

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE



We were on the map for the Tour of Britain!



This bus shelter has been moved by Waverley, from Combe Lane where it was no longer needed, with encouragement from the parish and the College's headmaster, to outside Rodborough College.

Unusually in this area there are three local authorities – Witley Parish Council, Waverley Borough Council and Surrey County Council – and we cover public services between us. We are very lucky here

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that we work closely with both the other authorities, particularly with our local Waverley and Surrey Councillors, who often attend our monthly Council meetings to update us on what is happening that affects our parish and to catch up on what we are focussing on. Our local police officers attend regularly too. This all helps us to provide services that are tailored more locally.

The Parish Council tries to represent the views of residents to

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the other local authorities and wrote to Waverley about the proposed car park charges for the car park in Station Lane, Milford. They did accede to our request for two marked disabled spaces but sadly not to our request to keep it free, so charges were placed from 1st February this year with a review scheduled six months later. We have no doubt that the charges, low as they may seem to Waverley, are putting people off using the car park and there is a knock on effect on parking elsewhere. So WPC wrote again, in time for the review. However, Waverley has decided to retain the present charge for another year

and will review again then.

On another topic, there is a small area of Witley which is suffering from anti-social behaviour. If you are aware of this happening please call the police. They can do nothing about it if it is not reported. You can do it anonymously even if you phone 999 or 101. You just have to say you do not wish to leave your name. Tracey Taylor has written an article on page 5 which explains who to contact and when.

The Council cannot deal with anti-social behaviour. If it is on our land we can merely clear up the mess afterwards.

Julie Grist, Council Chairman

OUR OPEN SPACES

We are fortunate to have many open spaces in the parish, including Robertson's Green in Brook; Witley Recreation Ground, next to Chichester Hall in Witley; Jubilee Field in Milford; Sunnyhill in Witley; and Milford Heath in Milford. These are used for a variety of activities – some have football pitches and cricket pitches, some have playgrounds and some are simply used by people walking dogs or sitting watching the world go by.

We work hard to maintain the

spaces to keep them attractive and functional for everyone who uses them, drives past them or looks out over them. Our current plans include installing more benches and litter bins in various places.

In our recent survey about the future use of Jubilee Field many people told us that they would like to see the playground extended and a football pitch created. We are working at providing both those. We are in negotiation with suppliers of playground equipment about adding

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several new pieces of equipment, specifically designed for older children. One of our Councillors will be visiting Rodborough College and Chandler School shortly to consult the experts, the children themselves, about exactly what they would like to see installed. And we are talking

to a local youth football club about playing on Jubilee Field. By Spring at the latest, and, if we can, much sooner, we hope to see more available in Jubilee Field for the young people of the area.

Gillian McCalden, Chairman, Amenities and Environment Committee



W A L K S

We are continuing with our project of adding to our website

the walks that were produced and published in book form for the Millennium. Making them available online, and therefore easy to edit, has proved to be a wise move as we have already had to update two of the earlier walks because of the building of the A3 tunnel and the relocation of the National Trust Witley Common car park to Webb Road. The walks are free to download and if you have been particularly energetic and completed

them all you will be pleased to note that there are three more appearing very shortly.

Many of you have joined us and our volunteer tree warden, Peter Herring, on our parish walks looking for fungi and so much more. On our recent Autumn walk we were asked if WPC ran regular walks other than the twice yearly parish walks. If there is interest in forming a walking group one of our councillors is willing to facilitate one as a private individual. Please email her – myra@newnes-smith.com if you are interested.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication with people in the parish is important to Witley Parish Council. We want to tell you what we are doing and hear your views on the things that you feel are important in the area. We have various ways of keeping in touch. This newsletter is delivered to your

home by volunteers three times a year. We post notices on notice boards that are positioned at key points around the parish. And we keep our website, **www.witley-pc.gov.uk**, updated with items of

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news and information.

We would very much appreciate your thoughts on how well we are communicating with you. With this newsletter is a questionnaire about the ways in which we communicate. We would be very grateful if you could complete it and return it the Parish Office in Milford Village Hall by 15 December. The questionnaire can also be completed online at:

<http://svy.mk/SODDBe>.

Directory of local information

Once a year we publish a directory of information about local services,

associations and activities. You will have received your 2012/13 copy with this newsletter. We hope you will find it useful.

There is an online version of the directory available on our website, www.witley-pc.gov.uk. Entries can be added or changed on the online version at any time throughout the year, so if you spot anything that is missing or needs up-dating please let us know by emailing **clerk@witley-pc.gov.uk**.

