

Welcome to
Purfleet-on-Thames
Community Forum



Virtual Meeting Newsletter
31st March 2020

*You cannot go to our meeting so we
are bringing our meeting to you*



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- Only one person shall speak at a time
- All speakers shall be polite and not raise their voices
- All speakers shall respect all others in attendance and shall not use offensive language
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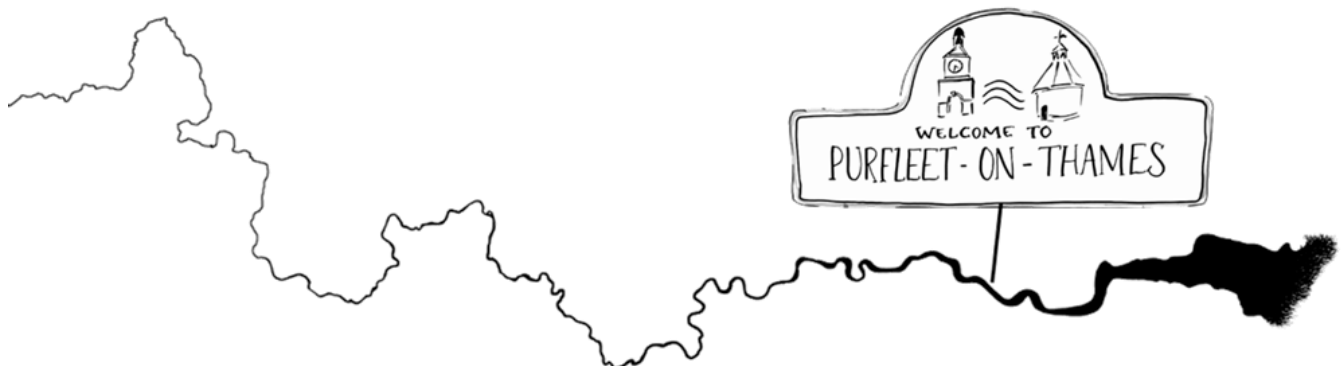
Whose Who

JR John Rowles, chair
TB Trevor Batchelor, vice chair
AP Ali Pretty, artistic director & founder of Kinetika
BR Barbara Rice, Thurrock's Team Leader and Operational Manager
TL Sir Tim Laurence, chair PCRL
MD: Rev. Matt Drummond, vicar at St Stephen's



Agenda

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Minutes from previous meeting
- Speaker's – Ali Pretty from Kinetika
 - Barbara Rice from Healthwatch
- General Updates
- Matters Arising and AOB
- Next Virtual Meeting





Welcome, Apologies & Minutes



JR: Good evening everyone I trust you are all well, for this meeting /update I won't be asking you all to behave, but I will ask you to sign in by mailing me that you have read our email.

Apologies, well I will take it that if you respond you were in and if you don't you weren't

Our first speaker is Ali Pretty who some of you have met before, Ali will bring you up to speed with Kinetika's latest project, So Ali the floor is yours.....



TB: Jumping in and to bring you up with speed for those that do not know Kinetika is an internationally renowned company, specialising in creating large-scale hand-painted silks based in the Artists' Studios at High House Production Park. They have a 22-year track record of combining world-class design with community projects to produce spectacular outdoor commissions that engage diverse audiences wherever they work. You

might remember a couple of years back the huge docker puppet they made for Tilbury Cruise Terminal 70th and the silk flags for 'Women on the march' that some of you here, or out there helped make.

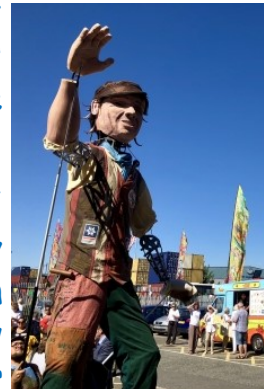
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Women on the march



March - The Processions march took place on Sunday

Founded by artistic director Ali Pretty in 1997, and inspired by her training in carnival arts in Trinidad and India, Kinetika now has an unrivalled reputation for working with local communities on projects that change the way people feel about where they live from local community walks in Essex to



ceremonial boulevards and local high streets across the UK, to the Great Wall of China and the heart of Kolkata. The charitable arm, Kinetika People, is known for its high-quality community engagement work, running participatory programmes, workshops and artist training schemes, which aim to nurture new artistic talent and engage communities, raising aspirations and building a sense of place.

