

# Village News

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## CRICKET NETS OPENING

After frustrating delays due to our wonderful British summer weather the nets were finally completed in the first half of the school summer holidays. We were delighted to see them put to good use immediately and we then held a small official opening ceremony in September, when we asked Nicole Blaxland, who led the petition requesting them, to cut the ribbon. We saw an excellent display of their use by local young cricketers and hope this new facility will continue to benefit all who love this sport in years to come. The nets are currently not in use for the winter but will be re-erected later in the spring. For WSSC club members there is a set of stumps available in the club.



## UNVEILING OF THE OBELISK



A few weeks after our Cricket Nets official opening we were very pleased to invite our outgoing councillor Rosemary Sign to unveil our commemorative Jubilee obelisk complete with sundial. We managed a few minutes of bright sunshine so that the gnomon (the bit that lends its shadow in order to read the time) could be lined up.

After much discussion—we did after all use British Summer Time as it is likely that it will be usable more during the summer. Terry Bohle, the councillor most involved in organizing this project, then showed a small group how the dial worked. We hope that this will be a focus of interest for many years to come and has already invited a number of trips by the primary school.



## It rained for 40 days and 40 nights.....

Or it certainly seems like it has since we gave Carroway, our contractor, the go ahead to begin our path across the park. The few dry days we had in December gave us frozen ground so, as often seems to be the case, the path has taken longer than we had hoped to get under way. The route will allow all travelling from the Loader Close car park to keep dry feet whilst walking across the park to school, to the playground or to watch the football at the weekends. There is an extra little spur from the car park to the WSSC paved area at their back door, giving a level route direct into their function room. (See photo with superimposed route) The aim is to have the path constructed in a hardwearing surface but with a colour to blend in with the natural surroundings. The whole path will be wheelchair and buggy friendly to allow access to the whole park for all.



## Working with us to protect our facilities

The vast majority of our children and teenagers make good use of our facilities and look after them. We do unfortunately have a few who do not, and occasionally damage is done or graffiti sprayed, most recently to various pieces of equipment in the Fraser Road playground, but also to the brand new cricket nets and our sundial.

Considering the number of people who wanted the nets and have, even so far, made use of them, this is disappointing that a few think it is reasonable to spoil the enjoyment of others. It often takes time to fix and, needless to say, tax payers money at a

time when, for many, there is little to spare.

We have been gladdened that, after a number of these incidents, culprits have been reported to us and/or the police so that appropriate action can be taken. If you do see anyone interfering with public, or

private, property inappropriately, please notify the appropriate authorities. Dial 999 in an emergency, but 101 for less urgent information. Sometimes it takes a while to get through to the right person, but please be persistent. If you know the offenders, or their parents, and

feel able, please make sure that they too are aware of the situation.

Help us to keep our facilities in a condition that we all want to see and so that our youngsters can use them when they want.

### Cradle type swing

Thank you to those who responded to our query as to whether this would be useful to parishioners. We had a few respondents and will shortly be arranging for a cradle swing to be hung from one of the sets of chains at Eversley Park to allow less physically able children to make more use of our facilities.

DIAL 101 FOR  
NON URGENT  
INFORMATION



## OUTGOING COUNCILLOR

We are sorry to see Terry Bohle moving on from the Parish Council. Although he has only been on the council for 2 1/2 years he has certainly made his mark. With his engineering background he has been extremely helpful



with the mechanics of a lot of our recent projects along with personally building the voting boxes for our obelisk site consultation. We much appreciate his input and wish him well with his next projects.

## NEW BUS SHELTER

After requests for a bus shelter at the bottom of Nations Hill, Hampshire County Council have kindly agreed to fund one, if the Parish Council will take on the upkeep. There was a shelter in this area from 1947 to 1990 provided by the family of Richard Blake, a civil defence worker, who was killed during the Southampton blitz. It was taken down due to vandalism and the plaque is now in the burial ground. We would like to place it in the new shelter. Does anyone know the whereabouts of any of the Blake family so we could raise this with them?



## COLD CALLING – stay safe in your home

- ◊ How to feel safe in your own home.
- ◊ Realise your power to say “NO”.
- ◊ Deter company's targeting your area.
- ◊ Get FREE stickers to tell potential sellers you do not buy at the door.

We all hear from time to time the sorry tale of an elderly relative or neighbour who has been conned into allowing a bogus official into their homes whilst an accomplice burgles the house. Or someone who

unwittingly has taken on a door to door contractor for fixing a roof or a drive and ends up £1000s out of pocket. But

### IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU!

No cold calling zones (NCCZ) are areas

### NO COWBOYS

### WANTED HERE



approaching people living in zones and giving those residents the confidence to say “NO”. NCCZ can be set up if, after consultation, the majority (66%) of households are in agreement. Door stickers are then provided

and signs are made available for the purpose of labelling

the zone and empowering the residents. Full details or further advice can be found on HCC website : [www.hants.gov.uk/nooldcalling](http://www.hants.gov.uk/nooldcalling) or tel 01962 833620.



