

Headbourne Worthy Village News

Spring 2012

News and Information from your local Parish Council

Litter Pick

Help to Spring Clean the village next Saturday 17th March. Meet at 10am at the home of Sheila and David Pearcey, Waterside Cottage on London Road opposite School Lane. Bags, gloves and high vis jackets available. Join us for a coffee and a biscuit before you go. All volunteers are welcome, but we ask you please to keep a close eye on junior helpers.



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Celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the Worthys will centre on Church Green on Monday 4th June.

St Mary's Church is one of only three churches in Hampshire - and the only one in the whole of the Winchester District - which is brave enough to have a gas-fuelled Celebration Beacon lit on the top of the tower. The Jubilee Party will kick off at 4pm with childrens' activities, live music, Punch & Judy, a beer tent, Pimm's stall, ice creams, cream teas and a barbeque. Bring your family and all your neighbours for the biggest Street Party in Winchester. Watch the Queen light the first of the nation's Beacons on a large screen TV on the Green, and party on till 10pm.



The Jubilee Party takes the place of the fete this year, and any profits from the various activities will be split between the church maintenance fund and local good causes.

More info from Jane Rutter on 884981.

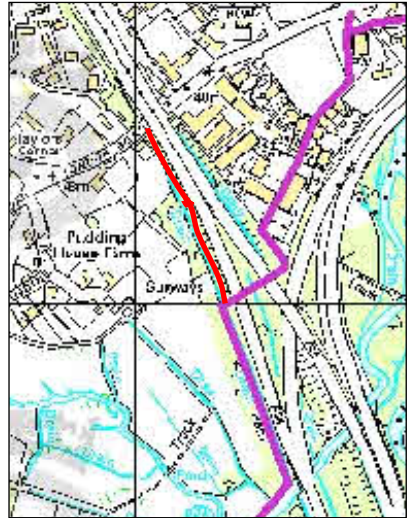


To contact your Parish Council: Visit www.theworthys.org.uk
or call the Parish Clerk, Hilary Graham, on 883797. clerk.headbourneworthy@parish.hants.gov.uk

New Footpath Link to Nun's Walk?

The Parish Council is looking into the possibility of a new footpath link from London Road down to the popular Nun's Walk, which follows the river Itchen into Winchester at the Riverpark Leisure Centre. Currently, the only access down to the Nun's Walk from Headbourne Worthy is to go into Kings Worthy, walk down past the new offices by Church Green and follow the path back through the tunnels which go under the A34 (see map). The existing path is shown in purple.

The suggested new path would go along beside the A34 embankment for about 300 yards, which is land owned by the Highways Agency. There is a fairly wide stretch of scrubland with an old run-off ditch from the dual carriageway, which is currently overgrown somewhat with brambles and trees (see red line on the map).



We are currently discussing the options with the Highways Agency and Hampshire County Council. But most importantly, we need YOUR VIEWS. If you think it's a good idea to pursue this footpath, or if you have reservations, please email or call Hilary Graham, the Parish Clerk, on Winchester 883797, clerk.headbourneworthy@parish.hants.gov.uk.

The issue will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council, on Monday 12th March at 7.15pm in the Church Rooms (behind St Mary's Church). You are most welcome to attend and share your views.

Welcome to new councillor Claire



Claire Duncan has recently joined the Parish Council. She lives at Thatched Cottage, Pudding Lane, Headbourne Worthy, SO23 7JN, tel: 01962 889411. She writes;
"I have lived in the village since 2001. I have been a local solicitor in Winchester

since 1982. I now act as a consultant to my firm, Warner & Richardson in Jewry Street.

I was attracted to living in Headbourne Worthy by its relative closeness to Winchester yet despite that, it has a truly rural aspect to it. I determined to offer myself to become a Parish Councillor as I can see the very real risks of losing that rural aspect in the village and, frankly, I feel there is no point in ruminating over it but I must be prepared to help and be involved in trying to preserve what I perceive to be valuable. It is also great fun getting to know the community and what is happening in it, so much better. I am a widow, my husband having died in 2000 and I have four adult sons who come to see me now and again!"

Neighbourhood Watch

"If it's too good to be true – it probably is!"

