



# IT'S TIME FOR A CELEBRATION!



Join us on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
for the Claygate Pavilion and Family Garden  
official opening ceremony from 1pm

The Claygate Pavilion opened its doors to the community on 13th April 2021, but the official opening ceremony of the Pavilion and the adjacent Family Garden, will take place on Sunday 24th April this year. You are warmly invited to join in the celebrations, and we look forward to welcoming you.

The Trustees would like this event to be a moment when those who love and enjoy the Rec can come together to celebrate our fantastic new community resources, but also to learn more about other activities Claygate has to offer. We are expecting a special guest to join us to officially open the **Claygate Pavilion and Family Garden** and we are in the process of planning a range of activities for all ages to take place during the day.

As residents of Claygate know, it has been a long road to get to this point since the former clubhouse burned down in 2017. We hope you agree that we now have a purpose-built Pavilion which serves the public and our community well; from the multi-use 'Treetops' room and changing rooms to the first-rate Pistachios café, bar and terrace, this is a unique resource at the heart of our community.

We are hugely grateful to the residents of Claygate for the support you have all shown as we have completed this major project. Those who contributed to the rebuild can find their names on the Claygate Community Oak in Treetops Room on the first floor of the Pavilion.

**WHAT ELSE IS NEW ON THE REC? SEE INSIDE FOR MORE >**

## FAMILY GARDEN POPULAR WITH POLLINATORS



Following the completion of the Pavilion, the Trust began work on the Family Garden which sits in the Northwest Corner of the Rec. Selina Botham created the concept design and Rachel Jones, one of our Resident Trustees worked from this to create the plan we have today.

The garden has plenty of quality seating including picnic tables and benches. The hard landscaping is complemented by native species of plants which are great for pollinators, and we expect to see lots of local wildlife as the garden matures. Several of the benches and tables have been supported by friends of the Rec, so you can look for inscriptions as you enjoy the garden.

Bring a picnic or get a takeout from Pistachios in the Park café and make the most of this purpose-built space.

The CRGT is grateful for support of the Claygate Parish Council, Your Fund Surrey, The Werth Trust, Claygate Village Association, the Tree Council and all those who supported a bench to help us build the family garden.

## CLAYGATE THROUGH THE SEASONS

One of the wonderful things about our community is how many talented people there are willing to get involved and enrich our collective life with the skills. One of these people is renowned local artist Richard Knight who dedicated his time and expertise to complete an art installation for the Pavilion which was revealed to the public at an event on 14th January. Richard's wonderful painting 'Claygate through the Seasons' shows an aerial view of the Rec in both summer and autumn – an imagined day on which both football and cricket are being played and the trees are both in full, summer leaf, but also a blaze of autumnal russet colours. Speaking at the opening Richard said: *"I had great fun using my new drone to capture various images of the Rec which I then based my painting on. The Rec is the heart of our community and I hope Claygate residents feel I've captured the magic of this important, public space."*

Helen Maguire, Chairman of the CRGT said: *"We're very grateful to Richard for contributing his time and amazing skill to create this wonderful painting which shows the Rec in all its glory."*



To see more of Richard's work visit [www.richardknight.art](http://www.richardknight.art) where you can also order a copy of the print for your own home. We are also selling notecards and postcards of the painting or come down to enjoy his work over a drink or meal in the Pavilion café.

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# CLAYGATE CRICKET CLUB READY FOR ACTION!

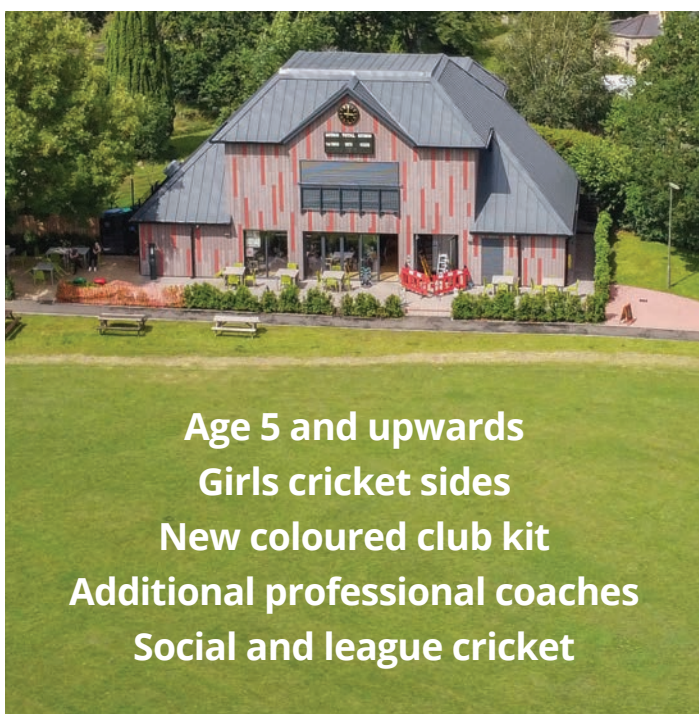
We are an inclusive, community-based club operating from our fantastic new pavilion on the Claygate Recreation Ground – the perfect setting for cricket.

