

Albury Parish Council

Annual Meeting

The routine of the Local Government year means that we hold our Annual Meeting in May – in an election year the meeting would sensibly be as soon as possible after an election, and so in every other year the routine remains the same. At the Annual Meeting the Parish Council elect their Chairman, and the Chairman and members of committees, and decide on meeting dates for the coming year.

Nick Wenman was re-elected as chairman of the Parish council, and committee chairmen were elected as follows: Finance: John Brockwell; Planning: Peter Gellatly; Highways and Byways: Roy Hogben; Recreation, Open Spaces and the Environment: Pru von Radowitz; Community Development and Communication: Domi Nicholson. All councillors play an active role in these committees and you will find their contact details, should you need them, on our web site and on the front of the Annual Newsletter.

The monthly meeting was set to take place on the first Monday of the month, at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Library. There are obvious exceptions to this, such as when the first Monday is a bank holiday, or when we are entertaining the Mayor, when we use the hall, and there is no meeting in August. However, in June the meeting will be held on the second Monday **9th June**, as an exception that proves the rule.

Village Day

The village exhibition held in the village hall on the last Saturday in April in conjunction with the Albury Produce Association plant sale, was a great success. Lots of the village societies came to mount an exhibition of what they do, and to seek new members, and the event was extremely well attended. More than one person said to me that it was a lovely occasion and they hoped it would happen every year - having been such a success and such a lovely thing to do, I am sure it will!

Enormous thanks go to Gasrec, who are producing fuel from the gases on the landfill site, for providing funding for this event. We are very grateful to them for their generosity.

Rubbish and recycling

As I believe I have mentioned, we now have a village handyman, whose primary task is to keep the bus shelters clean and tidy and keep an eye on the recreation ground, but who is also working his way through the village, cleaning the pavements. He only has two hours a month to do this task, so it might take a little time to get round the lot, but it will be a great improvement on the situation at the moment.

In the effort to tidy up the parish, we would be really grateful if you would take in your recycling bins once they have been emptied – they tend to get blown about and kicked by animals and children, and end up looking rather an abandoned mess on the grass verges. In the same spirit, we would be glad if you would treat your dustbin the same. We may well enter the Village of the Year competition this year and, although it is not

completely about how pretty the village is, it is a factor and this is a lovely village – all the better for being enhanced.

Best wishes
Joanna