



Extra News

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Message from the Chairman

The local elections in May brought about major changes in the parish council.

Alison Johnston, Jenny Mills and Ian Hibberd did not stand for re-election and we thank them for the work that they did during their time with us.

One major surprise is that the long-serving John Parker failed to retain his seat. John had served the council for nearly 30 years and he will be greatly missed. However at the same time he did succeed getting elected to serve on Romsey Town Council for Tadburn Ward. We wish John well amongst his new colleagues.

We therefore have four new councillors see page 3. Susan Tippett is known in Romsey for her work as a GP. Dorothy Baverstock, a Test Valley Borough Councillor and former Test Valley Mayor brings a great deal of experience as does Karen Dunleavy, who is also a former Test Valley Borough Councillor. Last but by no means is least is Peter Westbrook. Peter has been a Romsey resident for many years and is to be congratulated at getting elected successful at his first attempt. He too will be an asset to the council.

The parish council is working closely with the Woodley Village Hall Committee to improve the overall look at the exterior of the hall and has agreed to fund these works. A budget has been agreed and quotations sought from contractors. The first phase will be replacement of the existing porch, which is showing signs of rot. We also want the frontage opened up so that the front of the hall will generally look more



welcoming. Currently much of it is masked by hedging and a fence which hides the dustbins. Bench seating and a paved area will give the hall users and the community the chance to rest their tired feet, enjoy the sunshine, read the paper or chat with friends. There will also be facilities for bicycle parking.

The village hall has a number of unique selling points – a stage and a sprung dance floor to name but two and the parish council believe that by agreeing to fund these exciting enhancements will increase hall usage.

Finally, our website is now up and running see page 2.

We are your parish council and are here to serve you.



Two Troublesome Roads — Phoebe Merrick

In 1804, soon after the 18 year old Henry John Temple had inherited Broadlands and became the third Viscount Palmerston, the remaining common lands of Romsey were enclosed. All the lands involved in the enclosure were on the eastern side of Romsey and amongst the lands were Abbotswood, and parts of Woodley and Halterworth as well as lands further south, nearer to Broadlands.

Much of the newly enclosed lands went to Lord Palmerston or to Elizabeth Fleming of North Stoneham, although some other land owners also were allotted some land. The fields were set out and allocated by Enclosure Commissioners. The Commissioners also set out who was responsible for fencing the newly created fields. Finally they had to ensure that each land holder could reach his new fields, and this meant that they had to say where roads were to go.

Some roads were 'private' and went through fields. Other roads were public and were established so that people could still move about the area. In the past, it had been possible to walk across the open common lands, but once these were

fenced in, it was necessary to set out routes available to travellers. We have seen the same thing at Abbotswood.

Once walkers wandered across the land there, now the estate is laid out with roads which allow passage across the land but in a structured way.

Two roads set out by the Enclosure Commissioners have been exercising the minds of Romsey Extra Parish Council recently. One is School Road at Woodley and the other is Highwood Lane.

School Road was originally called Rising Sun Road because the pub we know as the Hunters Inn was then called the Rising Sun Inn. The road was to be 40 feet (about 10 metres) wide and started at the Turnpike Road to Winchester (now A3090). The road ran 'north west over Abbots Wood Common to its usual outcome into a lane leading to Braishfield'. It is interesting that in 1804 the area known as Abbots Wood Common stretched as far south as Winchester Road. In the 1920s the road was renamed School Road after the school at St Swithun's Church was moved to the place where Woodley Village Hall now stands.

The other road causing concern is Highwood Lane. The Enclosure Commissioners called it Luzborough Road because it led from the lane to Ampfield (now Green Lane) 'over the north west side of Carters Common to the Turnpike road from Romsey to Botley at Luzborough Corner'. Admiral William Suckling bought land from Viscount Palmerston in the 1840s and built Highwood House (now Stroud School), and the lane was later renamed Highwood Lane.

These two roads have each become troublesome because of people driving along them too fast. In School Road the problem is being solved by blocking off the entrance from Braishfield Road which will prevent 'rat running'. In Highwood Lane, the Parish Council is still battling with fast cars in a 40 foot wide road. The speed limit is to be reduced to 40 miles an hour and there is now a footpath along the northern end of the road, but measures to enforce the speed limit are still needed and the corner by Stroud School is hazardous even when taken slowly.

Council's New Website:

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councillor's contact details; agendas and minutes of recent meetings; general information on planning and links to planning applications; grants policy and so on.

At long last we are able to announce that the new parish website has gone live. You will now be able to access information relating to:

Other information such as council finance; the history of Romsey Extra; past parish newsletters and a gallery showing off the diverse nature

of the parish will gradually be added. We hope very much that will be a useful resource for residents and visitors.



