

## News from the Parish Council

After an extremely busy summer, we are planning ahead for the new season. A trampoline has been installed in the playground, in response to public interest. The programme to install floodlights on the tennis courts to extend the hours of play is currently at Planning Application stage but we hope the work will be completed this winter and be paid for from an Inspired Facilities grant of £35,000. Monika's kiosk, which has been so popular throughout the summer, is now closed for the winter but back open in the spring.

## Sustainable Sunningdale

The food waste recycling is now operational in this Parish. This has the potential to reduce significantly the amount of waste we put in the general waste that goes to landfill. Less to landfill means less cost to us rate payers, less methane produced by landfill and the opportunity to capture the gas through anaerobic digestion of food waste. An added bonus is that it generally leads to us all buying less food that goes to waste. If you have any issues with the food waste scheme do let us know and we can feed them through to the Borough.

**Our Knowing and Protecting the natural environment** email is going to 300 residents. Why not join the fortnightly email list. You might have missed the notice that we are contacting people who can use wood and are ready to split or saw up logs when we get given them. You may like to **"Explore Granny Kettle Woodland – 18 November at 2.00pm.** Dr Andrea Barardi, OU lecturer in Environmental Science, has purchased the 5.6 acre wood along Whitmore Lane with a view to restoring the rich biodiversity and removing the non-native invasive species. One hour then tea!

## Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

The Parish Council is seeking one more Councillor to join our team. You could help us look closely at our Parish and see what improvements can be made and enable the views of residents to be heard in this area of Localism. Send an email to tell us something about yourself.

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**Dates of Parish Council meetings:** December 11, January 8, Feb 12, March 12  
Planning meetings: December 5, Jan 9, Feb 6, March 6.

**Parish Council office hours** Mon- Thurs 09.00 – 14.00  
Fridays: 11.00 – 14.00

**Christmas closure:** 24 Dec at mid-day till 9am on 28<sup>th</sup>, and January 1-2. In emergency check on the RBWM website or phone **01753 853517**  
Contact: [The Pavilion, Broomhall Lane, Sunningdale SL5 0QS](#)  
Tel: 01344 874268 e-mail: [Sunningdale.parish@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:Sunningdale.parish@rbwm.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.sunningdale-pc.org.uk](http://www.sunningdale-pc.org.uk)

# Sunningdale Parish Council

## Parish Newsletter

### November 2012

## Christmas Celebration 30 November

For the tenth year Sunningdale kicks off the Christmas season with our popular community event in the Jubilee Clock area of Sunningdale. We are delighted that our local triple gold medallist Paralympic champion, **Sophie Christiansen**, will switch on the lights. We in turn will have the opportunity to share in her wonderful achievement and celebrate the golden post box in Sophie's honour. Contact Christine Gadd on 01344 628477



Again by popular demand some characters from the Quince Players pantomime **Rumpelstilzkin** will join in the fun and entertain us. The schools will display their talent and enthusiasm with a 'singing and dancing' theme and local shops will have their doors open to welcome you. 6.00pm start

## Diamond Jubilee Feature – Chobham Road

In honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Parish Council is planning to establish a permanent feature of this special occasion, comprising raised flower beds and seats along the Chobham Road, in the verge area. This will also incorporate the red telephone box which the Parish Council has adopted as local residents enjoy this feature and did not wish to see it removed. Funding will come from surplus at the Diamond Jubilee Music Festival and outside sources.

**Christine Gadd** attended a Reception at Buckingham Palace at the invitation of HM The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, in recognition of the involvement of the Parish in the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. "It was a great honour to be presented. The whole community is recognised." said Christine.



## Neighbourhood Plan

The community volunteers for our local area are deeply engaged in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan so that we meet the deadline set by the Government for the Plan to be in place by end March so as to become a material consideration in planning decisions and have full effect on planning applications.

The NP is also going out to consultation on some of the key decisions in our area. We warmly encourage you to come to our open session in the

Parish Council office **on 6<sup>th</sup> December from 3.00 – 8.00pm** where you can see the maps, talk to those involved and discuss the options. This is a critical time to see what is proposed not only for Sunningdale but for the whole area of our two parishes. It is your opportunity to give your views before the NP is finalised and goes out to referendum. Visit the website: [ascotandthesunnings.wordpress.com](http://ascotandthesunnings.wordpress.com).

**RBWM is also conducting its own strategic consultation on sites to be included in the Local Plan. These are separate and we encourage you to take part in both.**

### Bedford Lane Garages

A separate consultation has been conducted by the Parish Council in association with Radian regarding the derelict garages in Bedford Lane. It is proposed that these are developed into 2 affordable homes to be built by the Housing Association to enable people living in the village to remain, subject to a local letting plan being agreed by RBWM. The housing need in Sunningdale alone is 177. The garage site is surrounded by existing dwellings and would in effect green the area by replacing concrete with 2 houses. View the plans at the Parish Council and give us your views.

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**Adopt-A-Street Volunteer Award from RBWM. Joiy Chan Meeson** won the award for her efforts in encouraging the growing popularity of Adopt-a-street in the community. She expressed thanks to all our litter picking volunteers, and to Christine Gadd and Council who have supported Adopt-a-street in Sunningdale.

### Do your Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteering in your community!

The Big Society programme is enabling DofE volunteers to find suitable volunteering placements in Sunningdale, including volunteering in the Library, IT Supporter, Homework facilitators, or Rhymetimes-Storytimes. We're sure you will enjoy it and find it all worthwhile. For more details email: [mmjchan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mmjchan@yahoo.co.uk)

## Shaping the Future NHS Public Consultation 15 October to 31 January 2013

There are three important proposed changes to the services provided by Heatherwood hospital on which your views are being sought:

- Moving the Minor Injuries Unit at Heatherwood Hospital to the planned new Urgent Care Centre in Bracknell
- Improving rehabilitation services for stroke and general medical patients
- Permanently closing the Ascot Birth Centre at Heatherwood Hospital.

Full information on these proposals can be obtained in the following ways:

- Online at: [www.berkshire.nhs.uk/shapingthefuture](http://www.berkshire.nhs.uk/shapingthefuture)
- Write to: Shaping the Future team, FREEPOST RSYL-KEKG-URGC, NHS Berkshire, 57-59 Bath Road, Reading, RG30 2BA.
- Email: [STFteam@berkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:STFteam@berkshire.nhs.uk) Tel 0800 148 8572
- Come to one of the consultation events: 13 December in Ascot 2-5pm or 6<sup>th</sup> December and 10 January in Bracknell. Book your place
- Please come into the Parish office to see a copy of the questionnaire.

For an alternative perspective go to [www.saveheatherwoodhospital.org.uk](http://www.saveheatherwoodhospital.org.uk)

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Businesses and residents across Berkshire have for some time been demanding better broadband services. Studies have shown that Superfast Broadband (24Mbit/sec or faster) can give a real boost to the local economy.

Broadband providers are scheduled to roll out superfast broadband to 80% of premises in Berkshire before the end of 2015, but this will leave over 37,000 premises without this valuable utility.

The six Berkshire unitary authorities (Councils) and the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) are working together to promote Superfast Berkshire, designed to bring fast broadband to everybody in the country. The Government has promised £1.43 million to support this programme. By registering your support for this programme you can demonstrate demand for broadband service to broadband providers and help shape the roll out of the plan. At present the number registered to support is **very low** and this is likely to mean a low priority in the implementation stage. So please register your support :

[www.superfastberkshire.org.uk](http://www.superfastberkshire.org.uk)