Gillian McCalden, Chairman, Community Communications Sub-Committee

COMBE LANE PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Witley Parish Council began discussions with Surrey County Highways officers and County Councillor Peter Martin at the beginning of 2009, for parking restrictions in Combe Lane, Wormley. This September, the yellow lining is finally in place.

After many delays, for a variety of reasons, the restrictions are now in force and WPC will be monitoring the situation to see where problems next occur, as displaced parkers seek other locations rather than parking in the Station car park. Brook Road is another area where commuters park and that is our next target for legal restrictions, but we are noting already that the unrestricted area of

New Road, which always had one or two cars parking, now has as many as ten parking during the day and we will probably have to consider what measures can be put in place for that area.

The original aim for Combe Lane was to keep the bus route free of congestion and to assist bus users who frequently could not get to the bus-stop shelter. SCC Officer's view was that parking was useful to restrict vehicle speeds, but WPC took the view that an unrestricted bus route was more important and speed restriction was best done by speed limits. The bus route has now been altered (in the Godalming

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direction) to stop at Witley Station, but the Chiddingfold direction still stays on Combe Lane. The redundant bus shelter has been re-located to Rodborough College, where it is much needed.

Commuter parking is a problem in all rural station locations in the UK – many say that parking costs should be reduced to encourage use of the station car parks. Witley is £5.50 a day, Farncombe £6.00, Haslemere

£7.00 and Guildford £9.50 and these are commensurate with other commuter lines in the UK. Witley Parish Council will monitor the wider impact, which we hope will be minimal, but hopefully those commuters who drive from very close locations will re-consider doing so in the future.

*Stephen Dale, Lead Councillor,
Highways and Transportation
Sub-Committee*

Message from Tracey

Dear Resident,

I'm pleased to report over the last few months crime dropped across the parish. Interestingly we have seen incidents being reported to other agencies such as the Parish Council when they should have been directed to the Police in the first instance. Therefore I thought it would be a good opportunity to advise you when to use 101 and 999.

Please dial 999 in an emergency.

A police emergency is defined as incidents where:

- Someone's life is in danger
- Someone is at risk of violence, or property is about to be damaged
- A serious offence is in progress
- A suspect is at the scene or an early arrest is likely

- Very Serious Crime (e.g. Rape, GBH)

Call 101 (24 hours a day 7 days a week)

to contact the Police to report less urgent crime and disorder:

For example:

- If your car is stolen
- If your property is damaged
- If you suspect drug use or dealing in your local area
- To report minor traffic incidents
- To give Police information about crime in your area
- To speak to Police about a general inquiry

Tracey Taylor, Police Constable, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Surrey Police

DOES YOUR PROJECT NEED A GRANT?

Each year the Council allocates some of the precept to the giving of grants to parish projects.

We award small grants of under £750 throughout the year and annually we award partnership funding over £750. The partnership grants are considered in December and form part of the budget for the following year; payment being made some time after April each year after completion of the works.

If you have a project that benefits the community and would like to be considered for partnership funding next financial year then don't leave it too late as we will be reviewing each case in December.

We can't meet everyone's demands but we like to cover all age groups in the community.

ALLOTMENTS

Witley Parish Council manages allotment sites at Redgate Farm and Enton and plots become available.

Please contact the Clerk for more information if you are interested.



Surrey County Council budget consultation

Surrey County Council is undertaking a wide-ranging budget consultation with Surrey residents. It takes the form of an online survey, which seeks people's views and priorities about how the council spends public money across its different services. The Leader of the Council, David Hodge, is keen to get as many residents as possible to participate in the survey, which you can find at:

www.sharesim.arachsys.com/login/surrey12.jsp This will take you through to the start of the survey, as well as some introductory text, which explains that the council wants to achieve a better understanding of what services are most important to people before it sets its budget for 2013-14. There are also contact details if anyone needs help or guidance on how to complete the survey. The survey will remain live and accessible from the County Council website until 26 November.

There are a few places locally where dog poo is a problem. It's really horrible to tread in it or walk it into the house or car, let alone the danger it can present to children. So if you have a dog please pick up after it.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2012 Christmas Tree Lighting Events

Friday 30th November

7pm Chichester Hall,
Witley

Friday 7th December

7pm Milford Village Hall,
Milford

Friday 7th December

7pm Pirrie Hall,
Brook



Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 18th
April 2013

8pm at Burton Pavilion, Milford Heath Road,

(between Petworth Road and Haslemere Road)

Council Meetings

Meetings of the Full Council are held in the Burton Pavilion, Milford Heath Road, Milford at 8.00pm on the last Thursday of each month except August and December.

Meetings are open to the public. The building is accessible for people with mobility problems. Residents wishing to raise any matter with the Council are asked to notify the Council office at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

Where to find us

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