



Headbourne Worthy Village News

Summer 2014

News and Information from your local Parish Council

Flooding Clinic

Flooded Home? Business affected by flooding? If you think you might qualify for financial support go along to a flood advice clinic with staff from Winchester City Council and the Winchester & District Citizens' Advice Bureau.

3.30pm - 6.30pm, Wednesday 30th April, in the meeting room at the Tubbs Hall, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy, SO23 7PJ.

- Face-to-face friendly advice
- Guidance for applications
- Make and submit your applications on the spot
- Help with other concerns
- Advice for residents and businesses alike



For more information please visit:
[www.winchester.gov.uk/
environment/flood-recovery](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/environment/flood-recovery)

Annual Meeting 19th May

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday 19th May from 7pm in the Church Rooms, behind St Mary's Church on London Road, Kings Worthy.

We will, of course, be talking principally about the recent flooding in the village, and making the first moves towards organising a proper Village Emergency Plan, so that future major events - flooding, road accident, rail crash etc. - will be efficiently and effectively handled, as far as possible. Please join your parish councillors for a glass of wine and an informal chat from 7pm, with the meeting proper starting at 7.30pm. More on back page...

Parish Council Elections

All 7 places on the Parish Council are up for election this May. Nominations close on 24th April, and the election will be held on 22nd May, the same date as the European and City Council elections. Nomination forms available via Parish Clerk or WCC website:
www.winchester.gov.uk

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

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Village Lengthsman

Many thanks for the suggestions sent in for the Lengthsman to tackle. We have now had 2 days of Craig's time, and he has cleared footpaths along Bedfield Lane, Well House Lane and School Lane; repaired the verges damaged by vehicular manoeuvres during the flood along Well House Lane; cleaned the road signs on Down Farm Lane; and cut back vegetation around the bus stop on London Road.

He's due back again in May, and although there are some outstanding items on our list, we'd welcome any other suggestions.

Please contact Cllr Claire Welland, claire.welland@theworthys.org.uk with any queries or suggestions.

Flood Survey

Headbourne Worthy Parish Council wants to know about your experiences of the flooding, to help us to work out what needs to be addressed, and what we should put in place should this sort of natural phenomenon occur again. The survey is available online on Survey Monkey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NFSGZ7V>. If you can't fill it in online, please contact the Clerk who will be able to pass on any feedback you have to the Parish Council.

Thanks to those that have filled it in already. We've had some really useful feedback on the issues surrounding the road closures, the diversions, the drains, the ditches, the car crashes and near misses at the junction of School Lane and London Road, wading through the new Down Farm River, and how the community proactively dealt with the situation. But we're still gathering information, so please fill it in if you haven't already.



New Parish Clerk

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome Adrian Reeves to be the new Parish Clerk. Adrian is also the Clerk for Kings Worthy Parish Council, and brings to the job his valuable experience from there. We hope that Adrian will enjoy the rather more relaxed atmosphere of Headbourne Worthy Parish Council meetings, and that he will be able to share his professional approach with both parish councils.

Outside work Adrian is Chairman of the Winchester Table Tennis League and plays for a team based at Prince's Mead School. Other interests include cycling and being a member of Winchester's Fitness and Sport Club.

He will formally take over from Hilary Graham (date? Contact details?)



2014 Village Litter Pick Volunteers Gather

Many thanks to Christine and Bevis Clarke-Smith for again hosting the annual village Spring Clean. A good turn out of enthusiastic volunteers (here are the early arrivals enjoying a coffee before setting out on their mission) ensured that the whole

village was covered and around 20 bags of litter was collected. The Parish Council would like to thank all volunteers and local residents who 'litter pick', not only at the annual event, but also all year round!



Annual Meeting Cont...

Flooding affected Hampshire very heavily earlier this year as we know. Communities across the County were affected to varying degrees with Winchester, Romsey and Hambledon coming under severe flooding threats. Kings Worthy and Headbourne Worthy suffered as well as springs and winterbournes sprung into life after some years of dormancy. What was happening behind the scenes and what were the logistics involved in so many different threats and so many communities placing demands on scarce resources? How did the Emergency Control cope? What were the successes and what lessons could be learned?

Rob Heathcock, of Winchester City Council was taken away from his day job (Assistant Director Neighbourhoods and Environment), to run the Control Team and has kindly agreed to attend the meeting to give us a view of what was happening behind the scenes. Mark Woods who was similarly called to action from his day job (Community Resilience Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service) has also kindly volunteered to give his experiences from the front line of a hard pressed emergency service.

We think that you will find this evening very informative and interesting. We also think that our own Parish can use our flooding experience, and the experience of other communities, to learn how to prepare and mitigate any potential flooding events in the future.

Harry Whorwood, Parish Councillor

It's Good to Talk...



That tag line of BT adverts from some years ago is still relevant today despite, or even because of, the increasing numbers of ways in which we can talk. It occurs to the Council that in the event of an emergency, minor or major as in the case of the recent flooding, it would have more involving and more inclusive if we could have been more instant in our dissemination of information. We use social media in a limited fashion and this needs more development; our joint web site with Kings Worthy is useful but we do ponder if we make the best or most use of it.

This newsletter is and has been useful in disseminating information, but email has a role to play in this broadband enabled world. If you would like to sign up for a simple and non-invasive service, just drop us an email! Send your name and email address, and the first line of your physical address (thus keeping the mailing list discreet to HW residents) to: **clerk.headbourneworthy@parish.hants.gov.uk**. It goes without saying that we will not abuse or release the information to third parties, and that the content of emails will be relevant to Headbourne Worthy.

Harry Whorwood