored all 75 Afternoon Tea boxes, which were created by the wonderful *W&W Events Catering* and our amazing volunteers hand delivered each of them. If you would like to donate your time as a volunteer with ACEE, please email [dawn.collier@ageconcernepsom.org.uk](mailto:dawn.collier@ageconcernepsom.org.uk).

As mentioned, our face to face befriending service has been temporarily suspended due to social distancing guidelines, which means that all 72 of our amazing volunteer befrienders are now befriending clients by telephone. Due to isolation, we have also seen an increase in the need for telephone befrienders, with 23 new clients registering for this new service.

Due to the coronavirus, ACEE has had to cancel multiple fundraising events, which would have helped to raise vital funds for our charity. We have been adapting the way in which we are raising funds and are using virtual fundraising platforms. We have been receiving great support from the local community who have been taking part in their own virtual way. If you would like to donate towards Age Concern Epsom & Ewell's Coronavirus Relief Fund or host your very own virtual fundraising event, please visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/ACEEInteractiveIsolation>.

During these unprecedented times, ACEE has received great news that we have been chosen to be one of the Mayor of Epsom & Ewell's Charities of the Year along with two other amazing local community charities. We would like to extend our gratitude to Mayor Humphrey Reynolds for choosing ACEE and look very much forward to working with him within the heart of the community.



Two happy recipients of Afternoon Tea boxes delivered to local residents for the VE Day 'Stay at Home' celebrations on Friday 8th May

# Ewell Court House Organisation



It has been a strange start to 2020, January and February were ticking along nicely, then in March Covid-19 made its appearance with all the trials and tribulations it has caused, as a result all works and events are now on hold.

The goldfish and ferns in the Grotto are all well, although the fairies are missing the children.

**BENCH** We have been advised that the bench will not be able to be installed until the Lower Mole Project volunteers can return to work at some time in the future.

**CINEMA** The Cinema Club has had to stop, and we will have to wait and see when we can start up again. This is such a shame as it provided a meeting point for a lot of our local members, and some from further away.

We hope you are all keeping safe and well, and hope to be back in contact as soon as possible.

**GROTTO** Unfortunately, it was noticed recently that the Grotto wall and arch are showing signs of moving and, on further inspection by EEBC, it was decided that the structure is unsafe and have erected scaffolding to prevent the wall moving, the area is still fenced off, work was due to start in March/April so we have to wait and see what happens.

**Ray Peck, ECHO Chair**  
 Ewell-echo@outlook.com  
 020 8393 6475



A photo of the lovely grotto taken in 2018 during the Heritage Open Day at Ewell Court House.

Photo credit: Kerrie Baker

## Ewell Court House Cinema Club invite you to watch your favorite films at Ewell Court House on Thursday afternoons at 2pm

The next film showings are

- 4<sup>th</sup> June The Dolly Sisters (Musical)
- 18<sup>th</sup> June Grey Owl (Biography, Drama)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July Gas Light (Psychological Thriller)
- 16<sup>th</sup> July About Time (Romantic Comedy)
- 6<sup>th</sup> August Pal Joey (Musical)
- 20<sup>th</sup> August Last of the Mohicans (Action, Western)



Future dates to be announced nearer the time.

For future showings see our notice board or contact Ray on 020 8393 6475 or email ewell-echo@outlook.com



## Citizens Advice Epsom & Ewell – Still here to help!

Since 18 March, we've suspended our face to face advice service but still continue to help all those that need information, support and advice on many areas including benefits, debt, housing, employment and family/relationship matters.

We know that there may be queries around the furlough scheme, current housing protections that are in place and what rights people may have if employers are insisting on a return to work. Additionally, due to the current climate, many people may be suffering hardship or unable to pay gas or electricity bills – contact us now to see if you are eligible to access funds we hold for these purposes.

