

## Report of the Outwood Parish Council Meeting ~ March 2006

This month's meeting was again well attended and several latecomers (luckily young) were without chairs but declined the offer of a short break to find some more.

Our three district councillors were present and briefed the meeting on the progress of the pub licensing and subsequent appeals within Tandridge (none affecting Outwood). They also mentioned the probable creation of just one Primary Care Trust (PCT) for the whole of Surrey (instead of the current five) with our existing PCT becoming merely a local area of the Surrey PCT. Currently support and health care for the elderly in our local area comes under a Joint Services Directorate. Concern was expressed that this successful system might not survive the new arrangements.

There has been only one serious crime since the last meeting; the theft of saddles and other tack not all of which could be identity marked. All horse owners/riders beware!

Litter picking has been conducted within the village this month and our local handyman is now back at work so the litter situation should be improving. There is support for the fitment of a hearing loop system in the Lloyd Hall. A survey is to be carried out and approaches made to various sources for the necessary funding.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April all Surrey residents over 60 will be entitled to totally free bus travel within the county and on bus journeys starting within Surrey but finishing outside. The Help shop in Horley can issue these passes but requires proof of age; identity and Surrey residence (see more information in the Parish Council section of the Outwood website).

There was a further debate on youth issues with younger Outwoodians and their parents contributing usefully. The National Trust had indicated that it was not keen to allow the land to the west of the Lloyd Hall to be used for youth activities or amenities but it did tacitly approve of the unofficial games of football etc which happen on the south section of the Common. The major problem for the village in this matter is that the Parish Council owns no land and is thus constrained. Youth activities will be one of the topics for the **Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm on Thursday 20th April**. The speaker will be Jane Wilson the Youth Development Officer for Tandridge District Council. It should be a useful discussion.

The Council is still awaiting a speed survey within the village by either TDC or the police. Subject to this survey money has been allocated to enable us to join in with Horne in the Community Speed Watch scheme and 13 volunteers are available for training in due course. The Council is still interested in having a Vehicle Activated Mobile Sign to be used either separately or in conjunction with the Speed Watch Scheme. This issue is the other topic which will be addressed at the **Annual Parish Meeting**.

Diary Dates: Annual Parish Meeting Lloyd Hall 8pm 20<sup>th</sup> April; London to Brighton Bike Ride 18<sup>th</sup> June (local councillors have had no success in having the route changed); Village Show 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

*Ian Frow - March 2006*