

## THANK YOU FROM ALAN KOPITKO



I would like to thank the residents of Walton Ambleside for re-electing me for a further 4 years as your Borough Councillor and I look forward to representing

you. This year we saw an exceptional turnout in Ambleside and I was delighted that the Conservative vote share increased on last year.

As always the six-week run-up to the Election Day is an exciting time for me. I put aside this time to meet as many residents as possible. Most of you have met me over the years, but it is

important for me to make contact with you often to discuss issues regarding Elmbridge Council. While most people work full-time, I find myself in the fortunate position of owning a cleaning business and being semi-retired; working just a few hours a day should I wish. This enables me to put more time into Council work and representing you.

During April, I had the pleasure of meeting the Prime Minister. As a Conservative Councillor I am able to be part of the bigger picture and take your concerns right to the top – unlike the Walton Society Councillors who stand alone with no political support. Please do get in touch with Andrew and me if you have any issues to raise.

## Dates for your diary



- South Walton & Ambleside Police Panel Meeting, Walton Oak School, Ambleside

Avenue — 11 August, starts 7.30pm

- Heritage Day, Walton Wharf—10 September, 12.30pm to 4pm
- Walton Charity Community Day, Severn Drive Recreation Ground—17 September, 1pm-4pm
- Police's 'Tea for Older People', Cromwell Centre, St. John's—last Thursday of the month, 2pm to 3pm
- Police 'Meet the Beat', Walton Hospital—last Wednesday of the month, 2pm to 3pm

## MY FIRST YEAR ON ELMBRIDGE BY ANDREW KELLY

It's been just over a year since Walton Ambleside residents did me the great honour of electing me their borough councillor. Being a councillor is not just about representing residents on the Council, but also being an active member of the community.

On the Council, I have recently been put on the Affordable Housing Member Panel, which oversees the operation of the Council's affordable housing policies. Affordable housing is an important issue in Walton, so I'm looking forward to working on the Panel. In January, I supported residents who opposed the alcohol licence application by the Spar in Cottimore Lane. The Spar has appealed Elmbridge's rejection of the application and Staines Magistrates' Court was due to hear the case on 12 July. However, an administrative error meant the case was adjourned until 20 September. We'll let you know the outcome in our next *In Touch*.

I have enjoyed meeting many residents during my first year. Last July I attended 'My Community Day' on the St John's. This is an event run by the Housing Trust to give

residents an opportunity to say what they want for their community. In September, I was at Heritage Day and the Walton Charity Community Day (where I won a bottle of German mulled wine in the raffle!). On 5 June, I joined many residents at the St John's 'Big Lunch'.

This nationwide initiative aims to get as many people as possible across the UK to have lunch with their neighbours and bring communities together. Although the weather wasn't in our favour, it was a great event and superbly organised by residents.

I hope to see you soon—please come to Heritage Day on 10 September!



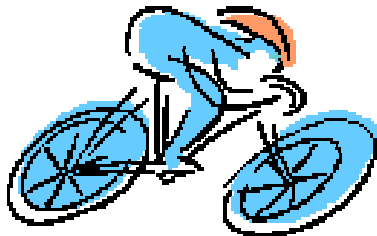
Cllr Rachael Lake and me with our raffle prizes at the Charity Community Day

# NEWS IN BRIEF

- Walton Conservatives will be at Heritage Day this year with our popular food and drink stall. It's a fantastic day for all the family—please do come and say hello!
- On 6 June, parking charges were reduced in the Halfway Car Park (opposite the fire station), with all-day tickets reducing from £4 to £2.
- Many residents recently signed a petition regarding a planning application for 14 flats adjoining 151 Rydens Road. The developers withdrew the application on 26 May for “further consultation”. We'll keep you updated with any further developments.
- Improvement work on Walton Playhouse will start in mid-July. It is due to be re-opened just before Christmas.

## ROAD CLOSURES

A test event for next year's Olympic cycle road race will be taking place on 14 August. This means the following roads will be closed from 5.30am to



2.30pm: Terrace Road, Church Street, Hepworth Way, Bridge Street (part) and Oatlands Drive. For more information, and a full list of roads closed, please go to [www.gosurrey.info/cycling/road-closures-and-parking](http://www.gosurrey.info/cycling/road-closures-and-parking).

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Walton Conservative Councillors hold a surgery on the first Saturday of each month (Farmers Market Day) at the Library from 10 to 12. There is no need to book, so please just turn up on the day.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

The Elmbridge Residents' Panel is made up of 1300 local residents. Two or three times a year the Council asks for their views on local services. All residents are encouraged to join. You can do so online via <http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/Council/information/citizenpanel.htm> or, if you do not have computer access, call 01372 474 394.

The Council will be holding a 'Have Your Say' session at Walton Day Centre on 10 October from 7pm. This gives you the chance to question representatives from Elmbridge, Surrey and the Police Authority. Other sessions will take place across Elmbridge. The Council will reveal further information, such as how to book a place, nearer the time.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Deliver leaflets
- Attend social events
- Join Walton Conservatives



Please send us your views and concerns

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Message

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