

## **Parish Magazine – February 2019 Issue**

**Good news for commuters** – Great Western Railway has reinstated the early morning 07.33 train from Gomshall to Guildford, therefore enabling people to get into London

**Shere Recreation Carpark** – following the suggestion by a local resident, Shere Parish Council has agreed to ‘open up’ the car park at the end to create a one way flow around the car park. It is hoped that this along with marking out bays with white paint on the fences, will improve use of the car park and reduce frustration. It is worth remembering that there is CCTV in the car park and bad behaviour will be reported.

**Peaslake Fair parking** – over the past few years the organisers of this well-loved fair have been struggling to provide suitable parking. After a request to the Council from organisers it was agreed in principle to allow parking on Peaslake Farm Fields for the 2019 event. This will be subject to weather and ground conditions and the possible use of matting if required.

**Prudential RideLondon** – After the fiasco last year of the randomly dumped toilets in Holmbury St Mary for use by riders and volunteers and Prudential RideLondon’s subsequent apology, the Council has agreed for the toilets to be placed along Horsham Road opposite the garage near Pasture Wood Road in 2019. Although a small hire fee has been accepted the Council rigorously stated to Prudential RideLondon the detrimental impact that the race has on the community and the small fee in no way compensates residents for the disruption. The Council expressed particular annoyance that despite the inconvenience the application for support to re-build the swimming pool, was declined by the London Marathon Charitable Trust.

**Healthwatch Surrey** – Community Cash Fund is now open – the aim of the fund is to help small groups start projects which improve health and wellbeing in their local community. Grants are up to £1,500. For more information go to:

<https://www.healthwatchesurrey.co.uk/our-work/community-cash-fund/>

**Finally, the Parish Council’s budget - funding for 2019/20** - your Parish Council gets its annual funding by receiving a small amount of local Council Tax from Guildford Borough Council. This funding is called the parish precept and that figure translates to the parish ‘levy’ on your council tax bill. Whilst the Parish Council did not increase the precept for the current year, it has approved a small increase of 2.5% for the next financial year, as the precept alone is not sufficient to cover the basic ongoing running costs of the Parish.

**Next Council meeting** – 8pm on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018, at Shere village hall, Gomshall Lane, Shere GU5 9HE