

## Parish Magazine - February 2020 Issue

### Drop-in Mornings at Tanyard Hall

The Shere Parish Council drop-in morning started on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. It was well attended by over twenty people, six volunteers and Guildford Borough Council Mayor R Billington dropped in. There was a lively buzz and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The tea and coffee flowed and the cakes were delicious. A special thanks goes out to Hilly's, Kingfisher Farm Shop and the Dabbling Duck for supporting the venture by donating a cake each week and Diane Heaney who did some lovely posies for the tables. It was great to meet people who had recently moved to the area, on their way back from shopping and those who just popped in for a chat. All chairs were taken and we will be putting out one or two more tables to accommodate people in the future.

Please remember that the drop-in morning is for you. Are you retired? recently moved to the area? have time on your hands? work from home and need a break? or none of the above and just want a cup of tea and a chat – please come! If you have a problem with transport please give the office a call on 01483 203431 as we have wonderful volunteers who can help with a lift, or we may be able to book you on the wasp bus on a Monday.

So just a quick reminder, the drop-in centre currently operates on a Monday and Thursday morning 10.30am-12.30pm at Tanyard Hall in Gomshall. Car parking is available and the hall has full disabled access.

### How you can help

We would also like to hear from anyone who is able to volunteer to drive local residents to and from the meetings or help on mornings; please call or email and we will keep a database with your names and contact details.

We know there are amazing people/clubs already doing so much within the parish and would love to direct people to you. Please get in touch so we may coordinate with you and hopefully complement your valuable work. We are open to any advice and suggestions you would be happy to give.

### Other news

The Home Office has issued a consultation on Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments. Details on the consultation and how to respond can be found <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-police-powers-to-tackle-unauthorised-encampments> The deadline is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**Grant Aid** - Guildford Borough Council has approved grant aid for 50% of the cost of a new slide for younger years, in Shere Recreation Ground play area and a new bench in Gomshall next to the phone box. These works will be undertaken in the financial year 2020/21. If you have any ideas for works or activities in the parish, please get in touch.

**Prudential RideLondon** – Surrey County Council has issued a consultation on the future of the Prudential RideLondon race. Views are now being sought on the event to inform a Surrey County Council Cabinet decision, on whether the event continues in Surrey from 2021 until 2025. Details on the consultation and how to respond can be found <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/deputy-ceo/survey-on-prudential-ridelondon-surrey/> The deadline is Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**Broadband for Surrey Hills (B4SH)** – wants to solve rural Surrey Hills’ broadband problems. B4SH is installing a hyperfast, brand new, independent, highly reliable, broadband network bringing fibre to the home and business. Speeds will be 1 Gig (1000Mb/sec) download and upload simultaneously – best in class speed, especially in rural areas.

Shere Parish Council has agreed the purchase of £500 of shares (the minimum amount allowed), to indicate support of B4SH objectives and in recognition of the benefit to Peaslake and Holmbury St Mary, if the parish council were able to influence where in future routing should be encouraged.

**Next Council meeting – 8pm on Tuesday 4th February 2019, at Shere Village Hall, Gomshall Lane, Shere**