



# Deputy Town Mayor's Report

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# Oysters Fish'n'Chips

## Tuesday 30 August, Rosemary Lane, Darby Green

I represented the Town Mayor in officially opening a new takeaway Fish and Chip shop in Rosemary Lane, "Oysters", run by Gav and Sonya Singh. This is their second takeaway, the original Oysters was established over 20 years ago in Lightwater and become a local institution. They scooped the Best Chips in Surrey award last year.



Among the guests invited to the grand opening were John Winterton, the Mayor of Surrey Heath, and Philip Wallington, in his second year as Sandhurst Town Council Mayor, Ray Edwards MBE of Limbicare (currently the Sandhurst Mayor's Charity), BLK Design & Build and JWP Plumbing (who made the necessary alterations to the shop). Naturally, the Singh's young girls held up the ribbon for the opening.

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They make their own batter, which seals the fish so that it steams in its own moisture rather than actually fried by the palm oil. The cooked fish is allowed time to drain before eating, so it is at its best and as healthy eating and fish and chips can be. Certainly the sample I tried had the thinnest coating of crispy batter, the fish inside hot, succulent and very tasty. Gav has taken a scientific approach to his business, experimenting with many varieties to bring the best of British potatoes for frying to his takeaway.

The shop is fitted with the latest frying cookers and extraction equipment, the palm oil used is heated to a high temperature so they are able to handle a quick turnaround of orders, and therefore able to meet bulk orders from social functions, quiz nights, etc. At the St Barnabas Summer Fayre last month, they supplied 60 meals, all in insulated bags, which keep the food warmer than the more commonly used cardboard boxes, and are easier to dispose of sensibly.

During the event a collection was made on behalf of Limbcare (Charity No 1136172), who provide help and support to amputees and the limb-impaired.

# Pokémon Lure Party

## Tuesday 30 August, Yateley Green

Although strictly not a Deputy Mayor function, I feel I should report on yet another successful event for our younger residents during the school holidays, following the first event in July. Our clerk, Jane Biscombe is determined to follow up with another event during half-term. If the weather is anything like the two days we have had so far, it should be another resounding success, with a large number of families enjoying the lime tree shade.



Once again we offered snacks and drinks for the under 12s and had a drawing competition for depicting the young artists' favourite Pokémon character. We had about a dozen entries, which are on display in the Council offices. The outstanding ones came from two talented girls, Scarlet and Neve, while 4-year-old Eddie designed his very own character. All three deserved their prizes.



