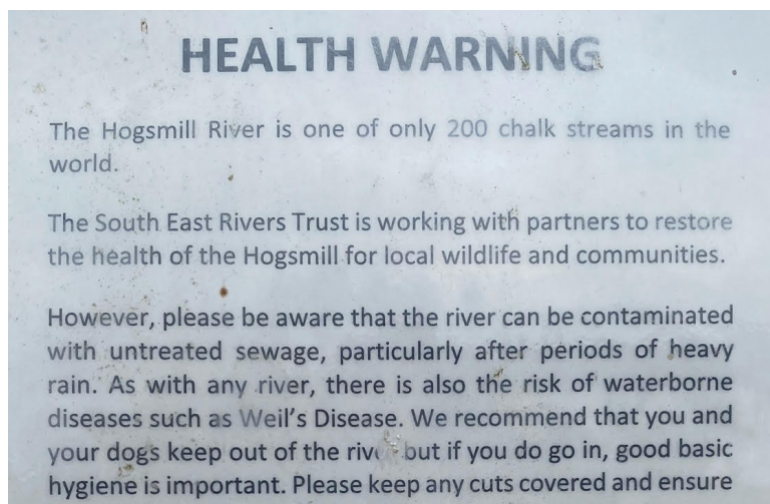


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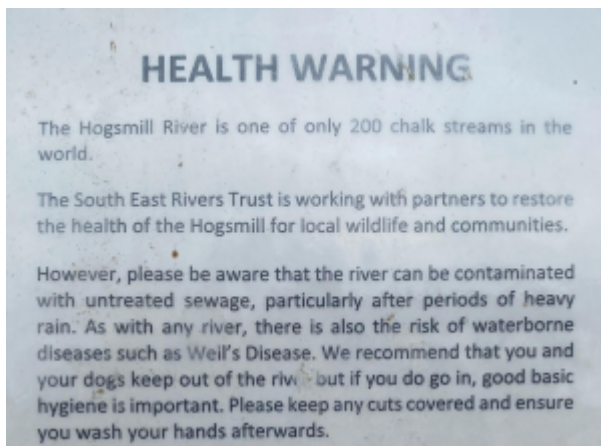
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The **River Hogsmill and the Green Lanes Stream** are becoming no go areas for dogs and humans. Residents are calling for private utility company **Thames Water** to act on sewage polluted water courses in the heart of the Borough of Epsom and Ewell. Local **activist Mark Todd** states: “Thames Water should not be using the Green Lanes Stream and the Hogsmill River in Epsom & Ewell and Kingston Boroughs, as open sewers. The Hogsmill is one of only 200 chalk streams in the world and used to be teeming with wildlife, yet it is now so polluted barely any fish live in it.”



“The rivers are delicate streams and cannot accommodate sewage overflows. The pollution affects Epsom, Ewell, Tolworth, Surbiton and Kingston. It then enters the Thames affecting London and the Thames Estuary. The sewage is killing the rivers: destroying wildlife, poisoning animals, and makes it unsafe for kids or animals to play in them. Some local residents who live by the river say it now stinks. In 2021, the South East Rivers Trust calculated that a total of 159 hours of sewage went into the rivers across 47 incidents. That is one incident per week. The causes of the discharges are faulty sensors by Green Lanes Stream; insufficiently large sewage tanks at Manor Rd, Ewell; and comms failures at the outdated Hogsmill A Waste-water Works in Kingston.”