Participation and enjoyment are key values and we welcome players of all abilities. We have a busy social calendar planned and barbecues on the Rec will be a regular feature on training and match days.

The 2022 season will also see the introduction of our new coloured kit across a range of junior and adult sides. All shirts will bear the Grace Dear Trust logo, a local mental health charity, of which the club is a proud partner.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page or website for updates on events and matches throughout the season.

The club is a great way to get involved in the community and make new friends for both young and old so if you're thinking of joining in then please send an email to [clubmanager@claygatecricket.co.uk](mailto:clubmanager@claygatecricket.co.uk)



## JUNIOR CRICKET

Our cricket starts from age 5 and upwards through the ECB All Stars and Dynamos programmes.

We are increasing our levels of professional coaching and are planning an extended junior season to provide as much cricket as possible to our junior members.

The Claygate Diamonds are our girls cricket sides which are growing quickly. Expanding girls cricket is a key focal point for the club.

There is also an opportunity for players, who are involved in the Duke of Edinburgh programme, to volunteer with the club.

2022 age group side subscriptions will include the new coloured kit with players receiving a shirt, trousers and cap.

## ADULT CRICKET

We run mid-week and weekend sides playing league and social cricket across long and short formats.

We are excited to introduce a new Development side in 2022. It will be a way for juniors to transition to adult cricket and will provide social players, or those returning to the game, the opportunity to get involved. The side will play friendly games in a relaxed atmosphere ranging from T10 matches to 25 overs-a-side.

Our flexible subscription model caters for occasional players who cannot commit to regular involvement.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

There are a number of ways to get involved in the club so please contact us if you are interested in participating.

We are looking for umpires, team managers and volunteers with skills in areas such as social media, marketing and communications.

## KEY DATES

- Indoor nets from mid-February and outdoor nets after Easter with professional coaches
- Easter training camp, with professional coaches, from 4th to the 14th of April
- BBQ at the village hall, on the 23rd of April, for the CVA community day
- Club registration day and BBQ on the Rec on the 24th of April
- Our annual cricket week will take place in the last week of July




[www.claygatecricket.co.uk](http://www.claygatecricket.co.uk)

## WELCOME BACK CLAYGATE FLOWER AND VILLAGE SHOW!



The Trust is delighted to welcome back the **Claygate Flower Show** to the Rec this coming July. COVID meant that in 2020 the show had to be cancelled and last year the pandemic meant that events took place around the village as well as online, so we are all looking forward to this important part of Claygate life once again being hosted in its rightful home. Please put 9th July in your diaries and watch for further information on the Flower Show Facebook page [@claygateflowershow](https://www.facebook.com/claygateflowershow) and website [www.claygateflowershow.co.uk](http://www.claygateflowershow.co.uk).

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## WHAT'S NEW ON THE REC?



In addition to the Pavilion and Family Garden, the Trust has also been busy with several other projects over the past year. With support from Table Tennis England, we have bought two new table-tennis tables for the Pavilion which are now in need of players! If you fancy a game, please book through [bookings@claygatercreationgroundtrust.org.uk](mailto:bookings@claygatercreationgroundtrust.org.uk).

The Trust has also installed new bins around the Rec as well as two new noticeboards at the Dalmore Avenue entrance, along with wonderful bike stands created by Claygate's very own Giles Totton. A new awning was installed on the Pavilion on 26th Jan which will provide

shelter from the sun and rain for those enjoying food and drinks on the Pavilion terrace. We know that the acoustics in Treetops have been a problem and so we have just installed baffles to ensure a calmer atmosphere. The path between Dalmore Avenue and the Pavilion has been retarmacked and we have recently launched our new and improved website at



[www.claygatercreationgroundtrust.org.uk](http://www.claygatercreationgroundtrust.org.uk).

The trust has also recently issued a tender for the groundworks for the Rec.