A reminder that our service is free, independent, confidential and impartial. That hasn't changed despite our change to a telephone, webchat and email service. For anyone that needs our help, please contact us via one of the options below:

- **Calling our Adviceline 0300 330 1164.** There are people available to answer calls on weekdays from 10am until 4pm, but you can call at any time and leave a voicemail if we don't answer. Leave a clear message with the number you would like us to call you back on, and we'll call you back as soon as we can.
- **Calling or texting us on our dedicated mobile number 07517 889 695.** Texts and calls will be charged at your normal rate.
- **Messaging us via our website:** <https://caee.org.uk/get-advice/request-phone-call/> to request a phone call:
- **Requesting advice by email:** <https://caee.org.uk/advice-by-email/>
- **Take part in a webchat via our national website:** <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

As the full impact of the pandemic is felt, we envisage our services will be in even greater demand. We are a small local charity, not part of central or local government, which needs to raise funds to ensure the long term sustainability of our services. If you are able to donate to allow us to continue to help the local community, we would be extremely grateful. Details of how you can do this can be found at: <https://caee.org.uk/donate/>

# Need our advice?

## Coronavirus service



During these uncertain times, your friendly local Citizens Advice team can help with advice on all sorts of worries:

- benefits;
- housing;
- debt;
- fuel poverty;
- hardship; and
- family issues.

## We're still here to help:



0330 330 1164



[office@caee.org.uk](mailto:office@caee.org.uk)



<https://caee.org.uk/advice-by-email/>



Webchat:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

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& Ewell**



## County Notes

by County Councillor Eber Kington



### Surrey County Council Update as of 16/05/20

Below is a brief summary of how SCC has reacted to the Covid-19 emergency and how it has affected some of SCC services.

#### Covid-19 Related Issues

The Surrey Local Resilience Forum (SLRF) is coordinating the county-wide response to coronavirus and incorporates all partners across Surrey. It's being led by Surrey County Council, Surrey Police and Surrey Fire and Rescue Service working closely with district and borough councils and all health partners. They are also working alongside many community, voluntary sector and faith groups who are coordinating projects at a local level.

Over 100 members of staff have been deployed to support the SLRF. Many more officers have been redeployed to new roles, for example supporting the SCC Contact Centre or managing Advice Lines.

SCC has a role in helping Surrey's most vulnerable residents. For example they ensure that residents on the Government's shielded list have received a box of food and household essentials from the Government either from the Government direct or from the SLRF Food Hub operating out of the Guildford Spectrum Centre. To date over 1500 boxes have been delivered by SLRF. SCC through the SLRF sends the contact details of shielded residents to borough councils (such as EEBC) whose role it is to contact these individual to ensure all their needs are being met.

SCC has spent about £900k creating a new hospital using some of the buildings at Headley Court. They anticipate that the Government will cover those costs. It is called the Seacole Centre and opened to patients on 18th May. It is designed to treat patients who have recovered from coronavirus but still need hospital care.

SCC has also opened two additional mortuaries to cope with the increased number of deaths.

#### SCC Services - Highways

Surrey Highways has resumed its essential roadwork programme following Government guidance which emphasized the need to keep the economy

going and ensure our highways and footways are safe. A key element of this work is the relaying of the pavement along the northern High Street Epsom (Wilko side). However work is also being undertaken, using safe practices, in the local area. In Ewell Court, the footway in Meadow Walk and (soon) one side of Ewell Court Avenue are being reconstructed.

The enforcement of yellow lines has been suspended for many residential roads. However, parking on double yellow lines or zig zags or on single yellow lines on main roads and in town centres could be dangerous and continue to be enforced as normal.

#### Surrey Services – Community Recycling Centres (CRCs)

SCC's CRCs, such as in Epsom, were re-opened on Monday 11th May (Phase 1). The objective of Phase 1 is to deal with the initial surge of 'pent up' demand by maximising throughput of the sites, whilst maintaining social distancing principles.

#### Opening hours: Monday to Sunday 8am to 5pm

- Residents can now take batteries, black bag waste, bulky waste, cardboard, gas bottles, green waste, hazardous waste, scrap metal, small electronics, white goods and wood. The Epsom CRC is unable to accept chargeable waste (soil, rubble, plasterboard or tyres) and textiles at present.
- Residents using a van, pick-up or trailer can use the sites again, but will still need a valid van permit, as usual. Hire vehicles must have vehicle hire documentation clearly displayed in the windscreen

No permit or residents checks will be undertaken so as to ensure compliance with social distancing requirements.

No assistance available to help any residents during Phase 1.

Phase 1 to continue until SCC is confident that they can move to phase 2 when CRCs will accept more materials.

