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## Hook, Odiham, Hartley Wintney & surrounding villages **DISTRICT**

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Spooktacula cancelled

REVELLERS in Odiham were disappointed last weekend after Halloween and Fireworks celebrations were cancelled.

The Spooktacula, hosted by Hook and Odiham Lions, had to be cancelled because of the poor weather conditions.

What was due to be the fifth event was cancelled late on Saturday afternoon, with organisers saying it was too dangerous to host it.

Organiser Judith Goodchild said: "We thought very hard about whether we should go ahead on Saturday or cancel the event. In the end, with wind and rain forecast for the evening we decided to cancel the event on health and safety grounds."

"We apologize to all those who were looking forward to the event."

#### Coffee and cake

A COFFEE morning will be held at Hartley Wintney Football Club tomorrow (Friday) in aid of charity.

Some of the proceeds will go towards Bliss, a charity that helps babies born prematurely or sick.



Members of the MG 'A' register assembled in Hartley Wintney this weekend (Photo: John Lakey)

## MGA rise at the Phoenix Inn

MEMBERS of the MG Car Club's 'A' register weren't put off by the terrible weather last weekend as they assembled in Hartley Wintney for the 50th anniversary of the 'A' register.

Gathering at the Phoenix Inn

for lunch, 73 people from as far as Yorkshire and Devon congregated this weekend, and were even lucky enough to catch the final stages of the England vs New Zealand Rugby World Cup match.

Many members arrived in their

MGAs, which made for quite a sight outside the pub on Saturday lunchtime.

The event will be featured in a book that is being produced by members and will follow the history of the 'A' register.

## Complaints after bins moved

RESIDENTS have complained after a number of bins were moved to a busy car park.

Deer Park View car park in Odiham is used by many patients of the doctors' surgery and high street, and is accessed by a narrow lane with houses on either side.

However, according to a councillor, residents were not consulted about the plans to relocate them from Colt Hill.

Cllr Ken Crookes, who represents the Odiham ward on Hart District Council, said: "Residents complained to the council saying that they have not been consulted but the bins were moved before the complaints were answered."

Daryl Phillips, Joint Chief Executive of Hart District Council, said: "I can confirm that the Council has made an operational decision to move the recycling bins. We are aware of residents' views and we will keep the situation under review."

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# 'Don't paint town yellow'

## Resident opposes council plans

By Ryan Evans

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PLANS to introduce double yellow lines to a residential road in Hook have been criticised by a resident.

Altay Ali has been living in Sheldon's Lane for 55 years, and said there is no need for the introduction of double yellow lines.

Proposals will see parking restrictions implemented on the road between Butts Meadow and the A30 London Road.

However, according to Altay, putting double yellow lines in that spot could cause issues elsewhere.

"People park there and it doesn't bother me," he said.

"You can still get two-way traffic, no problem. All that's going to happen is people are going to look for somewhere else to park, park on another street and we're going to chase



Sheldon's Lane, in Hook

them around with double yellow lines."

Altay also mentioned how people at a nearby nursery use that area when picking up their children, as well as commuters who were unable to park in the station's car park.

"I just think that yellow lines aren't a good situation for what's going on in Hook," he continued.

Councillor Jane Worlock, Hart District Councillor and Chairman of Hook Parish Council, said: "The district council, along with Hook Parish Council and Hampshire Highways, have regular meetings and at those meetings we discuss the issues with parking. A lot of those meetings are informed by meeting with residents."

"A significant number of residents are concerned with parking on Sheldon's Lane. This wasn't a snap decision; both the district council and parish council have been contacted regarding how dangerous the parking is on Sheldon's Lane."

Full details can be found by going to [hart.gov.uk/traffic-management](http://hart.gov.uk/traffic-management), whilst objections and representations must be made in writing to [infrastructure@hart.gov.uk](mailto:infrastructure@hart.gov.uk) by 15 November.