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## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The Claygate Recreation Ground Trust is lucky to have had many dedicated and talented trustees since it was established in 1998. We owe a lot to the hard work and voluntary support of people who are determined to bring positive and lasting changes to this vitally important community facility. It is always sad when we have to say goodbye to trustees, but we recognise that there are other good causes they want to spend their precious time focused on.



We want to pay a very special tribute to **Helen Maguire**, who for the past 8 years has served as the Chair of the Trust. Helen has decided that with the Pavilion and family garden complete, it is time to stand down and focus on other things. Under Helen's leadership and thanks to her vision, the Trust has

gone from strength to strength. It was Helen who led the work with other trustees to rebuild the Pavilion after the devastating fire in 2016 that resulted in the demolition of the previous pavilion including leading the fundraising, ultimately raising over £450,000 for the Trust. Helen has inspired and cajoled, persuaded and argued to ensure that the building we have today is one that is greatly valued and will bring lasting benefit to our community. We are deeply grateful to Helen for all she has done, and we hope she will continue to be involved in some way with our work.



We also need to say a huge thank you to three other trustees who are moving on: **Tracy Scott** our current vice chair who has been at Helen's right hand side for the whole of the rebuild project and without whom the project would never have been completed; **Sam Ahmed** our treasurer who we can thank for the works being completed on budget and **Damian Ross** who has spent over 10 years on the trust as the Cricket Club representative and a resident trustee. We are grateful to Damian for his tireless service which has saw him start the Gig on the Rec event, manage the relaying of the cricket square, undertake countless fundraising drives, and possibly most importantly (according to Damian) kept the Rec stocked with dog-poo bags!

**A huge thank you to all of you for all you have done for the Rec, the trust and the whole community owes you a great deal.**

## OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW!



As we say goodbye to old friends, we are delighted to welcome new trustees. Our new Chairman is **Alan Brown** and our new Vice Chair is **James Bauer-Mein** who has served on the CRGT since April. Alan has recently retired



after a career with the Metropolitan Police and with Tesco's. As a resident of Claygate since 2005 Alan knows the Rec well and is looking forward to taking on his new role. We have also been joined by new resident trustee **Ian Cunningham**, a keen runner and IT specialist and by **Lucy Smith** who regularly walks her dogs in the Rec. Our new Treasurer is **Declan Leonard** who is an accountant with PwC. We hope you will join us in wishing all our trustees well in their new positions.

## SO... WHAT'S NEXT?

At a meeting in January the Rec trustees agreed a list of priority projects they would like to undertake when capacity and funding permits. The top three were sorting out the drainage by the Claygate Primary School Rec gate, improving the lighting on the path from Church Road to the Pavilion and overall pitch drainage. Other areas being considered are removing the mound by the playground that was left after the Pavilion rebuild, adding solar panels on the Pavilion roof, creating a pathway around the perimeter, and working with Elmbridge Council to renew the playground. Some of these are relatively complex and expensive projects so as we prioritise, our aim is to make our Rec an even more pleasurable place to spend time.



The committee is always keen to get support from across the community so if any of these projects sound like ones you'd like to get involved in making happen, please do drop us a line at [admin@claygaterecreationgroundtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@claygaterecreationgroundtrust.org.uk) and tell us how you can help.



## GIG ON THE REC 2022! SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY - SAVE THE DATE

This summer the rec will once again host the incredibly popular **Gig On The Rec**. Over the years tribute bands have delighted audiences, young and not so young, making GOTR a 'must attend' family event.

More information, including how to purchase tickets will be published soon. If you would like to volunteer to support the event, please email [gotr2022@gmail.com](mailto:gotr2022@gmail.com).

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# CLAYGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL – TOGETHER WE GROW



**Claygate Primary School is perfectly situated adjacent to the Recreation Ground providing the ideal location for learning, as well as a place for families to gather before and after school. No wonder there's such community spirit!**

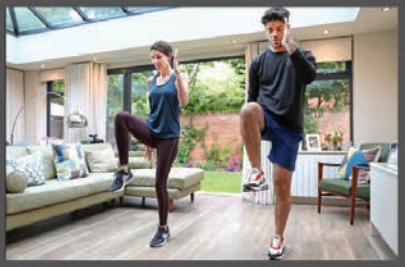
Our motto is 'Together We Grow' and the school certainly has embraced this in so many ways over the last few years. The staff team is refreshed, experienced and stable with a strong leadership team and governance. Speaking shortly before half term, Brian Howells, Co-Chair of Governors said: *"I think we can be very proud of what the school is and how it has performed through the pandemic – a high performing school at the heart of the community, dedicated to its pupils."*

The Claygate Charter encourages our children to 'dive deeper' into different aspects of the curriculum. This includes, 'Woodland Explorers' in their Woodland Learning Zone, equipped with an outdoor classroom, bird hide and pond or within the bespoke 'Mini Woodies'. Other offers include 'Brilliant Botanists', 'Computing', 'Japanese' and 'Music and Drama' all with specialist staff.