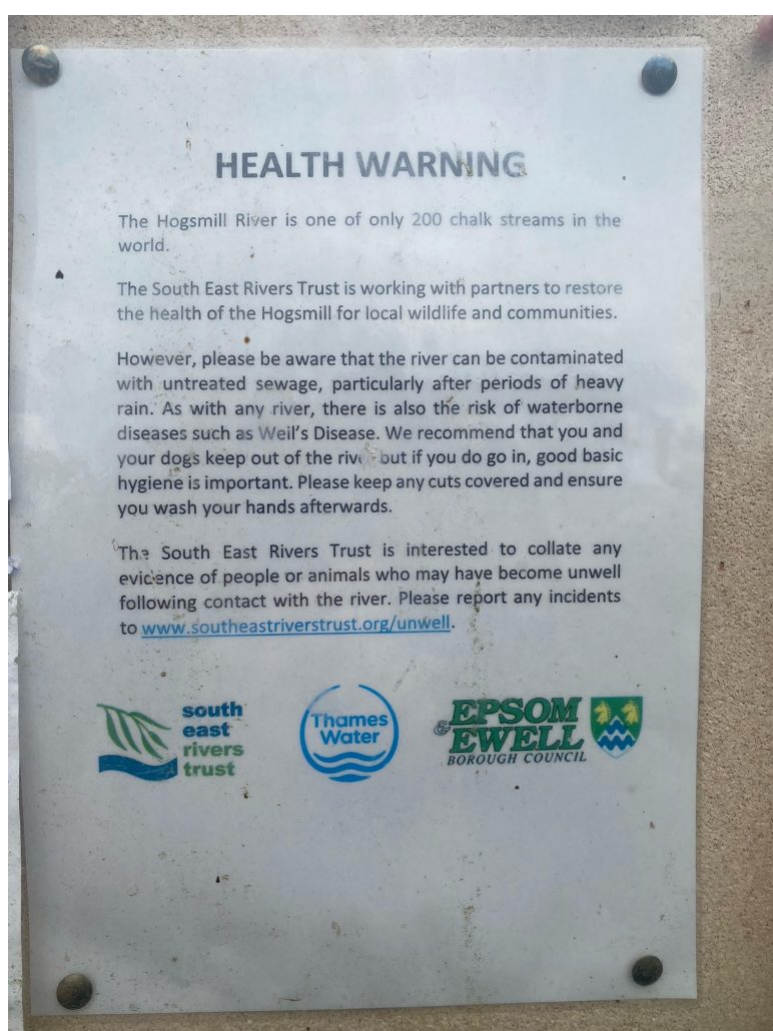
Mark has established a petition to put more pressure on Thames Water to stop the issues at source by investing some of

its profits in upgrading the sewage infrastructure in the area. See Petition [HERE](#)

In response to **Epsom and Ewell Times**, a **Thames Water spokesperson** said: “Our aim will always be to try and do the right thing for our rivers and for the communities who love and value them. We regard all discharges of untreated sewage as unacceptable and will work with the government, Ofwat and the Environment Agency to accelerate work to stop them being necessary and are determined to be transparent. We recently launched our river health commitments which includes a 50% reduction in the total annual duration of spills across London and the Thames Valley by 2030, and within that an 80% reduction in sensitive catchments.

“In addition, the Thames Tideway Tunnel, which is the third phase of a comprehensive environmental improvement programme of the tidal Thames for our customers and river users, is due for completion in 2024. The tunnel is a total investment of more than £4 billion that will deliver a huge reduction in the discharges to the tidal River Thames in London, and further improve overall health of the river.

“We have a long way to go - and we certainly can't do it on our own - but the ambition is clear.”



Council Meetings in the Dark?

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Monday 4th July 2022 Epsom and Ewell Borough Council will deliberate in secret on the recruitment of a new Chief Executive. This follows the sudden departure earlier this month of Kathryn Beldon from the top local government post, reported by Epsom and Ewell Times.

Firstly, the powerful Strategy and Resources Committee will meet, followed by the full Council. Both will vote on a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meetings. The resolutions infer that it would not be in the public interest for the public to know information “relating to an individual” or “relating to the finances” (of the Council).

Epsom and Ewell Times assume that press and public will be excluded from the debates on the resolutions to exclude them!

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West Ewell By-election candidates' answers

30 June 2022

Epsom and Ewell Times asked each candidate a series of questions. Here are their answers.

Epsom and Ewell Times - Tell us a little about yourself. The non-political?

Alan Williamson - I am a 58 year old married man with a grown-up son. Since graduating from university I have worked in the financial services industry. For the past three years I have a committee member of West Ewell & Ruxley Residents' Association. I made it known that I was interested in standing for the borough council. Outside work I follow football and rugby, love reading, walking and cycling and spending time with my wife Lucia.

Marian Morrison - I've lived in the borough for over four decades and my son attended local schools. My working life has been spend in the public sector, both NHS and local government so I have a fair understanding of health and council matters. My professional roles range from quality and complaints to council committee work. I'm recently retired and went back to being a student at Nescot which was a great thing to do. I regularly attend a local church Ewell.

Mark Todd - I'm a local dad and businessman, and I've lived in the area for over 12 years. I'm part of the Epsom & Ewell Tree Advisory Board that protects and preserves local trees and Treasurer of the Epsom Wells Community Association that is saving and renewing a local community centre. For work, I co-founded a large internet business in which I played a leading role for many years. I'm currently starting a new business.

