

Village News

Since the summer we have.....

REVAMPED THE FRASER ROAD PLAY AREA

We have built on the seaside theme for the whole area. A new surface has been laid so the trip hazards are all gone.

The fence has been repaired and repainted. The gate no longer squeaks.

Some of the favourite but tired equipment has been tidied up so they look like new, including the new swing seats and we have installed some new play pieces.



ADDED A NEW NOTICEBOARD IN EVERSLEY PARK

We have continued to try to keep you up to date with the work of the Parish Council, what is going on in the villages of Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy and keep you abreast of what else is happening in our area. In order to catch a whole new group, there is a new board next to the play ground at Eversley Park where school parents and children should see it.

All parishioners are welcome to use our boards, but we ask that local businesses restrict this to a month at a time on two occasions each year. We regularly tidy the boards, taking down old, out of date or tatty pieces so please don't be offended when your notice disappears. Laminated notices work best and please use pins, not bluetack.

REFURBISHED THE BUS SHELTERS

All have been repainted, the polycarbonate panels have been cleaned and where needed replaced—all done and looking like new, all for the price of ONE new bus shelter.

We are putting in place a more regular cleaning service to keep them looking spick and span.

IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WE WILL....

BE PUTTING CRICKET NETS IN PLACE AT EVERSLEY PARK

We aim to have these in place in time for the summer season - so all our budding Ian Bothams or Shane Warnes can practice on their doorstep.

Ideally we will make use of and recondition the existing strips and fit new nets over these. The definite site is yet to be confirmed.



BE BUILDING A PATH ACROSS THE PARK - FROM THE LOADER CLOSE CAR-PARK TO THE SCHOOL PATH

This has been talked about for several years and various arguments put for and against the idea. We have been working more closely with the Primary School to try and improve the parking situation at the start and end of the school day. We have permitted children to use the park footpaths to cycle to and from school, we are ensuring our hedges and those of Hampshire County Council are cut



back to ensure existing footpaths are easier to use. The school continue to provide cycle training for the older children and we have all been working with the police to ensure that

parking is not dangerous or irresponsible. But there is a constant demand from the school, the football club, the Sports and Social Club and those using the playground for a "dry feet" route across from the car-park.

The council think it is time to respond to this demand to make the park more easily usable for all. A gentle slope from the

THE WHOLE PARK ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL

car-park will make this accessible for those less physically able and we hope that providing an offsite parking area with an easy route into school will help with this parking issue which is increasingly a nightmare for all who live around

the school and those driving or walking nearby.



And in the longer term.....

We will be working with our county and city councillors to improve road safety around the Parish.

The planned reduction of the speed limit along **SPRINGVALE ROAD TO 30MPH** is expected to be on



target for the spring of 2013 once the County Council have done there own investigations on this. This unfortunately was put back due to funding cuts but is still on the cards for the not too distant future. We are also

looking at the possibilities of **WIDENING THE FOOT-PATH UP CHURCH LANE** to make it safer for all.

Investigations are ongoing as how best to do this.

THE WAY FORWARD FOR KINGS WORTHY AND ABBOTS WORTHY

Great excitement – the Olympic torch is coming to Kings Worthy!

We are delighted to be in an amazingly fortunate position of having the torch being *carried on foot through Kings Worthy!*

On **July 11** the torch will travel from Reading, to Basingstoke and to us in Kings Worthy before heading to Winchester, Andover and then Salisbury.

As much of the 8000 mile route will carry the torch by coach we agree that it is time to celebrate together as a parish.

We won't know the exact route or timings until nearer the time but invite all parishioners to congregate on and around **Church Green for a day of celebration.**

Planning for this event has already started with an initial meeting with KW Primary and Henry Beaufort schools, and the Reign and Shine centre. We will be contacting groups across the parish so we can join together to plan to mark such a memorable opportunity for us all.



Calling all Olympians (and hopefuls past and present ...)

Do we have any budding Olympians in the parish?



Do we have any past Olympians living in the parish or with family in the parish?

We'd love to hear from you and celebrate our sporting successes – please get in touch at the parish office.

Jubilee Celebrations



Thank you for your feedback on ways that the parish council might celebrate our Queen's Jubilee.

As a result of your views we have been working with artists and designers to secure our own permanent sundial on a granite plinth (pictures available in the parish office.)

But ... we would like you to decide: **where should we place the sundial in the parish?**

Our local shops will be hosting 'voteometers' – each time you make a

purchase you'll be given a counter. You post your counter to register your vote for the location you'd like the sundial to be placed in! (Have you seen a similar vote in Waitrose with the green counters?)

The final location will be decided by the most votes from parishioners – watch out for details of 'voting fortnight.'

St Mary's Church are holding a day of celebrations on **June 4th on Church Green** culminating in the lighting of a beacon to join those being lit all across the country. Some are hosting their own street parties to celebrate the Jubilee? However you celebrate - **MAKE IT A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER.**

And ... calling any Basketball Teams or Five-a-Side footballers



Did you know our new MUGA in Eversley Park was built to meet *International Basketball* and *Football Association Five-a-Side regulations*, so is the correct length and width for basketball matches and five-a-side games.

Do you have a team that would like to set up matches against others?

Are you able to set up a local friendly team?

We'd love to hear from you at the Parish Council.



ONGOING CONSULTATION

A voice for teenagers in our parish ...

