

Albury Matters



The Albury Parish Council Newsletter

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Chairman's Report

This is the final year of the Parish Council's four-year term and it's therefore appropriate that I reflect on recent achievements and also outline our plans for the coming year.

A few highlights from last year

Restoration of the Landfill has at last commenced after many years of it being a blot on our landscape. When I first joined the council there was no agreed restoration plan and the County Council had failed to enforce many of the planning conditions associated with the site. There were also numerous complaints about odours, noise and lighting. I'm pleased that we have been able to put pressure on Surrey CC and SITA to address these issues and that restoration is now underway.

Objectives for 2014/15

So what are our objectives for the remainder of this year?

First of all we would like to improve communication with parishioners and we intend to do this through e-mail communication. Albury Matters will still be issued in paper form, but this edition will also be circulated by email to all members who have registered their email address with us.

We will also then be able to send out news bulletins on a regular basis. If you haven't already done so, please register by visiting www.alburypc.com

For several years now work has been ongoing to create a Parish Plan based on the Parish Needs Survey and we hope to be able to present recommendations to parishioners before Christmas. Topics include ensuring the stability of the Village Shop, the creation of a Village Green, meeting the housing needs of the parish, the possibility of a local nursery and traffic calming in the village.

During September we are also planning a major commemoration of the First World War (see separate article), which we hope you will all get involved with.

Finally I would like to finish with a plea for potential new councillors. This will be my last year as a councillor, after eight very rewarding and enjoyable years as Chairman, and I have a personal objective to ensure that we have a great list of candidates for the elections next May. We are likely to need a number of new councillors so please get in touch with me or the parish clerk, Joanna Cadman, if you would like to get involved in developing the future of our parish.

Cllr. Nick Wenman, APC Chairman

Special points of interest:

- Chairman's Report
- GT's Social Scene
- Albury's Future?
- Traffic Calming
- Superfast Internet
- **Bodies all over the place!**
- Remembrance Cavalcade
- Parents helping Parents

Mark Pearson Co-Opted onto the Parish Council

Mark has lived in Albury with his partner Kary for two and a half years, and has now joined the Parish Council to become more involved in the local area. He has spent more than twenty years in both the private and public sectors, and currently he is the CEO of *Surrey Connects*, an economic development company working in partnership with business, the public sector and other specialist organisations to stimulate and support enterprise growth

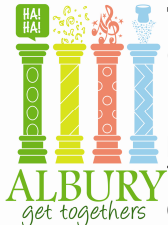
across Surrey. He is a non executive director of the *Gatwick Diamond Initiative* and *Visit Surrey CIC*, the chairman of *Transport for Surrey*, and also a member of the boards of *Surrey Future* and *Surrey Nature Partnership*.



Joanna Cadman, Parish Clerk



GT's Social Scene



The Albury Get Together Girls have certainly been busy during this year, with many events enjoyed by large numbers of residents. The diary dates for the rest of the year are also looking exceptionally interesting, and the team look forward to welcoming you all to their various enjoyable events.

Lisa Keech

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 3 August:

Friends of the Saxon Church - Summer Tea Party @ Vale End

Week-end 13/14 September:

Guildford Quilters Exhibition at the Saxon Church.

Sunday 14 September:

Remembrance Cavalcade, around the Parish.

Saturday 27 September:

"Black and White Ball"

Saturday 18 October:

SAXON CHURCH - RACE NIGHT!

Saturday 8 November:

Village Hall Fish & Chip Quiz.

Saturday 20 December:

GT Girls Christmas Party!!

Sunday 21 December:

Carols by Candlelight at the Saxon church

By popular demand.....

The 'Friends' fund raiser for the Saxon Church

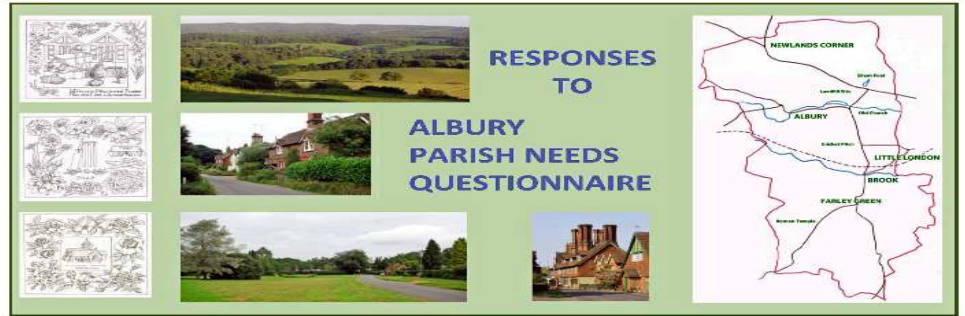


SAXON CHURCH RACE NIGHT

Saturday, 18 October 2014
Albury Village Hall

Phone Stephanie Harley 229 045 for information to become a Sponsor

What does the Future Hold?



