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**Reigate Central
& South Central
Spring 1998**



DELIVERED IN YOUR AREA FOR OVER 13 YEARS

TRAFFIC MATTERS

MILL STREET

Cllr Graham Norman has received a petition from the residents of Mill Street and Garibaldi Road, concerning their fears over the volume and speed of cars driving east down the hill and the risk to safety that this entails. Graham presented the petition, containing over 100 signatures, at the full Council meeting in early February. It will now go for discussion at the Environmental Services Committee.

BEAUFORT ROAD

Beaufort Road residents are also up in arms about the speed of through traffic. Their road, unlike Mill Street, is flat and straight, but they are also concerned about the flow of fast cars. They have presented a petition to Cllrs Penelope Horsfall and Helen Samuel, asking for the matter to be 'pursued'. (No pun intended!)

We get many complaints about traffic congestion and the resultant pollution. As Liberal Democrats, we want more green policies, yet we are told that the Country needs millions more new homes in the next two decades. Most of the homes will no doubt have garages or parking spaces, as the planning rules require, so we have this dilemma and conflict. We are actively pursuing ideas to reduce traffic in our area, while recognising our responsibility to provide appropriate accommodation.

PLANNING CONCERNS



GAS WORKS OFF EAST ROAD

Cllrs Helen Samuel and Jane Kulka have met several times with local residents to explore problems associated with clearing the old gas site and its subsequent development as a housing area. Planners and transport advisers have all been involved. There is much work still to be done. We are very conscious of the difficult problems that residents already have had during the protracted clearance operation.

LONDON ROAD/HARDWICKE ROAD

Cllr Helen Samuel has held two public meetings with local people to discuss the impact of the housing development on the site behind the Norfolk Lodge Hotel. As a result, the developers have agreed modifications to their original plans. It is hoped that further progress can still be made to minimise any adverse impact of the new buildings.

LESBOURNE ROAD BUS GARAGE

Helen, Jane, Liz and Penelope have all been involved with the concerns and aspirations of local residents and traders regarding this site. We have had constructive discussions with the developers, who are proposing offices and a restaurant for the site. We believe that with improved traffic control, parking management and sensitive design, this whole development will be an asset for this part of Reigate. This is an important site and we want to make sure that the right decisions are made.

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THE ONLY PARTY TO KEEP IN
TOUCH WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR - NOT
JUST AT ELECTION TIME!**

Working for You - Getting Things Done

NEW CINEMA FOR REDHILL

Graham Norman, who is Chairman of the Council's Leisure sub-committee, is delighted with the success of the new cinema in the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill. If you have not yet been, please go! We are sure you will be pleased with this new facility. It is showing most of the popular new releases. Graham says "I am confident that a cinema in Redhill will be a great benefit to the continuing popularity of Redhill"

TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Town Centre Management has the strong support of your local Liberal Democrats. Helen Samuel Chair's the Reigate Group and Jane Kulka is on the Redhill Group. Town Centre Management means that local business and residents of a town can get involved with improvements and developments that are happening in their town. The Shopmobility service in Redhill's Belfry is a great success, supported particularly by Cllrs Paul Westlake & Penelope Horsfall. A big thank-you to the people from the Town Centre Group who have developed the idea into a reality.

FAIRLAWN DRIVE ENTRANCE

Graham has accepted, in principle, the removal of the bank opposite the Earlswood Arms to improve sight lines. Work has been delayed by the discovery of a Seeboard heavy duty cable.

Tell Us What You Think

If you know of a local problem which needs our attention, or you have a good idea for our area, get in touch with your local Liberal Democrats:

Cllr. Graham Norman	Tel. 760465
John Vincent	Tel. 226089
Cllr. Helen Samuel	Tel. 246305
Cllr. Jane Kulka	Tel. 215111
Cllr. Pen Horsfall	Tel. 761209
Cllr. Liz Pinn	Tel. 222184
Cllr. Paul Westlake	Tel 01279 871386

Or if you would prefer, write to:
Graham Norman 51 Green Lane, Redhill RH1 2DF

RAIL TRACK

Helen Samuel has written to Rail Track to complain about works on the tracks behind Summerly Avenue. Residents were awakened by loud banging and bright lights at 3am on a Sunday, with no warning. An apology has been received with the promise to improve consultation in the future. It is extreme arrogance that they think they can get away with such bad manners in the first place....So much for having a Tory M.P. as a member of their Board of Directors!

GROT SPOTS

Cromwell Road area: Helen and Jane have toured around the area in response to the Council's new 'Grot Spot' campaign. The places that they identified have either now been cleared or will be rectified shortly.

Residents action: Thank you to residents in our two wards who have been telling us about other areas that need attention. We will make sure that action is taken.

If you see something that needs clearing, then let us know.

A DIFFICULT ACT TO FOLLOW ... BUT WATCH THIS SPACE

Cllr Dr Paul Westlake is having to stand down at the local elections in May. Paul has been a stalwart worker on behalf of Central Ward residents and has taken up the 'good fight' on your behalf on many occasions. We are all proud of his achievements and will miss his contribution to our work.

His pithy observations have kept us on our toes and his youthful energy left the older members among us gasping! Paul, his wife and two small children have moved to Essex with his work and

CAN YOU HELP US?

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- Joining the Local Liberal Democrats (from £5)
- Displaying an election poster

NameAddress.....

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Return to: Jane Kulka, 77 Earlsbrook Rd, Redhill RH1 6DR