

WOLDINGHAM



NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Another year has flown by and it's time for our Annual Meeting. All residents are invited and we hope many will attend. Although we are reporting to you, I think it is also important to view this as an occasion when we can meet and listen to you. Are you happy with what we do? Could we do more? Please come and let us know.

Thanks to all who replied to 'Our Village Shop' questionnaire. We will give an update on this at the meeting.

As always, if there is anything concerning you in the village, please contact any councillor and we will be pleased to help.

J. Meekings

OUR ENVIRONMENT

Within our Parish we have about 15 definitive **footpaths and bridleways**. One of our shared responsibilities with Surrey County Council is ensuring these routes are well maintained and free from obstructions. Let us know of any problems you encounter.

Flytipping is an increasing problem. Don't forget you are now liable if your waste is disposed of incorrectly. Residents should check contractors (e.g. builders, gardeners) are registered waste carriers (call the Environment Agency 08708 506506 and ask for a waste carrier validation check or check on www.environment-agency.gov.uk). Tandridge offer a £500 reward for information leading to a flytipping prosecution (0800 7834843).

We are now in a drought area so saving water is a priority. Did you know that **water meters** are available free from East Surrey Water and can save you money especially if you are in a large house with few occupants?

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Tandridge Amenities are responsible for maintaining a number of village sites. They have asked whether we are happy with the service. Comments will help assess the service supplied by contractors and ensure the correct maintenance specifications. Please let us know if you have any observations.

Sites covered:

The Green; The Crescent; Clare Court grassed frontage; Lunghurst Road/Slines Oak Road junction (grassed triangle); Central island planted with trees (Slines Oak Road); Northdown Road broad grassed verge (Church Road to Gangers Hill); Butterfly Walk grassed hillside between Footpath 84A and Bridleway 84; Long Hill junction with Woldingham Road (grassed triangle) and The Viewpoint on the Ridge (just outside the Parish boundary but of concern to us).



ROAD GROUP

Following the Group's recommendations, Surrey County Council (Highways) commissioned a consultant engineer to evaluate the proposals against the council guidelines for road speed limits. His recommendations are as follows.

SLINES OAK ROAD	Warren Barn Farm to Lunghurst Rd	30 mph
	Limpsfield Rd to Warren Barn Farm	40 mph
HALLILOO VALLEY ROAD	Entire length	40 mph
NORTHDOWN ROAD	Church Rd to The Ridge	40 mph
LUNGHURST ROAD	Entire length	40 mph
STATION ROAD	Southdown Rd to Woldingham Rd	30 mph
WOLDINGHAM ROAD	Wapses Lodge to N of car park	40 mph
	North of car park to Station Rd	30 mph
GANGERS HILL	no change	
THE RIDGE	Car park to Northdown Rd	40 mph
	Car park to Limpsfield Rd (additional)	40 mph



These proposals, with costings, are now to be formally considered by the local transportation committee hopefully in June. In addition, a scheme for 'hazard recommendations' is to be considered. This is extremely good news but everybody must be mindful of the continuing cuts to Highways budgets. The Parish Council will be following this through and seeking priority for implementing these proposals as soon as practicable.

J. Jeffery

ROADS & HIGHWAYS

We regularly report potholes and other road problems to TDC – please let us know any you observe. Specific major works which residents have recently enquired about are:

Slines Oak/Limpsfield Road Junction where flood prevention work is now complete apart from final surfacing. Unfortunately a lack of communication resulted in engineers being unable to widen the junction as requested (Chelsham and Farleigh Parish Council had given permission for the extra land required). Sloping kerbs have been installed to enable long vehicles to take the junction without endangering the other road users.

Upland Road: We apologise for the current state of the road but the levels needed realigning with a new gravel topping. When

the weather improves, the road will be regraded and resurfaced and the chalk heap at the top removed to be used on the approved farm tracks. *R. Fuller*

PLANNING

Our main planning concerns have focused on two enforcement issues concerning inappropriate development in particularly beautiful and vulnerable areas of the Green Belt. Both histories are complicated and lengthy, involving numerous appeals, delays and a great deal of effort, time, and money.

The first, **Park Mews**, had permission for a private stable in the late 1970's. But for almost 20 years has been the subject of 5 unsuccessful appeals in a continuing and persistent attempt to change the use to residential. An inspector has

allowed the latest appeal relating to residential use of an onsite caravan (March 2006) but solely for legal reasons. The way is now open for TDC to issue another enforcement notice noting the inspectors' findings.

The second, **Springfield** on Bridleway 92 off The Ridge, is a very serious concern. Following a number of appeals the Inspector decided that the stable development should revert to a more natural state. However, the current enforcement notice appears to not reflect the Inspector's clear decision. We are following this up strenuously with TDC.

The Parish Council takes continuing and increasing attempts to diminish the Green Belt extremely seriously. We will continue to support TDC to uphold policies to maintain it.

M. Bantick/R. Johnson



THE VILLAGE SPEED WATCH GROUP

Efforts of the Speedwatch volunteers are successfully reducing average speeds in the village. Letters are sent to all those exceeding the 30 mph limit with further action for repeat offenders. During the November – February period, 52 offenders were noted. The group would like more volunteers so checks can be carried out more frequently. Speed checks can only be carried out within the 30 mph area. More volunteers mean additional roads can be covered as soon as this area is extended. Please contact PCSO Clive for more details.



