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St Martha Parish Council

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As the Parish Council we are constantly looking at ways to maintain and improve the village environment for Parish members whilst being aware that both local and government budgets are very tight.

We will all be delighted that the Dorking Road has finally been resurfaced which is a benefit to all road users but consequently we have become aware that the average speed of vehicles using it may have increased.

There have been a few incidents recently involving cars and pedestrians which has led us to consider investing in a speed awareness sign (VAS) opposite the War Memorial as a prompt to motorists to be more aware of their speed as they enter the centre of the village passing Chilworth Infants School, the junction at Chilworth Station and residential properties along the road.

Speed awareness signs do incur a relatively sizeable investment and there is varying feedback regarding their effectiveness, so we would welcome any feedback residents may have before making any decisions.

We have also had a lead role in resurrecting The Gunpowder Mills Group which is now going to be known as The Friends of The Gunpowder Mills.

The aim of the group is to ensure the site is a benefit to the community and to ensure that the historical importance and significance of the site is promoted and protected, so we would welcome any suggestions or ideas to enhance the site overall.

We would also love to see any historical photos or pictures of the site to enable us to compile a catalogue for future generations to see. If you have any pictures, information or would like to know more about the group please feel free to contact me at brown.g@stmarthaparishcouncil.co.uk

Councillors hope to see you at the Annual Assembly of St Martha Parish on Thursday 11th April at 7:30 in Chilworth Village Hall, AND at The Annual Meeting of St Martha Parish Council on Thursday 16th May 2019 in Chilworth C of E School at 7:30 p.m.

Local Elections Thursday 2nd May 2019

St Martha Parish Council is calling on residents, passionate about their community to stand in the local elections in 2019.

What do councillors do?

Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

How long does it take?

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. This often includes

attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.

Can I stand?

There are only a few rules to stand for election. You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- 18 years of age or older
- Live in an area that is served by a local council

How can I get involved?

Contact the Parish Clerk for an Elections Pack – clerk@stmarthaparishcouncil.co.uk or telephone: 07976 778864

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