So as John said over to you Ali.....



T100 Calling – Purfleet-On-Thames

**You are invited to collaborate with us in making
A Celebration of our Creative Community on 27 Sept 2020**



AP: What are we celebrating?

The development of Purfleet town centre has finally been approved, work is under-way, and thanks to much of the hard work of the Community Forum Purfleet has been officially renamed as Purfleet-on-Thames. This is a great moment to celebrate a new era, bringing the local community of Purfleet and arts partners based at HHPP together, to collectively create an event to welcome Thurrock residents and visitors to Purfleet-on-Thames. and share widely what the park and the town has to offer as it develops into a joined up creative community over the next few years.

How can you get involved?

To prepare for the event Kinetika is excited to invite up to 25 local groups to take part in creating 25 hand-painted silk flags that collectively celebrate who we are as a community. Each flag will be the story of your group, and while the painting of silks may not be possible for a few months, the designing can get under-way now - this is a perfect way to keep the dialogue and drawing going, whilst keeping everyone safe..



One of these flags will be designed to represent to Purfleet Community Forum and we would love to have your input.

Kinetika will send out a design brief and instructions to guide you through your flag design in May. Kinetika artists will be offering online support sessions on 12/13 May and we will ask you to submit the final design to us on June 29.

We hope that we will then be able to run silk-painting workshops for your group to come and paint your flag between end of July / early August, to confirm.

The flags will be presented at the celebration of Purfleet-On-Thames on 27 September which will also be the finale of T100 Calling; this years' T100 Festival that runs between the 12-27 of September. They will then be available for events and exhibitions in Purfleet-On-Thames over the coming years. **If you are a**



member of another local group who would like to make a flag please contact

Katie@kinetika.co.uk

Kinetika, 119 Artists Studio, High House Production Park, Off Purfleet Bypass, Purfleet, Essex RM19 1AS



JR: Thank you Ali, our next guest is Barbara Rice from Health watch, I will say no more so over to you Barb....



healthwatch Thurrock



BR: Healthwatch is here to make care better:

We are the independent champion for people using local health and social care services. We listen to what people like about services and what could be improved. We share their views with those in power to make change happen. People can also speak to us to find information about Health and social Care services available locally.

Our sole purpose is to help make care better for people.

We play an important role in bringing communities and services together. Everything we do is shaped by what people tell us. Our staff and volunteers identify what matters most to people by:

- Visiting services to see how they work
- Running surveys and focus groups
- Going out in the community and working with other organisations.

Some of our recent pieces of research within our communities have included:

- **Dental Mental Health services**
- **Dental services in Thurrock**
- **The NHS Long term plan**
- **Long Term Conditions**
- **Looked after Children**
- **Brighter Futures (Children)**



Working together for
better health and care

We are currently collecting people's views on Dignity in Care, this is for any type of Care received in Thurrock, at home or in a Care home, for all ages.

All of our reports and current surveys can be found on Healthwatch Thurrock website.

Contact us at:

The Beehive Resource Centre, West Street, Grays. RM17 6XP

Opening Times: Mon - Fri 9:00 AM - 5:00PM

Drop-in appointments not currently available, at the moment

Tel: 01375 389883

Email: admin@healthwatchthurrock.org

Find services - <http://www.healthwatchthurrock.org/content/find-services>





General Updates

JR: General updates. Oops! forgot to thank our speakers, if you have any questions then just mail me and we will try to get you answers.

