

Merstham Matters

A Newsletter from New Merstham Resident's Association

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New Merstham
Residents Association

Working with you & for you

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED WITH IT - THANK YOU

New Bus Shelter has Arrived



We are delighted to report that the new wooden bus shelter has arrived opposite the Iron Horse on Bletchling Road.

It is great to see and we would like to thank Conservative Councillor Mark Brunt, PC Steve Tarbutt and the team at Reigate and Banstead Borough Council for all their help in making it happen.



KidzKlub is a wonderful children's activity programme, run on Saturday mornings during term time between 10:00 – 11:30am held at The Oakley Centre in Radstock Way. KidzKlub is organised by Reigate and Redhill Community Church, run by Mark and Margaret Brampton and a team of dedicated volunteers.

Our vision is to see children receiving moral and spiritual truths, which will provide firm foundations for their lives. With this aim in mind we have developed an exciting programme of songs, competitions and games, drama and great stories, all presented from a Christian viewpoint.

For children aged 5 to 11, regardless of culture or religion. For more information please contact us on 01737 217307.

Help Shop Surgeries

There is a Surgery being held at the Help Shop in Portland Drive on the first Tuesday of each month.

PC Steve Tarbutt or PCSO Jamie Teasdale will be available between 9am and 11am. Please feel free to call in and discuss police related topics with your local officers. All discussions will be in the strictest confidence.

Contact details

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For future surgeries it is planned that whenever possible, the R & B Council Community Warden for this area, Hywel Parry-Jones, will also be available to answer any questions you may have.

Neighbourhood Panel

Merstham and North Redhill have a group that meets every three months to discuss local problems and initiatives. This group consists of local residents as well as local councillors, shopkeepers and resident associations. If you live in Merstham or North Redhill and can spare a couple of hours 4 times a year then you would be welcome to join the group. No qualifications are required. If you do not wish to attend but have a particular subject of concern, then please make contact to let me know. I can't solve a problem if I don't know it exists.

The group is known as a Neighbourhood Panel and has had notable success in dealing with a number of problem areas including the illegal use of motorcycles, noise from youth gatherings, the demolition of several dilapidated buildings etc. The most recent problem that has been highlighted is the speed of traffic on the A23. The particular concern is motorcycles at weekends. Over the next couple of months you are likely to see much more speed enforcement on this road at all times of the day - so keep an eye on your own speedo!

PC Steve Tarbutt
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Merstham Football Club
Wilson Way, Merstham RH1 3QB
MERSTHAM FC
SOCCER COURSE
AGES 5 TO 15 BOYS & GIRLS
Thursday 27th October 2005
&
Friday 28th October 2005
From 10:00am - 3:00pm
at
MERSTHAM FC
£12.50 per Day
Or
£20.00 for Both Days
(All bookings must be made in advance)
FULLY QUALIFIED COACH
Each child should bring a packed lunch and
enough refreshments for the day
All children making their own way home on the
day must have a letter of authority from a parent
or guardian
MERSHAM FC WILL NOT ACCEPT BOOKINGS ON THE DAY
ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE
For further details and booking forms please contact
Paul Ilsey on 07971 484137



The long awaited extension to the recycling centre on Portland Drive is now complete. We now just await the arrival of the new bins. Once in place resident's will be able to recycle their plastic bottles, such as milk and fizzy drinks bottles. Unfortunately you will have to remove the lids first as it is not possible to recycle this type of plastic at the moment.

Table Top Sale

On Saturday 12th November, Furzeffield Primary School PFA are holding a table top sale at the school in Delabole Road.

Doors are open from 10am- 12pm

Admission is 30p for adults and children are free.

If you would like a table at the sale, please call 01737 643 579.

Small tables are £5
Large Tables are £7
and on the day £9.

Malmstone Avenue

The campaign to get Malmstone Avenue resurfaced has begun in earnest.

A letter has been written to Surrey County Council and copied to the leader of the Borough Council,

along with our Ward Councillor Mark Brunt and several other Borough Councillors.

Over the coming weeks the NMRA will conducting its own survey of the road, taking photos of every crack, pothole and other damage to the road.

Measurements of the worst will be taken and a document compiled for submission to the Borough and County Council. A copy will also be sent to our local MP, Crispin Blunt and to the Transport Minister Alistair Darling MP.

The NMRA will not rest until this road is resurfaced to an acceptable standard.

The NMRA would like to hear from residents about any problems they have had as a result of the state of the road. Please write or e-mail us at the address on this newsletter.

Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 26th November, Furzeffield Primary School PFA are holding there annual Christmas Fayre. Doors open at 10am.

Father Christmas will be there, along with stalls packed with gifts and fun and games.

Admission is 30p for adults and children are free.

Advertise your event here.

If you are a local school or group and would like some FREE publicity for you school, club or event then send us the details.

The next issue will be going out between January and February 2006 so you have plenty of time.

Due to space we can only print a limited number of adverts so it's first come first served.

All adverts will be subject to the NMRA Chairs approval.

A message from the Chair



I hope you have enjoyed reading our third edition of 'Merstham Matters'.

We aim for it to be as informative as possible.

For us to continue our work we need to hear from you the resident's. We are here to represent you and to work with the local authorities and organisations to improve Merstham and make it a better place to live and work.

Please take some time to think about what you like or dislike about where we live. What you would like to see improved or removed.

The NMRA can only help if we know where the problems are, so get writing or e-mailing and let us know your groans and gripes, or even maybe what you like or are happy with. It will all help with the work to make Merstham an even better place to live.

This will be the last newsletter of 2005, so I would like to take the time to thank you for reading and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Best Wishes

Graeme Crome
Chair

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