



# Albury Matters



## The Albury Parish Council Newsletter

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THE QUEEN'S  
90TH BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION



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## Chairman's Report

This last year your Council has been busy with a number of different projects designed to make Albury a better place to live in.

Application to Guildford Borough Council for approval to prepare a **Neighbourhood Plan** has been submitted but is currently on hold pending the local publication of the final deliberations of the Parish Plan Advisory Committee, a mixture of Parishioners and Councillors under the Chairmanship of Clive Mingo.

Councillors continue to take an active engagement with the SCC/GBC Local Committee, the Surrey Hills De-cluttering Working Group, which is progressing a proposal for removing excess road signage and limiting HGV's in the Surrey Hills. The new draft *Local Plan* is, of course, very important, particularly the impact on the Green Belt, Surrey Hills AONB and the effect of traffic from

developments in adjoining parishes and further afield such as Dunsfold and Cranleigh on the roads into the Parish.

Specific projects during this last year:

1. A *Tractor-Mounted Salt Spreader* was purchased, funded by grants from Keith Taylor's SCC Allowance, Albury Estate, IGas Community Fund and APC.
2. *Traffic Calming*, including road narrowing and widening of the pavement from Tupper's Alley to Albury House, funded by the SCC/GBC Local Committee.
3. *Albury Riverside Meadow*, changing an overgrown piece of wasteland into a valuable community asset, funded by an IGas Community Grant.
4. *Albury Allotments*, landscaping and restoration, fully fenced and mains water laid on, again funded by IGas.
5. *Disabled Toilet* for the Memorial Library, further funds need to be raised before work can commence.

All-in-all a reasonably satisfying year.

John Brockwell, APC Chairman

## Parish Clerk's Missive

Whilst keeping the Precept level steady during this last year, the Parish Council has been able to continue with its normal obligations as well as creating a number of new facilities for the Parish.

We have also been fortunate to have been given grants by the Local Committee, County Council, our local SCC and IGas, and the Albury Estate has helped towards the costs of the Parish Plan.

In our turn, we have given grants to the Parish Church, the Hurtwood, the Surrey Air Ambulance, and contributed towards the cost of the party to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.

Our Audit took place on 6th May and the accounts will be available for inspection from the beginning of June. An appointment to do so can be arranged by contacting me on 07711 566458 or [joanna@joannacadman.com](mailto:joanna@joannacadman.com)

Joanna Cadman, Parish Clerk

### Special points of interest:

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- Albury Honours
- SITA Grants
- SITA (Suez) Landfill
- Albury Allotments
- Riverside Meadow
- Traffic Calming
- APPAC Update
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## Albury Events

### Dates for your diary:

**Saturday, 7 May:**

**APA Plant Sale** 10.30 - 12.00 noon  
Daphne & John Foulsham's Garden,  
Chilworth Road.

**Saturday, 14 May:**

**'Community Muscle'** 10.00 - 12.30  
Albury Riverside Meadow, Albury  
Village Hall.

**Sunday, 29 May:**

**Albury Riverside Meadow, Grand Opening!** 12.00 noon Family BBQ and Picnic. All invited, free tickets from Harry at the Post Office.

**Sunday, 12 June:**

**Queen's 90th Celebrations.**  
2 - 5.00 pm Farley Green.

**Saturday, 18 June:**

**Albury Trust Concert** 7.00 pm at *The Saxon Church*. An evening of romance and nostalgia with Emily Wenman and Friends.

**Saturday, 16 July:**

**Albury Produce Show Weekend!** 16/17 July, the **Show** runs from 2.00 - 5.00, followed by the **Barn Dance** at 8.00 pm. There is a church service on the Sunday morning, then in the afternoon the unmissable **Albury Free Festival!**

**Heritage Weekend Saturday/Sunday 10/11 September:**

**Photographs of the Tillingbourne Valley**, Exhibition by Mike Hutchinson, 10 - 5.00 daily at the Saxon Church.

### The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration



Farley Green, Sunday 12 June

# Albury Honours



Left to right: Denise & Peter Chamberlain, Mary Sherman, Mayor of Guildford Cllr. Nikki Nelson-Smith, APC Chairman Cllr. John Brockwell, Carolyn Woods.

