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Jubilee Field Consultation

With this newsletter you will find a questionnaire about the Jubilee Field in Milford. We would be very grateful if you could take the time to fill it in and return it to us. We really need your ideas on how to make the best use of the land.

Don't forget our Annual Parish Meeting. It will be held on Thursday 19th April at 8pm in the Burton Pavilion on Milford Heath. We invite speakers on a range of local issues, some of them still to be confirmed but so far we will be covering the new planning regulations as far as they are known at present, the local gardening clubs, scouts and guides, football and cricket and the Surrey Puma!

Witley Parish Council Jubilee Award for Service to the Community. To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Witley Parish Council is pleased to announce an Award for Service to our Community.

We hope this award will raise the profile of some of the excellent work being done for the people of Witley Parish. Please use the award to thank those who have made a positive



contribution in your life!

Please think ahead about those around you and consider whether they would be a worthy recipient and look out for details of how to nominate someone for the award. Full details will be published on the Witley Parish Council Website www.witley-pc.gov.uk and in the local press.

A few others things about the Jubilee.

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The Parish Council can offer small grants to local organisations and we would be very happy to put some of the Parish budget towards Jubilee events. So if you are planning something please contact the Office.

We also intend to provide three new Jubilee benches - one on Jubilee

Field, one on Witley Recreation Ground and one on Robertson's Green and we also hope to plant a tree – we're not sure where yet – supplied by the Surrey Tree Wardens.



CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

When setting our budgets last November for the 2012/13 year, we thought long and hard about what we needed to do regarding the upkeep of the Parish and what was still on our parishioners 'wish lists'.

This was a difficult decision, but after two years of minimal increases in our precept using Council reserves to top up, this year we voted to increase by the current rate of inflation. We needed to do this as although outside contractors and some services have held prices for two years, and we have held back on some general maintenance, this will not and cannot continue if we are to keep the Parish in good working order.

So, what have we been doing and what is to come?

Apart from caring for and enhancing the areas of land and facilities within the Parish, we continue to lobby the Borough and County Councils on your behalf to improve facilities – this includes roads, pavements, litter

collection and so on.

One of our lobbying exercises in the past six months was the new car parking charges in the Milford Car Park. Those of you who use the shops and surgery in Milford will have noticed that as of 1st February Waverley Borough Council (WBC) have put a charge on the car park. The charge is 10p for the first two hours and £1.50 per hour thereafter. Although we are not happy about this charge as we tried very hard to keep it a free parking area, it is better than the first proposals WBC made and they have promised to revisit the subject in 6 months. We will be contacting WBC in July on your behalf so if you would like to make any comments regarding how the new charges have affected you, please drop us a line.

This year, we will see a further stage complete on the Sunnyhill Play

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Area Project. As most of you who use the area know, due to budget restraints we were unable to install swings for older children. However, after some careful planning we are delighted that by April a new nest swing will be installed. These are really good fun and can be used by more than one person at a time. Unlike the old style single swings they cannot be wrapped around the top bar rendering them out of action.

Finally, as we are spending your

money, why not come along to the monthly Parish Council Meetings to see what we are doing. We meet at 8.00pm on the last Thursday of every month (excluding August and December) in the Burton Pavilion on Milford Heath. We would be very pleased to see you there and if you want to put any items to Council you can do so before the meeting starts. 7.50pm - 8.00pm is your time to address the Council on what matters to you.

Maxine Gale, Council Chairman

TEMPORARY CHANGES TO SERVICE AT WITLEY COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE

Witley Community Recycling Centre (CRC) will temporarily run a reduced service while improvement works are finalised. Witley CRC, Petworth Road, is being redeveloped and extended to provide a modern and easy to use facility. From 13th March SITA Surrey, which operates the site on behalf of Surrey County Council, will operate a reduced service for around 10 weeks so the new site can be integrated with the old one.

The facility will be closed to the public on 12th March to allow the temporary site to be set up. The temporary site will operate slightly reduced hours, opening 9am – 4.15pm every day.

Residents will be able to dispose of

the following materials:

- **General waste;**
- **Black bag waste;**
- **Green waste;**
- **Metal;**
- **Small electrical items;**
- **Wood;**
- **Rubble.**

For other materials alternative CRCs are at:

Elmbridge Road, Cranleigh, GU6 8JX
(Around seven miles from the Witley site)

Moorfield Road, Guildford, GU1 1RU
(Around 10 miles from the Witley site)

SITA Surrey will be unable to accept waste from vans, trailers or pickups at the temporary site.

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The improvements will include better parking and road layout, a split level design removing the

need for steps and a separate entrance and exit.

