

## News from St Martha Parish Council

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As I write this the leaves are turning gorgeous hues of copper, burnt orange and golden yellow and rapidly falling to the ground. Every week we seem to hear of a name for a storm approaching that is going to bring strong winds and rain. As I drive up and down Halfpenny Lane, I am always concerned about trees that might fall, and conscious of how slippery the surface becomes. As we all know it is a very busy lane, carrying much traffic, and unfortunately motorists going too fast for the conditions of the lane. As someone who walks dogs and horse rides, it is unnerving when you can hear vehicles approaching and the noise of the engine informs you that the vehicle is going fast.

I was very struck by the conversations I had with residents last Autumn when I was canvassing in Blacksmith Lane how concerned they were by speeding traffic. There is no pavement, not enough width for cars to pass in many places, and some driveways do not allow for good visibility when pulling out.

This leads me to query the lack of support for the 20's Plenty posters that we distributed? Maybe we didn't communicate this well, maybe residents were unsure if other neighbours would follow suit, maybe people thought it would have no effect? Currently residents further up the lane, including White Lane, are considering whether to adopt the scheme. So far, replies have been positive. One response received said, "surely it would make sense if Blacksmith Lane was involved"? It would be helpful to have some feedback.

### **London Road Active Travel Scheme**

I thought I would mention this, as although not strictly just a parish matter, I am certain it will affect many of you. Surrey County Council are keen to press ahead with the proposals for enhanced bike lanes, with sections incorporating shared bike/pedestrian pathways. Commencing from the Aldi roundabout at Burpham, continuing along London Road past Stoke Park to the York Road traffic lights. A new 'Dutch style' roundabout will be constructed where the existing Boxgrove roundabout is (formerly old AA roundabout). Further information available from Surrey County Council's website, just type in London Road Active Travel Scheme to view plans and traffic modelling. Local stakeholders, comprising neighbourhoods who will be most impacted has upto date news, [www.lrag.weebly.com](http://www.lrag.weebly.com)

On behalf of all the parish councillors we wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Councillor Mrs Clare Price

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