The first of our 'teenage surgeries' gave young people an opportunity to discuss with parish councillors what they feel about living in the parish and what might make it even better. We were delighted with the turn out and feedback from our young people.

What do our young people enjoy?

Eversley Park and especially the new basketball court, our open spaces and amenities and proximity to Winchester and surrounding villages.

Things for the parish council and community to look into to improve a young person's experience:

Somewhere to be able to go like a sheltered area, a skate park, some improvements to lighting and looking at the cost of travelling by bus.

We will feedback to you as these discussions move forward.



A voice for parishioners ... travelling surgeries

We will soon be bringing parish council surgeries to the community so you have an opportunity to come and talk to us informally to share ideas or thoughts or concerns.

Surgeries will begin in the Spring when you'll find friendly parish councillors under gazebos by the local shops.



We will post dates on notice boards and web pages and look forward to seeing you there when the weather warms.

Parish Precept 2012/13 - No increase

The Precept for Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy will not increase for the financial year 2012/13. This is welcome news for our parishioners, especially in a time of austerity along with increasing food and fuel costs.

The Precept is payable alongside your Council Tax to pay for many local facilities including the parks, playgrounds, street lighting, bus shelters, the Parish Office and to fund grants for local organisations.

The average amount payable per household is around £1 per week; varying according to your council tax band.

During the past year the Parish Council has reviewed costs resulting in a number of valuable savings. This has enabled the Parish Council to end the year on budget, keep the Precept at the same level whilst ensuring services continue at the same high standard.



AND IN OUR COMMUNITY.....

Love where you live campaign

Following on from the success of our last litter pick, the Parish Council were excited to hear about the national 'Love where you live' campaign and see how closely the aims of the campaign sit with our aims and aspirations as a council.

The aims of the campaign are to:

- Encourage personal responsibility and positive action
- Work in partnership with neighbours to reduce litter
- Take responsibility for keeping your own immediate area clean
- Raise awareness and education about the prevention of littering
- Make it easy for people not to drop litter
- Become an active ambassador for clean, green places through England



The campaign will provide resources to support our activities such as our bi-annual litter picks, **next date 31st March** and ideas for how we might improve our parish.

Have a look at: www.lovewhereyoulive.org and contact us with your ideas.



PARISH PLAN REPORT

The valiant team who have been working on the Parish Plan over the last 3 years have now completed their report. The Parish Council are meeting with them to discuss the way forward and hope to start implementing the actions later this year. A full report will be on our website very soon - watch the notice boards.

A massive thank you to those who have worked so hard on this

And in the spirit of loving our Parish and celebrating the Jubilee....



Along with generally keeping our gardens neat and beautiful how about planting them in a red, white and blue theme?.

KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

Kings Worthy Community Centre
Fraser Road
Kings Worthy
Phone: 01962 884150
Email: kwpc@btconnect.com

We're on the web

www.theworthys.org.uk

NEW CLERK

Once again we welcome a new clerk to our team. Noel after a year working with the Parish Council has moved on and we are pleased to introduce Adrian, who is taking on the Monday to Wednesday slot. He is already a very valuable member of the team, getting to grips with the machinations of a local parish council

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Full Parish Council meetings 3rd Monday of each month (except August and December) 7.30pm.

Sub - Committees :

Recreation and Amenities (**R&A**) - 1st Thursday at 7.30p.m., except August and December.

Planning and Highways (**P&H**) - Last Tuesday at 7.30p.m., except December.

Finance (**F**) - 2nd Wednesday at 9.30am.

All meetings in Tubbs Hall – Public welcome

Speak to the clerk first if you have a specific interest, so you can be directed to the most appropriate meeting

OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY TO THURSDAY 10.30-3.30 AND FRIDAY 10.30-1PM

Our clerks are Colin Arnett and Adrian Reeves

(phone before visiting the office, to check the clerks are not out on other duties)

A REMINDER OF YOUR COUNCILLORS AND THE SUB-COMMITTEES THEY SIT ON:-

Kirstie Andrew-Power (P&H)

Bob Barnes (P&H, F)

Terry Bohle (R&A,F)

Ian Gordon (P&H, F)

Mandy Hallisey (R&A)

Malcolm Prince - Vice-

Rosemary Sign (R&A)

chairman (F, R&A)

Judith Steventon Baker (P&H)

Denis Welstead (F, P&H)

Sarah White—Chairman (R&A,F)

Worthies Scout Group



WORTHY PARK TENNIS CLUB

All sections - Scouts (10¹/₂ - 14), Cubs (8-10¹/₂) and Beavers (6-8) had high numbers this year and good active programmes. All had camps and Several District trophies were won.

From 2012, we now have Explorer Scouts (age 14 to 18). Our aim is *better scouting for more young people* in the Worthies and to the East and North.

We do need more adult volunteers. A cubs assistant is most urgent but we need help on all fronts, admin, activities, etc - we can be flexible.

It can be a good reason to get out and about again! But - WARNING - the fun and satisfaction can be addictive!

Contact Robin Cook, Group Scout Leader on 01962 884510 or email info@3rdWinchester.org.uk for an informal chat. (Adults or teens.)

An official launch event of Princes Mead school's all-weather tennis courts is being planned for later on in the spring - look out for details.

This is a community club, for all ages - coaching is available.

Competitive fees

Adults £30.00 (annual)

Children 11-18 £15.00

Under 11s No charge

Contact membership Secretary
Craig Watson at:

worthyparktennis@gmail.com

Don't delay -places are limited