At the Parish Council's Annual Assembly on Monday 18 April the Mayor of Guildford, Cllr. Nikki Nelson-Smith, together with APC Chairman, Cllr. John Brockwell, presented a number of residents with illuminated certificates for their outstanding contribution to the well-being of the Parish.

This new award has been instituted by the Parish Council to publicly recognise the endeavours of certain residents that enthusiastically volunteer to help make Albury a better place to live in.

Apart from the very obvious choices, there are also a number of people who are more in the background and of a quieter industrious nature who should also be recognised.

Unfortunately, two couples missed the presentations but were none the less recognised and applauded for their unstinting and continued involvement with the community.

*This year's Roll of Honour recipients are:*

**Lisa & Victor Keech, Daphne & John Foulsham, Mary Sherman, Carolyn Woods and Denise & Peter Chamberlain.**

It is hoped that their good work will continue for many years to come and their example will encourage others to follow.

There were also a couple of other volunteers that were applauded for their good work; *Carolyn Mingo* - despite being seriously ill continues to act as the booking clerk for the Village Hall, and *Bryan Turner* who keeps our 'Village Green' (the area opposite the Post Office) in good shape.

Roy Hogben, Community Development

## SITA Community Grants

It was reported in our last issue that the Landfill Site had now completed the filling operations and in consequence the *SITA Community Grant*, that had been operational for many years, had now ended.

However, the *Friends of the Saxon Church* appealed against their decision and as a special dispensation they were permitted to put in the final application which has resulted in being granted a magnificent £50,000 towards the conservation/restoration of the Drummond Chapel.

Editorial



## Albury Allotments Update

At last the refurbishment of the Albury allotment site has started! Following meetings of the Parish Council and the Allotment sub-committee, an estimate given by the Albury Estate to carry out the necessary work was accepted. Work began on 25<sup>th</sup> April and is now virtually complete.

The allotment site affords magnificent views of the surrounding area of outstanding beauty. It had become underused with only one stoic 'allotmenteer' continuing to grow an amazing variety of fruits and vegetables, all without the luxury of water on tap. With weeds and brambles several feet high it was a monumental task, but the area has been absolutely transformed by workmen from the Albury Estate and their gigantic machinery. Gone are the rotting shells of old raised beds and rusting wire, to be transformed into a swathe of fertile soil ready for planting. Deer fencing has been erected around the site and it will soon be divided up into manageable plots. Running water will also be installed.

If you are interested in starting an allotment, please contact Grahame Robinson by email at [hoff-man@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:hoff-man@mypostoffice.co.uk) or telephone Chris Parish on 01483 203142.



Chris Parish, Allotment Committee

## Landfill Site Update

The final phase of capping was completed in September last year and restoration soils have been placed over the top. Grass is now establishing well which will help to stabilise the slopes. Cut heather has been imported and spread on the western end of the site to establish this type of habitat.

Surface water drainage channels have been cut and lined on the slopes of the site. These lead to a number of soak away ponds around the perimeter.

Some areas of the restoration soils on the south of the site have remained very wet over the winter months and Suez will need to review whether further surface water collection is required.

The Gasrec plant that produced liquid fuel from the landfill gas has now closed and will be decommissioned. There is still the requirement to control gas and odour from the site and the responsibility to burn and use the gas has returned to Suez. A temporary back-up flare has been installed, which will be replaced with a new permanent flare later this year. We will be overseeing a permit variation to incorporate these changes.



Southern Flank, September 2015



Southern Flank, March 2016

To report a concern or discuss the progress on the site, please contact the Senior Site Manager, Peter Kelly on 01252 782255. [neil.martin@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:neil.martin@environment-agency.gov.uk)

## Albury Riverside Meadow



This lovely Riverside Meadow, next to the Village Hall, will be ready for the **Grand Opening on Sunday 29 May!**

It will be Albury's only public access to the Tillingbourne, and it is hoped that everyone will enjoy frequent family picnics on the meadow and get pleasure from playing in the clear waters of the river.

