

NEWS ROUND-UP ~ DECEMBER 2003

BOUNDARY CHANGES.

We are pleased to report that the changes to the Parish Boundaries that were proposed by the original Council have progressed to a very positive stage. A meeting with Tandridge District Council has resulted in that body recommending to the appropriate Government Department that the changes proposed are implemented.

We are grateful to the Parish Councils of Bletchingley and Nutfield for their support in this matter.

There are still some procedures to be gone through, but Tandridge District Council will be supporting the changes, and we are informed that there is every possibility of the new boundaries being implemented by early in 2005.

ROAD REPAIRS/DRAIN CLEANING.

There has been some maintenance work carried out recently, but the state of the roads in the village remains appalling. (It does mean however that a 30mph speed limit is now obligatory in Millers Lane!)

Some of the blocked drains and culverts that were causing water to flood the roadway (and some residents' property) have been cleared and this is appreciated (at least by one resident!).

It has been noted that, with the return of rainy weather, some ditches are getting blocked, and we would draw attention of property owners to our comments made in the November issue of this magazine.

We are still waiting for Surrey Highways to give some indication as to when our roads will be repaired, but the impression is that there is a vast backlog of what they consider to be more important repairs within the Tandridge District Area.

Your council will continue to pressure the County Council on this matter.

FOOTPATHS, LITTER BINS AND DOG FOULING

A resident has raised these points in correspondence, and at our last Council Meeting it was agreed we would write to Highways Department suggesting a footpath/pavement be provided from the foot of Scotts Hill to link up with the existing path by the Marl Pond. We will ask for a feasibility study and budget price, together with a possible timetable, should the request be accepted.

Litterbins can only be placed on Council owned land, and there is no Council owned land (Parish, District or County) in Outwood; we are informed that the National Trust has a policy of not having litterbins on their land. A similar situation applies to Dog Litterbins, but we would ask all dog owners to adopt a responsible and community minded attitude on this matter when exercising their dogs.

Finally we (your Council) wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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