



Mandeville MATTERS

From your Conservative Councillors Brian Roberts, Sue Chapple, Denise Summers & Brian Tyndall

GETTING OUR ROADS SORTED

■ Following conversations with concerned residents from across Mandeville & Elm Farm Cllr Brian Roberts pushed road repairs to the top of his County agenda

The next phase of repairs/improvements have been approved. A meeting with our Local Area Technician (LAT) resulted in the following roads being selected;

- **Spencer Road** will be planed and re-surfaced
- **Stoke Road** from the junction of Chiltern Street to the first house in Mandeville Road will be resurfaced
- **Micros -Asphalt** will be laid in the **Milton Road, Byron Road, Chiltern Street and Madeley Road.**

The question surrounding the state of the pavements was also discussed. There is now a separate budget for this. All of this work is scheduled to be carried out during the next financial year.



SPRING IS ON THE WAY

The large amount of daffodil bulbs we planted late last year at the top of Elm Farm Road are beginning to break through and it looks like many of them survived. We are looking forward to when they finally show their blooms which will tell us that **Spring is really on the way.**

We must apologise to the residents of the bungalows of Harvey Road. In our previous newsletter we spoke of planting bulbs in this area around these bungalows, but sickness and bad weather meant we ran out of time. Later in the year we will plant the remaining bulbs as intended to bring some colour to this area.

Above: The Mandeville & Elm Farm team at the top of Elm Farm Road Below: The daffodils planted late last year starting to come through.



BENCHES—YOU DECIDE WHERE THEY GO

Using Brian R's County Council Community Leaders Fund we have two new benches ready to be installed. If you would like one in your area or know of somewhere in Mandeville & Elm Farm where they would be of use please do let us know. The two successful areas will be announced in our next newsletter.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

At long last we have finally got a solution to the parked cars problem at the junction of Elm Farm Road and Melstock Road. Towards the end of last year, we had a site meeting with senior officers from Bucks County Councils Highways Dept. to discuss the problem and for them to see for themselves the potential dangers.

APM's (Access Protection Markings) have been painted as a temporary measure whilst the obligatory consultation takes place. At the end of the consultation period, the plan is to have yellow lines from the zig zags at the school gates to the start of the cycle path that goes down towards the subway, then yellow lines on each corner either side of Melstock Road.

Work should start during the summer and will help to remove the dangers when trying to navigate this junction.

ONE WAY SYSTEM—CHILTERN STREET/MADELEY ROAD

As you may be aware the abuse of some motorists driving the wrong way up Madeley Road and Chiltern Street is ongoing. We recently had a high level meeting with a senior Police Officer and the local neighbourhood Police Constable. We told them we are very concerned that this issue has not been resolved. We were assured they will be stepping up their activity in the area to try and catch the culprits. Could we please ask that if you see any one driving the wrong way could you please let us know the time and date so that we can start to build up a picture of these incidents. We have also asked Traffic Officers at Bucks County Council to see if it is possible cancel the no right turn into Chiltern Street as we feel this is part of the problem with people reluctant to travel all of the way around the gyratory system to get into Chiltern Street the correct way.

Whilst talking about Chiltern Street we have had a number of calls from residents about their refuse collections, litter bins and litter problems. We have alerted all of the departments involved, and to date many of the issues have been addressed, but if you have any further problems please do let us know so that we can get them sorted out quickly.

STOP HAMPDEN FIELDS

■ Your local Conservative team have taken an active role in the fight against the Hampden Fields development

For the past few weeks your Conservative team of **Sue Chapple, Brian Roberts, Brian Tyndall and Denise Summers** have been out in the ward posting standard objection letters and collecting the responses. It's been a blessing that there's only been the snow to cope with rather than the torrents of rain which soaked so many objection letters last time. The good news is that on Friday 8th February well over **4,000** objection letters were delivered by the Action Group by hand to Aylesbury Vale District Council. We hope it will make a difference, as if we don't fight, there's never any hope of success.

Cllr Sue Chapple said, "We promised to protect our green spaces, and we have done all we can to stop this proposed new development clogging the landscape and choking the roads. Thank you to every resident who took the time to write an objection or sign one of our letters. Each has been carefully logged, and will add to the campaign's momentum."

