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Community Rail Partnership (CRP) for the North Downs line – keeping the branch line open from Guildford to Reigate and improving the efficiency of the train service from Reading to Gatwick are the main aims of this newly-established, organisation, run by volunteers. A representative of the CRP made a presentation to the Parish Council, saying that the CRP works closely with local councils and the community to improve services and the quality of stations along this line. The Parish Council told the CRP that it would like to see a better train service between Gomshall and Guildford with more trains stopping daily at Gomshall. Improved connections between Gomshall and the main stations of Guildford, Redhill and Reading were also needed.

Peaslake School building work – a major, new, two-storey rear extension to Peaslake School, to provide much-needed additional educational facilities, is being built over this summer and works are expected to be complete by Christmas. The building contractors are keen that the build runs as smoothly as possible without too much inconvenience to local residents. To this end, they have written to owners of properties close to the School and have met with Parish Council representatives to explain the project.

Because of difficult access to the site, contractors' vehicles will park in a fenced off compound in the parking area at the foot of Colmans Hill and materials will have to be carried up the narrow lane by forklift trucks. The School is arranging a 'crocodile trail' to encourage pupils to walk to School from the bottom of Mackies Hill. For those parents whose children are unable to join the 'trail', you are politely requested to park considerately in the parking area at the foot of Colmans Hill and, to avoid congestion, leave promptly after dropping off your children. Thank you for your co-operation in this exciting, new project.

Community Recycling Centres – Surrey County Council is consulting on its proposals to close the recycling centres at Dorking and Cranleigh and to reduce opening hours at other recycling centres. The Parish Council has objected strongly to these proposals, fearing that they will lead to yet more fly-tipping and cause great inconvenience for many local residents who will have to travel further to a tip. You can also have your say on the proposals on the County Council's web-site at www.surreycc.gov.uk/recyclingcentres but you will have to be quick: the closing date for responses is 7 August.

Holmbury St Mary Vodafone mast – following extensive public consultation, the Parish Council has given the go-ahead for the mast on Council-owned land opposite the garage, on the Horsham Road. This will be subject to Guildford Borough Council planners giving their final approval.

Next meeting – the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 5th September at Tanyard Hall, Gomshall, starting at 8pm.