New Councillor Profiles

Dorothy Baverstock



Dorothy came to Romsey in 1987 as the Deputy Head Community at Romsey School having taught in Hull and been in adult education management in Hull and Scunthorpe. This role immediately involved

organising the adult education programme, youth services and sports activities as well as community activities in Romsey and led to the setting up of Age Concern Romsey and community services for Test Valley. On taking early retirement due to her husband's ill health Dorothy became a borough councillor and town councillor for Cupernham Ward in 2003. She has served on various committees on both councils over the last twelve years and her particular interest is the economy

of the area and the well being of all residents. In 2012/13 Dorothy was privileged to be the Mayor of Test Valley and in 2004 and 2015 she had the honour of being Romsey Town Mayor. The last three years in her private life has been particularly busy as she has been involved in raising funds for the Romsey War Horse and in seeing her dream at Smile Support and Care of having a 'respite centre' being built for children who have life limiting illnesses.

Karen Dunleavy



Karen has lived in and around Romsey all her life. She attended the Crampmoor CofE Infant (where Woodley Village Hall is built now)

Romsey County Junior and Mountbatten schools. Karen has a Degree in Maths and English from the Open University.

Working in the care sector Karen teaches the qualifications required for care work. She has been a councillor for Romsey for over ten years and was town mayor in

2008/9. She is currently deputy town mayor for Romsey Town.

Karen's likes, include going to theatre, holidays, papercrafts, reading, chilled white wine, and litter picking. Her dislikes include intolerance, graffiti, warm white wine, and people who drop litter.

Sue Tippett



Sue Tippett has lived in Romsey since 1978 and within Romsey Extra Parish since 1983. She is married to Cllr. Mark Cooper – Romsey's County Councillor and 3 times

and left home, but in their time educated at Halterworth Primary School, Mountbatten School and then Peter Symonds college. Sue was a founder member of the Nightingale Surgery G.P Practice which first opened in 1980, she retired as a partner at the end of 2011, the practice has since merged with Abbey Mead Surgery to form the present Abbeywell Practice. Since partnership retirement Sue has maintained her licence to practice and does some G.P locum, medical appraisal, medical education and

NHS committee work.

Sue is particularly interested in health and well being, education and issues affecting young people. She keeps herself fit playing tennis with Romsey & Abbey Tennis Club for whom she is the membership Secretary and a Junior Club assistant.

Romsey Mayor.

The couple have 5 sons, now grown

Peter Westbrook



Peter was born in Southampton shortly after the war. One year later his family moved to Ashurst and he attended Lyndhurst Primary then Testwood Secondary Modern School.

On leaving school Peter served an apprenticeship at Ashurst Garage, just across the road from his home. His career since has been associated with the motor trade until he retired in May 2014.

When Peter was 24, he married Jane and they have shared their lives to date. One year after their marriage Jane and Peter emigrated to Canada for five years, to earn a deposit for a house.

Jane is possibly better known to the inhabitants of Romsey in her roles as dental receptionist and receptionist in several building companies.

Peter is enjoying his retirement with his wife doing gardening, D.I.Y. and trips out in their newly acquired M.G.F. which Peter says is Great Fun!

Woodley & Crampmoor Friendship Club

The club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in Woodley Village Hall at 2 pm and is open to members over 55. There are slideshows, talks, demonstrations, bingo and some social time (chat) at

SEPTEMBER

2nd Club Celebration 25 Years
16th "New Zealand" Geoffrey Blackford

OCTOBER

7th "History of Underwear" Ruth King
21st "Meandering Along the Meon" Jill Daniels

NOVEMBER

4th "Wildlife of a Working Forest" Mike Read

18th "The Humorous Poet" Dennis Bryant

DECEMBER

2nd Bingo
16th Christmas Party

Council Meetings

The Council **NOW** meets at 7.15pm in the New Dining Room, **Stroud School**, Highwood Lane, Romsey, SO51 9ZH (unless otherwise stated):

Thursday 10 September
Thursday 8 October
Thursday 19 November * *New Date*
Thursday 10 December

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01794 512837 or visit
www.romseyfestival.org

Saturday 26th September

Saturday 3rd October 2015

On offer a variety of films from a latest release "A Royal Night Out" to the 1930's Will Hay favourite "Oh Mr Porter" which Romsey Signal Box Museum will show with a number of railway "shorts" both local and national. The Plaza is offering the films Buggy and Sound of Music (sing along version) With events offered by Romsey Twinning and Romsey Youth Council there is something to offer everyone.

For further information please contact Romsey Town Council,

Demfest 2015
Sunday 6th September, 10am - 5pm

Sir Harold Hillier Gardens,
Romsey, SO51 0QA

*A day of Inspiration,
Innovation & Education...*

Listen, join in with singing and music from:

- Romsey Ladies Choir
- Ukelele Glory
- Jayne Dwyer and more...

Take a step back in time and see the vintage vehicles.

Seminars and talks all day on Dementia subjects:

- Alcohol in the Workplace
- Stimulating the Brain
- Diagnoses from Valley Learning
- John H. Nassar
- Stimulating the Care and more...

This event is FREE and open to anyone...
For the Cared for, Carer, Public or Health Professional

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We welcome any feedback you might have on any issues raised in this newsletter or any other issues that concern you in the local area. Your feedback will help us to confirm that we are representing the general views of the parish as well as identifying particular problems that we are not aware of. We welcome any comments you might have and your participation