

# Horne Parish Council

## Autumn 2014 Newsletter



### Newchapel Village Hall

In 2013 St Mary's Church informed the Parish Council of its intention to sell Newchapel Hall due to the fact that they had been unable to make ends meet between low interest in hiring the Hall and the costs of running the Hall. St. Mary's have pledged to provide alternative accommodation, presently envisaged to be a new building behind the Butterfly nursery school, but there is no guarantee that planning permission would be granted or any other suitable site identified .

Any effort to save the Hall has to be community led and the Parish council would be able to provide support. There is currently a small group exploring the options. Please email your expression of support and/or any ideas on possible rentals/use of the space as soon as possible to Amelia Michie :

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### Newchapel Green & Frogit Heath

At the end of last year Newchapel Green was thinned out to allow the remaining trees to grow stronger and to allow light into the area so that the natural flora and fauna can begin to return. The Parish Council recently appointed local firm Wealdens Ground Maintenance, Shawlands, Newchapel Road, to maintain the natural pathway within the Green and to cut back vegetation around the bus shelter on Newchapel Road.

The Parish Council is seeking advice from Surrey Hills and Surrey County Council regarding the restoration and maintenance of Frogit Heath, which is a site of ecological interest.

The main priority of the Parish Council at this stage is to ensure that Parish land is appropriately cared for and will be looking to develop and implement a management plan.

### Tandridge Freight Review

Peter Hitchings, Transport Strategist at Surrey County Council ([peter.hitchings@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:peter.hitchings@surreycc.gov.uk)), attended Horne's July Parish Council meeting to update councillors on the Tandridge Freight Review following district-wide complaints regarding HGVs travelling along unsuitable roads. Mr Hitchings has liaised with SatNav companies specific to HGVs, who have agreed that they will change genuine errors in routing. He provided the Council with details of how to report errors directly with the SatNav companies. This will help prevent long-distance HGVs from using inappropriate routes.

Mr Hitchings noted that decisions regarding operators' licences cannot retrospectively be turned around, but going forward SCC is trying to limit renewal and extensions to existing sites as the roads are unsuitable.

There are proposed changes involving redirecting HGVs along West Park Road in order to lighten the load elsewhere in the Lingfield Division, however this will require further consultation and a feasibility study.

**The draft Tandridge Transport Strategy is now open for public consultation until 28 October 2014 —links to the documents can be found on the Horne Parish Council website** (paper copy can be requested from Clerk).

### Horne Parish Council Meetings

#### Upcoming meetings:

Monday 20th October  
Monday 17th November  
Monday 15th December

Commencing at **7pm**  
Centenary Hall,  
Whealers Lane, Smallfield

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend. The first 15 minutes of the meeting are available for the public to raise any issues with the council.

### New Chairman of Horne Parish Council

Tracey Osgood has stepped down from her role as Chairman of the Parish Council after five years in the role.

The Council are very grateful to Tracey for contributing so much valuable time and effort to help move the Parish Council forward to where it is today. Fortunately Tracey will be staying on as Councillor, hopefully for a long time to come!

The Parish Council would like to welcome David Brown, from Smallfield Road, into the role as Chairman. David, who has been a Councillor with Horne since 2012, was co-opted by Councillors as Tracey's successor and we wish him all the best in the role.

### Councillor Vacancy

HPC has a vacancy to co-opt a Councillor to fill the last place on the Parish Council until the elections next May.

## 70 year commemoration of D-Day: RAF Horne's Airfield and its Spitfires

After 4 ½ years of war, the prospects in 1944 that the end of WW2 could be in sight was in evidence all around. The military were being mobilised everywhere in England in preparation for D-Day – the day that the allies would invade mainland Europe. The RAF were heavily involved and sought out flat areas of countryside in southern England to use as temporary airfields and bases for the attack. One such piece of land identified was located on a small parcel of farmland across Bones Lane. An RAF airfield was constructed here over 3 months and used for just 7 weeks in May and June 1944.

The airbase was a temporary home, under canvas and in primitive conditions, for 300 RAF personnel from at least five Allied nationalities. The local community could not farm or use some of its land for over a year and many did not know what was going on at the site as it was part of the confidential strategy for the end of the war.

60 Spitfires were stationed at Horne's airfield. Several RAF personnel who flew the aircraft lost their lives, were injured or captured as prisoners of war after flying over mainland Europe from the airfield.

The Parish Council continues to be proud of the amazing achievements from the construction of the airfield to the dedication of the RAF personnel who committed their lives to support the invasion that led to D-Day and final victory.

In particular HPC remembers 130 (UK) Squadron, 303 (Polish) Squadron and 402 (Canadian) Squadron.

In 1994 Horne PC erected a memorial in their memory, exactly where one of the taxi-ways crossed Bones Lane.

**Thank you to Brian Buss for his contribution to this text.**

## Planning Applications

Planning applications are decided by the local planning authority (usually Tandridge District Council) in line with its development plan for the area.

TDC publishes details of planning applications on its website. Open applications can also be viewed at the TDC offices in Oxted.

TDC only inform neighbours who are directly adjacent to a site, but there should be a notice on or near the land to which the application relates.

Horne Parish Council is always happy to consider residents' views on planning applications. Please do this by contacting the Clerk in time for, or by attending, the relevant Parish meeting. The final decision is made by a TDC Planning Officer and in some cases will go to a District Planning Committee meeting.

TDC will only take into account material considerations as objections/comments to planning applications:

### Material considerations can include (but are not limited to):

loss of light or overshadowing, Parking, Highway safety, traffic, noise, effect on listed building and conservation area, layout and density of building, design, appearance and materials, government policy, disabled persons' access, proposals in the Development Plan, previous planning decisions (including appeal decisions), nature conservation.

Issues such as loss of view, or negative effect on the value of properties are not material considerations. Neither is setting a precedent as each application is determined on its own merit.

*For further information please contact the Clerk.*

## Please check your ditches

Ahead of the forthcoming winter and in anticipation of bad weather that we may be subjected to, please take the time to fulfil your legal obligation to clear all ditches on the perimeter of your land to ensure that water flows away as it is meant to.  
*Many thanks in advance.*

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