You have probably read or heard of the many "scams" used by unscrupulous fraudsters to trick the unsuspecting public into parting with their money. These criminals are constantly devising new and clever schemes and although nothing is foolproof, you can increase your chances of not being caught by following a few simple rules:

1. *Never conduct any financial dealings over the telephone or by e-mail*, unless you have initiated them.

2. *Never give your PIN number to anyone*, no matter how plausible the reason given – no genuine bank, building society or police officer will ask for it.

3. *"You have got to be in it to win it"* – if you haven't bought a lottery ticket you will not have won!

4. *If the offer is too good to be true, it will be.* This is especially true of financial investments – a promised return in excess of the normal should always be treated with extreme

caution and proper independent financial advice should always be sought.

5. *Never transfer money, especially abroad, in consequence of an unsolicited e-mail*, even if it appears to originate from a relative or someone you know and no matter how plausible, without first checking with that individual directly.

6. *Never agree to building work or similar being undertaken by uninvited or unsolicited callers* and never part with money "up front".

7. *Always use approved or known Trades People* if you think such building work needs doing. Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Service, telephone: 08454 04 05 06 (e-mail:

buy.with.confidence@hants.gov.uk) always point you in the right direction with their "Buy With Confidence" scheme which will help you avoid rogue traders by providing a list of reputable independently checked businesses.

Finally,

8. *The elderly and vulnerable are often targeted* so bear in mind if you have such neighbours or relatives and report any suspicious activity at an early stage to your Neighbourhood Watch or the Police.

Cllr. David Pearcey February 2012

Local History Group Publications

The Worthys Local History Group has recently published three booklets which should appeal to our readers.

Worthy History No. 15, (price £2.50) has articles on the origins and development of the Worthy village names, and on a recently discovered 18th century Headbourne Worthy will.

Pillbox Fortifications at Worthy Down (£4) describes all the pillboxes and retractable forts in detail with technical drawings and photographs; their exact locations, tactical disposition and strategic significance are also described.

The Turnpike Road through the Worthys (£4) covers why the road was built, William

McAdam the surveyor, the stage coaches, the inns, income and expenditure, and the people affected by it. The old roads and tracks that preceded the turnpike road, some of which survive as footpaths in Headbourne Worthy, are also described.



Copies are available from Jean Merrikin (881917) and Peter Finn (885266). *Worthy History No. 15* is also available from Kings Worthy Post office, price £3.

New website 'saves time - when it really matters'

A new website is now helping to save time - and ultimately people's lives - in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton.

www.sayitonce.info has been designed to encourage residents to record their own personal information - and share this easily with health, social care and emergency services when needed.

Part of a project funded by the Department of Health, [Say It Once](http://www.sayitonce.info) includes forms that give residents more control and choice. This includes a Personal Profile where they can record as much or as little information as they wish. This information is then only shared with others if the individual consents.

Anne Meader, project executive said:

"People are often asked for the same information by different health and social care staff - this is frustrating and wastes time. On average, people are asked seven times for the same information.

"The website and forms are designed to help you record your own information so you only

have to 'Say It Once'. This single up to date version then becomes the single point of reference for everyone working with you, with your consent."

"One example when time could be saved would be giving the form to paramedics in an emergency so they can see what medical conditions you have or who can look after your dog if you're rushed in to hospital. That could mean the difference between life and death in some situations and certainly reduce your worries about what's important to you in times of crisis. The information can also include things such as medication, contact details for friends and neighbours and your personal beliefs. You can give as much or as little information as you wish and it's your choice if you allow other people to share it." For more information on Say It Once: Call: 01794 519495 Email: contact@sayitonce.info.

The Personal Profile can be downloaded from [Download forms](#) in several different formats, together with guidance.

New Bedfield Lane Refuge

Proposals to install a new pedestrian refuge on Bedfield Lane at its junction with Springvale Road are now at the consultation stage with HCC and WCC.

The new crossing point is designed to make it much safer for people to cross the road here. With the popularity of the Farm Shop, and increasing numbers of children and parents walking to school along this route, the improvement is considered by some to be long overdue. We welcome any comments or suggestions on the plan as it is still at the consultation stage. You can contact the Parish Clerk directly, or come along to the next Parish Council meeting on 12th March (see inside for details).