Kieran Persand - I was born and raised in Epsom and Ewell, attending local schools. My background is law but I'm very passionate about education, the environment and mental health. Any spare time I get, I love playing sp

How long have you lived in the Borough?

Alan Williamson 11 years

Marian Morrison 46 years

Mark Todd -12 years

Kieran Persand - All my life - 24 years.

Do you live in the West Ewell Ward?

Alan Williamson - Yes

Marian Morrison - No but I do live nearby in West Ewell.

Mark Todd - I live close by in Epsom - I know the ward very well

Kieran Persand - No

Why are you standing?

Alan Williamson - I am a firm believer in local decisions being made by local people without the constraints of national party politics. Epsom & Ewell is one of the most desirable neighbourhoods, with one of the best run councils in the whole country. By electing me as a Residents' Association councillor we can keep it that way.

Marian Morrison - I stood in the West Ewell ward in 2011 and received 500 votes and wish to stand again. It's important for voters to have a choice of candidates and I believe council decision making is more effective when there is a good opposition.

Mark Todd - To give a voice to local residents who have been ignored for too long. To demand improvements to the roads and pavements and to help fix the awful problems of raw sewage going into the local Hogsmill river. Having a Labour councillor as well as the two RA councillors would give W Ewell a stronger voice.

Kieran Persand - There are issues that are constantly being overlooked such as housing/developments, the green belt and crime. It is crucial that the Council has a strong opposition to push things forward. It's been shown what a conservative councillor can do locally, seen with the work Cllr Muir did to help keep the Wells Centre open.

Which Council Committees would you like to serve and why?

Alan Williamson - My primary interest would be in the Strategy & Resources Committee. I see this as underpinning the whole scope of council activity and requires the best-qualified candidates. My background in economics, financial services and committee work equips me ideally for this. I could also have interest in Community and Wellbeing.

Marian Morrison - Having worked in Surrey for the NHS and a nearby London Borough I'm familiar with aspects of health services, and planning and would be most interested in Planning, Community and Well-being, Health Liaison and Environment and Safer Communities committees.

Mark Todd - Community and Well-being - to help create a healthier, happier community. Environment and Safe Communities - our green spaces and trees need protecting to stop West Ewell becoming a concrete jungle.

Kieran Persand - Licensing and Planning Policy Committee - the lack of a Local Plan is hindering the development of the Borough massively. The local conservative group have formulated a plan which is well thought out and one which will improve the Borough.

Strategy and Resources Committee.

What do you think of the decision to spend £225,000 on the Epsom Town Centre Masterplan?

Alan Williamson - I welcome the availability and deployment of funds for this purpose. If Epsom town centre is to retain its vitality and attractive ambience it must use best practice to consider the way forward using strategic tools and resources. Expenditure such as this is warranted under the circumstances.

Marian Morrison - Epsom and Ewell needs to work together with residents to identify ways in which we can provide for future needs and at the same time ensure Epsom is a vibrant place for people to live, work and visit. Whilst this is a significant cost, good, sound planning for the needs for the next decades is vital for a good future.

Mark Todd - I think it's a lot of money and my understanding is more is actually being spent on it £350,000+. We do need a good plan to create a better, greener town centre fit for the future and I fully support this. I hope that the money will be well spent and I'd be keen to be involved in its management.

Kieran Persand - I think a masterplan to guide development in the Town Centre is needed but £225,000 is an awfully huge amount of money to be spending at this moment in time. I hope that it is not mismanaged and that something positive comes out of it.

Do you think the ULEZ should be expanded to or nearer West Ewell's borders?

Alan Williamson - I do not feel that at this point there is widespread public support for extending the ULEZ to West Ewell's borders. Whilst this decision is not solely ours I think residents should make their feelings known on this. I would be personally oppose such a development at this stage.

Marian Morrison - Whilst I'm supportive of reducing emissions, due to the proximity of the Chessington Spur being so close to West Ewell many residents will be impacted with charges incurred by short cross boundary car journeys. In my view the main driver for change is to provide income to support the massive costs of Transport for London

Mark Todd - As a local councillor here we would have no influence on the decision. No one wants to pay more tax; however we do also need to get old vehicles off the road that create dangerous toxic fumes. Fumes that poison our lungs and, according to one charity, kill 25 times more people per year than car crashes.

