

Village News

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Jubilee Celebrations

What a great way to celebrate with the rest of the nation. We hope you all enjoyed your individual street/house parties.

The party on the Green was a sensation. The Parish Council along with all the parishioners greatly applaud and thank the organisers for such a wonderful day. From the stalls and games to the superb artistry of the various bands created a fantastic party atmosphere which all culminated in the ultimate spectacle of lighting the beacon at 10.20pm in time with the rest of the country. We could not have wished for a better way to remember

such a momentous occasion. As with the Festival a massive

THANK YOU to all involved



Celebrating the Olympics



And yet another massive display of community spirit - from the background organising team, the helpers on the day at Church Green and at Eversley Park, and all the wonderful participants. The Torch procession itself was impressive. However in Kings Worthy, we really showed everyone from round and about how to celebrate such an historic event!

THE CRICKET NETS HAVE ARRIVED.....

After much anticipation we are delighted to announce that the cricket nets are now in place (or will be by the time you read this newsletter) and available for all who wish to use them. Just go along to Eversley Park, take your bat and ball to use this first class facility. We hope this will be yet another well used resource.

We have been delighted to see the basketball/five a side football pitch in use whenever it is dry, light and school is out, for little ones on scooters, young mums being put through their paces to get fit as well as the expected football and shooting baskets.

OLYMPIC LEGACY - FITNESS FOR ALL

Don't forget our exercise equipment near Tubbs Hall or the Trim Trail at Eversley to keep yourselves fit for your cricket/ football/ basketball or just **Fit for Life**. There is good evidence that regular physical activity reduces the risk of various physical ailments and illnesses as well as being great for psychological wellbeing. Have you used the running track at Eversley Park during July? Should this be a regular summer feature? Give us your views on making optimum use of our facilities - please contact the Parish Office.



COMMEMORATIVE OBELISK

We are pleased to say that our commemorative Diamond Jubilee Obelisk (sundial soon to be added) is now in place on the



GOLD LEAF BEING APPLIED

corner of common-land just outside the King Charles Pub (corner of Lovedon Lane and Springvale Road).

Many thanks to the 400+ parishioner who voted on where it should go. There was a close call between the Fraser Road

Green and the eventual location. We were delighted that the landlord of the King Charles was keen to support us with this final choice when it proved to be the winning site. Thank you to local stonemasons Vokes and Beke who arranged for our piece of granite to be brought across the oceans from China and

ceremony soon. Look out for info. on this and come along and join us. We hope the sun will shine so that we can all check our watches against the dial (which is set to Greenwich Meantime of course)

CAN YOU TELL THE TIME ON OUR SUNDIAL?

then sited it for us. Also to Blackwell and Moody for the engraving. We will be holding a small unveiling



PUBLIC TOILETS IN THE PARK

Worthies Sports and Social Club (WSSC), who have been very actively involved with community events over the last year have recently refurbished their outside toilets and shower areas. During their opening hours, generally 12noon onwards, the toilets just inside their main entrance will be open to all using the park. Please be considerate when using these facilities to ensure that we can maintain this generous situation on behalf of the club. This will be a major advantage to all park users.

The improvements have been

made possible with help from a grant from the Parish Council. For footballers the changing rooms will become much more available. This will be of particular benefit to the adult teams and the Worthies Youth Football Club.

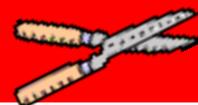
Please remember that, except for specific events, the club, apart from the toilets, is for members only. If you would like to become a member please contact info@thewssc.co.uk.



Path across the park

We are still negotiating with Hampshire County Council on this project and hope to have this under way in the not too distant future. As something that has been long awaited by many to keep feet dry, encourage less parking immediately around the school as well as hopefully being an asset to those watching football over the wetter months, it is a much wanted facility. We also plan to make the steep slope between the middle and upper pitches more accessible with a few steps—less danger of a slide onto knees or bottoms for the less young and agile!

Ongoing Maintenance.....



Quite apart from taking part in parish celebrations, commissioning memorials and supplying new sports and leisure equipment, we do of course spend a lot of our time and your money on the upkeep and maintenance of the various areas within the parish council's ownership. We continually keep a close eye, particularly on the many trees around the place, pruning and occasionally felling where necessary for diseased wood as well as to

keep the trees generally healthy.

The burial ground and wild flower areas are kept well maintained as well as the many grassed and various equipped areas.

To help us ensure we are keeping all ship shape we have recently employed a new handyman to keep a check on the safety of fences and equipment, help keep

the bus shelters clean and tidy, clean the gutterings at Tubbs Hall as well as a number of small repair jobs in the Parish.

Pruning, mowing, cleaning, fixing



Scottish and Southern Energy



We have all been more than aware of the problems with power cuts over recent years. After a particularly tricky weekend in the spring Steve Brine, our MP, arranged a meeting between the Parish Council, SSE and himself to discuss what was going on and what SSE were planning to do about it. This was an extremely productive meeting when they advised us of their plans to improve the infrastructure and hopefully prevent further problems. A public meeting followed up with an excellent presentation describing the plans and timescales in detail. You may have seen the recent works along



Harestock Road and Wellhouse Lane - these are all for our benefit - see the SSE website for up to date details on the works www.ssepd.co.uk

We hope this will lead to a good long spell of constant uninterrupted supplies, BUT—just in case, we would encourage all residents (particularly those who struggle to get out) to ensure that you have at least one telephone that you can use that does not rely on electricity. An always charged mobile is one option, but a completely basic - plug into the telephone socket device is a good standby for all so that you always have an emergency contact line.

