

## **News from St Martha Parish Council**

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### **Clearance of Pavement along Dorking Road**

We are delighted to report that the pavement on Dorking Road, between Lockner Farm and Roseacre Gardens, has at last been cleared. This has taken far longer than hoped but a very thorough job has now been done to restore the pavement back to its full width. It required a tractor, digger, and lorry with mechanised grabber to pick up and remove the huge piles of detritus. Thank you to all those that made this possible, including Surrey County Councillor Bob Hughes who allocated funding for this work, and the countryside contract team who carried it out. This is an excellent result as it now makes it much less hazardous for pedestrians. The Parish Council will be re-visiting the question of how best to keep this area clear in the future, as well as all the other pathways and footpaths in the parish.

### **Newly Planted Trees**

Many thanks to those who have been helping us look after our newly planted trees during what has been a very challenging summer due to long periods without rain. We can report that those new trees planted by the Parish Council to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and trees given by Surrey County Council's Tree Planting Treescape Project, have all so far come through successfully.

Some of the new trees were planted at the **War Memorial Site**. The site is owned by the Parish Council and maintained to a high standard by an excellent local gardener. Each November a well-attended Service of Remembrance is held around the War Memorial, this year at 3 p.m. on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Chilworth Station**

Just a reminder that the platforms continue to be enhanced by art work produced by children from our two excellent village schools.

### **The Annual Gunpowder Mills Meeting**

The meeting will be held in Chilworth Village Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 p.m. Talks are presented regarding the Mills site and other topics of local interest. For instance, one speaker this year is from 'Surrey Choices'. This organisation provide a range of support services dedicated to improving the independence, confidence and life skills of people with a range of disabilities, whatever their age, in their local community. Refreshments are provided.

**Member Vacancies:** – would you like to join us and make a difference? Being a Parish Councillor involves:

- Participating in the management of the Parish – including attendance at meetings, setting policies, strategies, the budget (Council Tax), service delivery etc.
- Representing the interests of the local community

- Putting something back into your local community and environment
- Having useful skills to offer
- It's actually good fun – most of the time!

Anyone wishing to be considered for co-option should contact the Clerk or any of the Members.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Chilworth Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.