Quiz Night

If you missed our last quiz night, then you missed a great night. We had over 60 attendees and was our most successful night so far. We made over £250 which will go towards other projects. **TB:** or equipment. The turn out was a far better than previous quiz night's, many new faces. We used every chair in the Royal and a couple of bar stools. As people got up from the bar we whipped them away. It has been suggested we try using St. Stephen's; bring your own booze. Coffee, tea and chips could be made available. WHAT SAY YOU?, let John know. Your feed back would be useful and could block up John's inbox 😊

Highways

JR: Trevor and I had a walk-through Purfleet with our senior highways engineer before the restriction and didn't find much that needed prompt attention, other than signs out of line and need re-fixing. There are concerns that some people think that there is all day parking in the bay near Tank Lane, this bay now has a one-hour time limit. **TB:** like this car that is permantly parked there. It has been reported. **JR:** we will try to get enforcement when things are back to normal.



Name Change

Our project to formally change the name of Purfleet, I will say no more as this is Trevor's project, so over to you Trev. **TB:** Thanks' John - Great News it's official our name change has been approved. At a full council meeting on 29th January the Council agreed to change the name Purfleet to Purfleet-on-Thames, it was a unanimous decision. It has been confirmed that formalities to make it official are completed. I think the only things that needs to be done to tidy thing up are for the council to announce it on their web page and to



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send letters out to local businesses advising the name change is official. *Councillors! Could you look into this please?* Signs have been ordered; one to replace the sign by Stonehouse roundabout and the other to replace the sign near the two bridges over the Mardyke, opposite the Spider Field. I have asked if this could be put further north on New Tank Hill Road by the junction with the A1306. This would make it more visible to through traffic. It's about time we got noticed. My only regret is the planned day of celebration and sign unveiling the was being planned for 4th July will not happen. As a thought perhaps at our next committee meeting we could see about holding a competition for the first person to see the name Purfleet-on-Thames in print on a new map., John.

Travel

JR: Thank you, Trev. I have sent out to everyone the special schedules for both Ensign and C2C If you haven't received them then let me know and I will resend. (ensignbus.com ~ nibsbuses.com/?p=933 ~ c2c-online.co.uk, look for their reduced timetable)

Culture Afternoon

Harris Academy's culture afternoon was cancelled, we were meant to be doing a presentation on the local history, well it is the Royal we as Trevor was putting together a slide show. Do you want to add anything on this Trev?

TB: it saved me a job but no doubt this will happen later. It would have been a good way to link up with the school..

Painting the Boat

JR: Painting the Boat on Stonehouse Lane Roundabout will have to wait a bit but the plants have now been cut back to allow access for some of our more portly members to get round the structure, so a job for the future. **TB:** no comment





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VE Day 75th Anniversary

JR: At our last committee meeting it was decided to put a function together to celebrate VE day. I have applied for funding which was been granted. Due to the current situation the council have agreed to hold the funding over until things go back to normal if that is possible. **TB:** I also applied and received funding for Purfleet Heritage Centre's event, so a double blow.

CEDF (Community Environmental Development Fund)

JR: The same is for the CEDF fund this has also been suspended until later in the year.

Purfleet Heritage Centre Visit

TB: Earlier this month Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, Princess Anne's husband made a visit to the Heritage Centre. As well as his Royal connection Sir Tim is head of English Heritage and chair of PCRL. With his military connection and involvement with our regeneration it was great to see the interest he showed.





