

Albury Matters



The Albury Parish Council Newsletter

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Congratulations to Mary Wilkie

Born 27 November 1915
At the age of 100
alive and well and living in Albury!



Best wishes for your celebration and continued good health from: *Everyone in Albury*

Chairman's Report

With the elections in May, this new term started off on a rather disappointing note. Out of the nine positions available, only five people stood, so they were automatically appointed without any election taking place. The situation has now been rectified and we have had to co-opt four new councillors to bring us up to a full compliment. Competition is always very healthy for any community, and with our elections every four years, it is important to try to find a number of residents that would be willing to stand. Being a parish councillor is extremely worthwhile and satisfying. I would certainly recommend it.

We have a number of exciting projects on the go at the moment, with the **Parish Plan Advisory Committee** making good progress through a maze of difficult options. The **Traffic Calming** in the centre of the village, depends upon SCC Highways, but is moving slowly along. The **Albury**

Riverside Meadow is now nearing completion, and the **Disabled Toilet** for the Memorial Library is only waiting for more funding to be obtained before work can be started. Our latest project is to completely restore the **Albury Allotments** to make them fit for purpose.

With the possibility of bad winter weather coming your Parish Council has decided to make a grant to **SALV** (Shere and Local Villages) **Health Trust** of £2,000 to assist them to purchase a standby generator for Shere Surgery to overcome their computer and refrigeration problems encountered with power disruption. Also, it has been decided to purchase a replacement, tractor mounted, salt and grit spreader in the hope that we will get approval from SCC Highways to enable us to grit before any snow arrives.

Finally, congratulations and thanks to Lisa Keech and her band of willing quiz organisers for recently raising £800 towards the running expenses of the Village Hall.
John Brockwell, APC Chairman

Parish Clerk's Missive

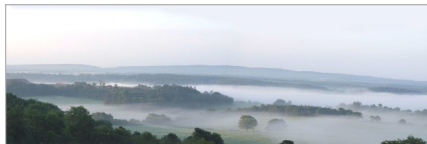
The Audit Commission has given us a good report for our last annual accounts, and during this present year we will continue to use the Precept to maintain the Village Hall, Memorial Library and the Recreation Ground, as well as taking care of a number of other facilities around the Parish.

Whenever possible we try to organise grants from various sources, to fund some of the different enhancement projects, which you will read about elsewhere in this publication. You are always welcome to contact the Parish Clerk at joanna@joannacadman.com with any ideas for improving facilities in Albury and we will do our best to help.

Joanna Cadman, Parish Clerk

Special points of interest:

- Happy Birthday!!
- Chairman's Report
- Who are they?
- APPAC up-date
- Albury Honours
- Albury Allotments
- IGas Up-Date
- Dumped Car!
- Traffic Calming
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Albury Events

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 14 November:

Autumn Cafe 12.00 - 2.00pm Albury Village Hall.

Monday 23 November:

Tales and Trails of the Tillingbourne Valley, 7.00pm Shalford Village Hall.
More info: Pennie.King@surreycc.gov.uk

Tuesday 24 November:

Christmas Shopping Night, 8.00pm 1 Lower Northfields, Church Lane.
More Info: ali_kerslake@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 5 December:

Concert by Candlelight, 7.30pm St. Mark's Church, Peaslake.

Sunday 13 December:

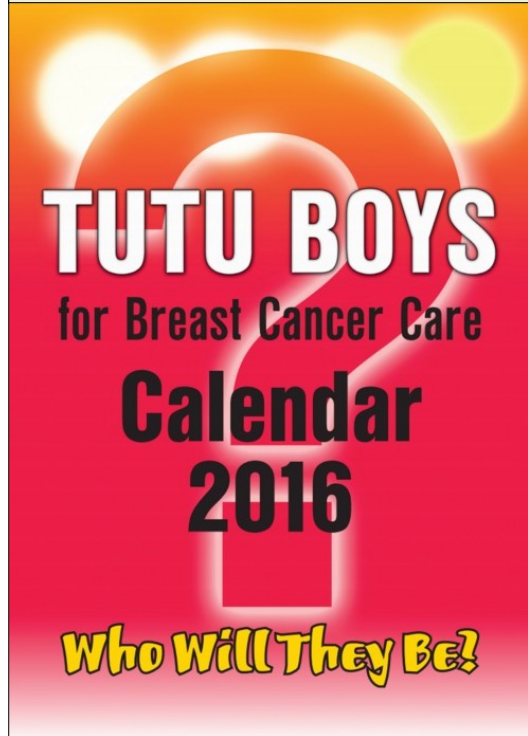
Messy Carols at the Barn Church, 3.30pm St. Michael's, Farley Green.