Kieran Persand - No - many families and local businesses would suffer, especially with the increase in the cost of living. The expansion would be too burdensome. The roll out would also be very costly with the increase in spending on cameras and the enforcement infrastructure that would be needed. That money could be spent on better things which would help tackle air pollution.

One question beyond the Borough. Do you support the policy of sending refugees to Rwanda?

Alan Williamson - No. More suitable policies must be found.

Marian Morrison - No. This approach won't stop desperate people.

Mark Todd - No

Kieran Persand - No.

Anything else you would like to say?

Alan Williamson - Having attended school in the borough I feel an affinity with the area that has motivated me to seek election. I have been active in organising a Neighbourhood Watch in my street (Revere Way), and I have coordinated a formal petition to the management company for the estate concerning their service provision.

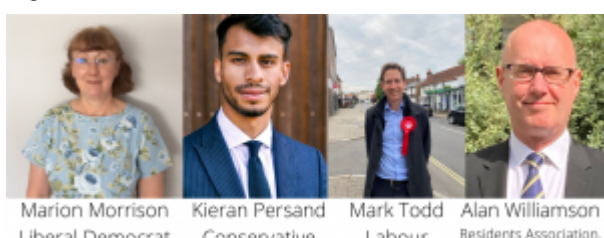
Marian Morrison - Liberal Democrats have a good track record in local government as demonstrated by two neighbouring boroughs, Sutton and Kingston, both close to West Ewell. People of West Ewell think carefully and consider voting for change.

Mark Todd - The local Labour Party in West Ewell has 30 members and in voting for me you're not just voting for Mark Todd but for the local Labour team to have influence and help the local area. If elected, we will not let you down and I will work with the Residents' Association councillors to create a better West Ewell.

Kieran Persand - None.

West Ewell by-election, our Q&As and your hustings

30 June 2022



On Thursday 7th July 2022 voters in the Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Ward of West Ewell have the opportunity to

vote for the candidate who will take the seat held for many years by the late Cllr Clive Smitheram of the Residents' Association.

The candidates are Marion Morrison (Liberal Democrat), Kieran Persand (Conservative Party), Mark Todd (Labour Party) and Alan Williamson (Residents' Association).

Q and As You can read the candidates' answers to Epsom and Ewell Times' questions [HERE](#)

HUSTINGS

Epsom and Ewell Times is holding an election hustings that **three of the four candidates** will attend. Alan Williamson (Residents Association), who works in the financial services sector, has advised that he is working that evening and cannot attend. The hustings will start at 7 pm on Monday 4th July at All Saints Church, 7 Church Rd, West Ewell, Ewell, Epsom KT19 9QY and will last one hour.

Attendance in person is encouraged but you may participate online if you register in advance [HERE](#)

Another £1/4 m to plan planning

30 June 2022



COST OF NEW LOCAL PLAN GOES UP BY ANOTHER QUARTER OF A MILLION POUNDS.

A meeting of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council's Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on 21 June 2022 was presented with a shortfall of £255,000 in funding the delivery of the Local Plan.

The shortfall was discovered following a full review of the Local Plan progress and supporting evidence base that was undertaken by the Head of Place Development earlier this year "to understand the implications of changes in legislation and local context post Covid."

These additional funds would be required to cover the Planning Inspectorate's public examination of the Plan, including their fees.

The total amount of money so far allocated to the Local Plan process was unclear. When Cllr Julie Morris (Lib Dem, College ward) said that she had totted up the cost to be at least £1.3 million, the Head of Place Development agreed to investigate and report back on the full official figure.

Cllr Peter Webb (Res Ass, Auriol ward) asked whether officers could assure the committee that no further fund increases would be required. The Head of Place Development confirmed that she was sure the latest requirement would be sufficient to cover the standard process as long as the Council kept to the agreed scope and timetable but that there was still uncertainty about unknown variables such as the level of response to the public consultation.

The committee was warned that the new Levelling Up & Regeneration Bill announced in the recent Queen's Speech could include some significant changes to the way local plans are produced and may involve some additional duties.

As the **Local Plan** is a mandatory document, the Council has no alternative but to find the necessary funding for it.

The committee meeting started at 7:30 pm and closed at 7:48 pm.

See Epsom and Ewell Times' earlier report on The Local Plan of 7th June and the report on the £225,000 costs of the Town Centre Masterplan of 13th June 2022

Witness appeal following burglary in Ewell

30 June 2022



Surrey Police are appealing for witnesses following a burglary in Ewell on Wednesday, 8 June.