ALL THE RESPONSES AND ALL THE COMMENTS MADE HAVE BEEN COLLATED INTO A SINGLE DOCUMENT

The Albury Parish Plan Advisory Committee (APPAC) was founded to consider and work towards the realisation of the **Vision** and **Objectives** resulting from the **Parish Needs Questionnaire**.

Vision Statement: "Maintain and build a sustainable, vibrant, community that meets the needs of Parishioners whilst preserving the character and heritage of Albury Parish".

Objectives:

- Create a Village Green in the heart of Albury.
- Improve and develop support for businesses and home workers in the community.
- Ensure the sustainability of a Village Shop.
- Meet the housing needs of the Parish with emphasis on affordable starter homes and housing for the elderly.
- Establish the feasibility and viability of providing local nursery & child care facilities.
- Maintain the amenity of a community centre (currently provided by the Village Hall).
- Implement traffic calming measures through Albury Village.

The committee, made up of a mix of residents from around the parish, is finding that many of the objectives are interrelated, but everyone can be assured that nothing will be decided without full consultation with the community.

The creation of a Village Green in the heart of Albury has been on the 'wish-list' for many years and a great deal of background work has been going on. It is the fervent hope that this will eventually become a reality!

With the *Open Reach* contracts now completed there should be a great improvement of internet speeds for both businesses and home workers.

All of the Committee are agreed that a commercially sustainable village shop/post office is of paramount importance for the future well-being of the Parish. However, its present small size, lack of good parking and the lack of definite long-term contracts with the Royal Mail and Post Office have been vexing the members, with many different ideas and options being floated. There is the possibility of engaging an outside consultant to look at the viability of the various options.

The Housing Needs Survey 2012 forms the basis of the research that is being done, but bearing in mind GBC's Local Plan, any decisions must be done with great care.

As regards the feasibility of nursery facilities, this investigation continues.

There are a great number of different options that have been discussed, but it is recognised that the need of a Village Hall for the community remains a high priority.

The Traffic Calming is moving forward as per the separate report.

It is hoped that a full public meeting to discuss the various proposals will take place at the end of October.

Cllr Roy Hogben APC & APPAC



Traffic Calming in the Village

As a specific response from the *Parish Needs Questionnaire* your Parish Council has commissioned a **Traffic Calming Scoping Report** from Colin Davis who heads up an expert company called PRIAN. This report has now been sent through to SCC Highways for their comments, and hopefully, these innovative and relatively low cost ideas will be positively received.

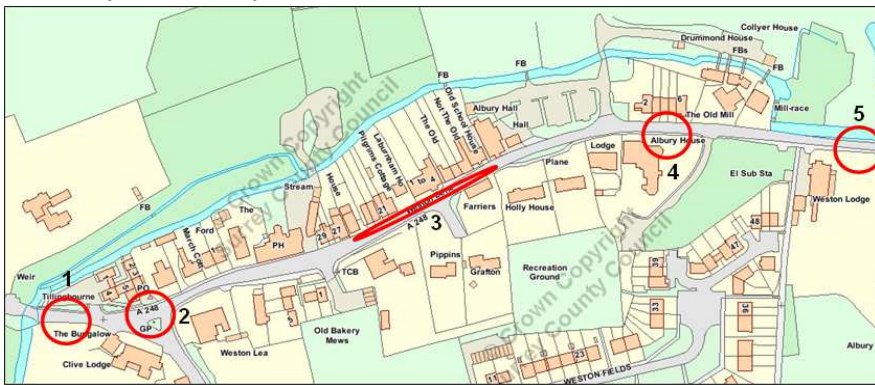
Rather than a proliferation of signs, the approach that is favoured is more psychological. The intention is to demonstrate to the motorists that there is a specific change of surroundings that requires all of their attention, and in consequence they would drive more carefully and slowly.

It is hoped that a speed limit of 20mph can be established for the short centre section of the village, and within that zone, all signage and white lines will be removed. The report recognises that all of the houses and community facilities are located on the north side of The Street, whilst the very narrow pavement is on the opposite side of the road. It therefore recommends that the pavement be relocated to the north side of the road.

