

## Parish Magazine – April 2017 issue

**Proposed Vodafone and telecoms mast, Holmbury St Mary** – surveyors, Sinclair Dalby have put forward a proposal to site a radio box station and telegraph pole mast on the Parish Council's recently acquired grass verge, close to the junction of Holmbury Hill Road and Horsham Road. The Parish Council will be holding a site meeting with them, to discuss the proposal further, before the surveyor puts in a planning application. If you have any comments or concerns about the proposal, please let the Parish Clerk know by e-mailing [clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Church Lane, Holmbury** – the poor condition of this private road makes it difficult for church goers, other local groups and residents to use. The Parish Council has agreed to make a contribution towards the cost of repairs to Church Lane.

**Shere Street Party: Saturday, 17 June 2017** – this year's street party will tie in with the national street party initiative, the 'GreatGetTogether' being led by the widower of Jo Cox, MP. The event will be hosted by Shere Infant School PTA and other local community groups and charities will be involved.

**Closure of Shere Nursery** – sadly, Shere Nursery is to close at the end of the academic year but on a more positive note, Shere Infant School has agreed to set up nursery classes after the closure. County Councillor Keith Taylor is supportive of the School in this respect. Sincere thanks go to Candace Brooke (who set up the Nursery) and to A Collingwood for their involvement and their hard work and dedication in running the Nursery.

**Shere Swimming Pool** – the pool is very old and is now leaking. Investigatory works will be undertaken in the adjacent swimming pool field to look at the sub-structure on which the pool was built. A decision can then be made as to how best to fix the leak before it re-opens for the summer season.

**Peaslake War Memorial** - Historic England is applying to the Secretary of State to List the Memorial as a Building of Historic Interest. The information that Historic England hold about the memorial is as follows: 'The aftermath of the First World War saw the biggest single wave of public commemoration ever with tens of thousands of memorials erected across England. This was the result of both the huge impact on communities and the loss of three quarters of a million British lives, and also the official policy of not repatriating the dead, which meant that the memorials provided the main focus of the grief felt at the great loss. One such memorial was raised at Peaslake, as a testament to the sacrifice made by the members of the local community who lost their lives in the First World War. It was unveiled in June 1921, attended by Reginald Bray.'

**Holmbury St Mary verges** –roadside verges in Holmbury village have recently been acquired by the Parish Council. Some cutting back of trees and vegetation and ditch clearing along the stretch of verge along the Horsham Road, opposite the garage, has already been carried out by the Parish Council. The idea was that some landscaped parking provision could be made at that location. A consultation meeting with local residents at Holmbury village hall, at the end of February, discussed parking issues and residents called for an integrated traffic plan to slow down traffic through the village. A local resident and former Surrey Highways engineer has offered to support the Parish Council in this endeavour.

**Next Council meeting** – Thursday 6 April 2017, starting at 8pm at Holmbury St Mary Village Hall, Felday Glade, Holmbury St Mary RH5 6PG.