

December New Items

Hankley Common Car Park Update: The MOD has confirmed that they plan to permanently close the Hankley Common car park above the Drop Zone huts in mid-January. They have built a new, but much smaller car park on Hounddown which they will make accessible when they close the current car park. They have also enlarged the car park at Pitch Place. However on busy days it is likely that car park provision is not going to be sufficient so please park considerately.

Bin collections over Christmas: Everyone should have received a leaflet explaining the revised bin collections over Christmas and New Year. It is also on the [Waverley website](#). Broadly the collection day is delayed by one day, before resuming normal collections on the week beginning 7th January.

December Parish Council Meeting: The final meeting of the year will be on Monday 3rd of December. The meeting starts as usual at 7.30pm in the URC with an opportunity for parishioners to ask questions. The agenda can be found [here](#)

Update from Surrey Trading Standards: In their December newsletter Trading Standards have details of some of the latest scams, rogue traders and more. Don't get caught out - read the newsletter now [here](#).

November New Items

November Parish Council Meeting: The meeting will be on Monday 19th October. The meeting starts at 7.30pm with a presentation about rural housing needs following the outcome of the recent Elstead Housing survey. The regular time available for parishioners to comment is therefore put back to about 8pm. The full agenda can be found [here](#).

Thursley Road Rec Playground: You may have noticed that the renovation work has been mostly completed. The area within the fencing remains closed at time of writing but the new items outside the fence - the table tennis table and the basketball hoop are ready for use and are already proving popular.

Parish Council meeting dates for 2013: Once the last meeting of the year has been completed on December 3rd, the proposed dates for the 2013 meetings will be posted and the 2012 content will be moved to an archive section.

Superfast Broadband update: We have just received the latest newsletter from the Surrey County Council team who are delivering Superfast Broadband. This explains what is going to be done, and when we can expect to have a rollout date - following the good news that the funding has been approved by the EU committee who had been blocking it. Read the newsletter [here](#).

Update from Surrey Trading Standards: We have a latest newsletter from Trading Standards including warnings about a Rogue Roofer, an Advertising Scam, Doorstep Selling, Counterfeit Money and Product Recalls. Read the newsletter [here](#).

October New Items

Trials and Tribulations with the Bus Service: Many Elstead residents have been experiencing a disappointing bus service since CountryLiner took over the local service. However there was an announcement on October 9th that Surrey had withdrawn the contract from CountryLiner and StageCoach will take over from October 10th. Read the document [here](#). Please keep track of how you find the new service, and be sure to have a record of service difficulties.

October Parish Council Meeting: It is that time again. Monday 15th October is the date for the Parish Council Meeting. As usual the Parish Council will start at 7.30pm at the URC Hall. There will be a presentation on Fire Wardens on the Commons at 7.30pm so the meeting will start with questions from parishioners at 8pm. Agenda is [here](#).

Thursley Road Rec Playground: You may have noticed that after a long period of fund raising, work has finally started in the playground at the Thursley Road Recreation Ground. The new, renovated and expanded playground, to be called the Jubilee Playground is expected to be open in about 1 month.

South East Coast Ambulance Service: Would you like to be a Community First Responder? Did you know that there were 478 calls to the Ambulance Service for Elstead and Thursley over the course of 12 months. In order to provide the best care for patients, the South East Coast Ambulance Service would like volunteers to be Community First Responders to be first on scene when an ambulance is called. You can read the call for Elstead volunteers [here](#). And read more about [Community First Responders](#).

September New Items

Waverley Core Strategy: Following a consultation earlier this year, a revised document is available for comment. Please visit the link to read, and comment on any concerns. Or let your Parish Councillor know.
http://www.waverley.gov.uk/info/856/local_development_framework/1379/core_strategy_pre-submission_consultation_part_of_the_emerging_local_plan_for_the_borough

September Parish Council Meeting: Now summer is nearly over, the next Parish Council meeting is due to be held on Monday September 17th at the URC. Usual time of 7.30pm. The Agenda can be found [here](#)

Superfast Broadband in Surrey: Following long negotiations Surrey County Council has now signed an agreement with BT to provide Elstead (and other villages) with faster broadband. You can read a short report of the meeting [here](#). A short guide to the improved broadband can be found here: <http://www.thinkbroadband.com/guide/fibre-broadband.html>

Latest Newsletter from the Superfast Broadband team: Following on from the above announcement, the Surrey Superfast team have produced the latest of their newsletters. You can read it [here](#). Hopefully we should get more frequently communications and updates about roll-out once the surveying is done in more detail and the EU approval is granted.