Originally an unkempt, overgrown piece of waste ground, it has been transformed with the goodwill of the **Albury Estate**, the generosity of an **IGas Community Grant**, and a kind donation from our Surrey Councillor **Keith Taylor**. *In effect, this beautiful parish asset has been developed at no cost to the residents of Albury.*

The Riverside Meadow has not been over-developed therefore there will be a number of natural hazards that parents need to be aware of. Dogs will be welcome, however, owners must be totally aware of their responsibility to other users and not cause any sort of nuisance. There is a waste bin on site, but it would be most helpful if everyone would take their litter home with them.

For the 'Grand Opening' the Parish Council is providing the BBQ meat to accompany your picnic. **Free tickets are now available from Harry @ the Post Office.**

On Saturday 14 May the final preparations will get underway and your help would be most appreciated. Bring along your wellie boots or waders and a towel. Coffee will be laid on and perhaps a bacon butty...

If you can help please e-mail: [royhogben@alburypark.com](mailto:royhogben@alburypark.com)



## Traffic Calming

You will have noticed the two new 'Gateways' into the Conservation Area of the village to help with the traffic calming. Originally the idea was to have the chain-saw carved 'chimney' posts on either side of the road, to give us more of a gateway effect. Unfortunately the SCC's Safety Audit Team had issues with this, which resulted with them being in-line on one side of the road only.

It is hoped that with planters, one between the posts and a matching one on the opposite side of the road, the Gateways will be more prominent and have a greater effect of calming the traffic through the centre of the village.



Roy Hogben A.P.C. & APPAC

## Albury's Vintage Tea Party Celebrating The Queen's 90th Birthday Sunday 12 June, Farley Green

Preparations are well under way to celebrate the Queen's birthday during her official birthday weekend. Following the national plans for a giant street party in the Mall in London we came up with the idea of having a Vintage Tea Party here in Albury. Thanks to the generous support from Albury Trust and Albury Parish Council the afternoon will be FREE.

The Green will be transformed into a giant picnic area where you can enjoy live music from the **Choir Belles** and vintage tunes throughout the afternoon. Needless to say we hope you get involved in a bit of a sing song, not to mention a dance or two in the Tea-Dance Tent!

We would love to see a vintage touch to your clothing and don't forget to bring along your picnic rug, a plate of tea-time food, your singing voice and dancing shoes, and of course your **crown!**

For further information contact Sasja on 202012 or e-mail [farleybarnevents@gmail.com](mailto:farleybarnevents@gmail.com)

Liz Cooper, Farley Green

## Albury Parish Plan Advisory Committee (APPAC)



Last year the "Community Choices" document was published identifying opportunities for a sustainable village shop, a village green and sites for affordable, starter and sheltered accommodation. Public meetings were held and feedback from local residents was considered to create a compromise set of recommendations for inclusion in a **Neighbourhood Plan**.

- A new shop near the village hall adjacent to The Street, large enough to offer an improved range of goods and services that might include fresh bread, chilled convenience food, fresh fruit & vegetables and wines/spirits. It would benefit from parking, a café, children's play area, bike racks, walkers map and serve both the local community and passing trade.
- A Village Green on Malcolm's Field with safe recreational facilities for children and young people, a path linking The Street to the Parish Church and additional off-street parking.
- Sheltered accommodation on the north bank of the Tillingbourne, convenient to the shop and the bus stop.
- A few affordable housing units hidden in the trees behind Western Lea, accessed via an existing widened driveway onto The Street.
- A limited number of "Help-to-Buy" qualified starter homes on part of the Recreation Ground, shielded by mature trees and a children's play area. The funds from this development would help to fund the new village shop.

A document setting out these recommendations will be circulated and further public meetings will allow all parishioners to have their say.

Geoff Eaton, Parish Plan Committee



### E-Mail Registration



For easy communication, keep up-to-date with all that is happening locally. The Parish Council would like residents to register their e-mail address on

[www.alburypc.com](http://www.alburypc.com)

**Why not register NOW?**

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