

Welcome to the January edition of my e-Focus in which I update local residents on news items, council meetings and planning applications in the Alamein ward. As before if you no longer wish to receive these e-Focus newsletters please email len.gates@andover.co.uk and I will remove you address from the circulation list.

I am still chasing the county council about overgrown trees, uneven paving stones, potholes and grit bins around the ward. I am particularly disappointed that many of the much publicised new grit bins didn't appear when and where needed during the recent cold weather.

As usual the county council has difficulty living up to its promises. On Smannell Road they have still not dealt with the flooded footpath, Test Valley Borough Council have now decided to take action to resolve the problem. For further details see my web site at <http://lengates.mycouncillor.org.uk/2010/12/18/flooding-on-smannell-road-again/>

The next meeting of the Roman Way Forum will be on Saturday 15th January (full details on page 2) not 8th as originally planned. As well as police and local councillors we hope to have both Testway and Raglan Housing present to discuss local issues.

On the subject of Raglan Housing I attended the AGM of the new tenants association last month. Congratulations to all involved. I look forward to working with the new association and Raglan over the coming year.

The police have acted on mini motor bike nuisance in Viking Way, Dark Lane and Enham. If you know of any further problem areas let me know. Also in Viking Way I have arranged for a barrier to be erected to prevent motorbikes using the path between Livia and Corinthian Closes.

The new community notice board on Roman Way should be erected by Testway Housing this month once it is approved by Test Valley Planners.

Negotiations are still ongoing about the new community centre on Augusta Park. In the meantime a number of community events have been organised around the area. Details at <http://lengates.mycouncillor.org.uk/2010/12/18/community-facilities-in-augusta-park/>

And finally - the much promised and long overdue improvements to the Enham Arch roundabout and traffic lights are due to start in January. We will have see whether they actually solve the never ending and increasing traffic problems in the area.

Details at <http://lengates.mycouncillor.org.uk/2010/12/29/road-improvements-at-enham-arch/>

If yo want a further information about, or would like to comment on, any of the above please contact me on len.gates@andover.co.uk

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications submitted and validated in December. If you wish to see more details or comment on any previous application, go to <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=9883>

THIS MONTH'S BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Test Valley council meetings this month are as follows. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings of the council. To view the agenda of the meeting, go to <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=201>

12.01.11	Council	Council chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey	16:00
13.01.11	Licensing Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Andover	17:30
18.01.11	Planning Control Committee	Council chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey	17:30
19.01.11	General Purposes Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Andover	16:00
19.01.11	Cabinet	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Andover	17:30
20.01.11	Standards Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Andover	17:30
26.01.11	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Andover	17:30
27.01.11	Northern Area Planning Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Andover	17:30
08.02.11	Planning Control Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Andover	17:30
10.02.11	Licensing Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Andover	17:30

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL, OTHER MEETINGS and EVENTS:

Smannell Parish Council	Mon 7 Feb 19:15	Smannell & Enham School, Smannell
Enham Alamein Parish Council	Wed 12 Jan 19:15	Enham Shop, Enham Alamein
Alamein Community Association	Tue 18 Jan 18:15	King Arthur's Hall, King Arthur's Way, Andover
Andover Town Council	Thu 20 Jan 19:00	Guildhall, High Street Andover
Roman Way Forum	Sat 15 Jan 15:00	Church centre, Smannell Road, Andover

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