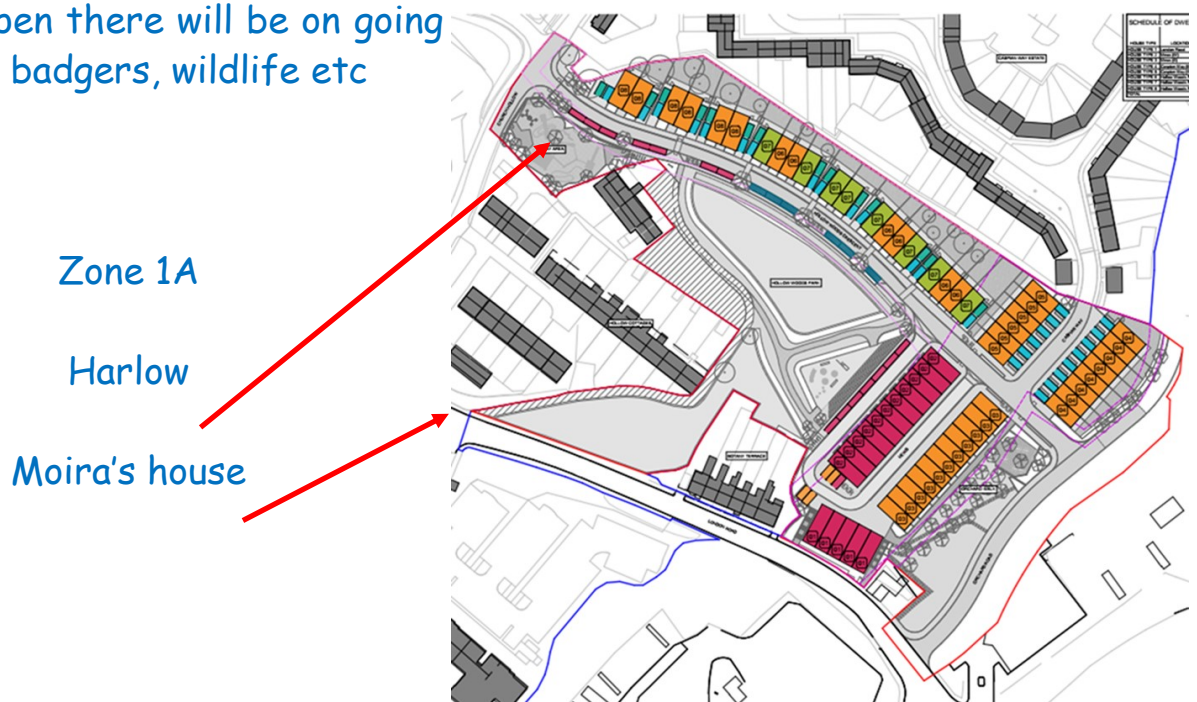
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Purfleet Regeneration

JR: Huh, Purfleet regeneration, Trevor and I had a video meeting with Andrew Pryce, Senior Development Manager for Urban Catalyst last Friday, well Trev did as my connection went down after a short time so I will let Trev fill in the gaps. The floor is yours again Trev. **TB:** We started to have monthly meetings with Andrew in February about progress and updates, something we have been after for a long time. The good news is there is progress.

Site investigation work by Keltbray (part of PCRL) is under way to the west of the railway in Botany Way. They are taking soil samples from the ground to test for any contamination and to understand soil properties, so foundations can be designed accordingly. Some of these bore holes are up to 25 to 30 metres deep. It is the same type of work that was carried out in Zone 1A last year or the year before. They are now in week two of a twelve week investigation. The Council have started to secure sites in this area.

Zone 1A, Hollow Woods area, the area Duncan talked about during the last meeting will be checked for nesting birds, if clear the next stage is to remove some of the trees. First they are cut down so far and then left for a few days. This allows wildlife to relocate so they can be removed. This is simplified; as things happen there will be on going checks for badgers, wildlife etc





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Harlow, the detached bungalow behind Hollow Cottages, Church Hollow area has been bought and will be knocked down towards the Summer-ish., to make way for a children's play area on the western side of the development. Building is due to start October onwards.

MEGA NEWS in the budget the Chancellor pledged to give £75m from the Housing Infrastructure Fund to support our development Purfleet-on-Thames. This is a great boost as it will kickstart work sooner rather than later.

TL: Sir Tim Laurence, chairman of PCRL, said: "The chancellor's pledge of £75m towards key elements of the regeneration of Purfleet-on-Thames, including a bridge over the railway, a new integrated medical centre and other social infrastructure, is a huge vote of confidence. "It demonstrates that infrastructure investment is not just about the big flagship projects like HS2, it's also about making a real difference to peoples' lives here in the Thames Estuary and in other regions of the UK. "This is a prime example of the government, Local Authority and private sector working together at all levels to unlock the huge growth potential in this fast-developing area."