**County Councillor Eber Kington**



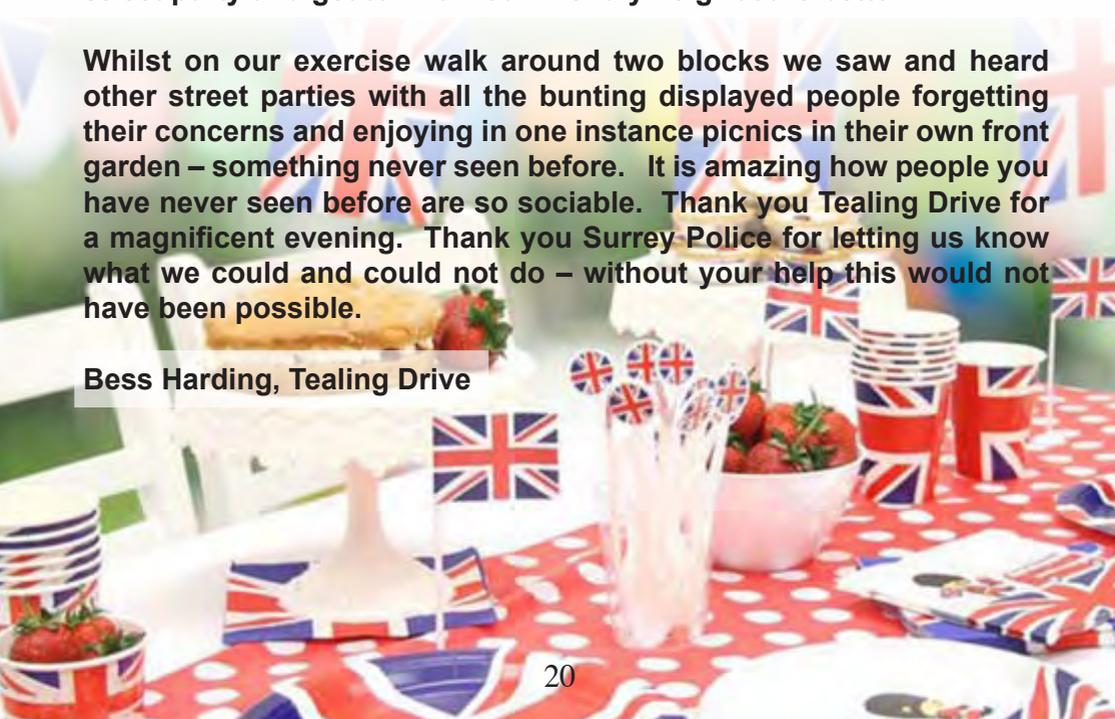
**VE Day in Tealing Drive  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

VE Day dawned a lovely sunny day. The previous night Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May residents took to their gates to clap for the NHS as they have done for seven weeks now at 8pm. One resident observing the rules invited those people who clap each week to a Street Party in Tealing Drive on Friday night at 8 pm but first we assembled at 11 am at our front gates to remember our heroes with a two minute silence.

With own glasses in hand we assembled at Kingston Road end as one generous couple brought out the champagne and beer to raise a glass or two whilst music of the era was played. It was a lovely enjoyable evening. Strict hygiene was the word and whilst it was an unusual party, far from normal with social distancing observed, it was an occasion to meet our neighbours. The evening certainly lightened the load of the previous weeks as we chatted and relaxed while listening to the music with a jig or two. Everyone said how much they enjoyed the occasion and when this pandemic is over we will have a proper street party and get to know our friendly neighbours better.

Whilst on our exercise walk around two blocks we saw and heard other street parties with all the bunting displayed people forgetting their concerns and enjoying in one instance picnics in their own front garden – something never seen before. It is amazing how people you have never seen before are so sociable. Thank you Tealing Drive for a magnificent evening. Thank you Surrey Police for letting us know what we could and could not do – without your help this would not have been possible.

Bess Harding, Tealing Drive



## Social Ramblings

In these troubling times we trust that you are keeping well and catching up on all those odd jobs that you always meant to do.

How fortuitous was it that we decided not to run the ECRA Charity Duck Race this year. What a nightmare that would have been to cancel. As you will appreciate all of ECRA's social events have been cancelled up to the end of September. We will review events from October onwards as we hear more from the Government regarding social gatherings.

