

# Focus

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## on Rodborough

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including Lightpill, Kingscourt, Dudbridge and  
Rodborough Common

### Bus Consultation Results

The results of the county council bus consultation (which we distributed to most of Rodborough with the July *Focus*) have now been published. No changes to services have been announced as *Focus* goes to press.

The county council was contacted by 28 people, nearly half of whom had a disability, about the 36 bus. Only a few of the 80+ replies about the 46 and 93 buses came from Rodborough.



### IS VOTING CONVENIENT?

Every four years, Stroud District Council consults political parties and community groups about the suitability of polling stations, both for access and general convenience.

While 14 homes on **Dark Lane** and the neighbouring stretch of **Rodborough Common** go to **Gastrells School** to vote, people just



over the road from Gastrells have to go all the way to the **Endowed School** on Church Place. A swap would seem sensible, and Christine Headley has asked the elections department how many voters could be accommodated in the Gastrells polling station.

Christine is carrying out a survey of those most closely affected. If you haven't received that leaflet and have views on the matter, see overleaf for ways to contact her.

### STROUD RUGBY CLUB


It is three years since Stroud Rugby Club was granted outline planning permission for housing on their site. However, they need to have a new site for the club before they build on the existing one, and they are still at **Fromehall Park**. But the planning permission expires after three years, so they have had to apply for renewal.

Information on the SDC website shows that the rugby club isn't happy with the proposed access for the neighbouring Police House development, which isn't compatible with the access for the bigger site agreed at the appeal, and Park Lodge was bought by Oakus Estates of Swindon in January for £ 530,000. For further information, follow the link at [www.chps.co.uk/c11r.htm](http://www.chps.co.uk/c11r.htm).

## TROUBLE WITH A SERVICE OR ITEM BOUGHT WITHIN THE EU?

The UK European Consumer Centre exists to help you! If you would take a problem to Trading Standards or Consumer Direct in this country, you can consult the UK ECC.

Christine Headley had a problem with Deutsche Bahn, the German railway company, who insisted she owed them € 90 (£ 80) and brought in debt collectors.

 She paid up, and then got in touch with the UK ECC, who took up her case. It took time, but her money was eventually returned.

For more information about the UK ECC or anything else mentioned in *Focus* as having a website, check out [www.chps.co.uk/c11r.htm](http://www.chps.co.uk/c11r.htm). New material comes in at the top of the page, old stuff goes further and further down!

## LIBDEMS LEAD CAMPAIGN TO SAVE CHEQUE

The UK Payments Council recently announced their decision *not* to scrap cheques, and to continue their use for as long as customers need them.



LibDem MP Mark Hunter originally launched the 'Save the Cheque' campaign through an Early Day Motion in Parliament in November 2009.

He said, "This is a great victory for people power and common sense, and proves the banks cannot afford to ignore the views of their customers. After years campaigning alongside small businesses, charities and voluntary groups, who will welcome this with open arms, I am absolutely delighted by this news."

Local LibDem Christine Headley says, "It was a daft idea. It would have made life far more difficult for all sorts of small organisations - small businesses, schools, charities - and the people who need to pay them."

# Grumbles? Let us know!

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- Put up a poster at election time

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