TB: A new picture of town square by AHMM Architects working for PCRL

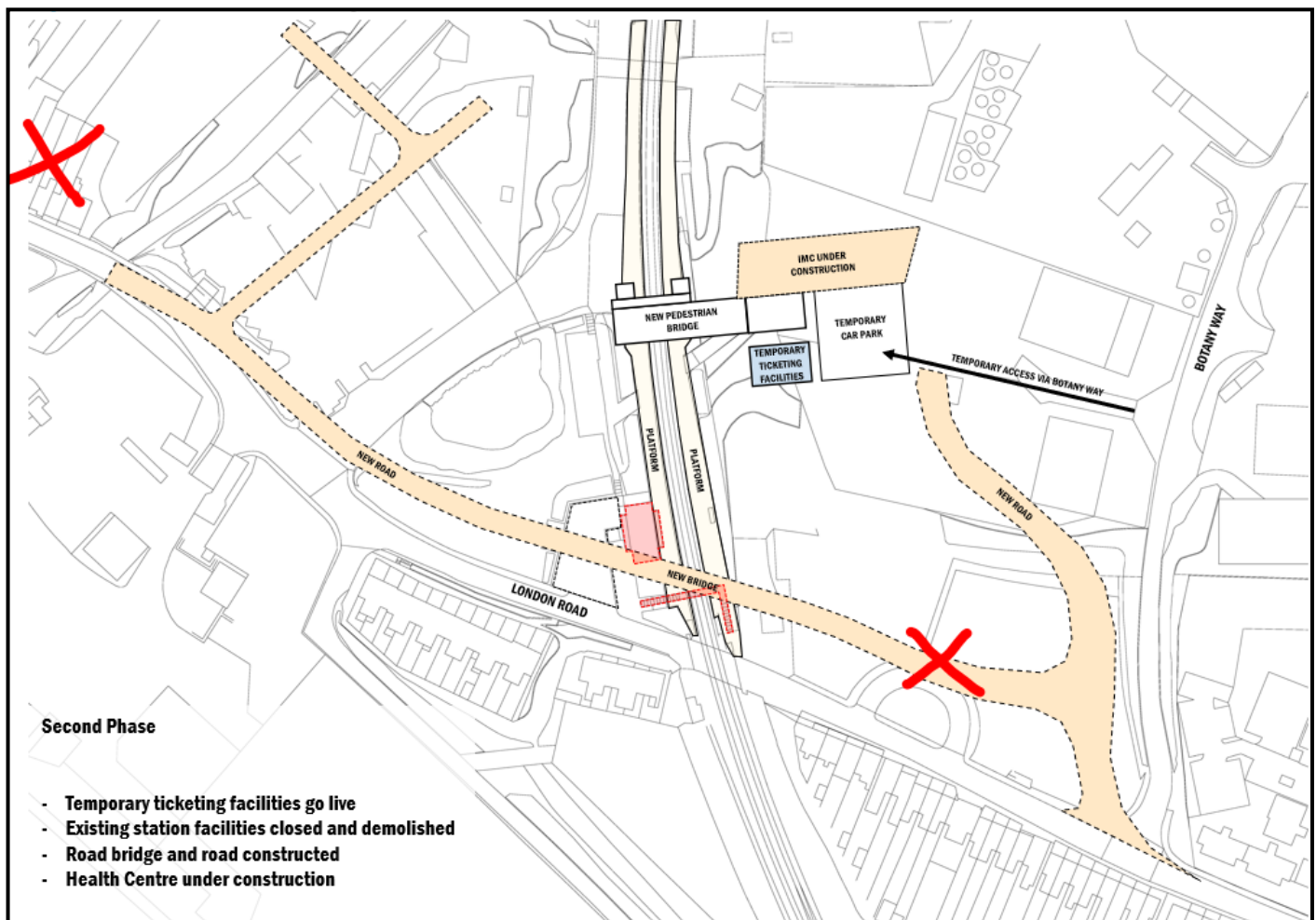


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New Bridge

TB: Just to give you an insight into planned location of new bridge, which will replace the level crossing. This is due to be built during second phase, which is planned for 2022.