Officers were called to a residential address on Cheam Road near to the junction with the A24 following reports of a burglary. It is believed the suspect entered the property at some point between 8.10am and 5.30pm. The suspect conducted an untidy search before leaving with two high-value watches, a Breitling Chronospace Military and Tag Heuer Aquaracer.

PC James Wheatland said: "If you were in the area at this time and saw anything suspicious, or have dashcam footage, please get in touch. We are doing everything we can to reunite the victim with their watches and we're releasing images of the watches in the hope this might further our investigation. The watches have sentimental value to the victim and we're asking the public if they recognise the watches, or have any information about where they might be found, to contact us."

If you have any information which may assist with our investigation, please contact Surrey Police quoting PR/45220060913 via:

- Webchat on the website <https://surrey.police.uk/>
- Online <https://www.surrey.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/>
- Calling 101

If you do not wish to leave your name, you may call the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Epsom Rotary in Motion

30 June 2022



Epsom Rotary will be holding a stall at the Epsom Marketplace on Saturday, 02 July 2022 and welcome anyone to come and visit to learn more about Epsom Rotary and ways that they could get involved.

Each year The Rotary Club of Epsom is involved in a range of local community events. The club organises the annual Epsom and Ewell Borough Family Fun Day with the Rotary Club of Ewell. There are gardening sessions at Old Moat Garden Centre and they have created and now maintain the Community Allotment together with Ewell Rotary. The club also runs the local Young Musician, Young Photographer, Young Chef and French Speaking competitions annually. They helped marshal the Cancer Research UK Race for Life event at Epsom Downs Racecourse this year and of course, there are the annual Christmas collections around Epsom.



Supporting community events

The club has a varied social calendar with recent events including sporting event and nights out at local restaurants, as well as the regular meetings. Being part of a large, international organisation they also have the opportunity to compete against other local Rotary clubs in the district sports competitions.



Allot a lot more allotments say Rotarians as they tend this one.

This year they are fundraising for local charities and charity events have included The Epsom and Ewell Showcase and quiz nights and of course much more.

They always welcome new members to increase their good community work.

<https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=874>

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Who let the dogs big day out?

30 June 2022



Cuddington Residents Association did. That's who. On June 18th Saturday's **"BIG DAY OUT"** in Shadbolt Park, Worcester Park in the north-east end of the Borough of Epsom and Ewell, a thriving community came out in their hundreds, with their dogs, to enjoy a wide range of "external activities". Duck dogs, sorry shepherd dogs, duckflocked ducks, while Cllr Eber Kington "dogpacked" (?) the dogs in the many classes show. Dance groups of all ages danced in the performance area. The people enjoyed a wide range of charity, community and craft stalls from the local Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Surrey Stands With Ukraine, honey makers ("apiarists" to you and me) and many more. Watch out for the Big Day Out next year. All photos courtesy of Richard Johnson who promotes Worcester Park via his Facebook

Lorry Undercover: Is this PC?

30 June 2022



"You have to ask yourself is it worth it?": Undercover officers stop 106 vehicles in just three days for road traffic offences.

A dedicated road safety campaign by Surrey officers saw 106 vehicles stopped in just three days for a variety of road traffic offences.

Officers from the Surrey and Sussex Roads Policing and Commercial Vehicle Unit used an unmarked HGV lorry from National Highways, as well as unmarked police cars, to catch law breakers in the act.

This tactic is outside the box, but the logic is sound. A large HGV lorry is the last vehicle anyone would expect to be part of an undercover operation.

The campaign which ran from 30 May to 1 June, saw officers patrol the M25 and deal with a variety of offences including the use of mobile phones whilst driving, not wearing a seatbelt, and drug driving.

Over the three days, officers completed 82 traffic offence reports, issued four FPNs (fixed penalty notices), and summonsed ten drivers to court.

Surrey's dangerous drivers will now be thinking twice when not giving their full attention to the road.

Sergeant Huw Watts, who led the team said: *"This has been a very productive operation for our officers. It is always disappointing to see that the road safety message is not being received by drivers on some of the fastest roads in our counties. Despite advances in vehicle technology drivers still feel the need to use their mobile phones whilst driving including texting, checking emails, and even watching film clips!"*

"Ten of the drivers we stopped will now have to attend court and potentially face losing their driving license, which will have a very real impact on their lives. We take road safety very seriously at Surrey Police and we run these dedicated operations alongside our normal road policing operations 24/7, 365 days a year. We will catch you, so you have to ask yourself is it really worth it?"

