

CARSHALTON VILLAGE NEWS

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FOCUS HAS BEEN DELIVERED FREE AND REGULARLY IN CARSHALTON CENTRAL BY VOLUNTEERS FOR OVER 26 YEARS WITH NEWS FROM YOUR FOCUS TEAM

Westcroft Centre rebuild to start shortly

Cllr Alan Salter says: "The Westcroft Centre has now closed to allow major refurbishments to take place, including improved leisure facilities and the building of the new Carshalton Library.

The Council recently granted planning permission for the "Refurbishment, enlargement and cladding of the existing building, incorporating a part one part two storey front extension, a two storey rear extension and raised parapet walls all to provide additional sporting and leisure accommodation, public library and café together with car, coach, cycle, motorcycle, refuse and recycling facilities and associated lighting and landscaping".

Cllr Hamish Pollock adds: "Alternative leisure facilities are being provided all over the borough, including at the local Sutton Arena in the northern part of Carshalton and at Cheam Leisure Centre, whilst the building works take place. No-one should miss out, and it will be worth the wait to see the new state of the art facilities next year."

Cllr Jill Whitehead adds: "The police will be patrolling the area to ensure no crime or anti social behaviour will take place at or near the building site, during the redevelopment. The new Westcroft Centre is scheduled to re-open in the second half of 2012."



Your Focus Team: Alan, Jill and Hamish at Carshalton Library

All Saints C of E Primary School gets go ahead to expand

All Saints' School Governor, Cllr Jill Whitehead, says: "The Council's Executive Committee has recently given the go ahead for All Saints' C. of E. Primary School to expand from next September 2012, along with four other mainly "church" schools. They join five other local primary schools which started expanding this September in other parts of the borough, to satisfy the rising birth rate in Sutton which is now the highest in London. We're told that All Saints School will expand by one new form of entry, and will be offering some places to local children in future who may not be regular All Saints worshippers.

Heritage Lottery Fund News

The refurbishment of **Honeywood** is now well under way, in readiness for its re-opening next year, as the borough's main heritage museum, benefiting from £790,000 of Heritage Lottery fund grants. More news in a future edition of Focus.



Honeywood Museum, Carshalton Ponds

Progress on Ponds railings

A planning application has recently been approved to update the Grade 2 listed **Carshalton Ponds railings**, now needed following two recent incursions by cars into the Ponds. We have been advised that works to install the new railings are planned by Transport for London for April/May 2012. This means - if all goes to plan - that the new railings should be put in place in time for the opening of the new Heritage Centre next year, or shortly after. Your local councillors have been working hard to bring this project to fruition.