

>>> YOUR MP HAS BEEN WORKING ON

- **Meeting** with local constituents at his Friday surgeries.
- **Hearing** evidence on the experience of victims of crime at a meeting of the APPG for Policing
- **Pressing** Gatwick Airport Limited over their poorly conceived plans for a second runway
- **Introducing** legislation to the House of Commons which seeks to extend police powers to assist mentally ill individuals who are unwell in their own homes
- **Hosting** various events at the House of Commons including a dinner which raised money for an extremely worthy child protection charity

CHEAPER AND EASIER TO TRAVEL TO WORK

Conservative Councillors have welcomed the new partnership approach between Surrey County Council, Mole Valley District Council and the East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership to create a new commuter bus service especially for the residents of Brockham, Betchworth and Buckland who need to get to work via Dorking station.

From early in the new year, the Buses 4U team will be able to pick up residents from our villages and take them directly to the station. Local Conservative Councillor, John Muggeridge, explained "This new service brings a number of benefits - it will be cheaper for commuters in parking and petrol costs, it will reduce the carbon impact of commuter travel and it will free up parking space at Dorking Station which is often full at peak times."

Conservative County Councillor, Helyn Clack, added "The partnership approach is a great example of joined up thinking between our local councils and comes in direct response to feedback from residents. If this scheme is successful we may be able to extend it to serve other rural communities in the future."

VIEW FROM JOHN'S TRACTOR



I have huge personal sympathy with every resident in Brockham, Betchworth and Buckland who has suffered and been inconvenienced by the outrageous length of time Pebble Hill has been closed for the Water Board works. As a statutory entity they appear to be a law unto themselves."

"Local residents and businesses, the Water Board's customers, have seen their time and money ripped from their hands through the mismanagement of this project. It has divided local communities, created an extraordinary round trip diversion of up to 26 miles and created grid lock approaching Dorking and Reigate."

"Worse still, residents of Brockham and Strood Green continue to have to cope with a sub-standard road surface connecting them until all these works can be brought to a satisfactory conclusion."

"When I stand on the foot plate of my tractor and see the blackthorn and other trees and bushes growing on the historic face of our beautiful Box Hill escarpment, it fills me with sadness and disappointment that one of the largest charities in the country, the National Trust, with over four million members including many of us in our local communities, haven't been able to implement a countryside management plan that maintains the green and pleasant nature of the face of Box Hill."

"I remember Joey Stemp's father ploughing those fields on Box Hill when I was at school and it looked a picture. We must make sure pasture land continues to be grazed properly and maintained with the most appropriate machinery so that it's character is unchanged for the generations to come."

Anyone wishing to contact Sutton & East Surrey Water may do so by calling **01737 772000** or emailing sesw@waterplc.com

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Brockham, Betchworth and Buckland New Year 2015

Reporting Back From Westminster

Recently Sir Paul was lucky enough to be successful in the ballot of Members seeking to introduce 10 Minute Rule Bills to the House. Sir Paul has chosen to use this opportunity to seek to extend police powers in the context of protecting mentally vulnerable and unwell people.

The law as written does not allow the police to remove mentally unstable individuals to a place of safety if such a person is discovered in their own home. This puts police officers in a very difficult position in that they encounter individuals who need urgent assistance and help but must wait, sometimes for hours, until a suitable medical expert can arrive for that individual to be removed and be taken to a place of safety for treatment.

Sir Paul encountered just this situation when on patrol with the police in London as part of the Police Parliamentary Scheme, commenting afterwards he said *'to see a situation so desperate where a young woman so clearly needed intervention but the police were so powerless had a deep impact—I hope with this bill to address a minor but nonetheless significant deficiency in the law.'*



EUROPE: THE CRUNCH

For the next in our run of highly successful branch events we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting DAN HANNAN MEP on the **13th of February** for a supper (including a glass of wine). Dan is an exceptional speaker and with tickets at only £25 per person this event will be incredibly good value.

