

Albury Matters



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The Best Dressed Parish in Surrey Celebrates the Diamond Jubilee!



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- Party in the Park, Monday 4 June!
- Huge Parish Pic!
- Housing Survey.
- Parish Plan.
- S-fast Broadband.
- Defibrillators x 3.
- Celebration Aftermath!

This special edition of *Albury Matters* celebrates Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the events that took place in Albury to commemorate this great occasion.

Last year the Parish Council asked Drew Nicholson if he would put together a committee to consider what the parish should do to commemorate the Jubilee. Little did we imagine that it would become such a huge community event! The Horse Racing fund raising evening, the planting of the oak tree on Albury Heath by Duchess Elizabeth, the decorations in the village and parish, the best dressed house competition and the grand finale of the "Monday in the Park" party, were all fantastic community celebrations. Albury and its residents certainly rose to the occasion!

None of this would have happened without the enormous amount of work and commitment given by Drew and the committee members, and we all owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

Too many people were involved in organising the event to thank them individually, but I must single out Lisa Keech who worked tirelessly throughout the project and added her own special brand of enthusiasm and energy to make sure that it was a great success.

Community spirit is certainly alive and kicking in Albury!

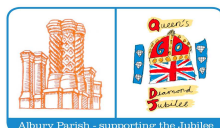
Nick Wenman, Chairman, Albury Parish Council



Albury Parish - supporting the Jubilee



"It's Gonna be Big" and it certainly was!



Albury Parish - supporting the Jubilee

Seven months ago, following suggestions that we should organise some activity around the Jubilee, a committee, that included people from every corner of the parish, was formed and met up to discuss what we should do to mark the celebrations. Two key things were agreed at that initial meeting: first, that any celebrations should be affordable and open to all, and second, there should be some permanent record in the form of a Jubilee legacy. Thus the plans were born.....

Over the following months, the committee and many other people from the parish worked incredibly hard to pull together all the aspects of the weekend that came off so well.

We were delighted to have permission from the **Albury Estate** to have our big party in the grounds of Albury Park, and thankful too to them for the purchase of our official Jubilee beacon. We also received help via grants from **Albury Parish Council**, **Albury Produce Association** and **Albury Trust** - many thanks to these groups, and finally, we also raised much of our budget from the fundraising '**Race Night**' at the Village Hall.

Ideas grew - and grew. We decided we would plant a commemorative English Oak by the cricket ground, and hold a 'Best Dressed House' competition (as they did for Queen Elizabeth's Coronation), judged by our 'Parish Elders' in a classic car convoy. Of course, the effect of our massive bunting and flag hanging made Albury famous via national press pictures, YouTube videos, 'Tweets' and comments from everyone who came to the Parish.

We also decided as a permanent reminder of events to take a **Grand Photograph** at our centre-piece event, the "**Monday in the Park**". Our English Oak was planted by Duchess Elizabeth,

and she also lit our celebration beacon. Over 600 parishioners and their friends and family came to '**Monday in the Park**' for a fantastic evening. The party was a great success - duck races, children played cricket, painting competitions, a church service, music, sing-alongand even a few glasses of wine!

In the midst of all this, we heard that two local businesses, Rhubarb and Albury Organic Vineyard, had provided the catering and wine on the '**Spirit of Chartwell**', the Queen's barge, at the Thames Jubilee Pageant on the Sunday.

It really was a great event for us all to remember, and along with our '**Big Picture**' and our **English Oak**, we will have much to remind us of the festivities.

Looking to the future, and our **Jubilee Legacy** - we will be holding a **Parish Day** in November, unveiling our Photo in the Village Hall. There will be photographs, the children's pictures, our party visitors' book and commemorative literature on display, and a proper afternoon tea will be served!

Drew Nicholson, Jubilee Committee Chairman

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Committee Members: Peter Chamberlain, Elizabeth Cooper, Anita & Roy Hogben, Michelle Idiens, Lisa Keech, Rob Kelly, Ali Kerslake, Katie Kinnes, Grahame Robinson & Chairman: Drew Nicholson.





Best Dressed House Winners

White Cottage - Farley Green.

Dixie - Westonfields.

Mayland Cottage - Little London





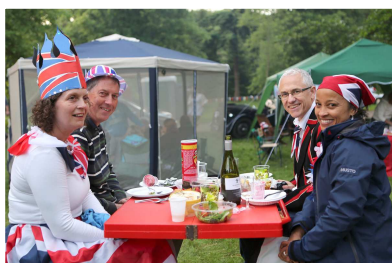
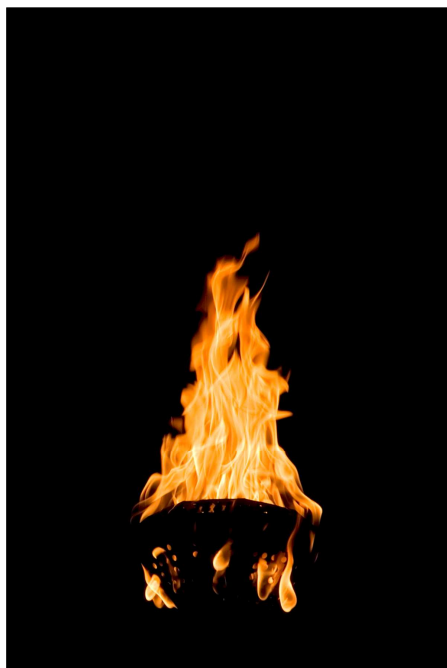
Albury Parish and their dog! Jubilee Photograph, June 2012





Where are you, or....where were you!?





Stop Press.....The “Albury Cafe” is Bubbling Nicely!