## KEEP THE DRAINS RUNNING ...

We are sure you will have heard of the dreadful problems one of our residents on North Road had over the summer and autumn months, with back ups of drain contents and the consequence of sewage flowing over her garden from time to time. We have been working with our city and county councillors to push Southern Water to get to the bottom of any structural problem with the drains in the Springvale area.

However it became apparent during this time

that there were a fair amount of inappropriate items being flushed down toilets and run down kitchen sinks. Household sewage pipes are built to take all forms of human waste and normal toilet tissue, but no more. **Not** sanitary wipes, towels, incontinence pads or the numerous other items that people are known to flush down their toilets. Please ensure that you **do not** dispose of bulkier items into your drains as this will lead to blockages and problems for you and or your neighbours, quite apart from

eventually ending up in rivers and on beaches. Similarly kitchen sinks are designed to take liquid waste only, **not solids** and **not hot liquids** that **solidify** on cooling such as many cooking fats. These tend to effectively fur up pipes that then block more easily with waste from toilets—all making a very unpleasant problem.

### If unsure don't

Please Contact Southern Water on 0845 278 0845 for further information.

## NO INCREASE IN PRECEPT



Parishioners will be pleased to hear that the precept, the parish council's share of your council tax, has not been increased for individual households. This has been achieved for the second consecutive year due to efficient use of resources, good maintenance and the benefit from a relatively small number of new properties in the Parish. During the year we also received additional funding from grants, notably for new sports and play equipment together with the Eversley Park path. Further details at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13th May.

## TREE MAINTENANCE

We have had a number of requests in recent months to take down trees, which have a bough near to houses or garages, in case of damage in high winds.



We do have all our trees inspected on a regular basis and certainly aim to take prompt action in regards to diseased, dying and most importantly dangerous trees. However we do live in a semi-rural area and trees are a lovely part of that and we do not wish to remove them unnecessarily. Neighbours are legally entitled to trim back to the boundary any overhanging branches, but no more than this. Please help us to maintain our beautiful, green surroundings.



# YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS



**SARAH WHITE**  
Chairman  
R&A and Finance



**IAN GORDON**  
Vice-chairman  
P & H and Finance



**BOB BARNES**  
P & H



**MARTIN TAYLOR**  
P & H



**MANDY HALLISEY**  
R&A



**MALCOLM PRINCE**  
Finance



**KERSTIN REINERS**  
R&A and Finance



**DENIS  
WELSTEAD**  
P & H and  
Finance



**PHIL ALLEN.**  
P & H and R&A



**JUDITH STEVENTON  
BAKER**  
P & H

**STEWART NEWELL**  
Is our latest new recruit having joined us in the autumn. Stewart has joined our R&A and P & H Committees.

## COUNCIL VACANCY

An opportunity has arisen for a parishioner who wishes to take an active part in village affairs to fill a vacancy on the council.  
If you would be interested, please contact the parish office for more information.



**OUR PARISH  
CLERKS**



**COLIN ARNETT**

**ADRIAN REEVES**

**NEW WEBSITE still  
[www.theworthys.org.uk](http://www.theworthys.org.uk)**

You may have noticed that our website has changed in recent months. Our aim has been to simplify it and make it more user friendly (fewer clicks to get to what you want). We have made advertisements for local companies more prominent—to display your advert on the front page (£50 per year), please contact the Parish Office .

We welcome any feedback on the changes, or more that may be needed.

## KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

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Fraser Road  
Kings Worthy

Phone: 01962 884150  
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**[www.theworthys.org.uk](http://www.theworthys.org.uk)**

## REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

It has come to our notice that war memorials in Kings Worthy do not have the names of five who fell in the 1914 -18 war and two from 1939-45. A small Working Group has been formed to enquire further about this and to make recommendations. If you have a relative or know of someone from the parish who was lost in the two great wars, who is not remembered at either St Marys Parish Church or St Swithuns, please contact the Parish Office tel 01962 884150 or [kwpc@btconnect.com](mailto:kwpc@btconnect.com).



## 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.

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

## Where do I join a Scout Troop, Tennis Club, local Probus group?

One of the biggest issues that came out of the Parish Plan questionnaire was lack of information about what goes on in our Parish . Some of the requested clubs and organisations already exist. In this newsletter we have therefore included a pull-out list of these according to our current information. If you run or are a member of a club not mentioned, or the details are not quite right, please let us know, so that we can get it right next time. Also check out our website, if any information there needs updating or you have a website or email address we can link it to, please keep us informed. Help us to help you know your parish better.

## GRIT BINS

As has been the case over winters of the last few years, these have been well used by many and requests have come in for more. Please make use of the contents for your roads and pavements, this is what they are there for and, when the bin is empty, phone the number on the inside of the lid. HCC will refill them as soon as possible in between their own gritting and snow clearing duties.

