

# Merstham Matters

A Newsletter from New Merstham Resident's Association

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New Merstham  
Residents Association

*Working with you & for you*

## **NMRA AGM 20th July 7.30pm The Epiphany church**

The Annual General Meeting of the NMRA will be held on Wednesday 20th July, 7.30pm at the Epiphany Church on Mansfield Drive. Nominations are invited for the positions of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members.

This is your chance as residents of Merstham to stand up and make a difference. If you want to make Merstham a better place then get involved.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

## **Iron Horse & Delabole Road Bus Shelters**

The Bus Shelter on Delabole Road has now been removed and there has been a noticeable reduction in the levels of Anti-Social behavior in this area, the shelter will be replaced but with something more suitable.

A new shelter is due to be built opposite the Iron horse Pub in the near future. I would like to thank Councillor Mark Brunt, PC Steve Tarbutt and the Borough Council for all their hard work on helping to make this happen.

## **'May the Force be with You' Darth Vader to open Furzefield Schools Summer Fete**

Saturday the 18th June will see the annual Furzefield School Summer Fete. Starting at 11am and being opened by a very special guest,

'DARTH VADER' of Star Wars fame. There will be many stalls full of games and crafts, a children's entertainer and puppet show, along with the first ever 'PUB of WAR', a tug of war competition between 4 local pubs and clubs. So go along and support your local, and help raise some money for a great local school.

## **Epiphany Street Party 25th June**

On the 25th June the Church of the Epiphany will be holding a Street Party to celebrate its 50th Birthday, there will be a variety stalls, a children's entertainer, Refreshments (including a Bar run by the Railway Arms), children's activities, DJ coaching sessions, live music from the Sirens, Dixie Land Stompers and Newton Battenburg Faulkner, plus much much more. The event is due to start at 2pm and go on until 10pm. The Party is open to all and everyone is welcome to come along and join the fun!

## **Merstham Web**

The Merstham Web, has been providing a superb site giving historic and up to date information about Merstham and its people for over 6 years. It is a fountain of Information and I would encourage everyone to take a look, and contribute their own memories or information about local activities.

The address is [www.merstham.co.uk/merstham](http://www.merstham.co.uk/merstham)

## **Roundabouts**

The Roundabouts on Bletchingley Road have been an issue for Motorists and Pedestrians from the day they were put in. The NMRA would like to see them removed and replaced with a raised T-Junction. This would still slow the traffic as intended but would be far easier and safer for vehicles to navigate, especially the local buses.

This idea already has the support of our Local Community Police Officer PC Tarbutt, but we would like to know your thoughts, should they stay or should they go? If they go, what would you like to see in there place? Get in touch and let us know.

## **Advertising your club, group, event or business**

If you are a local community group and would like to advertise yourselves or an event in the Merstham Matters, please feel free to send us the information and we will include it in the next issue.

If you are a local business and would like to Advertise in Merstham Matters, just get in touch via our e-mail address ([newmersthamra@aol.com](mailto:newmersthamra@aol.com)) or write to us at the Help Shop, Portland Drive, Merstham. A donation towards a local charity is all we request for placing the ad.

### **Contact details**

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## Merstham Football Club



I recently had the pleasure of being invited to tour the excellent facilities of Merstham Football Club. Martin Burr (Club Director) was kind enough to give me some of his time to show me round.

The club has some excellent facilities, with a very well equipped social club and the new Club House has full facilities for the Home and Away teams, plus a full kitchen and function room.

The club have obviously put in a lot of time, money and effort into turning Merstham Football Club into one of the best Sporting and Social facilities in the area.

The Club are able to hire out their facilities at very reasonable rates, and I would recommend getting in touch with the club to find out how they can help make your function a great success.

Well done to all the teams for their recent league and cup results.

## Dogs Mess

I think we are all too aware of the problems of Dog's mess and the health risks associated with it. Of course we have many very responsible dog owners in Merstham, but we also have our share of bad ones too.

The NMRA would like to see a big improvement in this area. We would like to ask ALL dog owners to become more responsible and clean up after man's best friend.

The NMRA will be asking the council to provide more dedicated Dog Bins, especially in the areas identified as having the worst problems.



## Recycling

You may have read recently that the Borough Council are introducing Plastic recycling. The good news is that Merstham will be getting 2 Plastic recycling facilities, one on Portland Drive and one at Merstham Station.

## Malmstone Avenue / Brook Road

I am sure all the residents of Malmstone Avenue and Brook Road will agree that these roads are in a very poor state.

The NMRA along with our local Conservative Councillor, Mark Brunt, are working hard to ensure that these two roads in particular are resurfaced as soon as possible. We will keep you informed of our progress.

## Distraction burglaries

A real concern at the moment is the fact that large numbers of elderly people are still being caught by what the police call distraction burglaries. This is where someone calls on the home of an elderly person and claims to be from the Water/Electric/Gas Board. They still manage to gain entry and steal anything of value they can find. There have been numbers of these offences in Banstead, Tadworth, Horley and Reigate over the last month. I have circulated a large number of advice leaflets through various organisations but if you know of any elderly/vulnerable people please let me know and I will be happy to deliver a leaflet to them or make a personal call to give advice. This is a particularly sickening crime and I don't want them to get away with it around Merstham. If you have an elderly neighbour please keep a look out for suspicious callers to their home.

**PC Stephen Tarbutt**

Tarbutt1193@surrey.pnn.police.uk

## Tell us your issues!



Merstham is a great place, but we all know it could be better.

The NMRA would like to know your thoughts and feelings. What could we get rid of?, What could we bring into Merstham?, What could we make better?

These are just a few questions, but we at the NMRA would like to know more, get in touch and let us know what you want for Merstham. Together we can make Merstham and even better place to live, for everyone!

Please either write to me at the address below or e-mail me at [newmerstamra@aol.com](mailto:newmerstamra@aol.com)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Graeme Crome  
Chair

## DON'T FORGET

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20th July 7.30pm,  
The Epiphany Church,  
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Get involved in making Merstham a great place to live.

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