The red 'L' shape is the existing footbridge, the red above is the existing station. So you can get your bearings the red cross top left is Botany Terrace, The other cross shows the bridge clipping the top or northern point of the former bus turn around. Go and have a look on your one of your daily exercise walks and you will see the flowers planted in this area by Claire, our secretary.



Back to you John....

.... I said BACK TO YOU JOHN



General Updates

Local Area Policing

JR: As always poor Neil one of our local bobbies is last, so over to you Neil,



1. Community Policing Teams are still running an on-going operation to tackle nuisance bike incidents across Thurrock. Patrols completed and section 59 warnings were issued to riders.

2. Operation still on going to tackle HGV's contravening weight restrictions in both the wards I cover. Patrols have been completed (Vehicles caught turned around) and liaison with companies whose vehicles have been identified by residents continuing.

3. The award 'Keep Britain tidy' winning operation to tackle misuse of Nitrous Oxide canisters has started up again this month in partnership with the local authority environment enforcement team. £150.00 fines issued to those found littering.

4. Thurrock Town Centre Team – The two new officers covering Purfleet Town will also be covering Aveley High Street. Look out for PC Butcher and PC Plom, for those of you on twitter follow their sergeant to see what they are up to - Ben Forbes BCA@SgtBenForbes.

<https://twitter.com/SgtBenForbes>

Advised to check Essex Police Thurrock Facebook page which shows what the Police are doing locally.

Follow us: www.facebook.com/EPThurrock

You can report incidents to us in a variety of ways:

- Call Essex Police: 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- Report on line: www.essex.police.uk
- Contact Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

PC 71 Neil Brand



JR: thanks for the update Neil and hopefully we will have new members of your team with us for our next meeting.



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Councillor Comments

JR: Finally, councillor updates, right who is here ah welcome Qaisar what little snippets have you got for us?



Congratulations to everyone for successfully petitioning for change of name from Purfleet to Purfleet-on-Thames. There is also another good news of new funding of £75 million from the Housing Infrastructure Fund for the Purfleet Town Centre scheme.

Some residents of Marine Court and Mulberry Drive asked for some internal repair works which were completed as required.

COVID-19:- All Thurrock council managed buildings are closed to the public including community hubs and libraries. Residents are requested to access council services online (www.thurrock.gov.uk).

Here are some Emails/numbers for help & advice.

Council Tax - Council.tax@thurrock.gov.uk

General enquiries - General.Enquiries@thurrock.gov.uk

Waste - Waste@thurrock.gov.uk

Benefits - Benefits@thurrock.gov.uk

or call **01375 652950**

Housing needs services for homelessness, housing advice, temporary or private sector accommodation, housing register - housingoptions@thurrock.gov.uk

or **01375 652820**

Thurrock First - Adult Social Care - thurrock.first@thurrock.gov.uk

or **01375 511 000**



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Children's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Partnership -
thurrockmash@thurrock.gov.uk
or **01375 652 802**.

For emergencies out of hours call - **01375 372468**.

Brown bin collection will be one day earlier (Friday collection will be on Thursday 2 April) during the week from Monday, 30 March but Blue Bins will not be collected during this week. There will be no Brown Bin collection from Monday 6 April onward until further notice but Green/Grey/Blue bins will be collected on your usual day.



Gas Work on London Road:- At present works continue as planned.

Councillor Surgeries:- Due to COVID-19, surgeries are currently suspended. If you have any question or require my assistance, please feel free to email me on

QAbbas@thurrock.gov.uk.

Stay safe. Kind regards,

Qaisar Abbas

JR: Thank you Qaisar



General Updates



Hello Everyone,

Covid 19 – Update from SSCT.

This is a note from St Stephen's Community Trust and its team of people who are normally running groups and clubs for local residents in Purfleet.-on-Thames

It's an unusually difficult time for everyone and we appreciate there is a lot to take in. The Government has made some very swift sanctions over the last few days that will affect everyone in the country. Our main aim is to follow Government advice to protect front line staff and the most vulnerable in our society. If we all do our bit to stay home, together we will save lives.



