

Greenredeem

For all the recycling you do through your Blue bin you earn reward points. Many people collect points that they do not use but now you can donate them to Comic Relief. To celebrate the launch of their partnership with Unilever, one of the world's leading suppliers of Food, Home and Personal Care products, Greenredeem is inviting everyone to do something funny for money and donate your points to Comic Relief. They're hoping to raise £20,000 for Comic Relief over the next month for Red Nose Day. You can help. Go to www.greenredeem.co.uk

Telephone Kiosk on A329 by Blacknest Gate

Parish Councils are encouraged to take over the ownership of heritage assets and following our successful purchase of the Telephone Kiosk in the Chobham Road – now a flourishing Book Exchange – we have purchased for £1 the Kiosk outside the Ascot Oriental on A329. When we have cleaned and painted and then consider how to make best community use for it.

Recycling of Medicines

Unused medicines must be disposed of safely so that they do not get into the local water supplies, either through sewage or landfills. Local pharmacies accept unused medicines from members of the public which are taken away for incineration. Medicines returned to the pharmacy may not be reused. It is estimated that £300-400 million of prescribed medicines are wasted every year.

Magnolia House Surgery is one of 1200 GP practices in the UK which collects unused medicines to send to Intercare, who then send them to 127 Health Units in rural Africa. These Health Centres are mostly in very poor communities and, in many cases, this is the only source of medical treatment which they receive. We encourage you to support this scheme.

Easter Holiday Tennis Coaching at Broomhall Recreation Ground

Tuesday 7th April to Friday 17th April

10am - 12pm (5yrs to 9yrs) 1pm - 3pm (10 yrs upwards)

£12 per session. Please see www.charterstennis.co.uk for application form or email: charterstennis@btinternet.com for more information.

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Dates of Parish Council meetings: 14 April, 12 May and 9 June 2015

Planning Meetings: 17 March, 21 April, 26 May, 23 June

Parish Council office hours: Mon – Thurs 09.00 – 14.30. Fridays: 11.00 – 14.30

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Sunningdale Parish Council

March 2015

Parish Council elections 7 May 2015

Sunningdale Parish Council is a non-political Council dedicated to improving the quality of life for those living and working in the village, ensuring that Sunningdale is a desirable, thriving and sustainable place.

It is a medium-sized Parish of some 3,700 electors and an annual Precept of £87,460 in 2015/16. There are 10 places on the Parish Council. Councillors play an important part in the democratic framework of the country representing the interests of your community. All Councillors are subject to election on 7 May 2015.



There are rules on the eligibility of residents to stand for the public office of Councillor. The full set of eligibility criteria can be requested from the Clerk. In summary, a person seeking election must be an elector of 18 years of age or over, must have resided for 12 months in the parish or within three miles of it; and must not have been convicted and imprisoned within five years of the election.

While Councillors may stand again there will certainly be two vacancies so the Parish Council is keen to encourage new people to come forward to serve their community. If there are ten nominations or less all names will be considered elected unopposed. If there are more than 10 nominations there will be an election where electors will vote on who they wish to see elected.

Annual Parish Meeting 25 March 2015 at 7.30pm

The APM takes place on 25 March hosted by De Vere Venues at Sunningdale Park. Our guest speaker Christine Weightman will speak on "Origins of Sunningdale: Broomhall Nunnery". This is a great opportunity to hear about what has been achieved over the last year not only by Council but also by our Borough Councillors. Please join us for an enjoyable community evening. RSVP anne.martin@sunningdaleparish.org.uk or phone the office

Medical Centre

The Parish Council continues to play a very active part in the preparation of the application for a new medical centre for Sunningdale. What we have discovered is the complexity of the issues, including the views of NHS England, and the need to prove the case for the new medical centre. The case needs to be put for very special circumstances for building on green belt land on the BEN Lynwood site and show that no other location can be found for this facility. There have been inevitable delays in pulling all the material together ready for submission to the planners. Please watch for updates on our website.

New refreshment chalet

Using S106 developers' contributions, the Parish Council has placed the order for a new refreshment and tennis chalet at the Rec. From what you have told us, we believe that this chalet will enhance facilities for tennis players and their families and improve the popular refreshment facilities previously dispensed from the kiosk. The land around there is subject to severe water-logging so we are getting new drainage installed so as to draw the water away from the new chalet and the old pergola. We hope it will be up and running in the spring.

Chobham Road

We continue to monitor developments for traffic down the Chobham Road. New parking bays have been installed for residents without parking places and North End Lane is now Residents Parking only. Other traffic calming measures and a 20 mph zone are being planned by RBWM to inhibit the movement of heavy lorries down the Chobham Road. Two disabled parking bays have been created.

Ascot Neighbourhood Watch Association

is closing in April due to a lack of volunteers to run it, but the 30 Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Sunningdale will continue to be run by their coordinators. There will no longer be a quarterly newsletter, but the quarterly open meetings (two of them at the Sunningdale WI Hut) will continue for the moment.

Anyone not yet on the Thames Valley Police "Alert" message system can sign up directly on the website www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk. All NW queries should go to Jeffrey Pick, the Police NW Administrator for the Royal Borough on 01753 8355504 or email Jeffrey.pick@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

RBWM out of hours service to report any tree felling in our area, phone after 7pm on 01753 853517 or during the day 01628 683800

Work of the Parish Council and Role of Councillors

The Parish Council meets once a month to take decisions affecting all aspects of life in the Parish, establishing policies for action and deciding how much money will be raised and spent on behalf of the community. A successful local council depends for its success on the councillors, as well as the Chair and the Clerk, each playing complementary roles in delivering a professional service.

This involves Councillors seeking and representing the views of local residents, schools, church, and traders association on a variety of matters affecting the local community; identifying the needs of the Parish and finding ways of resolving issues; setting the Annual Precept to meet these needs, and managing the Parish Council's assets and finances effectively.

The Parish works closely with the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead on a range of matters such as street cleaning, footpath and road maintenance, and volunteering. Under the Localism Act there is increasing pressure to devolve decision taking to the Parishes.

Sunningdale Parish Council with the neighbouring Parish of Sunninghill and Ascot has an adopted Neighbourhood Plan, which passed referendum in March 2014. Planning matters take up a significant portion of Council's time and resource. Council has a Business Plan setting its priorities for 5 years.



The Parish Council has three main Committees: Planning, Finance and Recreation. It also convenes working groups for other tasks as they arise, such as for projects and events. Councillors attend Planning Committee meetings every 28 days and take on responsibility for aspects of the work.

If you are interested in all of this, we would like to hear from you. It can be very helpful to understand both how rewarding the role can be but also the work involved. We would be happy to talk this through with you.