

Village News

Frog Grove Lane Fairlands

Frog Grove Lane was dug up at the junction of the Aldershot Road to repair the pipe that should have been leading from the drain in the Road outside the bungalows to the stream on the other side of the road.

When the contractors dug the road up to get to the pipe they found that there was no pipe there at all. Cllr Jill Chan has stated that with the combined efforts of G.B.C. and S.C.C. they are now putting in a pipe.

Fairlands residents are being warned to lock up carefully and close windows and doors when leaving home, including garages and greenhouses.

We have been told of at least two break-ins recently. If you see or hear anything suspicious please contact the police immediately on 0845-125-2222 & ask for Ash Police Station.



In other news, at last there have been some improvements to the front of the shops. Mary Laker was pleased to see the results of her demands while she was on the county council.

Meanwhile, Cllr Victor Searle is very concerned about crossing the Aldershot Road. Victor said, "I am only too aware of the dangers involved in crossing this busy & fast stretch of road".

For news from Jacobs Well, Perry Hill, Keens Lane and Wood Street turn to page 3

Plastics recycling - mixed blessings

After voting down a Lib Dem proposal last year for kerbside collection of plastics, the Tories did a u-turn and a trial scheme is starting in some areas. Sadly in Worpleston, this will only be Jacobs Well.

They have refused a suggestion by the Lib Dems to extend plastics collections in 2006/7 and to start planning for the composting of kitchen waste by 2007/8.

The Lib Dems are particularly disappointed that the scheme applies only to bottles. This means that pots and tubs cannot be recycled as part of this scheme.

BOOK SALE

Saturday 24 June

St Joseph's Church Hall, York Rd

Free entry - refreshments - thousands of second hand books, CDs, vinyls and tapes
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Contact your local Focus team

Meet your Lib Dem Councillor: If you have an issue that you would like help with, we hold a surgery at Millmead on the first Thursday of every month from 6.30pm. Ring 306000 to book an appointment with a Borough or County Councillor.

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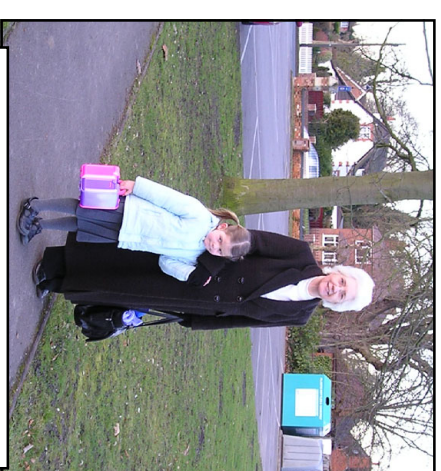
Bus Services Under threat

Tory-run Surrey County Council will recommend cutting £1 million from their annual bus subsidy.

The cuts will mean fewer, if any, off peak services and will affect rural areas most heavily.

Former County Cllr **Mary Laker** said, "As usual the young and the elderly will suffer. People who do not drive will simply be unable to get around.

"This will also push more cars on to our roads, increasing local pollution levels."



Former County Councillor Mary Laker is furious about cuts to front line services such as buses and youth provision

HGV Confusion

Local residents have been plunged into a state of confusion by their local Tory County Councillor.

With residents in nearby Pirbright requesting that heavy lorries (7.5 tons+) be banned from the village, there were concerns among Worpleston Parish Council.

This is because if lorries were banned from Pirbright, then far more would come on to Worpleston's roads.

The Tory County Councillor re-

Lib Dems = Lower Taxes
Council tax rises, 2006

Tory SCC +5%	Tory GBC +2.48%	Lib Dem GBC Proposal +1.85%
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See inside for a special report on how the Tories tax you high and waste your money

STOP PRESS

Worpleston Liberal Democrats applaud the decision of County Hall Officers to declare Haverling Farm in Worpleston unsuitable as a site for an incinerator.

The Lib Dems will fight any such plans in the future in the strongest possible manner.

Youth cuts?

Fears grow for local youth provision after Surrey County Council's Business Delivery Review described youth leaders as expensive.

The review suggested that young people make more use of community resources - but some children lack the maturity to cope with such structured organisations.

