

# Albury Matters



## The Albury Parish Council Newsletter

Serving Albury, Farley Green, Brook, Little London & Newlands Corner



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## WINTER EDITION - February 2013

### Become a LOCOHOLIC!

One of the positive things that has come about from the recent revelations concerning horse meat is that more and more people are turning to local butchers for their meat. The provenance of the food we eat is now high on many people's agenda, which has also emphasised the benefits of buying local produce.

The future of our village shop is still uncertain. Last year we successfully fought off the threat of the sorting office being moved to Guildford, which would have made the shop financially unviable. Now the Post Office wants to withdraw their financial support for the Post Office counter, and at some point I'm sure the Royal Mail will again try and close the sorting office.

If we want to retain the village shop, the long-term answer is to increase the range of goods sold, including local produce, so that the shop becomes financially sustainable in its own right.

To this end we are currently looking at opportunities with Albury Estates and the shopkeeper Harry Patel. We also await with interest the outcome of the Parish Plan questionnaire.



In the meantime please support your local shop and other local businesses.

**Be a LOCOHOLIC!**

Nick Wenman, APC Chairman

### Financial Juggling for 2013/14

The Parish Council is responsible, among other things, for the upkeep of Farley Green and the recreation ground, for the lease, upkeep and day to day running of the Village Hall and Library, the care and maintenance of bus shelters, cutting back of hedges, and special projects – for which we apply for help through grants. This is mostly paid for by the money we get from the Borough Council, called the *Precept*, which is raised through your Council tax.

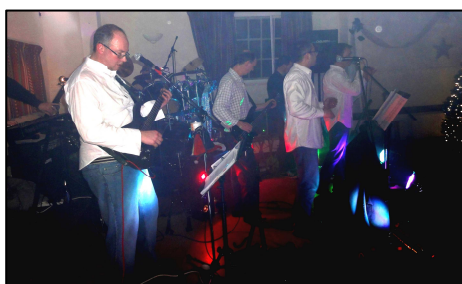
This year your Councillors have agreed upon a 2% increase in order to keep on top of things. They will also be looking at the possibility of taking over some of the responsibilities from the SCC and GBC, such as the upkeep of grass verges and footpaths. However, alongside this small increase the Parish Council has been awarded a grant, which actually means that our *Precept* will decrease from £38,515 to £37,540 for this year!

Joanna Cadman, Parish Clerk.



## Albury's Social Scene

As part of the Albury GT (Get Together) team, Ali Kerslake and Michelle Idiens organised a fabulous 'sell out' Christmas party which certainly started off the holiday season with a bang! The revellers danced the night away to the sounds of Blind Alley.



Blind Alley, strutting their stuff!



On Saturday 2 March at 8.00pm there will be a fascinating demonstration of skill and dexterity by the competitive teams aiming to win the host of awards that Sue Cooke of the GT team has organised. There will be a free drink and hot nibbles at half time. A modest £10.00 each or put together a team of four players for an evening of fun!

Tickets from Harry at the Post Office or Sue Cooke 01483 202 106

## Sounds of The Sixties

hippies, miniskirts, moustaches, beatniks, mods, rockers

Saturday 4th May

60's dress optional.... tickets £5

A night of sixties music to groove to

## "It's EASY to Save a Life.... ....Hard and Fast"

In November last year the first training session run by the S.E. NHS Ambulance Service clearly demonstrated how easy it is to save a life!

As the very first response to someone that has collapsed and is not breathing, check that you are safe, call 999 for help, (they will tell you where the nearest Defibrillator is) and commence CPR ( Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation).....Place one hand on top of the other, lock fingers and press "Hard and Fast" on the centre of the chest. **No Kissing!** Keep going to "Staying Alive" by the Bee Gees until the Defibrillator arrives, open the pack and follow the verbal instructions. Continue with this until the arrival of the Emergency Services.



**It's EASY to Save a Life!**

The next training session to demonstrate effective CPR and how the Defibrillator works will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 28 March at 7.00pm.

All are welcome, please confirm with Joanna Cadman :  
Phone: 01483 268 627 or e-mail: [joanna@joannacadman.com](mailto:joanna@joannacadman.com)

## Adventure Days in the Hurtwood

Exciting adventure days for children are being organised by the Friends of the Hurtwood during the Easter Holidays. They will make sure that all the children have a great time. The aim is to educate children, through play, about the wonders of the Hurtwood and the outdoor world.



Contact: Ranger Mark Beaumont  
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## New Waste Bin for Farley Green

A new and very handsome green oak waste bin now has pride of place at the bus stop at Farley Green. This replaces the old metal eyesore that has been there for many years.



APC Community Development

## New Sign Required for Farley Green!



Action shot taken during the last snowfall!



**Surrey Hills AONB  
Tillingbourne Valley Project**

The Tillingbourne Valley was once one of the most industrialised river valleys in England. At its peak it powered over 50 water mills fuelling over 30 factories along its 10 mile length. The industries ranged from gunpowder and paper mills to wood sawing, flour milling and copper beating. It generated a lot of wealth, creating large entrepreneurial estates that still conserve the management of this landscape centuries later.

The Surrey Hills AONB is applying for Heritage Lottery Funding to raise awareness of this nationally important historic landscape by uniting its communities in rediscovering the unique industrial, natural and estate heritage, through the development and promotion of 'trails' as a destination in the Surrey Hills AONB.

The vision is to inspire and engage people to re-discover the unique history and heritage of the Tillingbourne Valley, from Leith Hill to Shalford.

