

**MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**20 May 2011**

**1. WELCOME**

President Sue Cartwright welcomed Guest Speaker, Local Officers and approx. 50 members and visitors present.

**2. SPEAKER'S PRESENTATION**

Mary Bennett, local historian.

Local history, illustrated with Fred Penhallow's views of Frimley, Frimley Green, Mytchett and Deepcut.

Mrs. Bennett took us on an illustrated historical journey through the local area, showing many local scenes from the early days of photography up to more recent times. Fred's collection also includes many local people, some of whom members will know or remember themselves. She spoke of the origin of some of the names familiar today - for example, Nursery Close from the plant nursery once there, the Miners Arms from the clay mining for the local pottery industry.

She answered questions, and also appealed for any local information for inclusion in a book on local history which she is writing.

**3. TEA & COFFEE BREAK**

**4. SOCIETY BUSINESS**

4.1 Minutes of General Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011 were agreed (proposed M. White, seconded B. Smith).

4.2 Chairman Kevin Daley's Report, a summary of some of the year's activities:

- Public pre-election open forum meeting prior to May 2010 General election.
- Surrey Heath Core Strategy, and Deepcut Supplementary Planning Document, representing residents' issues and concerns.
- Farnborough Airport, representing residents' views on the appeal by T.A.G. to increase the maximum number of flights permitted. The representation was unsuccessful, and appeal was upheld.
- Surrey C.C. Bus Review. We have responded with suggestions over the proposed changes which will reduce the number of choices through the villages and sever links eastwards towards Brookwood and Woking.
- Basingstoke Canal, petitioning Surrey Heath Borough Council for adequate maintenance funding.
- We have raised concern over the proposed expansion of gypsy sites in Deepcut.

4.3 Treasurer's Report.

Financial accounts were available to members.

Treasurer Carol Drew asked all members to consider paying subscription by Standing Order; it is convenient, leaves the paying member in control, and helps the committee to keep up to date. A Standing Order request form is available from the Treasurer and also on the Society website ( <http://www.mfgdsociety.org.uk/> ).

4.4 Election of Committee.

The following members offered themselves for re-election: Sue Cartwright (President), Kevin Daley (Chairman), Carol Drew (Treasurer), Howard Hyde, Daphne Knowles, Bruce Smith, Cathie Whitcroft, Martin White.

The following members put themselves forward to join the committee: Rod Carroll, Jan Thompson.

The above Committee of 10 was elected unanimously.

**5. QUESTIONS to LOCAL OFFICERS**

5.1 David Parsons: Concern regarding traffic from Frimley for Johnsons Wax missing turn into site and continuing to Frimley Green, causing congestion attempting to turn around there.

Cllr. C. Pitt: Johnson's Wax manufacturing will be moving to Holland, only administrative staff will remain at Frimley site, so problem should diminish.

Cllr. A. Whittart: Surrey C.C. will be reviewing Sturt Road low bridge signage in near future.

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**5. QUESTIONS to LOCAL OFFICERS (continued)**

- 5.2 Roy Kempston: The Basingstoke Canal towpath near Frimley Lodge Park is in poor state of repair - will it be closed or repaired?  
Cllr. C. Pitt, Cllr. A. Whittart: Basingstoke Canal maintenance (including towpath) is local councils' responsibility, divided appropriately along the length of the canal, and this section falls to Surrey Heath. Their share for the current year is £28,000, but SHBC have only pledged £11,000. Some additional funding this year has been secured from an environmental fine collected.  
Chairman Kevin Daley pointed out that this remedy was only for the current year, and urged all to sign the petition on the SHBC website (<http://petitions.surreyheath.gov.uk/BasingstokeCanal/>) for adequate funding, deadline for this is 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011.  
Ron Fullard: SHBC have a duty under EEC regulations to protect wild birds' habitat, and this may extend to the canal area.  
Gordon Day: Why is SHBC not meeting its financial commitment?  
Cllr. A. Whittart: Surrey Heath is not the only local authority to fail to do so.
- 5.3 Tony Eusden: We have heard of more double-yellow lines in Frimley Green.  
Cllr. D. Allen: This is a Surrey County Council matter/responsibility; there is a map of proposals in Jarmans bakery.  
Cllr. A. Whittart outlined the detail: two narrow corners in Buckhurst Road, Buckhurst Road/Beech Road corners, Frimley Green Road from Buckhurst Road to the petrol station, Gresham Way near Cross Farm school.  
Sgt. J. Castell: There have been complaints that parking has been causing obstructions, and the section in Frimley Green Road is opposite the bus stop.  
Cllr. A. Whittart: Conversely, parked vehicles on wider busy roads can have a slowing effect on traffic.
- 5.4 Brian Payne: What is being done about parking for the swimming club obstructing Henley Drive and on the cycle lane?  
Cllr. C. Pitt: Retrospective planning permission has been sought and granted for parking on the school tennis court area.
- 5.5 Kevin Daley: Can we have assurance that there will be no introduction of parking charges in the local area. A local petition against parking charges has raised over 26000 names.  
Cllr. C. Pitt: Unable to give assurance. Street parking deficit is approx. £170,000 per year, and suggests a maximum time limit for parking could resolve long-term parking problems.  
Rod Carroll: Didn't Cllr. Pitt vote against the petition at the council meeting?  
Cllr. C. Pitt: Although supports the petition had voted against it owing to party political pressures.
- 5.6 David Parsons: Wishes Society to record thanks to those local councillors not re-elected in this month's local elections for their hard work on local issues, in particular David Whitcroft, Angie Paterson, Mike Drew and Duncan Clark. President Sue Cartwright and the meeting fully endorsed David's proposal.

**6. RAFFLE and Meeting Closed.**

**7. DATE OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

Speaker: Dr. Peter Cureton, Frimley Green Medical Centre, on the effects of the forthcoming NHS reforms. MP Michael Gove has accepted our invitation to attend.

**Local Officers Present**

Councillor David Allen	Surrey Heath B.C.	Frimley Green Ward
Councillor Alan Whittart	Surrey Heath B.C.	Frimley Green Ward
Councillor Chris Pitt	Surrey C.C.	Frimley Green & Mytchett
Sergeant Jon Castell	Surrey Police	

**Committee Members Present**

Sue Cartwright	President
Kevin Daley	Chairman
Carol Drew	Treasurer
Daphne Knowles	
Bruce Smith	
Cathie Whitcroft	
Heather White	
Martin White	