

## **NEWS ROUND-UP ~ AUGUST 2004**

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There have been a series of Planning Applications submitted during the past month, one of which resulted in several residents expressing concern to the Parish Council after having seen the proposals. Although we have only a limited voice in planning matters the full Council, at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July, were unanimous in their decision to oppose the application to enlarge the property at "Millcroft", Millers Lane. The Tandridge District Council Planning Department has been informed of our views.

Tandridge District Council state "It is this Council's long held view that parish councils have an important democratic and representational role both to reflect local interests and empower local communities."

We await the outcome.

### **RURAL HOUSING TRUST**

Following the visit of their representative, Andrew Smith, to our Parish Meeting in April, where considerable interest was shown by the public to this scheme, your Council has officially applied to this organisation to find out if they would be interested in looking at the question of affordable housing needs in the village. This is no more than an initial approach and until we receive a reply no further action will be taken.

### **GRASS VERGE CUTTING & THE RESULTING LITTER**

The cutting of grass verges around the village is the responsibility of Surrey CC (Highways Dept.). As a rural area we are entitled to have three cuts per year. Unfortunately due to lack of money the cut grass, together with the litter thrown up as a result, cannot be collected by the Highways Department and since normal "Litter Picking" is the responsibility of Tandridge District Council, who likewise do not have sufficient funds to clean up outside their usual 13 and 26 week cycle, we are left with a lot of litter. We will be taking this matter up with the two councils concerned with a request that this situation be resolved in the future. In the meantime we shall continue to use the services of our handyman (within the agreed budget) to rid the village of this unwanted mess.

**GRL**