Various ideas and projects along the Valley are currently being considered, and a final submission will be made after the two Public Meetings that are planned for **Monday 11 March at the Chilworth Village Hall** and also **Tuesday 12 March at the Abinger Hammer Village Hall. Both meetings are from 17.00 - 18.30.**

Everyone is welcome to attend these historic meetings. For further information please contact Pennie King, Surrey Hills Working Group & Grants Administrator, on 01372 220 646 or e-mail: [penny.king@surreyhill.org](mailto:penny.king@surreyhill.org)



There is currently a wide discrepancy in broadband access between different areas of the county, and the aim of a partnership agreement between SCC and BT is to ensure equal access right across Surrey.

The eagerly awaited news on the progress of superfast broadband has now been announced by Surrey County Council and a website has been created. By visiting [www.superfastsurrey.org.uk](http://www.superfastsurrey.org.uk) and typing in your postcode you will be able to see approximately when you will receive **superfast broadband**.

Cllr. Steve Scott

**SITA's  
Disappointing Progress**

In October last year SITA gave residents of Albury a positive progress report, however, here we are four months on and we are now told that there is still a further 8,000 cubic metres of waste to be filled on the site. SITA's latest estimate is the end of April, which is disappointing news after the hype and excitement of an early start to the restoration plan. It appears that planting will now only start in October.....another year gone!?

Editorial Comment

**It all happens in the  
Tillingbourne Valley!**



Police recently raided a house in Chilworth where they found more than 200 mature cannabis plants, and there was further evidence of more plants that had been recently harvested.

Officers removed and destroyed the cannabis plants, and house to house enquiries were conducted to obtain any further information.

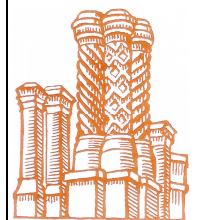
Detective Constable Dan Chant investigating said: "The discovery of such a large scale operation to produce cannabis came directly from information provided about an insecure property. The house is in a semi-rural area and from the outside there was nothing to suggest it was being used for this illegal activity.

Many of the drugs factories are discovered at rental properties and the landlord often has no idea of what's going on. In some cases the property has sustained thousands of pounds worth of damage during the installation of equipment used to cultivate and store drugs. The first that the landlord hears of it is when we call, by which time they are left facing a huge bill and a property in appalling condition. If you do own a property, please carry out regular inspections and if you do suspect that illegal activity is taking place, please do not hesitate to contact Surrey Police."

If you suspect a premises is being used for cultivation of cannabis or you know of any other drugs activity you can call **Surrey Police on 101** or call **Crimestoppers** anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

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## Heart Attack!?

Your Parish Council has recently installed a fourth Defibrillator up at Newlands Corner. The fifth and final static AED (Automated External Defibrillator) will be sited on the outside wall of the Memorial Library and should be in place shortly. The final phase of this Emergency Response Programme is to organise a mobile defibrillator for the **Community First Responder** initiative which hopefully will be in place by the end of March.

Training in the use of the defibrillators & CPR will be given by Craig of the NHS Ambulance Service in the Visitors Centre, Newlands Corner, on Wednesday 13 March at 5.30.

Everyone that attended the last session agreed that it was very good and certainly worthwhile. All are welcome, please confirm with Joanna Cadman: 01483 268627 or e-mail: [joanna@joannacadman.com](mailto:joanna@joannacadman.com)  
**Come along & help save a life!**

Roy Hogben, Community Development



Farley Green



Westonfields



William IV, Little London



Newlands Corner

## So What Does The Future Hold For Albury?

**October 2012**

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ALBURY PARISH – FINDING OUT WHAT YOU WANT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

William Moorwood, Chairman, Albury Parish Plan Committee  
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Everyone seems to be waiting for the final results of this questionnaire to be published. There was more than a 50% response, which is considered to be an excellent return. We are at present still recording everything that was written, which has turned out to be much more complicated than was first imagined. The full results will be published within the next couple of weeks.

The committee has been impressed by the trouble that many people have taken to fill in the Questionnaire and with the wide variety of comments that were made. No doubt there will be plenty of debate once we have issued the results, but one particular item to note in advance, is the widespread support for the village shop and the variety of ideas put forward to ensure that it maintains its place in our community.

## Sometimes it's Tough!



These days, being a parent can be tough, **however your help could make all the difference.**

Support and friendship for families

Home-start Guildford is looking for more home-visiting volunteers to help support families who are struggling to cope with at least one child under five.

They may need emotional or practical support to give their children the best possible start in life. That's where we come in – and you could too!

- Can you spare a few hours each week to help a family with young children?
- Are you interested in learning new skills on our friendly, free, volunteer training course?

Parents supporting other parents - a simple idea that works!

Interested?

Phone Liz on 01483 511181 or [www.hsguildford.org.uk](http://www.hsguildford.org.uk)

## Old Mill Bus Stop Up-Date

More than four years have passed since the Old Mill Bus Stop was usurped. Since then there have been many meetings with SCC Officers but very little progress has been made. At the Guildford Local Committee meeting last November a positive response was promised and this seems to be moving forward! A SCC Highways Engineer together with a Contractor have been appointed, with the final ratification on the Agenda for the next Local Committee meeting next month! Progress certainly looks very promising and it is hoped that this work will be completed later this year.

### Passengers' fury as developers wall off an easy landing at bus stop



Roy Hogben, Community Development