

Parish Magazine – February 2015 issue

Prudential RideLondon cycling event

The Prudential RideLondon cycling event, which travels through the Surrey Hills, is becoming an annual fixture. This year, it will be on Sunday, 2nd August and the route will be the same as last year. Plans have also been made to hold the event for the following two years.

Last year, the Parish Council didn't apply for a sports-related grant from The London Marathon Charitable Trust. (The Trust awards grants for recreation and leisure projects and it is funded by the participating cyclists' entrance fees). At that time, given the considerable inconvenience to local residents, the Parish Council felt it inappropriate, in principle, to apply for funding. However, given the inevitability of these events; the political impetus behind them led by the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, and the fact that many local communities and good causes have benefited from these grants, the Parish Council is now minded to apply for a grant and will be looking at suitable projects. If you can think of one, please do let me or one of your parish councillors have details.

The organisers of this August's event have asked whether they can use Holmbury Village Green for a refreshments stop and the Parish Council will agree to this, subject to receiving an appropriate financial contribution from them and them leaving the Green in a good condition.

Peaslake Farm

As reported in last month's issue, the Parish Council is exploring the future use of Peaslake Farm. One of the options that it is looking at is the possibility of a small amount of affordable housing on the farmyard. Exploration of all the options is a complex and lengthy project and so a Peaslake Farm Project Group has been set up to take it forward. On the Group, as well as parish councillors, there will be two Peaslake residents and one of them will be a member of the recently established Peaslake Protection Group. The meetings of the Project Group will be open to the public. Its work, advice and recommendations will form the basis of the community consultation process. Then the Parish Council will decide what plan or option to take forward.

Traffic problems in Peaslake

It is envisaged that there will be a feasibility study on a 20mph speed limit in Peaslake, during the financial year 2015/16. In the meantime, the Parish Council has written to the local schools asking them to stress to parents the need to slow down, drive cautiously and to park considerately so as not to create a hazard to other road users. Surrey Highways are investigating the possibility of installing an 'Unsuitable for HGVs' sign on the route into Peaslake village.

Re-surfacing Shere car park

Thank you for the patience of residents and visitors alike while long-awaited repair works were carried out by Guildford Borough Council, at the end of January. The Parish Council will be meeting on site with the Borough Council to discuss the technicalities of a more permanent fix for the car park surface, particularly for those areas of it that get the most wear and tear, like the entrance to the car park.

Skate-ramp

Finally, work has started on building the skateramp, on Shere's recreation ground. It is sited between the play area and the tennis courts. Weather permitting, the skate-ramp should be up and running in time for the February half-term holiday.

SurreySave Community Bank

SurreySave Credit Union is a not for profit, financial co-operative and community bank, providing affordable loans and ethical investment opportunities. It especially targets the financially excluded who cannot access standard high street banking. It helps members by offering affordable loans, fair lending decisions and a cheaper alternative to high cost and payday lenders. It also supports local communities by saving people money that can then be spent locally.

The bank receives funding and support from Surrey County Council, local authorities, housing associations, debt advice providers, faith groups and a range of national and community organisations. In return it provides fair and affordable financial services to their residents, tenants and employees.

You can find more information and details of how to open an account with the bank at <http://www.surreysave.co.uk> The Parish Council has decided to support this community bank by opening a savings deposit account which attracts a good interest rate, making an initial deposit of £15,000.

Date of next meeting: Council Meeting, Thursday 5th February 2015, starting at 7.30pm, at Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall.

Talk to us We can help you to have the Parish that you want to live, work and play in. Our meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at them for the public to have their say. You can talk to me on 01483 203431 or e-mail me on clerk2009@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk - or speak to your Ward Councillors; details are on web-site: www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk The Parish Council's office is at Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF. It is open to the public from 10.30am to 12.30pm, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays or at other times, by appointment.

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