

## **Report of the Environmental Sub Committee for the LRA Committee meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

As promised at the August Committee meeting the Environmental Sub Committee met on 7<sup>th</sup> August with the sole purpose of establishing and reiterating our thoughts on the High Street Redevelopment Project. We had concerns because a great deal of effort on our part had resulted in the total exclusion of our ideas from the schematic drawing placed before us by Rod Shaw.

We produced the report as soon as possible (missing the August meeting) because for several weeks prior to this, our minds had been focused on the Olympics and the litter pick we organised in conjunction with the Cycle Race. This was the first date at which we were able to concentrate on the High Street. A report was written and sent to the entire LRA committee for comment. Two members who would prefer cars limited to the South side of the High Street offered that opinion.

Of major concern was that the number of parking spaces had been cut so drastically (to one third of the present spaces available.) Therefore we explored the idea that there were further opportunities for High Street parking without compromising the safety of pedestrians. This included the space in front of the market on the north side of the street because street furniture cannot be used there to prevent parking because of the need for space for market traders to load and unload. At the time of our August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting the possibility of parking there was being explored by engineers. Our report endorsed that idea.

We now understand that our other concerns regarding the style and usefulness of street furniture, and use of flowers and plants to beautify the town will be a matter of further public consultation later this year.

At Rod Shaw's request we sent the report as soon as possible so that it would be available when engineers were taking a close look at the project.

### **Village Green Application**

County Hall has sent Flip about hundred pages of an objection to the Village Green Application for **Leach Grove Wood** (the entire objection is available at County Hall). The objection was written by Capsticks Solicitors on behalf of the Surrey Primary Trust. Flip and Fran have begun to read the objection so that we can make comments by the October 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline.

### **Teazle Wood**

The Management Committee of the Friends of Teazle Wood will meet the second week of September to discuss fund raising and to start discussing the way forward for projects for the woods.

### **Decluttering Workshop**

Representatives of Bookham and Ashted Transition groups have met with representatives of the Environmental Committee twice this month in order to plan the details for the **Decluttering Workshop** planned 20<sup>th</sup> October at the Letherhead Institute

The **next meeting** of the Environmental Committee will concentrate on plans for replanting our 21 planters for the winter season