

Rogate Parish Council – Chairman’s letter

On Saturday 30th April we held the annual litter pick. A big thank you to Laura Craven and Zoe Maclehose for organising and to everyone who helped out. The good news is less litter than last year and the District Council were very quick to respond to removing the items that would not fit in the bag. A big thanks to everyone.

Conversations continue around the proposed ‘Transfer of Engagements of R&THA to PHA Homes’ and particularly about the future of East Lodge. It is likely we will have a much clearer picture and more news in a couple of weeks.

We have had some correspondence recently around the quality of the water in the River Rother. Currently the local angling club test for invertebrates but at this month’s meeting we approved a grant to Eco Rother Action (ERA) to help provide training and equipment so they can carry out regular water quality tests. These results will be loaded onto a central database which we hope will push the water companies to make much needed improvements. This may be only one action but each small step can eventually lead to a bigger change.

We are pleased that the Gardening Club have again volunteered to restock the village planter at East Lodge for us.

After my letter last month we were advised that an old county boundary stone is laying in a nettle patch next to the current modern sign in Rogate. We are considering ways this may be resurrected. I have this slight fear that reinstating the stone may involve a tangle of legislation, we can but investigate.

I attended a meeting at the Forestry Commission, with Adrian Collins, CDC Planning Tree Officer, Nick Heasman SDNP, Kate O’Kelly and Philip Lymbery to discuss FC’s failure over tree felling by Garbett’s Lane and safeguards that may be put in place. We are pleased that Phillip Lymbery has offered to help us by becoming a tree warden.

Jubilee events. Rogate has a range of events on the Saturday and Sunday (full details elsewhere in the magazine), if you haven’t booked your ticket for the lunch on Sunday 5th June, tickets are available at the shop. Rake is holding a picnic and music event at the village hall on Sunday 5th June from 12.00 midday. Hugo Platt are holding an afternoon tea on Friday 3rd for residents of Parsonage Estate - Enjoy.

Thanks to the people who participated in the Shine Radio p-pod broadcast which is available for a listen at their website.

For those who do not normally read Country Life Magazine, they have featured the Lupin field at Terwick Church in the 18th May edition. The front-page cover picture is fantastic and the article itself, is inspiring.

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