The Glebe playground

FLIGHTPATH

The Parish Council is a member of Flightpath which has produced a well researched and comprehensive document ('The Case for the Community') addressing all points proposed in Biggin Hill Airports (BHA) Draft Master Plan. The document has been well received with points relevant to other airports as well as Biggin Hill.

BHA has since published the final Master Plan and applied for planning permission to build a 100 bed hotel, with large car parking facilities, close to the Green Belt. Flightpath will respond to any applications made by BHA. To find out more, visit www.bigginhillairport.com.

J. Moylan

THE VILLAGE HALL OF THE FUTURE

Following the Village Hall AGM, we suggest that, as a village, we should think about its future and its financial viability.

Is it time to consider re-

designing our Hall? Certainly some aspects need updating. How about a Village Resource Room? There could be internet access; access to all Parish Council information. Perhaps a reception area to address the security issues currently exercising hirers and authorities. A cafe could be incorporated which could act as a meeting place for the youngsters in the village. Lots to think about - lets start the debate. Do let me know what you think.

S. Marks

OLD MAN'S BEARD

It's noticeable how old man's beard and ivy are seriously endangering many of our trees. We are therefore making a plea for all residents to tackle any growth in their own gardens. However, that leaves much of the problem along borders to our open fields. We would like to form a working party to attack these areas. If you would like to help, please let us know.

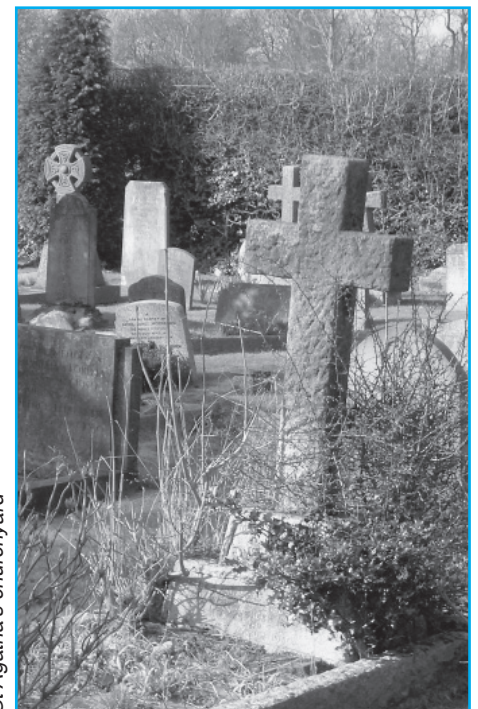
FINANCE

The Parish Council accounts (y/e 31st March 2006) are currently with our auditor and will be available at our annual meeting on 18th May. The precept for 2006/07 was set at £34,750 which is a 14.3% reduction on the previous year.

Grants awarded during 2005/06 were:

Woldingham Scouts	£ 1,500
St Agatha's Churchyard	£ 1,000
Craigmyle Glebe	£ 400
East Surrey Museum	£ 400
Tandridge Crime Prevention Panel	£ 400
Horticultural Society	£ 300

Any group that wishes to be considered for a grant should apply to the parish clerk in writing or by email. All requests received are considered together normally once a year.



St Agatha's churchyard



YOUR INVITATION TO OUR

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.30 P.M. THURSDAY 18th MAY 2006
WOLDINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Precis of Parish Councillors' Reports followed by questions
3. Report from Surrey County Councillor Sally Marks
4. **Guest Speaker:**
PCSO Clive Harris Ross – 'A day in the life of your PCSO'
5. **Guest Speaker:**
Julie Cornish – A tour of the Woldingham Web Site
6. Vote of thanks and close

Refreshments will be served from 7 p.m.

WOLDINGHAM CODE

Watch your speed when driving through the Village and do, please, comply with speed limits.

Operate mowers, noisy garden equipment, chainsaws, concrete mixers etc in social hours and avoid Sundays if possible –particularly the afternoon.

Lop back overhanging trees and hedges so that people can walk two abreast on our pavements with safety.

Do not park on other people's verges; do keep our Village neat and tidy and free from litter. Don't let your dog foul the pavement.

Incinerate in your gardens with care and at times when others will not be affected by the smoke.

Noisy burglar alarms serve a purpose but please ensure that they comply with modern regulations and have an automatic cut off.

Guard your pets when out of doors and prevent them straying into neighbours gardens.

Horse riders do please keep to bridleways and off footpaths and, where possible, roads.

Advice neighbours when planning any outdoor party that is likely to be noisy and please don't play loud music and let off fireworks late. Have fun around pools but do try to keep the noise level down.

Make sure that Woldingham continues to be a pleasant place to live in and take an active interest in Village affairs.

Dates for your Diary:

May 18th Annual Parish Meeting

Parish Council meetings:
Village Hall 7.30pm

May 28th *

June 29th

July 27th*

August 24th

September 28th*

*preceded by Community Police Action Group (7pm)

September 23rd Litter Pick,
Village Green 10.00 am