Finally, an important ingredient will be to make the village centre look well cared for by adding flower troughs or extending grass verges.

For more information on PRIAN go to www.publicrealm.info

Cllr. Roy Hogben APC & APPAC



Key to traffic calming measures:

1. Western entrance to 20mph zone, road surface treatment and "gateway".
2. Road narrowing at road junction by extending the grass verge of the 'green'.
3. Pavement relocated onto north side of the road.
4. Road narrowing by new grass verge and/or flower troughs on north side.
5. Eastern entrance to 20mph zone, road surface treatment and "gateway".



This hugely complicated engineering feat has now been completed for Albury which means that the entire parish can now contact their Internet Service Provider (ISP) to see the benefits of moving to this superfast network. In effect this should mean that more people can go online at the same time with multiple devices such as laptops, tablets and smart phones. It is the ideal solution for families and home businesses.

You should be able to stream High Definition movies and sport or watch catch-up services like BBC iPlayer with fewer interruptions, and finally Video calling via Skype to contact, in real time, friends and relatives wherever they are in the world.

Cllr. Steve Scott

Farley Green Sign Re-instated!

Thanks to Surrey Hills AONB for the financing, and the stout efforts of a couple of Councillors, the sign that was demolished way back in 2013 has now been replaced. Also, an additional sign has been sited at the Winterfold entry to Farley Green.



E-Mail Registration

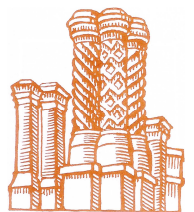


Keep up-to-date with all that is happening locally. The Parish Council would like residents to register their e-mail address on www.alburypc.com

Why not register NOW?

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Bodies all over the place!



A very successful training session was held at the end of March when more than 30 residents came along to the village hall to learn the fundamentals of CPR and the use of Albury's defibrillators.

The session was organised by Giselle Hampton and her team from the St. John Ambulance, Effingham-first-responders unit.

A reminder of the Defibrillator locations:

- **Newlands Corner** (alongside the café)
- **Albury village** (front of the Memorial Library).
- **Weston Fields** (back of the parking area)
- **Little London** (front of the William IV Pub)
- **Farley Green** (inside the bus shelter)

Cllr. Roy Hogben, Community Development

Remembrance Cavalcade



Arrangements for the forthcoming Remembrance Cavalcade on 14th September are coming on apace. The amount of interest it has generated is very promising and it should be quite a spectacular affair. We would like to thank Albury Estate and Mr Doug Chandler for offering us the use of their fields, without which the whole venture would be impossible.

For those who are wondering what this is all about, I will explain as briefly as possible. As part of our Centenary Commemoration of World War I, we have chosen to pay tribute to the one million British horses and mules who gave their lives in the course of duty. By having a mounted cavalcade we are enabling today's horses to participate in honouring the bravery of their own kind. The ride will encompass a large area of the parish and will last about two and a half hours. There will be a stop at the Parish Church in Albury village for a blessing, short address and toast to the fallen.

We would like to involve everyone in this event (riders and non-riders) and for this reason the afternoon will be taken over by a sumptuous hog roast open to all, and be more of a social event. This will take place in Doug Chandler's field in Farley Green, so remember to bring something to sit on! Drinks will be available at cost.

Tickets £6 each for non riders are available from the Albury Post Office

Hope to see you on 14 September. Cllr. Prue Von Radowitz

A Helping Hand.....

Michael Woodhatch has again kindly offered to do small odd jobs, free of charge, for any elderly parishioners who need help. Please make direct contact with him: 01483 202 319.

Dog Poo - any bin will do!

Dog poo is a menace - it's vital that dog owners bag and bin it.

Did you know that any bin can be used to dispose of dog poo?

You can bag it and bin it in any GBC litterbins - you don't have to wait to see a dog poo bin.

The GBC team will be out and about the borough during August to talk about dog poo, please have a chat with them.

Cllr. John Brockwell

Sometimes it's tough being a Parent

Home-Start Guildford is a family support charity covering the whole of the borough of Guildford. We provide home-visiting volunteers, with parenting skills to support families who are struggling to cope,

with at least one child under five. Examples of difficulties might be: post-natal depression, illness/disability (of parent or child), multiple births, family breakdown, or financial worries. We believe that parents are key in creating a secure and happy environment for their children. 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?

Our next Volunteer Preparation Course starts during **September 2014**, and we are recruiting **now!** **INTERESTED?** Please call **Harriet** on **01483 511181**, or email office@hsguildford.org.uk for more information.

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