



Headbourne Worthy Village News

Spring 2013

News and Information from your local Parish Council

Jubilee Oak

An oak tree is to be planted in the grounds of St Swithun's Church on the opposite side to the upper graveyard to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.

The sapling is being provided by Winchester City Council. Headbourne Worthy Parish Council is sharing the cost of a plaque with the Church.

Hilary Graham



Flooding

The good news is that no homes in Headbourne Worthy were flooded during the recent downpours.

We have all seen the bad effects on areas of roads, footpaths and fields. Indeed, behind the homes in Wellhouse Lane there is a new lake, due to the rising level of a Winterbourne. Headbourne Worthy Parish Council is doing all it can to make sure the proper agencies are keeping the drains and ditches free but of course we have to compete for funds and time with the rest of Hampshire. Please contact the clerk, Hilary Graham (details below) with any concerns.

If we reflect for a moment the name of our village indicates that it is susceptible. *Hilary Graham*



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Village Spring Clean 9th March

Join us at Marlands on London Road opposite Bedfield Lane on Saturday 9th March from 10am for a coffee and then help Spring Clean our village. Hi-vis jackets, gloves and rubbish bags will be there for all helpers. Just half an hour of collecting litter from the verges can transform the look of a road. Last year over twenty bags of rubbish were collected. Let's see if we can beat that record and have a clean and tidy village for the spring that we can all appreciate. Families with children welcome - children must be under close adult supervision. For more details contact David Pearcey on 880063. Thanks to Chris and Bevis Clarke-Smith for their hospitality.

To contact your Parish Council, visit www.theworthys.org.uk
or contact the Parish Clerk, Hilary Graham, on 883797. clerk.headbourneworthy@parish.hants.gov.uk

Worthys Festival 2013

Plans are well underway for the next Worthys Festival, to be held this autumn from Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th September.

New for this year will be a marquee sponsored by Scottish and Southern Energy, which will be the focus of Festival activities for the final weekend at Eversley Park. It will give us a great venue for the music festival, featuring local bands, and some new events, including hopefully a flower and produce show and a film night.

Bacardi Brown-Forman, who are based in The Worthys, have generously agreed to sponsor the fireworks again, so we will be parading down from the park to the King Charles pub to end the Festival with a bang!

St Mary's Church are giving the Festival a great



start by holding their annual fete on the opening Saurday, and combining it with a family fun day on Church Green. The newly completed Village Embroidery will be on show, and the opening day will culminate in the tremendously popular and successful Worthys Got Talent Show, hosted by the Worthy Players in the Jubilee Hall.



We have the village quiz planned for Wednesday in the Sports & Social Club, which is also organising a beer festival featuring beers from local micro brewers, to run for the whole of the final weekend. See the link to the Festival page on the new village website for more details.

Jane Rutter, Chair, Worthys Festival Steering Group

New Parish Website

The Worthys new Website

Those of you online may have noticed that our website, <http://www.theworthys.org.uk/>, has a new look.

In conjunction with a subcommittee from Kings Worthy Parish Council, Cllr Claire Welland and the Parish Clerk, Hilary Graham, have been working towards improving the website.

Cllr Welland said, "Although our previous website was very popular and contained a lot of

information, it was difficult to keep it up to date. Our new website, developed by Kings Worthy business Ultra Byte, should be easier to navigate and is much easier for us to update ourselves with relevant links and information about Headbourne Worthy, Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy".

The website continues the co-operation of the Parish Councils in our villages on common issues and initiatives. Please let us know what you think of the new website.

The Worthys
Parish Councils



Bedfield Lane Refuge

By the time this newsletter is published, the new pedestrian refuge at the Springval Road end of Bedfield Lane should be completed. The photo below shows the men in the initial stages of the work.

The new refuge will make it much easier for local residents to cross, particularly our older residents from Headbourne Worthy House, and mothers with pushchairs and toddlers in tow. Parish Councillor Claire Welland, who worked hard to persuade the County that a refuge was necessary, said "I am delighted that the refuge is now becoming a reality".



New Parish Councillor

My husband and I lived in Luxembourg, where our children were born, for 7 years followed by 33 years in Brussels. I was a primary school teacher, first at the European School in Luxembourg and then at The British School in Brussels. Whilst enjoying the benefits of a European capital city and the contacts we made there within the international community, after 40 years it was time to return to the U.K., where we had never lived together as a couple, having met abroad. We chose Winchester initially because we have a son and granddaughter living nearby, but we soon came to appreciate what a beautiful Cathedral city it is. I have also become a steward in the Cathedral, introducing visitors to the Winchester Bible and the Morley Library.

Barton Farm Forum - Reporting Back

Now that the new development at Barton Farm has planning approval - in outline - a Forum has been set up to bring together the views of Winchester City Council, Hampshire County Council, local parish representatives and the developers. Representing Headbourne Worthy Parish is Jane Rutter, who also represents Kings Worthy on the City Council.

"I am very aware of the potential impact of a large increase in traffic on our villages, and will do all I can to ensure the planners and developers understand and mitigate that impact," said Jane. The first full meeting of the Forum is on 27th March. Members will also be visiting other similar sites elsewhere to inform design and other issues.

We moved to Headbourne Worthy in October 2011 and very quickly felt at home here, despite having lived abroad for so long. We have been delighted by the warmth and friendliness of our neighbours and we already feel part of the community. We both feel a strong commitment to the area and it is for this reason I was keen to become a member of the Parish Council. I have time and energy and hope that I have a valid contribution to make.

Christine Clarke-Smith
Marlands, London Road.



Jackie's County Corner

Village Lengthsman Scheme

Nine villages in my division, including Headbourne Worthy, have signed up for the Lengthsman scheme, and we are now awaiting the approval of funding from the County Council. There is plenty to do at this time of year, clearing drains and leafy paths. The decision is expected soon: I will report back next month.

Adoption

Adoption is now high on the Government priority list. If you are interested in Adopting, Fostering or giving support to adults through the Shared Lives scheme, please contact the County Council direct on 0845 603 5620 or go to the hants.gov.uk for more details.

Highways Repairs

If the answer is 42, what was the question? It is the number of small items on the highways list that are still outstanding in the area after the winter. I went through the list with the officer at HCC last week! To make it worse, and because the weather has been so bad since last summer, Hampshire has had to authorise a number of works to be redone. Residents can report online or phone in faults on roads, pavements and footpaths on 0845 603 5633.

Local District Plan

The Local District Plan is moving on to the next stage (part 2). This starts to map out the uses for land, eg: to support green areas, leisure, employment, education, health, housing and shops and businesses.

There is an 'infrastructure wish list' associated with the plan. If you have any suggestions for your Parish, you should contact your Parish Council with your idea, who will review if it should go on the wish list. This can include village hall improvements, village greens, bike lanes, new play areas and footpaths.

Rural Broadband

Rural broadband is high up on the wish list for many residents. There isn't a telephone number for this item - you have to go online! I continue to keep up the profile of this issue at the County Council: please sign up to

www.hants.gov.uk/broadband if you haven't done so already.



Winchester Live at Home Scheme

Are you alone at home? The Winchester Live at Home scheme supports independence for older people and provides volunteers to sit with residents, and events, lunch clubs and trips out. I particularly enjoy their regular newsletter which has a huge word search! Contact them on 01962 890995. This service can offer companionship and relative-sitting too, all supported by carefully chosen volunteers.

County Councillor Jackie Porter

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New Noticeboard Headings



Siôn Graham and Parish Chairman David Pearcey fit new noticeboard headings to the three Parish Council boards in the village.