Along similar lines we would encourage all for whom electricity is a lifeline eg elderly with only electric heating or cooking, those who need electricity for medical devices such as nebulisers, oxygen concentrators etc to register with SSE as Priority Users.

**Phone 0800 622 838
to ensure they are
aware of your needs**



You may have been mystified when you saw some of your parish councillors wandering around Eversley Park, often in the rain in May armed with spray cans, or by noticing fluorescent sprayed areas around the park at that time. This was our latest initiative to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dog and decrease the amount of dog poo in and around our recreational areas in particular. Over the two week period the number of new deposits did seem to decrease and we do get the impression that the situation has been better since this time.

We would still encourage all parishioners where possible to encourage any dog owners seen not to pick up after their dog to do so. Failing that if you could take note of a car number plate or see where the owner lives and report this to the office we can follow this up. Initially this would be with a letter from the parish council, but after a second reported offence passed on to the dog warden for further intervention and potential fines.

We have also in recent months noticed a few deposits of horse poo along the paths in Eversley Park. These paths are NOT bridleways and we would ask that horses are not taken through the park.

We continue to be encouraged to see the litter situation around the parish improve, particularly noted during our 6 monthly litter picking operations, but there are still the occasional bad pockets. Please continue to preserve our beautiful parish and encourage friends and neighbours to do the same. It makes this a better place for all to live in.

**DON'T DROP IT ,
USE THE NEAREST
LITTER BIN**

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS



SARAH WHITE—current chairman, has been a councillor since 2008, in an aim to get involved with local activities on moving to Hampshire. She has been particularly interested with childrens' activities via her son and is on the R&A and Finance committees



MALCOLM PRINCE—chair of the Finance committee, he has been a councillor since the elections of 2010 and has been instrumental in making parish finance understandable to councillors and parishioners alike



DENIS WELSTEAD—a councillor since 2007, he is a Health and Safety expert and is a great champion on preserving our local, national and worldwide resources for future generations. He is active on the Planning & Highways and Finance committees



TERRY BOHLE— a previous lecturer in further education working around Britain and overseas, a councillor since 2010, he is on the Finance and the R&A committee where he has put in many hours using his engineering expertise



JUDITH STEVENTON BAKER— a councillor since 2010, Judith is on the Planning & Highways committee and is a great advocate for the Tenants and Council Together (TACT) committee

PHIL ALLEN- has a background in environmental issues. He very recently joined us in July this year. We welcome him to the Council.



IAN GORDON—vice chair and chair of the Planning & Highways Committee, Ian has also been a councillor since 2008. He spent many years working for local government and is a keen dog owner and trainer. He is also on the Finance committee



MANDY HALLISEY— a councillor since the elections of 2010, another dog lover, she is active on the R&A committee and was on the Worthys Festival organising committee



BOB BARNES— another of our recruits from the 2010 election, he is on the Finance and Planning & Highways committees and continues to take a great interest in the parish despite moving further into Winchester



MARTIN TAYLOR—a new councillor from early 2012, he is on the Planning & Highways committee. He has already put in many hours for the parish council and is an Abbots Worthy representative



KERSTIN REINERS—new to the council from early this year, she is a communications expert and is already leading the council on this front. She is on the Finance and R&A committees

COUNCIL VACANCY

We do still have one vacancy
If you would be interested, please contact the parish office for more information

KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

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Kings Worthy

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OUR PARISH CLERKS

COLIN ARNETT— has been a clerk to the council for quite a number of years now. He has carefully guided many new councillors as they start their term of office and ensures that we follow rules and regulations. He is often our first line of contact with parishioners



ADRIAN REEVES— new to the council in the autumn of 2011, Adrian has soon made himself a valuable addition to the team



OUTGOING COUNCILLORS

This year we have sadly said goodbye to Kirstie Andrew-Power. She was a recruit from the 2010 election and was a great advocate for improving community communications and encouraged us to join the Love Where You Live campaign



Our longest standing councillor, Rosemary Sign has also left us this summer after many, many years as a stalwart member of the Recreation and Amenities committee. Rosemary was involved in the creation of our lovely burial ground and has been very active with maintaining and continuing to improve our green areas and playgrounds. Her vast knowledge of the local area and cheerful hands on approach will be missed.



YOUR VIEWS NEEDED

It has been suggested that we have a swing in our playgrounds specifically for young children with physical disabilities. We have our circular net swing that suits older children with such needs at Eversley Park (currently awaiting new ropes, but will be re-erected very soon). However more of a cradle type swing has been suggested. Please let us know if this would be helpful to you and your family. If there is a demand for this we would be very happy to provide this facility but are currently unsure of the need.



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)