

It was good to see so many people at the Annual Assembly this year, and also to have reports from so many village organisations. There is certainly a good deal going on in the Parish and I hope those who attended found it an interesting and informative evening – and not bad socially either!

As I write, the Village Exhibition is due to be held this coming Saturday, the 26th April, at Albury Village Hall, and is a joint Parish Council venture with Albury Produce Association, who are holding a plant sale in the Village Hall car park. A number of village organisations will be setting out their stalls to show the village what they do and their plans for the future, and I am sure they will attract new members as a result. The Parish Council will also have a stall, with information on activities over the past year and issues of interest, and there will be councillors on hand all morning to answer questions and help with matters to do with the parish.

As far as village matters are concerned, you will probably be aware that the Parish Council has lodged an objection to Star Energy's most recent application for retention of their existing wellsite compound with associated surrounding bunds, access and roadway of some 1.51ha. We are also working with SITA to get to a stage where plans for restoration of the landfill site will be available for public consultation. The constant battle regarding potholes and poorly surfaced roads continues, and we are working with Surrey County Council to improve the condition on some of the footpaths and bridlepaths in the parish. We hope to start work on clearing Farley Green pond during this month, and the safer surfacing under the climbing equipment in the recreation ground is shortly to be renewed.

You may have noticed that the bus stops are cleaner and smell a little nicer! – thanks to our new handyman, who has taken on the little village tasks that help the parish to look a little tidier.

The next event in the Parish Council calendar is the Annual Meeting, to be held on Monday 12th May. This is the meeting where the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chairs of Committees are elected for the forthcoming fiscal year. We would welcome your attendance and, as always, there will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and to make requests.

I have received a warning from Guildford Borough Council regarding bogus callers, which I thought you should see: apparently a caller, posing as a council officer, stole some money from an elderly person in their own home. The Borough Council have asked that you take the following steps to prevent a bogus caller from entering your home:

- Use a spy hole and a strong door chain to check who is at the door
- Always ask to see a visitor's identity card, which you can check by calling their office. Don't call the number on their card, look it up in a telephone directory or phone directory enquiries
- Don't let the caller stop you doing this by saying they are in a hurry. A genuine caller won't mind waiting outside the door while you make the call
- Do not let the person in if you have any doubts.
- Do not keep large amounts of cash in your home.

If you see anything suspicious or have a bogus caller at your door, call Surrey Police on 0845 125 2222 or dial 999 in an emergency.

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