Venue: Betchworth Village Hall, RH3 7DF

Date and Time: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13TH 2015. 8pm start.

Responses and applications to:

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Conservatives say no to development on the Green Belt

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YOUR LOCAL REPORT

>>> On The Issues Which Matter to Brockham, Betchworth and Buckland

Buckland Takes Up The Heartstart Challenge

Two local Conservative Councillors have facilitated South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust, the British Heart Foundation and Mole Valley District Council joining forces to help people in emergency need in our rural communities



HEART START

receive help faster. The British Heart Foundation run a programme called Heartstart, which is aimed at encouraging and supporting the training of Emergency Life Support into communities, by the community. Councillors James Friend, Conservative Executive Member for Well Being at Mole Valley and David Mir the District Councillor for the rural villages of Leith Hill, made the connections when it was clear our nearest schemes were in West Sussex and near Haslemere.

The Heartstart scheme provides a structured, accredited training session, lasting about 2 hours, which teaches complete beginners how to deal with the unconscious person, those suffering from a heart attack, cardiac arrest, choking or a serious bleed. In the Autumn, the council contacted all Parish Clerks and Resident Associations asking for communities to come forward to take part and amongst those first to respond were Buckland who quickly identified twenty local residents who wanted to take part. Councillor John Muggeridge commented "I'd like to thank all the Buckland residents that have come forward for this initiative which will improve the outcomes for people in emergency situations. The first eight minutes are the most vital in many cases and the hope of always getting an ambulance to the scene in our remotest areas is small. If you are interested in joining this scheme please get in touch or look out for details advertising more training events locally. We should all remember it could be us or our friends and family who get the benefit."

Coming to Betchworth and Brockham soon, contact the Partnership team at Mole Valley District Council on 01306 885001 or your Parish Clerk.

AIRCRAFT NOISE: REQUEST FROM SIR PAUL



In the previous edition of this newsletter Sir Paul Beresford urged every resident concerned by the enormous increase in noise pollution coming from Gatwick to write to the CAA. This has made a massive difference and the feedback received is that the CAA has been faced with 'unprecedented' levels of negative feedback from local people. We **must** now keep the momentum going, so please do look at the current consultation put out by the Airports Commission and use it as another chance to register your objection to Gatwick expansion.

The consultation can be accessed on the government website and **completed online**, downloaded and emailed to airports.consultation@systra.com or printed and posted to **Freepost RTKX-USUC-CXAS, Airports Commission Consultation, PO Box 1492, Woking, GU22 2QR**

Flood Forum Latest

For more than two years your local Councillors Response Team who are working very hard to dig out the ditches around Brockham.

John Muggeridge and Helyn Clack and local residents have been working tirelessly in partnership with Thames Water and the Environment Agency to identify the greatest flood risks and to alleviate the threats to homes and property across Brockham, Betchworth and Buckland.

John says "We've already seen some of the ditches cleared and we are seeking large funding to implement the ideas of local people including new culverts for Oakdene Road, Warrenne Road and Middle Street. Huge thanks go to the team from the Hamilton Estate and especially all those involved in BERT, the Brockham Emergency

"I am alert to the risks that might be presented by the felling of trees such as the harvesting work being undertaken by the Forestry Commission at High Ridge Wood which if not completed effectively could lead to more water flowing directly to our flood plain. I am holding the Commission to account for getting this right."

"We are hugely privileged to live in villages with such natural beauty but we still co-exist with nature and we must diligently protect our environment by investing in schemes that make a real difference to local people's lives."

Congratulations to the North Downs Primary School, to Staff and Governors and particularly Mrs Ewing for achieving a "good" OFSTED report.

We need more activists in Brockham, Betchworth and Buckland.

If you share our values and you would like to see a Conservative government, Don't leave it to others - [join us and get involved](#).

As an Activist:

- You can host a poster
- You can help us deliver newsletters
- You can join us canvassing

As a donor:

- You can make a donation of any amount, which will make a [real difference](#)
- You can become a friend of the Party for £1
- You can become a voting member from £25

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