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Thanks to the Bishop for sharing his views



Chairman's report by Colin Smith

I WOULD like to thank the Right Reverend Stephen Venner, Bishop of Dover, for his interesting article. As you will see on page 5, my vision is very different. The response from the Survey has been excellent and the results, displayed on the front page, speak for themselves—these are no longer the views of individuals but the views of the people who are more important than any organisation.

We're still waiting

I APPRECIATE the Bishop of Dover has reaffirmed the Church's stance regarding the sale of the freehold, but we have asked the PCC some questions to which we are still awaiting answers. The questions are: What would happen if we maintained the status quo and remained as we are—tenants of the existing building? The PCC has stated that a 99-year lease would only be on offer in the medium term—what action would they take in the long term? I would expect any answers now to have some content on their thinking rather than just a blanket 'no'.

The things you said

MANY RESIDENTS added comments at the bottom of the Survey questionnaire - some of them are quite remarkable. In the next issue we will be sharing some of these comments with you. [No names will be printed].

Traffic to be monitored

IN THE last issue of Hilltop News I reported that KCC had turned down the request to impose a speed limit in Hollow Lane, as it was just a typical country lane. I challenged them over this and they have now agreed to put a monitor in place to survey volume and speed of the traffic.

This funny old weather

WE HAVE had two successful summer events this year, the first being the Family Festival on a balmy June night. The event was so popular we had more people than we had catered for and food was running short. Lessons learnt for next time. The BBQ, however, usually held in the garden, took place on a wet and windy night, but we simply moved everything indoors and filled the hall. Some were dancing 'til after midnight and on this occasion there was a surplus of food. That's summer.

Sad loss

The sudden death of Bob Wallis has shocked us all. He was a special man, always showing an interest in our community. My family have fond memories of him as I am sure many others do also. His departure is a sad loss to us all. Our thoughts are with Betty and her family at this sad time. Words may help but also, if there is any practical way we can offer assistance - Betty we are all here for you.