The Trust has taken the decision to close groups/club services for the time being but we are not going anywhere. We are now concentrating our efforts to ensure health and safety of all our staff, volunteers and our members. Our small team will be working from home using their time to coordinate planned efforts to continue services and where possible, move services online.



Our Charity is small but ready to respond if there is anything we can do. To contact us you can find all our regular contacts that we have list below. The youth team are online most days updating young people with lots of useful information and enjoyable free time activity to pass the time. Baby and Toddler group page is being updated weekly with information and free activity for families to enjoy. Stay tuned!

Useful Trust contacts/numbers:

Our website ststephencommunitytrust.org.uk

FB pages St Stephen's Community Trust, Purfleet Youth Club and Purfleet Baby & Toddler Groups

If you wish to speak to a youth worker, you can contact our FaceBook page at Purfleet Youth Club

Youth Worker contact number **07985 134807**

SSCT Office **07734 46 44 97**

We wish you all the best during this difficult period. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need support. Working together will ensure that we make it through this period a stronger and more resilient community. We will be there for you when this is all over.

Keep safe

Tracey, Chief Officer



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From the Vicar of St Stephen's Purfleet-on-Thames

MD: Dear friends, I trust that you are well, and managing to weather the storm. Unfortunately St Stephen's, like all other Anglican churches in England, has had to close its doors, this is to help fight against the spread of Coronavirus through social distancing. However, whilst the doors of our Church may be closed, the voice of prayer is never silent, and I am praying for , and for our community daily. If you are interested, I am posting updates, readings and reflections, and services onto our Facebook page (@ststephenspurfeet) on a regular basis. I am also available to speak via telephone, Zoom and WhatsApp.

As many of you will be aware, I do not live at St Stephen's Vicarage, but live in All Saints Vicarage in Belhus Park. I am however in Purfleet on a daily basis walking my dog, and checking on how things are, so if you see a noisy and scruffy black Scottie dog in Purfleet, you'll likely find me on the other end of the lead. Please do stop me and say hello (**TB: please keep 2 metres apart**). Similarly if you would like me to remember a specific situation or person in prayer please do e-mail me (revd.matt.drummond@gmail.com).

Finally, with regards to the Foodbank that meets at St Stephen's on a Friday, please be assured that this is still open for business!

With every blessing to you all, your families and neighbours, and looking forward to the Easter joy in a couple of weeks time, And praying for an end to the crisis in which we find ourselves.

Fr Matt Drummond

Fr. Matt Drummond

Team Vicar, St Stephen's Purfleet-on-Thames (Mardyke Team Ministry)

Tel. **01708 689757**

Nb. I am not available on Friday's, as this is my day off.

JR: Thanks Matt





Matters Arising & AOB

Food for All

TB: With travel restricted, many people confined to their home, convenience stores & supermarkets under pressure, restaurants & pubs closed down it is good to see a few people are looking to help by making food available locally.

Food from the Fleet

Dermot has closed the Fleet as a pub following government guidelines. He is looking to make meals / take away food available to all. Suggestions so far; meat pies, lasagne, shepherds pies, curry, with or without veg. If you have any ideas let Dermot know or John and he will forward your suggestions, he is good like that. Once something is decided it will be emailed out.

'Get Your Fruit & Veg Here'

Zyle is trying to keep the community supplied with their five a day, the least we can do is support him. His stall, Heavenly Greens Fruit and Veg is open every Saturday from 08.00 am - 02.00 pm.

For the elderly and those in self-isolation he can deliver orders & is happy to work with those who have contacted him offering deliveries to neighbours.

To assist with the practice of social distancing you can place your fruit and veg orders with Zyle. He will have it ready & packaged for you to pick-up on a Saturday. This will mean minimal contact with others. He also offers slots for pickups during the week should that be more convenient.