With many parents unable to support their children in church or scout groups, youth leaders play a vital role in society.

Cllr **Victor Searle** said, "Youth clubs provide a safe place for kids to go and usually have a strong effect on reducing anti-social behaviour."

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Local news and action all year round



● Lib Dem councillors: Tony Phillips, Pauline Searle, Lynda Strudwick, Caroline Keeves, Ted Mayne and David Goodwin are fighting extravagant Tory plans

Waste at Millmead and County Hall

With millions of pounds of YOUR money being wasted by Guildford Borough Council and Surrey County Council, both Tory-run, the Lib Dems are keen to hear how local people would rather see the money spent.

The bill for the Tories' new reception area at the council offices has now climbed to £1,500,000 - as opposed to the £1,000,000 that Focus reported at the end of last year.

Cllr Victor Searle said, "This is quite clearly a prestige project and it is an absolutely appalling waste of money."

Meanwhile at County Hall, during the last year £15 million has been spent on agency costs resulting from poor retention and recruitment policies. Money has also been wasted on expensive external

Council builds war chest

With borough council elections in 2007, Guildford Conservatives have once again chosen to use council tax to build up their "war chest".

As well as a "parking reserve" of £100,000 started last year, we taxpayers are now adding to an "Invest to Save" fund of £300,000.

Lib Dems voted against this and instead proposed increasing council tax by just 1.85% - below the rate of inflation - while improving many services, such as:

✓ **Extending plastic collection throughout Guildford – nothing in Tory budget.**

✓ **Reducing litter with a rapid response team – street cleanliness is less than half Tories' own target.**

✓ **More resource for on-street parking – cut time for lengthy reviews and look into car-share schemes.**

✓ **Enhancing CCTV recording equipment - backed by police.**

✓ **Retain Nippy Chipper service – being axed by the Conservatives.**

The Liberal Democrats also sought: a commitment towards running the Civic when re-opened; collections of food waste; and to restore funding for smaller local projects that have been neglected recently.

The Tories rejected ALL of these proposals and the borough's share of council tax will go up by 2.48% - more than Lib Dem-run neighbour Waverley Borough Council.

Wood Street

Cllr Jill Chan is delighted to report that after writing directly to the Chief Executive of Surrey County Council (SCC) about the dangerous condition of local kerbstones, **£25,000 has been allocated to fix them.**

After many complaints by local residents and requests from the Parish Council to the Tory-run County Council about the kerbstones in Pound Hill and The Oval, finally some action will be taken on the issue.

Cllr Jill Chan said, "I decided that enough was enough after seeing too many standard letters and being told there were higher funding priorities.. These broken kerbstones pose a real danger, especially at night.

I look forward to the work getting underway. My Lib Dem colleagues and I will be watching closely for the contractors starting the work."

However, the County Council does not have the funds to repair all the kerbstones in Wood Street Village, only those in most urgent need of being repaired.

SCC stated that they can not afford the £350,000 required to repair the kerbs in Worplesdon and two other priority areas in the Borough of Guildford.

Cllr Jill Chan said, "It is a shame that the County Council are wasting so much money - all while increasing our taxes by double inflation - yet can not afford basic street repairs."



Keens Lane

The outline planning application for T&R Generators' site in Keens Lane has been refused. We know that this will be re-applied for.

Perry Hill

After a campaign from local residents and Cllr Victor Searle, an application for a phone mast near The Avenue and Worplesdon Road was rejected.

The site is green belt and residents felt that this mast would not enhance the village. Parish councillors also objected.

Cllr Victor Searle said that, "A mast would not fit in with the area's natural environment."



Cllr Terry King and Cllr Victor Searle looking at planning issues in Brookside. Meanwhile above, Cllr Jill Chan and Mary Laker inspect the poor state of local roads

Jacobs Well

Two applications for nine new properties were turned down by Guildford Borough Planning Committee, then refused at appeal.

On January 30th they put in amended planning application, Number 06-P-00185.

Local Councillors Terry King and Victor Searle will study the issues before making any decisions.

See photo above.

However, there is still much to be done and Mary will keep reminding the Highways Department about footpaths.