

**North West Farnham Residents Association  
Autumn Meeting and Talk**

**‘A day in the life of an Ecologist’**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 8.00 pm, St Francis Hall (off Three Stiles Road)**

Dear Members and Local Residents

This year the talk at our October meeting is given by Isobel Girvan. She works for Surrey Wildlife Trust Ecology Services and is the Principal Ecologist. She is also a member of Surrey Botanical Society and a Director of the Bishop's Meadow Trust. Her presentation will be on the flora of Surrey. This should be both interesting and informative so do come and support her.

As usual there will be an open session afterwards so that we can hear your views on other matters and discuss the latest news but this time you will have a chance to ask questions of your Town Council members who could not come for the grilling at the AGM. The cost is £2.00 per head including refreshments. Anyone who would like to come but needs some extra help or transport can phone the chairman, Penny Marriott, on 01252 714489.

**Chair and Committee Report**

**Local Plans**

As you know the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan was passed by the planning inspector as a material planning document. However as usual Waverley's actions put the plan in jeopardy immediately. Waverley's new Local Plan includes an extra 1349 houses in Waverley (believe it or not to meet the shortfall in Working's numbers in their established plan). In amending their plan to cope with these extra houses Waverley have proposed that 450 more should come to Farnham, and NO more to Dunsfold aerodrome - continuing to plan for only 2600 there when 80% of respondents to Waverley's own consultation in 2014 supported 3400. Notwithstanding the stupidity of it all we need to ensure that our neighbourhood plan can be reinstated as soon as possible so that we can protect what we have left. Hopefully we can avoid the need to go to another referendum and get what protection the neighbourhood plan affords us reinstated as soon as possible. The amended plan is on the Town Council website. On the plus side all the new sites identified for the extra housing development are on Brownfield sites and there is still some protection for greenfield areas in our region in the plan.

But as usual we on the committee would much rather there was no extra development in our area and Farnham without some improvement in infra-structure to deal with increased traffic and resulting pollution. It is a crazy situation that all this extra housing can be completed in a situation where infrastructure is not a planning consideration. We feel there is also a need a plan to deal with the increased number of children/young adults in the area which will give rise to pressure on school places over the coming years. The Waverley plan is still in progress but hopefully there are no other surprises in store for us while the time passes until it is finalised.

## **The Hopfields development**

Amendments have been received from Taylor Wimpey to their detailed plans ('reserved matters' application – ref WA/2016/2455). There are still questions to be answered about the traffic at the bottom of Crondall Lane, traffic calming for Potters Gate School (although thanks to local pressure there will now be a 20 mph limit in Beavers Road) and the protection for the open spaces to either side of the development. Work on the entrance is now beginning and the Committee will continue to monitor the development please contact us if you have any problems or questions about anything to do with the Hopfields development.

## **Other matters**

We are always looking for people who can give an hour or more to help us deliver a good service for you. I am sure that you have noticed that our website is still down, and we do miss the ability to keep you informed about what is going on in the area. We hope to be able to find a new webmaster soon and **If you have the expertise or know someone who can help we would love to get our website up and running again as soon as possible.**

Please contact the chairman as above and you will be very gratefully received. As usual the Speedwatch volunteers need help in manning the speed gun which does try to keep the speed down on Crondall Lane.

Finally, many thanks for those new deliverers who came forward to help us with deliveries from the last meeting.

If you have any other matters you would like to raise at the meeting please let us know and we are looking forward to seeing you all on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Penny Marriott**

**September 2018.**