For more information: visit Zyle's stall (open Saturdays only):
St Stephen's Church, London Rd, Purfleet-on-Thames. RM19 1QD

Visit our Facebook page and follow us: "@heavenly greens fruit and veg"
<https://www.facebook.com/Heavenly-Greens-Fruit-and-Veg-102977371191369/>

Call: **07958 973092**



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Frozen Fresh Meat and More to Your Door

A family-owned local catering butcher of 33 years, William White Meats, based in Purfleet Ind. Park has just started to offer freshly frozen food: meat, fruit, veg. plus other basics like; rice, spaghetti, mash (their range is expanding) delivered direct to your door or made available for you to collect (save a delivery charge). They will help the elderly, vulnerable or those that need special assistance to make an order. All their drivers and production staff follow stringent hygiene processes, they wash their hands and wear protective gloves that are changed between each delivery. There is a minimum spend of £30 if delivered no minimum spend if collecting.



Give them a call: **01708 863440** or email onlineorders@wwmeats.com
<https://www.wwmeats-shop.com>

We are not a platform for advertising but just picked up on these three as they are offering to supply food locally, which may help those who are finding the supermarket trips more difficult during these rather unusual times.



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In case you get bored why not have a look at -

The Purfleet Chronicle

Each week we will bring you a historical snippet of Purfleet's past
from ~ 1700's , 1800' and 1900's

For the latest old news from Purfleet-on-Thames

Scroll down through 300 years of
Purfleet's past

A new old news snip is added every week

Just type Purfleet Chronicle into Google

On Thursday a Barge laden with Chalk going from Purfleet near Gravesend-into the West Country, run foul on one of the Piers of the New Bridge at Westminster, which is at present built no higher then Low-Water Mark, the Piles, which were the Guard of the Piers, being broke away by the Severity of the Weather, and there being no Signal to keep Barges off; by which unhappy Accident the Barge and Loading were funk, but the Persons on board were preserved by some Boats who put off to their Assistance.

Yesterday se'nnight an inquisition was taken at Purfleet, on the bo'y of George Hicks, about 18 years of age, who was accidentally killed by the caving in of a chalk pit, in which he was at work.

If you have any snippets, photo's, memories of Purfleet past you are happy to share please send to Trevor

MUSICAL CHIT-CHAT.

The Misses Flower gave a concert on Thursday evening at the Hotel, Purfleet, which was extremely well attended; the young ladies sung several songs and duets with great success; the other vocalists were Messrs. Land, C. Purday, and John Parry; the latter was encored in two songs. The programme contained, also, pianoforte solos by Madame Huerta; violin, M. Maciejowski; and guitar, M. O. Feder. Mr. W. H. Holmes presided at the pianoforte, and the concert altogether went off with great éclat.

vicechair@purfleetcf.org.uk



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Information Loop

JR: If you know anyone who is not on our information loop that you feel would be interested then please give them my email chair@purfleetcf.org.uk and we will put them on the loop so everything we get to do with Purfleet-on-Thames and Thurrock they will get. If you decide you do not want it send an email with unsubscribe in the subject bar and you will be removed.

Grays One Way

TB: just in case you are not aware the Grays one way system is now two way

Government Information

For Government and health information on Coronavirus (COVID-19) go to:

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/government-and-health-information>

Feedback

Any feed back regarding this newsletter, our emails, website or meeting would be useful, please send to chair@purfleetcf.org.uk

PCRL Newsletter

JR: Keep an eye on your inbox for a newsletter from PCRL that will be with you in the next couple of days regarding our regeneration.

JR: If you have any matters for discussion from previous meeting, then please ask away. Yes, I know we haven't handed any out that is because they are on our web site and we ask all to print the mins and bring them with you. If you have any issues, then please mail me.

If have enjoyed our effort to keep you up to date with what has happened over the last couple of month's, please let us know. There are still lots of people who don't know about us, so will you let others know.



Next Virtual Meeting

Next Meeting

Our next Virtual Meeting will be 26th May at our new location, that we used today, cyberspace.

TB: We have considered using video conferencing for our next meeting but feel this might be a step to far, We are open to any ideas for keeping people informed, just let us know.

JR: Keep well and we will see you next time, John



To be kept informed and updated on local news & information
that we receive or if you want to know what is going on

email chair@purfleetcf.org.uk

put 'Sign me up' in subject bar

or visit

Purfleet-on-Thames.org



Take care, be safe