*Beverly Sheridan, Project Manager,
SITA Surrey*

Witley Centre Open Day and Easter Egg Trail

The National Trust's Witley Centre is set in the heart of Witley Common and has received a new lease of life in the last couple of years. Exciting plans are under way to give heart and soul to the new interior of the building, through volunteering opportunities, learning visits, facilities hire and events. All ages and abilities will be able to use the centre as a base to discover and be inspired by the natural habitats of the common.

If you are interested in getting involved through volunteering or making a school visit get in touch with our new Learning and Community



Officer Ella Perkins. Keep on eye on the website and our notice boards for news and information

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/witley-and-milford-commons/

We're having an Open Day and Easter Egg Trail on the Saturday 7th April, so come along to find out more about the continuing development of activities at Witley, meet the team, peek around the building and find out how to get involved. **Feel free to get in touch**

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Witley Parish Council Facts and Figures

We serve **6** villages and hamlets - Milford, Witley, Wormley, Enton, Sandhills and Brook. That's an area of **11** square miles with **3,109** households and **7,700** people, making us the second largest parish in Waverley Borough.

Our responsibilities include **1** open

cemetery, **2** ponds, **3** children's play areas, **4** open spaces and **133** allotments. That's not to mention **1** closed churchyard, **2** cricket pitches, **2** football pitches and **10** notice boards. We walk **35** footpaths on behalf of Surrey County Council and report any problems.

Our **16** Councillors are volunteers who care about making this area a great place to live. Every month we hold around **6** meetings. **3** part-time staff work at our office

in Milford Village Hall and our full-time groundsman can often be seen round and about in the parish.

(Housing and population data from 2001 Census)

Robertson's Green

Last Autumn the council undertook a survey amongst residents of Sandhills to find out what use is made of the Green and what improvements could be made. The survey was made by a letter drop and 17 (31%) of these were returned.

Most respondents said they used the Green on a regular basis, the average number of visits per month being 12. The most common use of the Green was to play with children, followed by dog walking and picking blackberries or the free fruit from the trees. The majority of people would like the Green kept partly mown and partly natural but with more regular clearance of undergrowth, nettles, etc. People asked that the woods at the southern end were also kept natural and that the pond

should be more accessible.

During 2012 we hope to be able to undertake a more rigorous maintenance regime including the woodland area, to clean and improve the pond and possibly replace dead fruit trees. Further improvements will be reviewed for the 2013/14 budget.

The Council is keen to maintain and improve the Green in a way that benefits residents and we welcome any further feedback. If you would like to help in the improvement of the Green by donating fruit trees or benches they would be gratefully received; please contact the Clerk at the address in the Contacts section of this newsletter.

*Stephen Mills, Lead Member,
Robertson's Green*

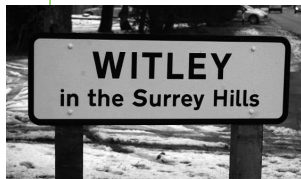
Do you want an allotment?



Contact Witley Parish Council

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Highways

The role of the Highways and Transportation

Sub-Committee is to keep an eye on our highways and persuade the appropriate authority to act on any problems. The most effective way for members of the public to resolve minor issues like pot-holes, overhanging branches and blocked drains is to report them directly to SCC either via telephone or the SCC website. To report any highways related issues, please contact Surrey County Council by telephone on 03456 009 009 or online at

<http://surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-it-online>

Recently, the Parish Council has liaised with the Co-Op in Milford to have the dangerously uneven pavement re-surfaced and is talking to neighbouring shopkeepers about their pavements. It has also supported residents in New Road, Combe Lane and Station Road, Wormley on problems caused by commuter parking, leading to residents succeeding in getting

SCC to set out proposals for a combination of double and single yellow lines to improve road safety and traffic movement. Similarly, in response to concerns raised by the care homes in Brook Road and residents living near King

Edward's School over access and safety problems caused by commuter parking, the Parish Council conducted a survey which showed the majority of respondents experienced problems with commuter parking. The results were passed to Surrey County Council and Waverley Borough

Council who have undertaken to include this area in their parking reviews for 2012/13. We are currently working on proposals for lower speed limits on some roads with the aim of having these reviewed in 2013/14. A recent achievement is the provision of new village signs, funded partly by WPC and partly by Surrey Hills AONB.

Stephen Mills, Chairman. Highways and Transportation Sub-Committee

Witley Parish Council has no powers over, or responsibility for, the public highway and verges; these are the responsibility of Surrey County Council (SCC) and Waverley respectively

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 19th April

8pm at Burton Pavilion,
Milford Heath.

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Spring walk

May 20th meeting at
2pm at Rodborough
Common Car Park, off
the Old Portsmouth
Road. It will be led by our Tree
Warden, Peter Herring.



FAIRS and FETES

Brook Fete

4th June 2012

Milford Fete

9th June 2012

Witley Village Fair

23rd June 2012

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.

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