

Rogate Parish Council – Chairman's letter

Christmas is almost upon us and the rain has returned with renewed enthusiasm following its long summer break. Don't forget to report blocked gullies/flooding to www.love.westsussex.gov.uk

We were saddened to learn of the death of Ann Arnold, apart from owning and operating the Rogate Village Stores and being a part of many Rogate committees and organisations she was also a long-term member of the Parish Council. Her wisdom will be missed.

A small group of residents and councillors are looking at possibilities for calming traffic in Fyning Lane. Rather than writing about it here, please find the article further on in the magazine. Community effort is a powerful tool, and we would appreciate your support.

A brief mention of Rogate and Terwick Housing Association transfer to PHA Homes Ltd that was made last month. We understand the vote was necessary as the original transfer document made no reference to what happened to the share in R&THA after the transfer. The revised document has corrected the position, but the full voting process has to be taken again.

In last month's magazine we included a single page insert setting out the various government help that is available. One thing struck us; it dammed complicated. With this in mind we have arranged a 'supporting you' event with the District Council to take place in Rogate village hall on Thursday 8th December from 10am to 12am. Three specialists will be on hand to answer questions and help people work through the maze of forms. Please come along, have a chat and a coffee to see what help you might be entitled to support.

There is a planned charity illuminated Tractor Run visiting Rogate on Saturday 17th December and provisionally, it is due along North St around 6pm. Please look out for the posters.

Work continues on the possibility of using Rogate Village Hall as a hub in the event of a major incident. We are seeking quotes to make changes to the electrics to allow a generator to be easily hooked into the hall and investigating options for generator hire. Work is progressing.

We have been contacted by Hedgehogs R Us. This organisation is seeking to improve and build the current population of hedgehogs with purpose-built homes and highways to travel through gardens. What we are unsure about is how many hedgehogs we have in the area – please let us know. It would be great to help these wonderful little animals.

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Chairman, Rogate Parish Council