

# NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2012

### Shere Parish Council

Serving the villages of Gomshall, Holmbury St. Mary, Peaslake,  
Shere and a large part of Abinger Hammer

Matters discussed at the November Parish Council meeting included the following:

**Playground Working Group** – The Vice Chairman advised that the Parish Council's website now has a new link at the bottom of the homepage entitled 'Playground Working Group – Web Report, which she hoped residents would find useful. In addition the Minutes of the last three Working Group meetings are also shown on the website.

**Possible new meeting room incorporating Library facilities in the Shere Village Hall** – the Council was informed that Guildford Borough Council were considering whether they would be able to fund part of the cost of this. The Parish Council resolved to take the risk of a negative decision and agreed to accept a tender for the work. It is therefore hoped that work will commence on this exciting project in January. The Council decided to name the new Library facilities the 'Shere Jubilee Library'.

**Improvement in Train Services/Gomshall Station** – the Parish Council was pleased to learn that the Timetable Review Implementation Group has agreed to add a stop at Gomshall Station for the 19.10 train from Guildford commencing September 2012. Nearer the time a joint publicity exercise will be carried out to promote the new service. Unfortunately, the Council's request for an additional stop for the 20.10 train from Guildford was not agreed. However, the Parish Council has not given up hope of an addition in the future. In the meantime it is due to have talks in January with First Great Western Trains to discuss the implications of the impending Greater Western Franchise process.

The Council agreed to send a further letter of concern to Railtrack seeking safety improvements to the pedestrian crossing at Gomshall. It is hoped that they may be more sympathetic to the Council's concerns (following the fatal accident at Gomshall a few years ago) in view of the fact that they are now to be prosecuted for the fatalities that occurred at Elsenham Railway Station.

**Phase 3 of the Review of Local Bus Services and the possibility of relocation of the Guildford bus station** – the Council felt that the proposal to relocate the bus station would be a bad deal for all the community as it would mean Guildford Borough Council giving up rights to use a 0.75 acre site in a prime position in Guildford town centre. The proposal ignores the best interests of public transport users and is impractical, to the point of hostility, for those users who have impaired mobility as they would have to carry shopping a further 300m. In addition, with fuel costs increasing, public transport may play a more important role in the future and the public may look back appalled at the fact that the Borough Council had thrown away its opportunity to have a town centre bus station. The Council felt that the lack of linkage at the proposed new bus station is made worse for residents from this side of the Borough when viewed with the proposed changes to the subsidised bus network which would see the Peaslake and Holmbury St. Mary buses, which at present travel through

Gomshall and Shere, then going into Guildford via Merrow rather than Chilworth and terminating at the top of the High Street. Strong representations will therefore be made to Guildford Borough Council who are due to make a decision on the relocation of the bus station during December.

In addition the Parish Council will consider fully, at the next meeting, the situation with regard to Phase 3 of the review of Local Bus Services (closing date for representations 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012) regarding the proposal for buses from this side of the Borough to terminate at the top of the High Street. It is felt that this will cause additional problems for those residents wishing to catch buses to other areas as they will be located elsewhere in the town.

**Manorial Waste, Holmbury St. Mary** – Residents may remember that Surrey County Council offered to lease several parcels of land in the village to the Parish Council in 2005 (some of the verges along the Horsham Road, the Village Green, land in Felday Glade). Unfortunately, this never came to fruition but, at long last, Surrey County Council has offered to sell this land for a nominal sum to the Parish Council which has agreed, in principle, in order to ensure that ownership is held within the Parish.

**Tenders** – tenders will be sought in January for 1. grass cutting and minor parish repairs; 2. weekly parish maintenance; 3. cleaning and caretaking of the Old Fire Station (public toilets in Shere). Anyone wishing to tender for any of these three services should contact the Council office for further details (01483 203431).

**Proposed Traffic Restrictions in Shere** – as detailed in the July edition of the Parish magazine, Guildford Borough Council has carried out a survey of parking in the rural areas of the Borough. Shere has been considered in light of accidents to private property being caused by large vehicles manoeuvring in spaces congested by parked vehicles.

Guildford Borough Council is now proposing that narrow primrose double lines be installed to prohibit parking at all times at five key points in Shere, these being near the entrance to the Surgery car park, outside the school, the entrance to the village hall, at the junction of Upper Street with Middle Street and in the area of the junction of Lower Street and Orchard Road (this area being of particular concern to the Fire Brigade). It is illegal to park in positions which cause obstruction or within 10 metres of a junction and this has been happening in these areas. The Parish Council supports this move. For further details please see the maps outlining the areas which are erected on the Council's notice boards outside Tanyard Hall, Gomshall and in the Old Fire Station Garden, Shere.

**Christmas Trees** – readers are reminded that Christmas trees can be deposited for recycling in the specially allocated pens in the car park adjacent to the Scout Hut on Goose Green, Gomshall, next to the Village Hall in Holmbury St. Mary, Pond Lane car park, Peaslake and the Shere Recreation Ground car park.

**The next meeting** of the Parish Council will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January in Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall.

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