South East Water notice: As can be read [here](#) there will be some work done to clean and flush the water mains which might lead to some discolouration

Scams Alert: There are a number of scams that are regularly used to prey on Surrey residents. The elderly and vulnerable can be at risk, but so can everyone for these fraudsters. You could visit the [Surrey Trading Standards Facebook page](#) or read this short summary of recent scams [here](#)

August 2012 New Items

Elstead Resident in the news: Austin Playfoot has been in the news a great deal over the last few weeks. As a previous runner with the 1948 Olympic Torch relay, he was invited to participate in the 2012 relay, and light the beacon in Stoke Park. Then he was invited to the Olympic Stadium to relight the Cauldron with the Olympic flame once it reached it's new position in the stadium. Congratulations to him.

No Parish Council meeting in August: Due to numerous holidays it has been decided not to have a meeting of the Elstead Parish Council in August - originally scheduled for the 20th. The next meeting will be on September 17th. In the meantime, as ever, please raise any concerns with your [councillors](#)

July 2012 New Items

Would you like to be a Parish Councillor? : There is a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you would like to be considered for this vacancy, please read [this notice](#), and as it says in the document, if you are interested contact the Parish Clerk [Chris Newman](#) to be considered. Applications must be made by August 13th.

Elstead Centenary Marathon: A great turn out and a great race for the Elstead Marathon on the 6th July. The weather was kind to us, and the event went on until about 9.30pm on the Village Green, ending in a victory in the Tug of War by the Donkey pub. Also it was great to see Austin Playfoot there with both the 1948 and the 2012 torches.

Paper Boat Race: Again a fantastic day out, with a lot of competitors and spectators, and once more a window in the weather. Lots of great boat designs and of course a lot of sinking! Lots of pictures on the [Elstead Village Facebook page](#)

July Parish Council Meeting: To be held on July 16th at the URC hall at 7.30pm - see the Agenda [here](#)

Olympic Torch: The torch is coming through Godalming on Friday 20th July - get set for the games!

Police Notice: Be Vigilant during the Olympics.... Read the [Advice from the Police here](#)

June 2012 New Items

Pedestrian Crossing on Milford Road: As everyone will have seen the crossing has now at last been completed. Let's hope the cars that can race along the road will take notice.

Centenary Elstead Marathon: A huge milestone for the Elstead Marathon this year and it will be held on Friday 6th July. Registration on the village green at 6pm, and the race starts at 7pm. Races for both adults and children, followed by a Tug of War and a BBQ sponsored by Prides Farm Shop.

Elstead Paper Boat Race : As ever this year's race will be lots of splashing good fun. It will be held on Sunday July 8th at the Elstead Moat on Thursley Road. The competition will be no doubt tough, with both junior and senior races and best design prizes. This year's theme is the events of the summer - Titanic, Jubilee, Olympics. Register on the day or in advance with Helen Page on 702899

June Elstead Parish Council Meeting: The June Parish Council Meeting is on June 18th at 7.30pm in the URC Hall - Questions are welcomed from the public for the first 10 minutes. The Agenda is [here](#)

May 2012 New Items

Vacancy on the Parish Council : A casual vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council. Please read [this notice](#) for more information, and how to write in to request an election.

Roadworks on Milford Road: We are likely to experience some delays on the Milford Road during the periods May 16th-18th and May 21st-24th as work is done on the road surface to finish the new Zebra Crossing between Broomfield and Springfield by Hookley Lane. The disruption time should be off-peak only and good weather will minimize the time taken. Please take care and be patient with any possible disruption and follow diversions when necessary.

Superfast Broadband Update for May: Read the latest updates [here](#) of what's being done to improve the Broadband available in Elstead - The next couple of months will see a decision being made to select the provider for a roll-out of improved broadband.

Annual Parish Council Meeting: May 21st is the date for the Annual Parish Council Meeting. As well as other regular items it sets out the agenda for the coming year. Read the agenda [here](#)

April 2012 New Items

April Parish Council Meeting : The [agenda](#) for this month's Parish Council Meeting (Monday 23rd April - URC Hall at 7.30pm) includes a talk by Charlotte Williams of Surrey Wildlife Trust on the plans and progress of management of the Commons. An opportunity to ask questions to the Parish Council will be at 8pm, in place of the regular slot at 7.30pm - due to the talk at 7.30pm.

