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What a year of Celebration!



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From the Diamond Jubilee to the Olympics, the Paralympics, the Tour of Britain Cycle Race and, for those golfers amongst you, the Ryder Cup, it seems that this year has been a never-ending round of celebrations.

For many, life in Albury Parish has never been more exciting and the community spirit has been especially evident this year. It was particularly good to see friends, from all parts of the parish, come together to enjoy themselves at the Jubilee Party in the Park, and also to see families line our local roads to cheer on the cyclists.

Last month we heard with great sadness that Duchess Elizabeth of Northumberland had passed away. Whilst her family home had been in Alnwick, she spent several months each year in Albury and very much supported the community by getting involved in parish events.

It was a great privilege to help her plant the new oak tree on Albury Heath in June as a legacy for the Diamond Jubilee. She seemed so well at that time and it was a shock to learn of her death.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends, including many parishioners.

Now that national celebrations for this year have come to an end, it's back to reality and the great English pastime of complaining about the weather. It has been truly awful this year, especially for farmers! There's not much the Parish Council can do about that but we can make sure that plans are in place to support any old or vulnerable parishioners this winter. If you know of anyone who might need help please contact the parish clerk, Joanna Cadman.

The Parish Council is now up to full strength having recently co-opted Steve Scott onto the council. Steve, from Farley Green, is a member of the Community Development Committee and is also now the Parish Council's representative for the Parish Plan.

Finally, if you haven't already done so, I would like to urge you to complete the **Parish Needs Questionnaire**. This will form the basis of a Parish Plan for Albury, which will map out our aspirations for the parish for the next ten years. Make sure you have your say!

Nick Wenman, Chairman



Tree Planting, Albury Heath
Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, June 2012

Duchess Elizabeth

20/1/1922 - 19/9/2012

The Dowager Duchess of Northumberland, Elizabeth Diana Percy, died peacefully at her home in Albury. Her funeral, for family and close friends, took place at the Old Saxon Church in Albury Park. The Duchess enjoyed visiting Albury & was always happy to take part in village affairs, the most recent being the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

A Memorial Service for her is to be held on Tuesday, 18 December at 2pm at the Old Saxon Church. Please phone 202323 if you would like to attend.

Editorial



Club Tropicana Parish Party

Incredible 80's outfits & fabulous music set the scene for the fun-filled extravaganza at the Village Hall in September.



Crispin & Alli Ingham, Fancy Dress Winners

Dan Reddick did a fantastic job as the DJ with a constant stream of old and new favourites.

A splendid event that raised more than £800 to completely cover the deficit of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Cllr. Ali Kerslake

Quiz Night

10 November



Some tickets for the Village Hall **Quiz Night** are still available at £10 each from Harry at the Post Office. Come along for an enjoyable evening with lots of prizes, a great raffle and a Fish & Chip supper.

Lisa Keech

Albury's Ditches get a Makeover

Earlier this month, in a joint project between Albury Parish Council & the SCC Countryside Access, the ditch alongside The Warren (Bridleway 240), was cleared of all the undergrowth and reshaped. This should now alleviate the flooding and the waterborne debris problem at the top of Church Lane.

The ditch alongside Farley Green has been in contention for a long time. For a number of years the run-off from Ride Lane (BOAT 507)

Landscaping The Tillingbourne

Surrey Hills AONB recently hosted a 'workshop' meeting of local Parish Councillors together with a number of interested parties to consider the historic, conservation & future needs of the Tillingbourne Valley.

The meeting was co-ordinated by Cllr. David Wright and Rob Fairbanks of Surrey Hills AONB with

short talks by Professor Alan Crocker on 'The Importance of the Tillingbourne Valley' and Helen Neve on 'Heritage Lottery Fund Opportunities'. The workshop session produced many good practical ideas which will be useful for the Surrey Hills AONB to move forward with any potential partnership projects.



Workshop Session at Albury Village Hall

Editorial



New Workshop ticking over nicely!

Hands on learning that drives the change

The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Dame Sarah Gove, officially opened the new workshop at the Albury Sand Pit that was purpose built by the Albury Estate.

GASP provides hands-on courses in basic motor mechanics and practical engineering skills as an activity for 14-19 year olds living in and around Gomshall, Albury, Shere and Peaslake (GASP).

Over the next year Andy Finch, CEO, plans that GASP will deliver, either at Albury or via the Mobile Unit, over 150 "customised" daytime sessions. New applications, always welcome. Please contact either Andy Finch 07786939798 or Barrie Birch 07940571889.

Anthony Cassidy, Founder Patron



Salt Bins

The first frosts are a reminder that winter with snow & icy conditions may not be far behind. This means that the various **Salt Bins**, that SCC have placed in strategic locations where road conditions can be dangerous, will be used to help keep the roads safe.

Last year it was noticed that some residents were raiding the salt bins for their own personal use, in effect stealing and leaving hazardous conditions for motorists. If you see anyone taking salt for their personal use please **phone 101** and report them. Bags of salt for personal use are available from builder's merchants and large DIY stores.

Cllr. Peter Gellatly



Cllr. John Brockwell directing traffic!

has carried a large amount of silt which constantly blocks the ditch down as far as August Lane. At last, this problem is to be addressed with a meeting planned between the Parish Council, SCC Highways and SCC Countryside Access.

Cllr John Brockwell



Healing Scars, SITA Restoration in full swing

SITA have this year laid the plastic capping membrane along the northern side of the site (Cells B, A2 and A1) and extended it further along the southern side (the flanks of Cells D, H, J and K). The off-site topsoil stockpiles have been moved back onto site and are being deployed as part of the restoration soil profile along with sub soils which are being delivered to site. Completion of the capping on the remaining areas of the site is expected to take place in 2013 along with establishment of sections of the restoration planting scheme.