Wrap around care and a wide range of extra-curricular activities are also available. The Acorns Nursery for 2-4 year olds and the new indoor pool add to its already extensive facilities.

If you would like to know more, please do look at [www.claygate.surrey.sch.uk/](http://www.claygate.surrey.sch.uk/)

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Pistachios in The Park – Claygate is located in the beautiful Recreation Ground Pavilion. Nestled in the park and surrounded by the local Cricket Pitch, wonderful Woodlands, Kiddies Playground, Basket Ball Court, and a newly built Family Garden.

Be sure to pop into the café for a freshly roasted coffee and delicious homemade cakes or pastries. We have a full menu to satisfy your craving whether it's breakfast, lunch or dinner – feast on a Pizza, Full Breakfast, Sandwiches and so much more (Gluten Free and Vegan options available) – so be sure to visit the café the next time you are in the park.

Our cozy café is dog friendly, and you can treat your fur-baby to a doggy treat or doggy ice-cream, and why not treat yourself to our famous smoothies and amazing ice-creams or sorbet (dairy free options).

**Our café is open 7 days a week**

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## ROOM TO RENT!

Looking to host a business or private event, party or meeting? We've got the perfect venue for you: Treetops. The versatile first floor room at the Claygate Pavilion with its stunning views over the Recreation Ground.

Treetops is a 68m<sup>2</sup> space and has a sprung floor, dimmable lighting, an air conditioning and ventilation system to keep you both comfortable and safe, and tables and chairs available to accommodate the 60 person maximum capacity. We also have 2 new table tennis tables available if you wish to add some ping to your pong!

Events can be catered for by directly contacting our in-house café, **Pistachio's in the Park**, and an after-party cleaning service can be provided for large functions.

The room also has AV/TV points, including a new projector ideal for presentations and sports events also with WIFI and Bluetooth enabled ceiling speakers.

Treetops can be independently accessed via stairs or a fully accessible lift. Toilets and a fully accessible WC can be found on the first-floor landing.

For more information about hiring Treetops please visit our website <https://www.claygatercreationgroundtrust.org.uk> or contact the bookings administrator, Kate, at [bookings@claygatercreationgroundtrust.org.uk](mailto:bookings@claygatercreationgroundtrust.org.uk)



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We are an FA Charter Standard England Accredited club with over 600 playing members and more than 120 volunteers helping to run 50+ teams ranging from U7s - U18s including seven girls teams, three Veterans sides, and both Mens and Ladies 1st teams.

All our new teams are created from players who attend our two development centres, The Saturday Soccer Club (mixed) and Wildcats (girls only). These programmes are run for us by our partners and sponsors Platform Sports Coaching.



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## DON'T MISS THE CLAYGATE COMMUNITY DAY!



On Saturday 23rd April, 10.30am – 3pm, the **Claygate Village Association** will be holding a Claygate Community Day in the Village Hall.

Organisations and groups based locally have been invited to come along, set up a stall and promote what they do so that residents can learn more about what takes place in our wonderful village from gardening and local history to a wide range of sports. Please do join us for this free event to see how you can get involved. We look forward to seeing you there!



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## 'THE HUB' – FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

The **Claygate Youth and Community Hub, 'The Hub'**, provides universal, non-faith youth work for 11–18 year olds. Our drop-in sessions are Tuesday and Thursday evenings, attracting regularly between 30–50 young people for games, chilling out, baking, sports, arts and crafts and there's always someone to talk to. With more funding and volunteers, we hope to open for longer, providing more opportunities and support for our teens and young adults.

We're currently in need of a new trustee for this exciting and developing youth project. The role would be a few hours/month pro bono and although the trustee ideally would have experience of charity fundraising, this is not essential. If you have a passion to support our youth and have a few hours to spare please contact Vicki

Schmidt, 07802 241223, or [hello@claygatehub.org.uk](mailto:hello@claygatehub.org.uk) asap. Volunteering or building hire enquiries are also welcomed!



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