

Parish Magazine - March 2020 Issue

Shere Parish Council warmly welcomes Melody Barnett to the position of Drop-in Coordinator and Parish Assistant. Hami unfortunately had to step down from the position due to family commitments and Melody immediately stepped in as temporary coordinator. The parish council has been impressed with her early enthusiastic commitment to the position and this together with her skills, background and knowledge of the local area, has led to her permanent appointment to the role. Councillors and staff are looking forward to working with her.

Shere Parish Council drop-in morning – the drop-in mornings are quickly becoming a regular engagement in many people's diaries. A lovely mix of people are attending and **you** are very welcome too. The mornings are for everyone and anyone who would like to attend and connect to the community. We are a varied lot of people in around the villages and there is always someone interesting to talk to.

Exciting new additions to the mornings:

- The drop-in morning is being lent an unused laptop from the library to use, to access the internet. So, if you need to get online and need a little help, please come along.
- Shorts talks by members of the community – dates will be announced each month for a short talk on a topic by a local resident during the drop-in morning, with your tea and cake. If you would like to give a talk, please let us know.
- Trial of monthly hot lunch – lots of people have suggested a hot meal and the parish council would like to accommodate it. We are trialling a **two-course hot lunch on Thursday 26th March** (Shepherds pie and pudding, a vegetarian option will be available). The drop-in morning hours will be extended to 1pm on that day. Come along at 10.30 – 11am for a cup of tea and biscuit and lunch will be served at 12 Noon. Please call the office to book a place as the number is strictly limited to 30 and if you need a lift please let us know. The lunch is provided free by Shere Parish Council but if you would like to make a charitable donation, a box will be available.

If you can help with cooking the food please get in touch – any help would be greatly received (the recipe and dish will be provided) clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 01483 203431

Again, 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 – thank you they really are delicious! And thank you also to all our wonderful volunteers, without you these drop in mornings wouldn't work.

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.

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, Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed – We Need You!

We would like to hear from anyone who is able to volunteer to drive local residents to and from the meetings; please call or email and we will keep a database with your names and contact details. Without volunteers, people may miss out on an opportunity to connect with others, listen and learn from wonderful local speakers or enjoy a hot meal. Please do not feel any pressure, you would be welcome just to drop a resident off or stay and enjoy a hot drink and cake.

Other news

Fly tipping – a horrible health and safety hazard, unsightly and costly to remove! Guildford Borough Council (GBC) is launching a campaign later in the year highlighting that it is the responsibility of the householder, to ensure that their waste is disposed of in the correct legal way. If the householder can be located by GBC they will be fined.

Tree - The Square, Shere - residents have noticed that the tree in the centre of Shere is looking a little sad, especially after it was hit by a supermarket van! The parish council is obtaining advice to improve the health of tree and looking into a way to protect the roots and stop people from walking on them.

Filming in the villages - Some people like and some people hate it! But either way our beautiful villages often become the backdrop for various films and shows. Due to the disruption filming causes, the parish council requests a donation from the filming companies to be used for the community. It has been agreed that some of the money received for Shere filming, will be used for renovations to the small garden next to Tanyard Hall in Gomshall. The yew tree will be removed, a new access installed from the ramp, new turfing where necessary and the vegetation removed to reveal a lovely area next to the River Tillingbourne. It is hoped the area can be used for the drop-in mornings. A paving area may be added in the future if necessary. Filming money is also used for jobs such as re-turfing along the river in Shere.

Nextdoor, Social networking service for neighbourhoods – in order to help keep the community informed, the parish council has agreed to start using the Nextdoor. Whenever something is added to our Facebook page, we will also ask it to Nextdoor, with links if appropriate to our website.

Break-ins and stolen materials – at the last council meeting, it was reported that there has been a spate of break-ins in Holmbury St Mary, Farley Green and Shere, as well as some suspicious activity in Albury. Goods have been stolen from sheds and out buildings – please remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police. Residents are using Nextdoor, the Social networking service for neighbourhoods to share information. It is also thought that plant material is stolen, left in vans in public areas to see if there are any trackers attached – please report any suspicious seemingly abandoned vans.

Next Council meeting – 8pm on Thursday 5th March 2020, at Peaslake Village Hall, Walking Bottom, Peaslake GU5 9RR