With regards to Trifest we have decided to also cancel this event and focus on getting a head start on next year's event, planned for autumn 2021.

Well there is not much more to say other than on behalf of the Social Committee please keep safe until we meet again.

**Louise Saunders (Events Organiser)**

**T: 020 8224 5522 E: ecra1938@yahoo.co.uk**

Social Committee: Jan Cooper (Chair), Steve Homewood (Treasurer), Louise Saunders (Events Organiser), Di Powney (Secretary) & Kerrie Baker

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# *In the Corner*

by Margaret Titchener

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The elderly and infirm perhaps suffering most of all.

A wave of disbelief at the beginning,  
then came the knowledge of the severity of the situation.

Initial panic fairly soon gave way to a sensible approach.

Amazingly, individuals stepped up to offer help.

Communities got together in support of each other.

I wonder, was this how it felt during the Second World War?

Did our parents and grandparents experience all these things?

I believe they had it much harder.

They suffered severe food rationing.

Some were sent to defend their country - some never to return.

Some worked in the factories or making munitions, their spare time  
spent on Home Guard duties and plane spotting.

Women worked harder than ever before helping to keep their country  
running whilst the menfolk were away.

Children became more independent and had to help where they could.

Everyone had to "do their bit".

We must do this now.

"All hands to the pump" we used to say.

This went on for six years.

If they could do it surely we can too.

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## Improvements to Epsom Town Centre

Those of you who have not been venturing out into Epsom may not be aware that Surrey Highways (SCC) via its contractor Kier is continuing the redevelopment of the market place and here are some photographs of the northern High Street (Wilko side) where the footway is being re-laid with paving to match the market place itself.

In addition, work has started recently on re-polishing the base of the Evocation of Speed statue and completing the paving around it. The clock tower, a listed building, is also being renovated and the trees are looking great.

It's good to see Epsom and Ewell Borough Council's 18 new trees in leaf in Epsom's Market Place looking green and welcoming. The trees are small leaved lime, red maple and pagoda trees and have all been selected for the Market Place environment & their resilience to climate change.

Epsom (and Ewell) has a future, and we are looking forward to the time when all of us can again enjoy our market town as a great place to shop, work and do business.



*Epsom Marketplace:*

*Works being done to the footpaths and surfaces alongside the shops on the High Street.*

*Photos supplied by Councillor Eber Kington*



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- It may be that your soul purpose in life is simply to be kind to others
- Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- Since it's the early worm it gets eaten by the bird.....sleep late.
- When everything is coming your way you're in the wrong lane.
- Birthdays are good for you: the more you have the longer you live.
- Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- The second mouse gets the cheese.
- We could learn a lot from crayons...some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colours...but they all have to live in the same box.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.



## Ewell Court Library In The Time of Lockdown

It is a great shame that this Summer update from the library does not contain better news. As most of our loyal supporters are well aware, we reluctantly took the decision to close our doors from 18<sup>th</sup> March when it became clear to us our policy had to be 'safety first'. Surrey Libraries then announced all libraries would close after 20<sup>th</sup> March and the official Government lockdown followed. Just to remind you all:

1. All Surrey library branches are closed till further notice. This is under review and will be guided by national developments.
2. All loans, including rental items (e.g. DVDs), are extended until at least the 1st of July. You do not need to take any action if you already have items on loan. No extra rental will be charged.
3. The reservation service is suspended.
4. Once libraries reopen, existing requests will be available for a period of 10 days before returning into circulation.
5. All events and activities are cancelled.
6. Out of hours return boxes are currently closed so please hang onto your items until libraries reopen.

**HOWEVER, DO NOT DESPAIR!** Surrey's digital services already provide FREE eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eComics and newspapers as well as other resources that can be accessed at home. For more information about online resources and how to access them visit the Surrey Libraries website <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries>

### 2020 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

With summer approaching, children would normally have been invited to take part in the annual Reading Challenge. Those who've participated before will know what fun it is! This year is likely to be very different so, if the official one is suspended, Ewell Court Library wants to set children aged 4-12 (with help from families) a special challenge. All you have to do is:

- carry on reading through the summer;
- keep a note of up to 6 books you've finished and enjoyed;
- when we're open again, come in with your list and tell us what you've read.