Extension of the gas extraction system is ongoing and 8 further new or replacement wells will be drilled within the next few months. The site is consistently yielding 3000m³/hr of gas - a vast improvement on the figure of 1400m³/hr observed between 2006-2009.

After undertaking re-profiling works and removing some haul roads, the site has a small remaining void of approx. 8,000 tonnes and will re-open briefly to accept waste in the next couple of months. The majority of the material will not be putrescible (i.e. food waste) in nature and tipping will not be prolonged.

The site's leachate treatment plant is now operational and has entered the Performance Test 6 week period; if the plant successfully completes the test it will be passed to SITA for operational management by the contractors. The LTP will treat up to 50m³/day and discharge the treated effluent down the sewer line to a Thames Water treatment works.

Emma Gale, Environment Support Manager
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Steve Scott completes the Team



At the Parish Council meeting 3 September **Steve Scott** from Farley Green was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

His interests lay in Community Development and Superfast Broadband. He is a dynamic & welcome addition to your Parish Council.

Editor

SUPERFAST broadband

SCC has now signed a £32.8 Million contract with **BT Openreach** to deliver **Superfast Broadband**. However, it has hit a typical bureaucratic over-sight! As this 'State Aid' funding intervenes into the commercial market it needs approval from Brussels, which inevitably, may take some time to achieve! Only once this approval is gained can **BT Openreach** conduct the necessary survey and provide an accurate schedule as to where and when **Superfast Broadband** will be available.

As we find out more we will keep you up-dated, but don't hold your breath!

Cllr. Steve Scott

Don't Lose a Shed Load!

Residents in the Tillingbourne area are still suffering from continued shed breaks, despite Surrey Police conducting a number of patrols and hosting the 'Don't Lose a Shed Load' event on the 10th August.

The perpetrators are targeting sheds that are located a fair distance away from the main property, which enables them to carry out the crime undeterred.

Sheds and garages should be secured with good padlocks and items inside should be padlocked or fixed to a secure point. It is also a good idea to fit round head bolts to the hinges on the shed doors. This prevents the offenders from unscrewing the hinges in order to gain access.

For under £20, a floodlight with a PIR sensor would be a good initial deterrent, also a battery operated shed alarm can be easily fitted. They make a lot of noise and only cost around £15.

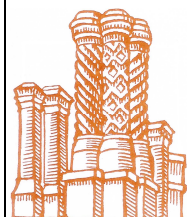
The Parish has also suffered from some petty vandalism. The Goose Green play area, the Shere Cricket Nets and Tanyard Hall have all been attacked. With the darker nights approaching residents should start thinking about security lighting, leaving lights on in order to deter any potential intruders.

It is most important that residents report any suspicious behaviour to Surrey Police on 101 or www.surrey.police.uk

Matt Taylor, Neighbourhood Specialist Officer

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Heart Attack!?

The first phase of the Albury Parish Council's Emergency Response Programme is complete, with the third defibrillator now in place at William IV, Little London.

The second phase of this programme is to organise two more static defibrillators sited at the Village Hall and Newlands Corner, as well as one mobile defibrillator for the Community First Responder initiative. SCC Cllr. Keith Taylor has agreed to fund part of this cost, with the balance hopefully coming from an alternative source.

Training in the use of the defibrillators will be given by St. John's Ambulance in the Village Hall on 11 November at 2.30 pm. This is open to anyone that is interested. If you would like to attend please contact:

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Roy Hogben, Community Development



William IV, Little London



Farley Green



Westonfields

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ALBURY PARISH NEEDS QUESTIONNAIRE

ALBURY PARISH – FINDING OUT WHAT YOU WANT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

So What Will The Future Hold For Albury?

Every household in Albury will have received this Questionnaire and for the future direction of the Parish it is very important that as many as possible are completed. There is a team of volunteers that will be going to every house to collect these responses from you. *If you have not already filled yours in, please do so now.* If you have lost, mislaid or simply not received your questionnaire there are spare copies in the Post Office or please get in touch with me and I will make sure that you receive one.

William Moorwood, 01483 202842 - w.moorwood@btinternet.com

Vote for your 'TOP COP'

Police & Crime Commissioner, Thursday 15 November

On 15 November your voting slip will give you both a first and second choice for who you would like to be **Surrey's Police & Crime Commissioner**.

The Commissioner, who will be on an annual salary of £70,000, will be responsible for overseeing the work of the Police on behalf of the local residents, and

- will hold the Chief Constable to account for the performance of the Police
- will set the Police budget, the Police share of council tax, and the local 'Police & Crime Plan' which sets out the overall strategy for policing in the area
- will be elected by the public for a four-year term of office
- will be scrutinised by a 'Police and Crime Panel' involving local Councillors and members of the public.

Here are the names of the six candidates that are asking you to vote for them:

- **Robert Evans - Labour**
- **Kevin Hurley - Independent**
- **Julie Iles - Conservative**
- **Nick O'Shea - Liberal Democrat**
- **Robert Shatwell - UKIP**
- **Peter Williams - Independent**

All of the candidates personal information and manifestoes can be seen in detail by looking at the web site www.apccs.police.uk.

Editorial Comment:

There is a great deal of similarity with all of their aims and ideals as regards how they see this post, so their personal details & background may become much more salient. However, should this important role be a politically nominated candidate? It would seem to make much more sense if this position had no overriding allegiance to any political party, as is the case with your Parish Council.

Roy Hogben, Editor