Monday saw the enthusiastic start of the **Albury Cafe**. The aroma of good quality coffee and tea wafted around the Memorial Library and delicious cakes & pastries complimented the friendly ambience served up by the happy ‘start-up’ team. *Altogether a very successful opening morning.*





Parish Plan Up-date

In the last edition of *Albury Matters* there was a separate sheet to explain in detail the activities of the committee working on the emerging Parish Plan. We invited all those interested to come to an Open Forum Meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21 February. The meeting was well attended and a wide variety of views and opinions were expressed, all of which was very helpful. We were also able to recruit some new people to work on the committee.

The Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis in the Memorial Library and we are committed to preparing and circulating a questionnaire to seek views from all people in the Parish in September.

The questionnaire will seek views on a wide range of topics. These are currently:- Village Shop and Village Hall – Village Green - Housing – Business in the Community – Schools and Childcare – Transport and Traffic – Facilities for Young and Old. As usual we are open to contributions from anyone and if you want to learn more please contact: w.moorwood@btinternet.com
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William Moorwood , Chairman of Albury Parish Plan Committee.



Housing Needs Survey

Earlier this year, Surrey Community Action, on behalf of the Parish Plan Committee and the Albury Parish Council, conducted a Housing Needs Survey. This survey has now been published and hard copies are available from the Parish Clerk or can be viewed on the Parish Council web-site.

A formal presentation was given by Lizzie Utley (Rural Housing Enabler of SCA) at the last, open invitation, Parish Council meeting on Monday 11 June.

The forms were sent out to all households and there was a 33% response(159 in total); apparently this is at the top end of the national average for this type of survey. The results show that there is a good level of support (76%) for the idea of some form of small development of a local needs scheme. Currently there is a requirement for 11 affordable homes.

All of this information has been handed over to the Parish Plan Committee as part of their information and fact gathering exercise.

Editorial

Educating Albury's Younger Generation

Educating our children is one of the most important gifts we can bestow on the next generation, even better to be able to do this within the community. This was well demonstrated by the community's loss of Albury's school in 1972. The community lost the school, people lost a place to meet and the parish lost the spirit that goes along with such interactions.

As pressure continues to build on school places across Surrey it becomes ever more difficult for parents to secure their school place of choice. Children in Shere, Gomshall and Albury are now being allocated places in Dorking and Cranleigh. Moving children to schools outside their trusted environment breaks up their friendship groups and further reduces everyone's sense of community.

A key tenet of government policy today has been *choice* and the *empowering of local communities*. At a local level, Albury's response to this is reflected in the effort to create a Parish Plan - to ensure closer community links. But, simultaneous to building this 'Closer Community',

we are forced to send the next generation to a school outside of their community and miles away from their home.

*There are other possible alternatives.....*In the '80's when the Peaslake school was threatened with closure the local residents came together and fought a battle to save their school. Today, with the help of a band of dedicated volunteers, the school is a vibrant part of the Peaslake community.

We continue to discuss the educational options. When it comes to fixing this problem we believe it can only be realised through a concerted effort across the Tillingbourne Valley communities in conjunction with Surrey County Council.

We need to alert *YOU*, the residents of Albury, to this growing dilemma and to raise the idea that we will probably call on your support in the coming months to help solve this problem for our future generations.

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Emergency Response

“Time is of the essence” when dealing with a heart attack. However, as Albury is in a rural area, an ambulance dispatched from Guildford will take, at least, 15 minutes to arrive. Therefore, in association with the **St. John Ambulance Service** and the **NHS Ambulance Trust** your Parish Council has organised for three **defibrillators** to be sighted at strategic and obvious locations in the parish.

The first one is already installed in the bus shelter at Farley Green and the second one in Westonfields. The third one is still a matter of debate but will be located where the heaviest, perceived need is likely to be, possibly at the William IV.

The **defibrillators** are housed in unlocked, clearly marked protective cases and access to them is totally open to all. In the event of an emergency 999 call, an ambulance will be despatched and the caller given the location of their nearest **defibrillator**. Although they are extremely easy to use with audio instructions on how to use them, training in their use and in basic life support will be provided to all those who are interested.

We are the first rural parish in the Tillingbourne Ward to move forward with an initiative of this nature and we will be looking to obtain grants to expand this programme with further defibrillators and a **Community First Responder (CFR)** scheme, which will enable a mobile defibrillator to be carried by a fully trained local volunteer.

Anyone who is interested in helping to save lives in our parish please contact the Parish Clerk, Joanna Cadman on 01483 268 627 or 07711 566 458.

Community Development Committee



Farley Green Bus Shelter location.



Close-up of the Defibrillator Case.



Westonfields car park location.

Celebration Aftermath!

Around 12.30 a.m. Tuesday morning 5 June, five cars parked on The Street were the subject of an angry attack where front and back windscreens were smashed with an axe. The Police are investigating and ask that anyone with any information to please make contact with them on **101, quoting Crime No. GD/12/4979.**

This mindless act is certainly not in keeping with our lovely village and it is very disconcerting that someone is carrying an axe around late at night!



Editorial

SUPERFAST broadband

Since our last report there has been a certain amount of progress. There have been more than 3,500 positive responses to the SCC pressing for rural superfast broadband.

Apparently there was an overwhelming number from this area, therefore, Albury, along with the rest of the Tillingbourne, is regarded as high priority and will be among the first to enjoy this new initiative.

The decision to appoint the approved supplier is imminent and will be approved by the next SCC Cabinet meeting on 24 July. Don't hold your breath, but the outlook seems to be very positive.

If you would like to receive regular up-dates of this scheme please contact: 03456 009009 / 5 Website: www.superfastsurrey.org.uk

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