

Parish Magazine – April 2018 issue

Prudential RideLondon cycle events to run through the Parish for the next 5 years – brace yourselves for another big day in on **Sunday, 29th July**, this year's date for the big cycle race. Whilst some of our residents enjoy the spectacle, the vast majority of them complain to us about the effects of this event. Many of our residents are 'land-locked' into their homes on that day by road closures and have to tolerate hordes of cyclists riding through the Parish in the months preceding the event.

Newlands Corner has the legal status of a common and should be available to the public at all times so that they can enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the area whenever they want to. However, it will be largely inaccessible to the public on 29th July as it will be overrun by the cyclists. Loudhailers will probably be used again to organise them and massive advertisement hoardings will be sited there. The Parish Council, on behalf of its residents, is most disappointed that Surrey County Council, without any consultation, has seen fit to grant approval for this event for the next five years. The organisers of Prudential RideLondon should now look into altering the route so that our residents can have some respite.

Pizza van in Holmbury St Mary – if you enjoy pizza, you will be pleased to learn that you can buy them locally from Villaggio, which will have their van sited locally in Holmbury St Mary car park, at least once a month, starting on Saturday, 31st March. Watch out for local adverts for future dates.

Annual Parish meeting: Thursday, 24th May – a diary date for you on offer are: drinks, tasty nibbles, an interesting speaker, the chance to hear what exciting things the Parish Council has been up to in the past year and the opportunity to talk to your elected representatives about what you want for your village and local area. Do come along (it starts at 8pm) and help make a difference to your local community.

Works started for London Lane catchpit – Shere residents might have noticed that work has started to install the catchpit in London Lane, which is the track up the hill next to the car park. This device will capture water and debris when there is heavy rainfall and so prevent flooding in Shere.

Watch out for burglars – the police have asked us to be vigilant as there have been spates of burglaries in the area recently. If you see anything suspicious, you can report it to the police on 101 or of course, 999 if an emergency.

Peaslake Stores – extension of walkway and steps - the walkway along Peaslake Lane is to be extended to the steps of the Stores. This, and the revised layout of the steps, will make it safer for pedestrians to access the Stores. Works to the footpath are expected in late summer and at the time of writing, planning permission for the steps' alteration is awaited.

Next Council meeting – 8pm on Tuesday, 10th April at Holmbury St Mary Village Hall, Felday Glade, Holmbury St Mary RH5 6PG. Local residents, both from Holmbury and the rest of the Parish, are most welcome to come along to the meeting.