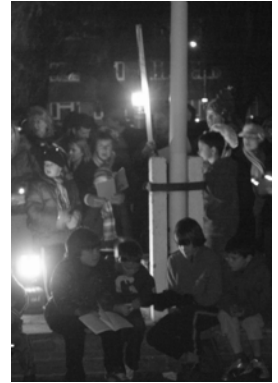


Our compliments of the season and our best wishes for health and happiness in 2017 to all residents and friends of Hinchley Wood.



Our traditional Christmas Carol singing around the Christmas Tree will take place in the Memorial Gardens on Friday 9th December. Please come and join us from 6.30p.m. Carols start at 7p.m. There will be a raffle and mulled wine. Don't forget to bring a torch or lantern.

Shaping Elmbridge 2017—2035: Have Your Say

We are reminded regularly of the need for more housing and related employment uses, and Elmbridge is one of the areas feeling the pressure, partly because of its proximity to London and partly because of its high quality environment (60% of the borough is in the Green Belt). To meet the challenges posed by central government, Elmbridge Borough Council has begun work on a new Local Plan which will address the perceived need for 9,500 new dwellings and supporting infrastructure in the Borough over the next 20 years. In broad terms Elmbridge has three options, and each has significant downsides:

1. Meet needs in full by amending Green Belt boundaries
2. Meet needs as far as possible by increasing the density of housing in existing settlements and releasing the weakest performing areas of Green Belt – considered by reference to the purposes of Green Belt.
3. Meet needs by concentrating development within the urban areas in order to maintain existing Green Belt boundaries.

The Council has launched a consultation exercise which seeks the answers to 32 questions ranging from feedback on the Council's preferred option (2 above) to the sort of essential infrastructure necessary to support communities or address the negative impacts arising from new development – see Elmbridge Local Plan – Strategic Options Consultation <http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/> (available from 16 December 2017). The consultation process will include drop-in events in the form of exhibitions (rather than presentations) with members of the Planning Policy Team on hand to answer questions. Dates and times are given below:

<i>Thursday 19 January 2017</i>	<i>19:00 – 21:00</i>	<i>Hinchley Wood Secondary School</i>
<i>Thursday 26 January 2017</i>	<i>19:00 – 21:00</i>	<i>Civic Centre</i>
<i>Saturday 4 February 2017</i>	<i>10:00 – 14:00</i>	<i>Civic Centre</i>

Of particular interest to local residents is the proposed re-designation of the land on either side of Woodstock Lane North, Long Ditton - an area of some 60+ hectares (150 acres). It is important to note that re-designation is not equivalent to open season for land owners. Limitations on development can include SSSI or Local Nature Reserve status, or the land may be owned by the Borough and will continue in its existing use e.g. cemetery, or topographical constraints may dictate the type, scale or location of any development. Councillor Stuart Sellick Leader of the Council has said, "We are offering these options for consultation to the Elmbridge community in December and across the New Year but it is important to note that no decisions have yet been made. The Government has placed this demand on all Councils and it is clear that if we do not seek to meet our housing needs, the Government will step in and make decisions for us. No one wants that to happen".

Date for your diary

HWRA Annual General Meeting - Thursday 30th March 2017
at 8 p.m. in St. Christopher's Church.



Subscriptions

Your executive committee extend their thanks to all households which have paid their annual subscription. Your Road Representative will be happy to receive any unpaid subscriptions. Please be sure to quote your name and house number.

Bus stops

Three bus stops have been installed in Manor Road South to replace the previous 'hail and ride' section, but our local councillor Janet Turner is far from happy with the work. Surrey County Council (SCC) have made an appalling job of installing the hard standing, digging up all the grass verge and laying black tarmac over the whole area. Janet is still trying to persuade SCC to put back some grass.

Parking Strategy

The parking strategy review for Esher, Claygate and Hinchley Wood has now finished and we await the outcome in February 2017. We thank those residents who submitted comments to review.

Missing commemorative plaque

Residents may have noticed that the commemorative plaque is missing from one of the benches in the Memorial Gardens. One of our Road Representatives has kindly made enquiries, and although the plaque was not found and records were lost, he has discovered that it commemorated Sergeant Harold Percival Mews of the 42nd Royal Tank Regiment who was born on 4th March 1914 and died on active service on 6th December 1942. We are arranging for a replacement plaque to be made and fitted.

Our Residents Association councillors for Hinchley Wood and Weston Green ward are available to help with any issues or concerns you may have about local services.

For matters relating to Hinchley Wood, please contact Janet or Nigel:

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Councillors Tannia Shipley, Nigel Haig-Brown and Janet Turner

Councillors' Surgeries: second Saturday of each month. Please check the HWRA notice board and/or website for details of time and venue.

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If you would like to receive e-bulletins from HWRA, please go to the Contact page on the website and click on the 'subscribe' link.

New HWRA constitution

At the Association's Autumn General Meeting on Thursday 13th October, a revised constitution was unanimously approved, reflecting the recent boundary changes and the creation of the new Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward. Other changes allow HWRA bank accounts to be managed electronically; provide for candidates for election to be chosen at a meeting other than an AGM; and allow the Executive Committee to select a candidate for election should it not have been possible to select a candidate at a general meeting. Copies of the new constitution can be downloaded from the document archive on the Hinchley Wood website.

Website 10th Anniversary

The HWRA website went online on 1st December 2006. For up to date information on local developments and events, links to a variety of local services, and a directory of local businesses and traders, be sure to visit the site regularly. You can also receive topical emails from HWRA through the 'subscribe' link on the *Contacts* page. Please be assured that email addresses are never passed to third parties, and that messages are sent out sparingly, so you will not be deluged with junk messages.

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