

Village News

Community Orchard

As previously announced fruit trees have been planted at Hinton Fields and it will be a couple of years before this Community Orchard starts to bear fruit.

Here is some information about the types of fruit that will be available. This will also be produced as a notice board to be placed by the orchard.

Apple

(8 varieties)



Crab Apple

(2 varieties)



Medlar

(1 variety)



Plum

(3 varieties)



As well as being eaten raw, apples are an important ingredient in many desserts and are often eaten baked, stewed or in sauces and jellies.

The fruit can be served with meat or roasted. More commonly it is used to make crab apple jelly, and also as a natural source of pectin, for setting jams.

Medlar fruit is not palatable if raw, until they have been stored and allowed to ripen. However Medlar fruits can be used in desserts, jellies and wine making.

As well as being eaten raw, the fruit is widely used in the food and drink industries to create jams, preserves and alcoholic drinks.



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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to attend and find out what the Parish Council has been up to over the past year, ask questions and listen to short presentations from the Chairmen of the sub-committees. There will also be information available from various village clubs and organisations. Put the date in your diary now.

9th May 2016 from 19:30.



Policing

The Kings Worthy beat area is policed by officers from Winchester Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team, based at Alresford Police Station.

Your local beat officer is : **PCSO13466 Kerry Croutear**

Contact details for Alresford Police are :

Non emergency telephone number : **101**

Or:

Email: winchester.rural.police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

CRIMESTOPPERS:

If a member of the public has any information about local crime or criminals and they don't want to get personally involved, i.e. remain anonymous, they can call the Crimestoppers number:

0800 555 111

or

report online at : <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>



If you see or suspect that any crime is taking place, please don't hesitate to use the above details and help to combat and keep crime down in this area.

Eversley Park Play Ground Gates

We have been advised by our safety consultants that the gates to the Play Area need replacing due to the possibility of children's fingers being trapped. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for replacement but this is not likely to be cheap. A suggestion has been made that to have four gates is unnecessary and we are looking at the possibility of padlocking two of them and only replacing two.

A couple of Councillors visited the area at a busy time and spoke to some of the parents to gauge their response to this option. The padlocked gates could then be replaced at a later date when financial constraints are not quite so harsh.

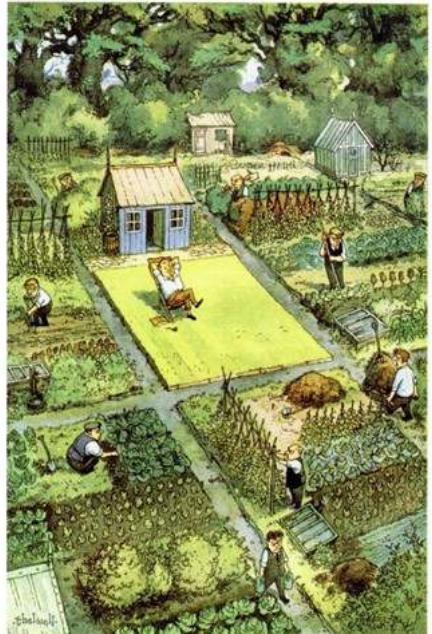


Lovedon Lane Housing

Agreement has now been reached between Winchester City Council, the Parish Council and HAB Housing to commence building 50 houses on the field to the south of Eversley Park in what is now to be called Eversley Gardens and to transfer the rest of the field to the Parish Council. It is proposed that the gifted area will be registered as a 'Field in Trust' which will ensure that there is no further housing development for at least 80 years.

As has already been reported, this area will effectively become an extension to the Eversley Park with a wild flower meadow, a mile long 'park run' track amongst other amenities.

It will also include an area of allotments and we are now asking parishioners to let us know if they might be interested in being included in a list of applicants for one of the allotments.



Worthys Festival

We are pleased to announce that the 4th Worthys Festival will be held in 2017.

The organising committee would like to know what events everyone enjoyed and what they were less keen on. Please tell them;

What were your top 3 events?

Are there event(s) you would drop?

Are there any new events you would like to see in 2017?

Please email the Festival committee on worthysfestival@gmail.com or you can drop a note into the Parish Office and we will forward it on to the committee

Keep an eye on their website for further news <http://www.worthysfestival.com/>

Fryers Close Play Area

Councillor Barnes and Councillor Hudson are making good headway with the redesign of the play area at Fryers Close in Kings Worthy. The current play equipment is being removed and replaced with new, designed for use by accompanied children up to the age of 8 years old. The railing around the play area will be replaced and moved back to the kerb edge in order to maximise the play area.



Litter Pick

Our Bi-Annual Litter Pick will take place on **Saturday 16th April between 2pm -4pm.**

We are once again looking for volunteers to join us for a couple of hours to make a difference within our community.

Litter Pickers, High Visibility Vests and sacks will be supplied on arrival at Tubbs Hall. Refreshments and a snack will be offered after the Litter Pick is completed.

We look forward to seeing a good turnout of Volunteers, where your time will be very much appreciated, and hopefully rewarded with our community benefiting from a nice clean and fresh look to take us into the summer!



Springvale Road Speed Limit

As has already been announced, the Traffic Regulation Order for Springvale Road has been agreed and we will shortly have a 30mph limit for the whole length of the road from Headbourne Worthy to the King Charles Pub. This is welcomed by the Parish Council which has been campaigning for this speed limit for some years. We would welcome parishioners views on whether this new limit should be extended to Lovedon Lane bearing in mind that the new housing will enter and exit from that road.



Parking on Grass Verges

Whilst the Parish Council are aware that there is a parking problem in some areas, we would ask that parishioners please refrain from parking on the grass verges.

It has been noted that whilst some vehicles are parked on the verges, there has been plenty of on road parking available.

We are currently in contact with Hampshire Highways to look at this problem and ways of resolving it.

Not only does it cause unsightly mud ruts in the grass, it can also cause damage to underground utilities.



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££ ANNUAL PRECEPT ££

After another year of careful and responsible spending we are planning to keep the annual precept around the same level as last year which should result in a small reduction in the parish element of your council tax bill. The amount of the precept is still very slightly lower than it was in 2011.

The precept funds the Parish Council and is the amount added to your annual Council Tax bill under the heading "Kings Worthy".

This is however subject to a final confirmation by Winchester City Council .



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R&A = Recreation and Amenities; P&H = Planning and Highways

Comms = Communications team

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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 (except
August and December) 7.30p.m.

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

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 FRIDAY 10.30-3.30

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

New Dog Laws

We'd like to remind dog owners that as from April 6th 2016, it will be compulsory for all dogs to be microchipped and registered, and all details to be kept up to date at all times.

Failure to do this will result in a fine of up to £500, for each offence.

We take this opportunity to also remind you that your dog still has to wear a collar/harness, with an I.D tag whilst out in public areas.

Finally and regrettably there are still dog owners who are failing to pick up their dog deposits.

We urge people to please help by contacting the dog warden if they have any information on who these offenders are.

Contact number for the Dog Warden is : 01962 848350.

Should anyone be found guilty of this, the maximum penalty is a £1000 fine.



Drug Issues

Kings Worthy is not immune from problems caused by drug abuse. Nowadays so called 'legal highs' can give the impression, particularly to youngsters, that they are safe to take. There has recently been evidence, in the form of discarded capsules, of Laughing Gas (Nitrous Oxide) being consumed at Eversley Park.

This has been reported to our local PCSO. If you are aware that a particular area or house is being used for substance abuse then this can be reported anonymously on the number given in the police article in this Newsletter.