READ MORE: [The Local Plan to plan The Local Plan](#)

Celebrating the Jubilee from one end of the Borough to the other

30 June 2022



All over the Borough of Epsom and Ewell for the past days and weeks, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee has been celebrated by residents and businesses in Epsom & Ewell. 70 years of rule is a momentous occasion, no Monarch has ever ruled for such a long period of time, and the celebrations on display in the Borough reflected this fact.

After such a busy and energetic period, it's important to look back and reflect on the revelries of the last days and weeks, and have a look at all the ways that the Borough celebrated the Jubilee. Some things you may have seen, some you may have heard about but missed, and some things you might have never even heard of. Epsom & Ewell Times took great notice of all the efforts from all corners of the Borough, to put on a proud display for our Queen and to entertain all who wished to celebrate. From Murals and Artwork to special musical concerts, there was something for everyone.

With beacon lightings, street parties and a huge fair in Epsom Market Square, there was no shortage of revels and festivities going on across the Borough. We were lucky enough to attend the fair and it was great fun; Sunshine, music and fun surrounded all, as people joined together to celebrate the long reign of our Queen.

Epsom & Ewell Times has collected photographs from across the Borough to showcase a number of the festivities that took place, to shine a light on all the incredible effort put into decorations and parties by local residents.

Family Fun Festival

The Family Fun Festival took place on Wednesday, with Music, games and fun for all the family. Stilt-walkers, Musicians and dancers kept us entertained and happy all day as we celebrated 70 years of our Queen. The Epsom Derby Hall of Fame was also unveiled, with roundels commemorating famous past winners, horses and jockeys are alike.



























Epsom Beacon Lighting

Thursday saw the lighting of the Epsom Down's Beacon. Hundreds of Beacons across the country were lit concurrently.













Woodlands Avenue Street Party

Also taking place on Thursday was a wonderful street party on Woodlands Avenue, at the northern tip of the borough in Worcester Park. A representative for the road told Epsom & Ewell Times: *"Huge thank's to our organisers Liz, Helen and Danielle. We had a Pimm's stall, tombola stall, and Music (Ben did a great job compèring). BBQ, Large Jenga, best-dressed competition, plant a sunflower, and a plant sale. We were happy to raise £260 for the Bumblebee Conservation from the plant sale and £172 for Ukraine. A wonderful day had by all. Great community spirit!"*

Very special thanks to Tara Lavelle who sent us these lovely photos.



















Meghan Harry and The Queen made an appearance.





Liz and her son Ben (compère and best dressed male)









The Bennett's enjoying the day









Tara winning best dressed.



87-year-old Sheila enjoying her pink gin and lemonade.



Tombola stall with lots of fab prizes donated by the street

Epsom Jazz Club - Jubilee Concert

Epsom Jazz Club celebrated the Jubilee it's way.

Tenor sax virtuoso Vasilis Xenopoulos fronted a quartet featuring Nigel Price on guitar, Mikele Montolli on double bass and Laura Klain on drums. Laura had flown in that morning from Italy to join this truly international set. Not to avoid entirely the Jubilee celebrations several numbers played were composed 70 years ago in 1952.

A delighted audience of over 40, sitting comfortably in the cabaret setting of the acoustically perfect Oaks Room at the back of the Conservative Club in Church Street Epsom, were treated to an evening of superb professional jazz musicianship. This new jazz club bringing quality live music to the Borough continues next month on 7th July with a quartet featuring celebrated jazz vocalist Jo Harrop. See www.epsomjazzclub.com for details and tickets.

























Wandgas Club Beacon Lighting

The lighting of the Cuddington RA/Wandgas Club Jubilee Beacon was a grand event, of all the beacon lightings, this one may have taken the cake. With an impromptu fireworks show to go along with the lighting.

We were lucky enough (not to mention thankful) to have photos provided by Richard Johnson, who also had this to say via Facebook...

“Yesterday evening, at 9:45 pm, numerous Jubilee beacons were lit across the Commonwealth. I went along to see the lighting of our local (KT4 postcode area) beacon at Wandgas Sports & Social Club. At 9:45 pm, Cuddington RA’s Cllr. Phil Neale stepped forward as official firestarter, setting in motion Cuddington’s salute to Her Majesty The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. There was also the unexpected, simultaneous bonus of fireworks.”













