

Witley

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From the Chairman

Standing room only at the Burton Pavilion was a welcome sight this year at the Annual Parish Meeting.

The event was very well received with many speakers giving an overview of their own particular events or societies within the Parish. We are very grateful to all those who gave up their time to address the meeting. Thank you to all those who attended and we hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did. Hopefully this will set a trend for future meetings and will bring our community closer together.

I am very pleased to report that we have recently coopted five new councillors to help manage your parish but am very sorry that we also lost one of our

founts of knowledge. Cllr. Charlie Harman tendered his resignation at the end of April and he will be missed by us all.

This year, your parish councillors will be in attendance at the Brook and Milford Fetes so come along and meet us. We won't be setting up a hoopla stall but we will have lots of

information on hand about where you live, along with results from your Parish Plan.

Finally, I would like to thank all the councillors and staff of Witley Parish Council, as I am sure you would too, for all their hard work in keeping this little piece of England a delight to live in.

*Maxine Gale, Chairman,
Witley Parish Council*



Witley Parish Plan

Following the analysis of the results of the Questionnaire

that went to all homes in the Parish, the Witley Parish Plan Steering Group have drawn up a long list of possible action points aimed at meeting the concerns expressed by residents. These include making our roads safer; improving access to bus and train services, providing more facilities and events for young people, dealing with the problems of litter, longer opening hours for the Petworth Road Household Waste site and many more. These action points are now the subject of

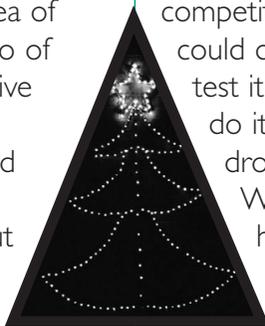
consultation with the various authorities who will be responsible for putting them into practice – principally Witley Parish Council, Waverley Borough Council, Surrey County Council and Surrey Police. To this end meetings have already been held with our parish, borough and county councillors and our local police inspector.

The Steering Group hopes to publish the final version of the Parish Plan in the autumn.

*Steve Dale, Chairman
of Witley Parish Plan Steering Group*

Thinking about Christmas already!

Yes, it is too soon, we know. But we have been discussing in the Parish Council the idea of brightening up one or two of our roads with some festive lights. The lights would be attached to lampposts and can be designed to our wishes. They would be put up in December and taken down on 6th January. We could have just a few, a big splash or none at all. We support the project



financially and we could involve the local schools in some sort of competition for a design. We could do it for this Christmas to test it and if it works we could do it again; if not, we could drop it.

What do you think. If you have any thoughts – yes, we would love it, no, we wouldn't like it, please contact Brian or Pat in the Council Office or any Councillor and let us know.

Do you want safer roads?

Community Speed Watch is a new scheme run locally by volunteers supported by Surrey Police. Volunteers from the community are trained by the police to monitor speed using laser guns and record

accurately the registration number of the car, date and time of the offence.

Offending drivers are sent a letter as a warning. If they are caught offending again they will be called on by the Surrey Police.

Research in other areas where the scheme is currently operating very successfully has shown that many motorists reduce their



speed when they see volunteers wearing high visibility jackets which is exactly what we all want. Surrey Police will carry out a risk assessment of the area and the nearest safest site will be chosen

for volunteers to stand. Speed monitoring will only be done in areas where the speed limit is 30mph or 40mph.

We need Volunteers.

If you are prepared to give up one hour per month, you could act as a speed monitor.

Or, if you do not wish to do do that, we also need volunteers to help process letters.

Help us to help you

**Please phone the Council Office on 01483 422044
and speak to Brian or Pat.**

Sewerage Improvements in Wormley

Southern Water has announced plans to install mains drainage for the first time in Wormley. At present properties are served by private drainage in the form of

either cesspools or septic tanks.

They will submit an application to Surrey County Council in the summer and hope to start construction in 2007.

Calling all walkers



We have some beautiful countryside

around our villages and numerous footpaths.

Although Surrey County Council is responsible for footpaths Parish Councillors try to walk all of those within the parish every so often to check if they are in good repair and we report back to Surrey if there are any problems. It occurs to us that a lot of you walk those same footpaths. So if you do, could you let us know if you come across anything that needs dealing with or even if you have walked it and it is fine, so that we can build up a record of the state of play and concentrate on the ones not being walked regularly.

Just ring the Council office or email the Clerk or Assistant Clerk.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 10th June 2006

Milford Family Fete 2006

At Jubilee Field, Milford

2.00pm – 5.00pm

Stalls, games skittle alley, children's races, bouncy castles, pony rides, Punch and Judy. Barbeque, teas, beer tent. And a live band – Brobid Stils.

Do you want to help?

Ring 01483 429910 and speak to Clare Sandy.

Come and support this real village event.

Saturday 17th June 2006

Hambledon Fete and Country Fair.

2pm, on the Cricket Green.

Where to find us

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