There's no theme - you can read fiction or true stories, picture books, comics, graphic novels, poetry or even a combination of all of them.....your choice!

Our challenge is to work out how to reward finishers and how to organise another amazing tea party for participants!

Sadly, with activities cancelled until further notice, we were unable to hold our 6<sup>th</sup> birthday party as a volunteer led library in May 2020. We had planned to invite everyone to join us for a celebration with a Winnie the Pooh theme as 'Now we are Six!' With luck we will still be able to mark the occasion in some way later in the year.

We sincerely hope that before too long we will be able to welcome you back to our wonderful local library. To ensure we keep this vital resource available post Covid-19 we need YOU - the visitors and borrowers who are vital to our future - to come back through the doors, use our facilities and even join our friendly volunteer group. Watch out for news and stay safe - don't forget...

***"Knowledge is power"!***

### Ewell Court Library Volunteers



## Ewell Court WI - We'll Meet Again

As Ewell Court WI met in February none pictured a world which would soon change for them and their loved ones for ever. Time passed by and it was feared that the speaker would not arrive, so out of the blue the conversation got around to prison reform. A member spoke of a visit to Wandsworth Prison as part of group of mature students, who were being shown around by the Prison Psychologist. Standing on the first floor which was a metal grid, enabling one to see what was going on below, he extolled the merits of behaviour therapy, a system of benefits and sanctions used with prisoners. Looking down on the ground floor one could see the men scuttling backwards and forwards industriously. The therapy seemed to work. However, an officer from downstairs appeared, whispered in the Psychologist's ear and the group was asked to move back against the wall. Apparently, all the activity was an attempt to look up the ladies' skirts!

The tone of the meeting had obviously gone down, but thankfully the speaker, a rather unusual lady arrived. She seemed to have spent her life applying for jobs which she got quite easily, without any knowledge of what was required and making a success of them. She spoke of her time as cook on the yacht at St Moritz of Gunter Sachs, the wealthy playboy, industrialist and photographer, once married to Brigitte Bardot. Her

cooking skills were minimal, but she managed. She went on to run an hotel with her husband, telling of a mouse infestation in the bridal suite, only just solved before the happy couples' appearance. An escaped convict ran up a huge bill and disappeared with the silver. A very funny and witty lady.

In March, one could hear gasps of admiration as Victoria Frances, a violinist, entered the hall. One was immediately transported to a West End theatre. Dressed beautifully and looking glamorous she began with a rousing medley. Classically trained she captured the audience by playing the most beautiful entertaining songs, which one could sing along to and enjoy. She ended the performance with wartime songs followed by "Land of Hope and Glory", "members on their feet swaying from side to side, arms in the air.

Prophetically, Victoria sang "We'll Meet Again" and little did one know that these words would be spoken by our patron, the Queen, when she spoke to the nation regarding the coronavirus epidemic. Some members have been knitting and sewing for NHS staff, wanting to help in the present crisis and items have been welcomed gladly. Yes, the WI will meet again, knowing where, but not when, but it will be some sunny day.

**Carole Brookman - Press Officer**

## USEFUL LOCAL INFORMATION

**Age Concern** 01372 732 456 an information and advice service that is open for telephone enquiries and personal callers. Offers: Benefits Advice, Car Scheme, Chiropody/Foot care/Nail cutting, Handyman, Home safety, IT/computer training, Other Health & Care Services, Other Information & Advice, Other practical support, Social Club, Traders register. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am - 1pm.

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**Epsom & Ewell Contact Centre** 01372 732000 call this number for help on various local issues, including the following:

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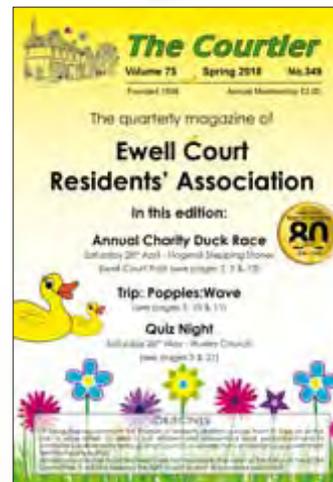
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