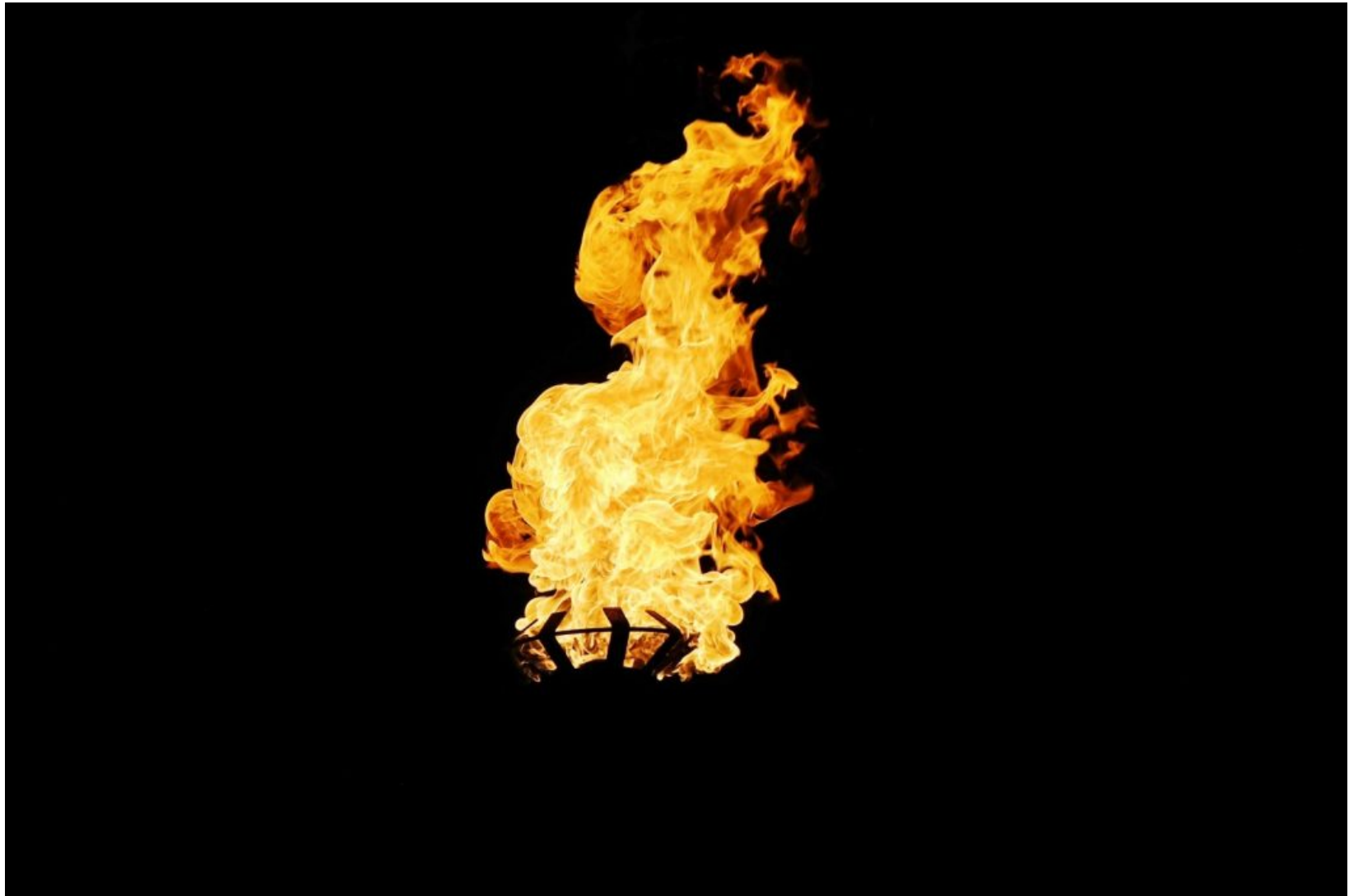


















Station Avenue Bunting

Now, from west Ewell, in the centre of the Borough, the dedicated residents of Station Avenue sent us photos of the bunting they put up on their road. Special thanks to Abigail Kuti for sending us the photos.













READ MORE: GALLERY: Inside the Epsom Jubilee Family Festival!