

# HOLMWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

## SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER



### Parish Councillors:

Mr J E Chiverton	Chairman	888922
Mr D S C Goldhawk	Vice Chairman	888119
Mr T J Gamblen		889260
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### District Councillors:

Ms C Salmon 713300 Mr M Longhurst 741781 Mr W Monkman 888067

### County Councillor:

Mr S Cooksey

## New Website for Holmwood Parish Council



You can now visit our website at:

[www.holmwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.holmwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk)

There you will find the Minutes of recent meetings, information about your Councillors, Planning Applications and Decisions, recent news items, and useful links to other organisations.

## War Memorial

The War Memorial has stood proudly overlooking the village since being constructed in the immediate years following the end of the First World War and financed by public subscription. Soon after, the railings were added to stop any damage being caused by the cows that grazed on the common. At the end of the Second World War further names were added.



Routine maintenance was carried out by the Holmwood Branch of the British Legion. This continued until the Holmwood Branch disbanded and the care of the memorial became the responsibility of the Parish Council. Little has been done, the railings have been repainted and the memorial was last cleaned in 1982. As a result of this the memorial has become rather neglected. Thanks are due to Mr Victor Mansell who got the memorial adopted by English Heritage and it is now a Grade II listed Memorial. The Council have now given instructions for the memorial to be cleaned, new railings and the steps to be reset.

Thanks are due to Mr George Sturt for his generous donation, and to Mr Stephen Cooksey, Surrey County Council Councillor, who made a donation from his Members' Allowance. Also thanks to Mr Brian Nixon of G Burley & Sons for his help and advice in getting this project up and running.

One of our Councillors, Mr Terry Mayne, is researching the Great War as it relates to the Village. He is researching those of the fallen who are mentioned on the Memorial,

and also those on the Scholars Board in the Village Hall. He will also be visiting some of the battlefields and memorials in early March.

As a result of this he is looking for any information that people may have relating to this and those who returned from the Great War, also any stories that have been passed down through the generations. You can contact him via his email address which is

[terence.mayne@talktalk.net](mailto:terence.mayne@talktalk.net)

It is proposed that some of this information will be put on the new Council Website, but because there is too much information to go on the website, Terry is hoping to produce a booklet which will contain all his findings.

#### Precept for 2014-15

The Council has applied for a Precept of £12,500 - an increase of £400. It was felt that the 3.3% increase was necessary in order to meet its regular running costs together with additional expenditure, beyond specific reserves, for essential repairs to the War Memorial.

#### Mole Valley District Council - Consultation on the Housing and Traveller Sites Plan

This can be view on Mole Valley's website <http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/>

This plan identifies new housing and traveller sites, which have been put forward by developers and landowners in the Mole Valley area. Comments on the plan had to be placed on the website by March 7, and you can view these by visiting the website.

Holmwood Parish Council has raised objection to three of the proposed developments:  
Beare Green - land west of Old Horsham Rd.  
Beare Green - Breakspeare Farm.  
North Holmwood - Redlands Farm.

#### Area in front of the west side of Subway

The railings have been replaced on the west side of the subway. This keeps the footpath separated from the car parking.

#### Playground

An annual inspection was carried out of the playground and, as a result, the Sputnik will be repainted and surfaces will be cleaned once the weather has improved.

The old damaged seat has been removed and a new one has been installed.

#### Village Hall

There is little to report on the Village Hall, this is available for hire with or without the facility of a licensed bar. Telephone 01306 889642 for booking information.



#### Could you adopt an abandoned dog?

Mole Valley District Council are looking for new homes for abandoned dogs that they have. You can find out more by visiting the [mole valley website](#).

#### Could you become a foster carer?

There are many reasons why a child or young person can't be with their birth family but by fostering them you can help them stay in their community and school, close to their family and friends. Surrey County Council need foster carers to help this happen. In Surrey over 830 children are in care, and of these around 80% are in foster care. For more information on fostering visit the Surrey County Council website.