Cllr Brian Roberts said, "The massive number of objections shows the strength of feeling of residents to this development. We stand shoulder to shoulder with you against this development that would have such a detrimental effect on our already overstretched infrastructure."



Above: Hampden Fields Action Group handing in over 4000 objection letters.

STOKE MANDEVILLE HOSPITAL PARKING

■ A glimmer of hope for the long suffering residents surrounding Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

As many of our residents are aware the parking situation in and around the hospital is deplorable and we, your Councillors, along with others have been making every effort to resolve this. At the Buckinghamshire NHS Trust Meeting on the 30th January 2013 the Board recognised the unacceptable parking situation. A paper was submitted to the Board for the building of the multi-storey car-park (which has planning permission), and this was accepted, but as the commercial aspects were not complete, it was forwarded to a Task and Finish group to complete by the end of February 2013.

During a telephone conversation on the 30th January 2013 between Cllr Brian Tyndall and Trust Chief Executive Anne Eden, she recognised the urgency of this matter, and once the commercial terms have been agreed the decision can be taken without further reference to The Trust Board. If all this takes place, the multi-storey car park 'should' be completed by the summer, and hopefully this will start to alleviate some of the parking issues. This has now been confirmed by a public announcement from The NHS Trust.

Cllr Brian Tyndall said, "A consultation on parking in the Kynaston/Winterton and Elm Farm/Melstock areas is also due to be completed shortly by Buckinghamshire County Council, again with the aim of relieving the parking issues in these, and adjacent areas. As soon as these matters are concluded we shall inform you of them. We all wish this could happen quicker, but thank you for your patience."



The Mandeville & Elm Farm team have been fighting to improve the situation for residents around the Hospital and are hoping an answer will be found soon.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS THURSDAY 2ND MAY

Recently a review was carried out by The Boundaries Commission into the size of Electoral Divisions in the County. This review resulted in a reduction of the number of Councillors on Bucks County Council and an increase in the size of each Division a Councillor will be responsible for. We are pleased to announce that **Brian Roberts** has accepted to stand as County Council candidate in the forthcoming election. He is seeking a further term of four years to continue working for the community in the Division of **Aylesbury South East**. As your current Town, District and County Councillor he has enjoyed working with his local colleagues for the benefit of the community and together they have achieved a lot of success.

Over the next few weeks Brian and the team will try and get to see as many of you as possible, if we miss you when we call please feel free to give us a call, we will always try our best to get issues resolved for you.



Just a few of the projects funded by Brian R's Community Leaders Fund.

LIGHT POLLUTION

Following the cut back of the hedgerows along the Wendover Road in preparation for Olympics, the residents of Linden End and surrounding roads became exposed to the floodlights from the Tennis Club opposite. Residents asked us to get involved to see if something could be done to reduce this light pollution.

This problem has been around for a long time but the cut back made the situation worse. Working with the Environment Agency, we managed to get the lights adjusted and deflectors fitted. The situation is now very much improved and local residents are no longer suffering bright lights late into the evening. We would like to thank all of those involved and particularly the Tennis Club who helped to bring this situation to a satisfactory conclusion.



Left: Residents no longer need worry about bright lights

EDWARD CLOSE

Following on from our previous report about the badly overgrown area in one of the car parks, we carried out a lot of research to try to establish the owners of this particular area. As reported before, we can only assume this piece of land has never been adopted.

On further inspection and seeking professional advice, we were advised the job would be too big for us as your Councillors and our local residents to do ourselves, so using Brian's Community Leaders Fund we asked a team of experts to carry out the work for us. As you can see from the before and after photos the results are excellent tidying up a very scruffy area.



Above: Edward Close before
Below: After the tidy up



TAXI-NG ISSUE

As we have mentioned in previous newsletters the Harvey Road taxi firm have had their licence revoked however they appealed the decision and were able to operate under the appeal. The case was scheduled for February and was adjourned until 8th March.

Cllr Denise Summers said, "The team have been working hard on this issue and it is now in the hands of the court. As soon as we have more information we will let you know."

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