

Headley Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2014

Headley's new play area arrives!!!



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Exciting news !! You will be delighted to hear that installation of the new playground starts week commencing 17th March, and should take 3-4 weeks to complete.

It has taken over two years to achieve, but this major milestone has been reached. We hope you will love the new layout, which will consist of a team swing, adventure trail, themed games table, lookout tower with climbing equipment around the mound, nest swing, Supa Nova for spinning/balancing, quad rider, and a seated shelter. Trunks and glacier boulders with a semi-wild area will separate the play equipment and the footie area. An attractive path will lead you through the playground to the shelter, and some items of play equipment will have "grow through" safety surfacing beneath them to help prevent those bruises!



The total cost of the project (including fencing done last year) is £53,261 and has been made possible by: - a grant of £12,000 from Mole Valley District Council; £12,000 from the London Marathon Trust; £4,000 from Surrey County Council member's grant; £2,000 MVDC Parks Department contribution; £2,078 Headley Parish Council; £1,647 MVDC Infrastructure charges (amounts allocated to the village when new builds take place in the village). The remainder has been raised by the very generous donations from residents and organisations of the village, and fundraising events organised by the Playground Steering Group. Our thanks go to everybody for making this dream become a reality.

We are continuing to fundraise for a phase 2 "add-on" to the project, which is very exciting. We have received a number of requests to re-introduce the basketball facility into the playground. We plan to install a football goal/combined basketball net facility to replace the existing goals, and this will hopefully be achieved later this year. Costs of this are likely to be in the region of £9,000 including installation, but we think the children will love them!



John Jenkins will be running a 50 mile ultra-marathon on Saturday 4th May, accompanied by many friends starting from Shoreham by Sea and ending in Headley. You can sponsor John at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/johnjenkins> or by sending a donation or pledge to Church Cottage, or via the village shop. Every penny John raises will go towards further improvements to the playground. We wish him the best of luck.

We hope you will enjoy what you see in the new playground, and once again a massive thank you to everyone who has made it possible.



Jane Jenkins, Chair,
Headley Playground Steering Group

Church Lane Nursery site

There is very little further news to report at this stage.

Plans prepared late last year by Tudors who act for the landowners, were considered but found not to be acceptable to either the Parish Council or Mole Valley District Council, on the basis of scale and size.

Tudors have been advised of this, and we wait to hear whether they are likely to prepare more moderate plans for the site.

Recent changes in planning law mean that it is now permissible to allow a small number of market houses on rural exception sites in the Green Belt, but solely to make an Affordable Housing scheme financially viable.

If further and more acceptable plans come forward, we would at this stage hold a public meeting to ensure that the proposal has the broad support of the village and that all residents can raise any reservations they may have. Only then would the Parish Council support a planning application ♦

Updates & bits 'n bobs! ...

Parish Plan - our thanks to everyone who returned their questionnaires. We are now collating all the information and will be in a position shortly to publish the results and deliver a copy to every household. Lots of things have been achieved in the village as a result of the last Plan, and what you told us you would like to see for the future of Headley - the Gardening Club and Computer Club for example. Lots of suggestions for events and activities have been suggested again this time, with some people kindly offering to help run them. Headley's future is looking positive and hopefully we can achieve good things again!



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◆◆ Annual Village Meeting ◆◆

The Annual Meeting of the Village will be held on Thursday 15th May at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Groups and organisations will be talking about what they have been doing through the year, and we will have updates on all the local things important to you. Please come along and join us and meet other local people.

It is always a very enjoyable evening and there will be drinks and a buffet afterwards



Good news! Indications show that Headley remains on track for Superfast Broadband to be connected to the BT cabinet by the end of March 2014 - so the project is on track for the original promised date.

Costs appear to be reasonable and competitive. Residents should be informed by post once the service is available to them and you will then be able to apply for the service ■

Headley's voluntary car scheme



Did you know that a voluntary car scheme exists in Headley, to give a lift to anyone in need?

It might be that you need to go to the shop, dentist, Post Office, doctor - or whatever.

Four drivers take part in the scheme, and it is run by volunteers, under the control of Headley Parish Council. **And it's FREE!!**

If you'd like a lift, please contact any of the following, who would be happy to help:

Helen Hills - 01372 377385

Pam Holme - 01372 363738

Yvonne Stovell - 01372 377353

Joan Timson - 01372 377242



Ride-London-Surrey Olympic legacy cycle event



The Mayor of London's legacy cycling event takes place on **Sunday 10th August** and will affect some roads in the village. We are working with the organisers and will be attending meetings with them to ensure that local disruption is kept to a minimum. You can find further information on the event at www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk

Parish Council meeting dates 2014 (7.30 p.m. Headley village Hall)

Monday 31st March

Monday 2nd June

Monday 21st July

Monday 29th September

Monday 24th November

All meetings are open to the public and start with an Open Forum where residents can raise any issue of local concern.