

## Parish Magazine – May 2023 Issue

**Annual Parish Meeting** - the meeting took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> March at Tanyard Hall in Gomshall. Twenty-one people attended alongside seven Parish Councillors, Guildford Borough Council (GBC) Councillor R Morris and Surrey County Council (SCC) Councillor Bob Hughes. Chairman R Davey gave an update on the council activities of the last year and thanked Councillors and staff for their work and dedication. A particular thanks was given to Dr Candace Brooke who had decided after twenty-one years to step down as councillor in May. The Chairman thanked her for her commitment and enthusiasm over the years and her experience will be sadly missed.

Our guest speaker this year was one of our own, Drop-In Coordinator Jonathan Duffy. Jonathan started this role as Drop in Coordinator in July 2021 and has made the Drop-in Centre what it is today, with events, lunches, trips and much more. Jonathan's talk was on the Drop-in Centre, showcasing this valuable community asset. He reminded listeners that it was open to all and if there is anyone wanting to support the group, to get in contact with Jonathan at the Parish Council.

Jonathan went on to introduce the Community Food Larder, to help those in need through difficult times. The food larder is based at Tanyard Hall in Gomshall (anyone from the villages can use it) and stocked and checked by volunteers as well as Jonathan and our new Drop-in Assistant Angela Katryniak. It works on an honesty basis as 'take what you need and leave what you can'. There is a list of suggested non-perishable items if you want to donate. If successful the Parish Council will look to expand to the other villages if the demand is there. To find out more information call 01483 203431 or email the parish council [clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**To view the full minutes and presentations from the annual Parish Meeting please use the following link:**

<https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Minutes-Parish-Meeting-2023.pdf>

**Annual Report** – the 2022/23 report has been published and a copy was delivered to each household in the parish. If you haven't received your copy of the Annual Report, you can contact the office or view it on the website using the following link: <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Final-Sent-Annual-newsletter-2023.pdf>

**Parish Council Elections** – the following Parish Council nominations were made:

<b>North Ward (Shere &amp; Gomshall)</b> The number of councillors to be elected 6	<b>South East Ward (Holmbury St Mary)</b> The number of councillors to be elected 3	<b>South West Ward (Peaslake)</b> The number of councillors to be elected 4
Jonathan Cross	Bob Andrews	Paul Carter
Roy Davey	Chris Carlisle	Beverley Harrap
James Hutton	Raymond Smith	Gerry Reffo
Mike Keeble		Marion Taylor-Cotter
Penny Tompkins		
<b>Vacancy</b>		

**As nominations did not exceed the number of seats available, all candidates are elected uncontested and no vote will take place at the forthcoming May elections.**

**We have one vacancy for North Ward (Shere & Gomshall)** – if you would like to be considered for this volunteer role to represent your community, please read the information on our website about becoming a councillor. If interested, read and complete the co-option information and form on the front page of the council website (no election is necessary for this co-option). Alternatively, email or call the Clerk for more information – [clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk) 01483 203431

**Guildford Borough Council Nominations can be found on a separate page. Voting will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 7am-10pm. Please don't forget your Voter ID!**

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**Next Full Council meeting – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023** at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF.

All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at every council meeting for members of the public to address the councillors.

Dates for the meetings can be found on our website - <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/meeting-date-diary/>

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