Annual Parish Council Meeting : Each year the Parish Council reports on its activities through the year at the Annual Council Meeting - this year's meeting was held on April 16th at 7.30pm. An [Annual Report](#) for the Elstead Parish Council's activities has been created

Pedestrian Crossing on Milford Road : After a number of years of effort there will be a new crossing on Milford Road, near Hookley Lane. This will likely be completed in May, once a notice period has been given to enable the road to be closed for the road surface to be finished

Job available as Assistant Clerk on Elstead Parish Council : There is a vacancy for an assistant clerk for Elstead Parish Council - it would be advantageous for the candidate to be based in Elstead. Read the job ad and description on the [Jobs Page](#)

March 2012 News Items

Conservation work - Volunteers : Are you interesting in helping to preserve the heathland in our part of Surrey? Would you be available on Thursdays to participate in volunteering to carry out some practical conservation work to help with the habitat for local amphibians, reptiles, birds, plants and more? Take a look at this [Flyer](#) and get involved!

Recreational facilities in Elstead : Elstead is in many ways fortunate to have a number of recreational facilities available, but in order to ensure the long term continued provision the Parish Council is setting out a longer term plan. This has been written up and comments are welcome. The plan is available to download [here](#). Send your comments to the Parish Clerk, Chris Newman. You can find his details [here](#).

Volunteers needed to help with the Olympic Torch : Godalming will be hosting the Olympic Torch on July 20th. It is likely there will be crowds and thus the Waverley Olympic Torch Team would like volunteers from organizations to act as helpers and stewards. Get your friends together and contact Andy Jeffery on 01483 523112.

Improving Broadband in Elstead : Many Elstead residents suffer from poor Broadband, especially in the evenings. Surrey CC, along with the Government and Waverley is working with various service providers to find a solution. In the meantime you can fill in a survey about your interest in Broadband [here](#), and read the latest newsletter on this [here](#).

Digital TV (Freeview) coming to Elstead : In April 2012 the existing analog TV signal will be switched off and the strength of the digital Freeview signal will be increased by a factor of ten. All TV sets will need to be able to receive digital TV and all existing freeview equipment will need to be retuned. Everyone should be able to receive the new Freeview signal. Don't fall prey to anyone trying to sell you a 'digital' aerial, or a HD or 3D aerial as no aerial changes should be required. Most houses in the village are likely to get their signal from the Guildford transmitter. Some people may use either Midhurst or Crystal Palace. A simple information leaflet on the changeover is [here](#). A detailed information sheet can be found [here](#). Key dates are April 4th for the first stage and April 18th for the final stage.

Waverley Local Planning Framework Consultation : The consultation is now over. Visit the webpage: <http://www.waverley.gov.uk/ldf> - See the Elstead Parish Council response by downloading it [here](#)

February 2012 News Items

Access to Hankley Common : There has been uproar about the MOD's plans to close the car park at Hankley Common, which would greatly restrict the public's access. There was a well attended public meeting on February 10th 2012. The MOD has since committed to keep the current car park open until an agreeable replacement can be found and opened to resolve current issues. The Parish Council is working with [Protect Access To Hankley \(PATH\)](#) to represent local opinion in ongoing dialog with the MOD and Landmarc (who manage the Defence Estates for the MOD). There are discussions about this on the [Elstead Village Facebook Group](#). There is also a specific page [Protect Access To Hankley \(PATH\)](#) and discussions on the [Elstead Community site](#). Regular visitors to Hankley Common will be aware that filming is currently taking place in the Dropping Zone, and that use of the Common should not be impacted while this is going on.

Thursley Road Playground : There is a longstanding plan to do a major update to the Playground at the Thursley Road Recreation Ground. Consultations have taken place and a plan for expansion and new equipment has been drawn up. The Parish Council has set aside some money. Also leaflets have been distributed around the village asking for donations and some generous donations have been made already. Various grants have been requested from external organizations to pay for key pieces of equipment. It is hoped to raise enough money to start the redevelopment, although more money is still required at this point. Please ask Anne Thomas or Sally Place for details. A plan can be found [here](#).

Bus routes serving Elstead : There are currently proposals from the local Bus Companies that serve Elstead to reduce or remove the current service. Proposals are to reduce the frequency of buses to Godalming and remove all service to Farnham.

Fencing in Royal/Bagmoor Common : Over the last few years Cattle have been grazed in fenced off areas on this Common during the Summer Months. However these fenced areas disrupted the Army training, and as a solution it has been proposed that the entire Common should be fenced off, enabling a larger number of Cattle to graze over a wider area, while continuing to provide the same access to the Public through provision of access gates at all current access points. Assurances have been made over the continuation of access and the ability to allow dogs to exercise as currently, although the plan will depend on a number of things including securing funding for the fencing. To read more about the proposals and the public consultation, click [here](#).