



# SEND PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN 2014

### GBC Local Plan What next?

Following awareness campaigns by the parish council and residents' groups, the consultation on the draft plan finally closed on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

As a result of the strong response, GBC Lead Councillor, Stephen Mansbridge, announced a delay to the GBC Local Plan, to allow for an opportunity to assimilate the responses and take steps to update the evidence base, which includes the housing numbers, before producing a revised draft of the plan.

Send Parish Council's petition (with 829 signatories) to GBC to reduce the scale of development proposed in the Draft Local Plan for the village of Send, including the areas of Send Marsh and Burnt Common, was presented by Howard Turner, SPC Chairman, on 7<sup>th</sup> October in the Council Chamber at Millmead House.

Several residents spoke in support of the petition and others peacefully demonstrated outside, many carrying the Save Send Group's "SAY NO" signs. Both of our Borough Councillors, Keith Taylor and Terence Patrick, voted against the motion in response which began "The Council recognises the depth of feeling local residents in and around Send have expressed about the draft Local Plan but does not accept that Send and Send Marsh have been targeted for a disproportionate expansion"; but it was carried 26 to 14. However, a number of Councillors expressed the view that proposed development was in fact disproportionate; and Cllr Mansbridge said he was "very sympathetic to residents' views from Send". He stated that the motion was being carried on a technical issue - that it is not appropriate to remove any proposals until the responses have all been analysed. A strong indication was given that the Wharf Lane traveller site will not be included in the final plan. We were told to expect publication of the main themes of responses within the

In this centenary year of World War I, we remember all our soldiers



"next couple of weeks"; green belt and infrastructure to now act as 'constraints' in the revised plan; a new round of consultation next June/July, and the final plan not to be adopted until 2016.

We must not rest on our laurels but do feel we have made definite progress and that the future for Send looks much more promising.

### SEND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Send Parish Council (SPC) is now investigating the possibility of drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan. This should be an exciting time, and we need lots of volunteers to be involved: people with a variety of skills, local knowledge and an enthusiasm for the parish.

Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) were set up as part of the 'Localism Act' to give communities the opportunity to plan their local area by deciding how it should grow, where development should go and what it should look like. This democratic process is led either by a Neighbourhood Forum, a town council or, in our case, by SPC.

It's important to know that NPs cannot go against decisions made in the Local Plan developed by the borough. What they can be used for is to influence the design, location and mix of new development that the community wants to see go ahead, addressing any purely local issues, such as traffic.

In order to create a plan it is necessary to collect together the community's ideas, gather evidence, draw up proposals and appropriately consult with everyone living and working in and around the neighbourhood area including residents, businesses, landowners and relevant local, regional and national organisations and agencies – and their feedback noted.

*If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Margaret Bruton via one of the Contact Points on this newsletter.*

### EVENTS IN SEND THIS AUTUMN

Bonfire Night on 1<sup>st</sup>  
November on Send  
Marsh Green

Remembrance Day  
Parade on 9<sup>th</sup> November  
along Send Road

Bergamasca Concert in  
aid of St Mary's on 22<sup>nd</sup>  
November at Lancaster  
Hall

SADS Camelot  
Pantomime from 28<sup>th</sup>  
November



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### COUNCIL MEETINGS AUTUMN 2014/15

Lancaster Hall  
in the Upper Room

20<sup>th</sup> October  
17<sup>th</sup> November  
19<sup>th</sup> January

7.15pm - Planning Committee  
7.45pm - Public Session  
8.00pm - Council Meeting

## May 2015 Elections

In May 2015, as well as the major elections there could be one for the volunteer members of Send Parish Council. In the past, most members have continued to serve unopposed.

However, 'new blood' is never a bad thing. If you would like to find out more about what the role involves, please contact Debbie Hurdle, our parish clerk, in her Lancaster Hall office. Look out for more details in the December 2014 issue of Ripley and Send Matters.

To become a parish councillor all you need is enthusiasm and a willingness to help your local community. A "BECOME A COUNCILLOR" event is being planned for January 2015.

### THIS IS A PILOT NEWSLETTER

We would like to get your feedback via any of the contact points, to help us decide if this newsletter should become a quarterly publication to cover the gap between the Ripley & Send Matters editions.

### CONTACT POINTS

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[www.sendvillage.org](http://www.sendvillage.org)

## Send Village Wensleydale hand-made Mugs

These Wensleydale Pottery hand-made Send Village mugs in cream or brown make an ideal gift.

They can be purchased for £6.50 at a number of places in Send including:

- Parish Office
- Send Post Office
- Church Rooms coffee mornings on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 17<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> December, from 10 am to 12 noon
- St Mary's Christmas Fayre on 29<sup>th</sup> November from 11am to 2pm

- SADS panto in the Lancaster Hall from 28<sup>th</sup> November
- WI Meetings in October and November



## Volunteers wanted for community projects

### ADOPT A STREET

Calling all Residents' Associations, Neighbourhood Watch Groups and community minded individuals!

Are you frustrated about litter in your road?

Volunteers who adopt a street will be given a litter picker, hi-vis waistcoat and health and safety guidance to enable them to carry out litter picks on their street whenever they want to.

They will also be able to contact Guildford Borough Council with prompt and accurate information that they will then action.

*If you are interested in signing up your road to the scheme as a volunteer please talk to your neighbours and visit the link below for full details.*

[www.guildford.gov.uk/adoptastreet](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/adoptastreet)

### THE PARISH WARDEN SCHEME: LOCAL FOOTPATHS

Send Parish Council are seeking volunteers to join a small group of people who wish to help to look after the Rights of Way around Send. They will act as eyes and ears in our Parish inspecting the Rights of Way network, reporting any problems found, waymarking and carrying out minor clearances, amongst other tasks.

*Anyone interested should contact Arthur Thomas on 01483 224491*

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## Talking Points

### SEND'S OWN DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Old Send Phone Box turns 60 in January 2015.

What are your memories of 1955? Share them with us via one of the Contact Points for inclusion in the diamond jubilee exhibit.



## Pssst .....

Women in Send Parish looking to set up a new business or boost their existing one, especially online, could have a free training opportunity coming their way in early 2015...