Sunday 20 December:

Carols by Candlelight, 5.00pm Saxon Church, Albury Park.
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Monday 21 December:

Carols at the Drum, 7.00pm Drummond Arms, Village centre.
Mulled wine & mince pies, compliments of Jay & Taz.



TUTU BOYS
for Breast Cancer Care
Calendar
2016

Who Will They Be!

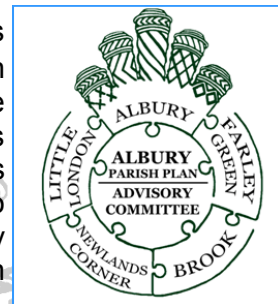
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Parish Plan Up-Date

The Albury Parish Plan Committee (APPAC) is made up of a mix of residents and Parish Councillors who are working together to achieve the objectives set out in the Community Choices Document that was issued to all residents earlier this year. In April, two public meetings were held to answer questions and also to provide an opportunity for people to air their views. An on-line discussion forum was also set up.



One of the main objectives is to ensure the sustainability of a Village Shop. There was significant support for moving the existing shop to the site of the Village Hall/Memorial Library, so that a wider range of produce could be offered, together with a riverside Café that would make it more of a 'destination' for both locals and walkers/cyclists to visit, as well as passing motorists. We have been looking at the possibilities of finding alternative space for Community activities if the existing Village Hall were to be converted into the new shop.

Another objective is to meet the housing needs of the Parish, with emphasis on affordable starter homes and housing for the elderly. This has involved a series of discussions with planning advisors concerning the feasibility of proposed sites, as well as consultations with the Albury Estate on the availability of their land. The advice we have received indicates that we should create an overall plan for the Parish, identifying possible sites that could be developed for either housing or general community facilities (such as Village Green or additional parking) as this approach would stand the best chance of being incorporated as part of the Guildford Local Plan.

Before we present you with our recommendations and invite further comments, we have to check that we have covered all the necessary steps - we need advice from an expert in preparing Neighbourhood Plans, which is the way that Albury Parish Council will have to present APPAC's recommendations to Guildford Borough Council. We will keep you up-dated on this, and thank you for your patience.



Terms of Reference for the Albury Parish Plan Advisory Committee (APPAC)

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 homeworkers 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 and childcare facilities.
- Maintain the amenity of a community centre (currently provided by the Village Hall and the Memorial Library).
- Implement Traffic Calming measures through Albury Village.

Clive Mingo, Chairman APPAC



Albury Honours List

Volunteers are an essential ingredient for every successful and happy community. Albury is fortunate that we have many residents that are happy to help out whenever and wherever they are needed, however, apart from their immediate circle of co-helpers, this help is generally taken for granted by the community at large and their extraordinary efforts go largely unnoticed and without any public thanks or recognition.

To engender continued enthusiasm within the community, it is vital to constantly thank individual efforts. Each year the *Annual Assembly* highlights all of the activities of the Parish Council as well as the clubs and societies within the Parish. If there are any residents that have given "**Exceptional Service to the Community**" they will be awarded an illuminated certificate to celebrate their achievement.

Nominations for this prestigious award will be invited from residents of Albury early next year. Full details will be in the next edition of *Albury Matters*.

As a forerunner to this idea, it is time to publically thank:

Bryan Turner, who has agreed to maintain our 'Village Green', opposite the Post Office.

Lisa Keech, who has agreed to maintain the new planters at the Village Hall.

Fiona Cockwill, for her excellent graphic design work for the new logo for the Parish Plan Advisory Committee.

Roy Hogben, Community Development

IGas Community Up-Date

For the well head in Albury, IGas are about to change their production & marketing strategy. The present planning permission is for the relatively small U.K. market for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). However, a new planning application is being submitted to SCC to change the production to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG).

For the avoidance of any sort of doubt, this application does not relate to the drilling of any further boreholes, or to the hydraulic fracturing for shale gas.

Our change of approach is influenced both by the market conditions and the significantly lower cost of capital equipment. LNG is a natural gas cooled to minus 173 degC to alter the state from gas to liquid. CNG is also a natural gas compressed to 260bar at normal atmospheric temperature and piped directly into transportation trailers.

All of the site equipment will be housed in three shipping container sized buildings, with the visual impact very similar to what is there at the moment. Noise will also be controlled to the same level as present, the only real difference would be two HGV's per day instead of one.

Subject to planning permission, installation of the skid-mounted equipment will take place in the spring to summer 2016 and will take four to six weeks to complete. As this is a very low key project, it is unlikely to cause nuisance to our neighbours. Any problems please contact:

Steve Crofts, Project Manager on: 0203 675 6059 or enquiries@igasplc.com

Makeover for Allotments



The Albury Allotments, hitherto relatively unknown and even less used, are to receive a makeover in a bid to make them fit for purpose. Your Parish Council has organised a long lease, at a peppercorn rent from the Albury Estate, and organised a very good community grant from **IGas**.

The *Allotments Committee*, consisting of four Parish Councillors and three prospective 'allotmenters', has had its first meeting. It was very enthusiastic and brought a lot of positive points to the table. The 'refurb' will consist of taking off the grass back to the soil, reshaping the terraces, clearing away all of the undergrowth of weeds, bramble and nettle. Secure rabbit and deer proof fencing will be installed, and a luxury which has never been seen in the allotments....**water!** The current areas will be sub-divided into plots of a more manageable size. It is also hoped that bee keepers will take an interest, ensuring the propagation of current and future fruit trees and plants.

As yet the real demand for the allotments is an unknown quantity, but as the news gets out about the makeover, undoubtedly, would-be market gardeners and florists will make themselves known to us. There is, of course, a lot more work to be done to iron out the finer details of the makeover and the administration of the allotments once everything gets underway.

Cllr. Grahame Robinson, Chairman Allotment Committee

SITA Community Fund

The Landfill Site that has blighted the life of the Parish over the past three decades, has now ceased taking in rubbish and, in consequence, has stopped generating an income for itself. We would all applaud this, **but.....** this means that SITA's Community Fund for Albury and the local environs has now ended!!

Editorial

Albury Riverside Meadow

This lovely Riverside Meadow, which is now nearing completion, will be the only public access to the Tillingbourne, and is the result of a successful collaboration between your Parish Council and the Albury Estate. It has been developed at *no cost to Albury residents*. This Parish asset has been funded by an IGas Community Grant and with a kind donation from our Surrey Councillor Keith Taylor.

The grand opening will be next Easter, with an event for the children of the Parish.

Roy Hogben, Community Development



New Green Oak Rubbish Bin

This handsome green oak rubbish bin, which better suits our rural location, now sits comfortably at the bus stop in the Street, opposite the Drummond Arms.

Editorial



Traffic Calming

You will have noticed that since the top-dressing of The Street, there are no white or yellow bus stop lines, cats eyes or any signage what-so-ever. This was a deliberate requirement from our Traffic Consultant, who emphasises that, without any markings, motorists will have to start thinking about this seemingly odd situation and will unwittingly slow down! Well, that's the theory!

As part of this psychological approach, the seven new planters that now adorn the Street outside the Village Hall will help give motorists the impression that our well cared for village will have pedestrians around, so again sub-consciously making them more aware.

It is hoped that the Gateway designs, at each end of the Village, and the widening of the pavement between Tupper's Alley and the Village Hall, will be completed before the end of the year.

All of this work is being done without any cost to the Parish with the grant that we obtained from SCC Highways.



Roy Hogben A.P.C. & APPAC

Most of your Team....



Back row, left to right: Councillors Roy Hogben, Peter Gellatly, Grahame Robinson, John Brockwell and John Rowland.
Front row, left to right: Councillors Mary Ann von Radowitz & Patricia Webb

Dumped Car Problems

This abandoned car has blighted the centre of the village for more than three months!



Originally crashed into by the number 32 bus at the end of July, the owner is apparently waiting for the bus company to pay for the damage. During August there was a notice from Guildford Borough Council placed on the windscreen that the vehicle would be removed and possibly destroyed; unfortunately, because the car belonged to a local resident they were not within their rights to remove it!

The saga continues, the Police, nor DVLA are interested, they merely refer the APC's complaint back to Guildford! Perhaps the owner will have some sort of local pride and take the necessary steps to have it removed?

Editorial

Adverse Weather Assistance

As you may be aware, Albury Parish Council co-ordinates a scheme whereby those who would welcome some minor help, particularly during the coming winter months, are put in touch with a friend or neighbour. These 'Befrienders' are the first point of call for small tasks, such as buying milk or bread or collecting a prescription when the weather is severe and you are confined to your home. If you are elderly, disabled, frail, without transport, a young mother or otherwise might welcome some friendly assistance, please get in touch with Cllr. Pat Webb on 01483 203 014. We would also be grateful to hear from possible 'Befrienders'. This will run alongside the excellent Good Neighbours Scheme, where you can book a driver to take you to a medical appointment.

Cllr. Pat Webb: 01483 203 014



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

Why not register NOW?

Albury Parish Council..... at your service:

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