

Newsletter March 2006

Welcome to this edition of the Parish Council Newsletter. As many of you in the village will be aware, the Parish Council and the village lost a very dear friend and colleague, Mrs Heather Grey in a car accident in February. Heather contributed to so many activities within the village, not least as a Parish Councillor and will be sadly missed. It was of great concern to Heather that new volunteers were needed to assist with the many aspects of community care in the village, if you could spare some time please consider volunteering with these vital services to the village.

The Parish Council has been very busy meeting with the various officers from both West Sussex County Council and Horsham District Council to ensure that local knowledge and perspective is provided to the many plans and initiatives that are identified for Pulborough. Amongst the meetings attended have been discussions held with the developers of the former Riverside concrete site, and the officers from Transport and Planning, to put forward the many traffic and pedestrian safety concerns of the residents and the Parish Councillors. I also attended a meeting with Tom Crowley (new chief Executive of Horsham District Council) to discuss Rural Car Parking. The Parish Council currently has two vacancies and would welcome anyone who is interested in joining, please contact the Clerk on 01797 873532 for further details. All of the Parish Council meetings are open to the public so do please come along. The agendas, meeting times and dates are advertised on the noticeboards.

This years Annual Parish Meeting takes place on May 11th. We are delighted to announce that Tom Crowley (Chief Executive HDC) and Mrs Kitchen (Leader of HDC) will be attending to answer questions from the floor. We will advertise more details nearer the time.

Jan Botting Chairman

Horsham District Council has removed the plastic recycling facility from the Lower Street car park. Unfortunately, very little of the material deposited in the skips in the last six months has been recycled because of the large quantities of glass that unthinking members of the public had been putting in. Once mixed with the cans and plastics, the glass is extremely difficult to remove and causes damage to the sorting equipment used to separate the plastics from the tins. Therefore many of the loads were rejected and taken away to landfill. Horsham District Council offers a kerbside collection of cans and plastic bottles to 98% of households in the district and they are happy to extend that coverage wherever possible to include everyone. It is far more efficient for them to collect as much material as possible with vehicles that already visit properties than it is to make separate arrangements through bulk collection points. If you do not have a kerbside basket please contact HDC where you can collect a basket free of charge.

Save Water

The South East is currently experiencing one of the longest periods of low rainfall figures for decades and we are all being encouraged to do 'our bit' to use water wisely. Pulborough Parish Council has decided not to display the hanging baskets through the village this year. The Parish Council is aware that this decision will affect the nursery that supplies the baskets, and also the

contractor that erects them and keeps them watered throughout the summer season. However, with the threat of standpipes being imposed on the area, there is little choice but to do whatever they can to ensure that water is conserved. Please try to do your bit this summer and use water wisely.

Get Out More!

This spring a new walking trail across West Sussex will be officially opened. It is to be called the West Sussex Literary Trail and will route from Horsham to Chichester. For more details please contact footprints 01903 813381 or www.westsussexliterarytrail.co.uk

Pocket Park

The Pocket Park Association had a highly successful working party of volunteers on Sunday 26 February. A bonfire was created to clear accumulated dead material and rubbish, the stream was thoroughly cleaned, tidying up was done, and two sacks of litter were collected.

The next working party will be on Sunday 14 May at 2.00pm. Anyone of any age and ability is welcome to lend a hand in what is a very rewarding and sociable activity. Just turn up or contact John Garrett on 01798 873207 for details.

Bird Flu

If you are concerned about this or need to report a dead bird please see the questions and answers factsheet that has been put together from information from Defra and the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust websites: www.defra.gov.uk and www.wwt.org.uk or phone the DEFRA helpline 08459 33 55 77

Sports News

Book the Multi Sports Facility at the main recreation ground – contact Lil on 07708582627

Pulborough Netball Club

Meet every Thursday 7.30 – 8.30 at the MSF Rectory Lane over 14's welcome.

Pulborough Cricket Club

If anyone would like to play cricket contact the chairman Nick Cousins on 07736393168

Pulborough Bowling Club

New members welcome contact 01798 875531

History Society

Horsham Museum are encouraging local villages to start their own history group, and are willing to offer support to local people who would be interested in starting a group in their area. If you are interested please contact:

Anne Ball 01798 873008

Community News

Pulborough Local Action Team

The Pulborough Local Action Team held their inaugural meeting on Thursday 26 January at Pulborough Youth Centre. It was chaired by Greg Charman from the Community Safety Department of Horsham District Council.

Amongst the issues discussed at the meeting were specific areas where anti social behaviour was a problem, litter, parking on the zigzag lines outside the Co-Op Store in Lower Street and traffic using the roads surrounding the school as 'rat-runs'. Should you want to join the Local ActionTeam please

contact Peter Jones on 01798 783038. The next meeting will be held on Friday 24th March 7.30pm The Pulborough Youth Centre, Link Lane.

St. Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School, Pulborough

St Mary's was inspected by Ofsted in June last year and was described as "an effective school where pupils achieved well." The inspectors also recognised the "strong determination to do the very best for each pupil". The staff were delighted to have received such a positive outcome.

The full report can be viewed online at www.ofsted.gov.uk or a summary is available from the school reception.

There are many activities and projects which the children, staff and parents are involved in, these include:

The School Council, 18 different clubs either after school or at lunchtimes, and Art Day, which will take place on Thursday 18 May. The school is open to the public on the day so why not come along, If you have a skill and would like to help, please do get in touch.

The infant garden has been the focus for enormous activity over the last two seasons. The children have been growing flowers and vegetables, which have been taste-tested by the children and sold to parents as part of the fund raising programme. The children have also been learning about recycling and composting. The school has been extremely fortunate to secure the support of Murrells Garden Centre. They have been very generous and supportive of the project and previously donated compost and seeds, a commitment that they have undertaken again for the coming year, as well as helping to organise runner bean and potato growing competitions.

Other improvements have included the clearance of the pond and nature area and the construction of an outside stage on the field, which is now surrounded by a grass amphitheatre. The stage will be used for assemblies and drama activities.

Other projects given the go ahead include the installation of a quiet, shady seating area in the back playground and the planting of a living willow igloo. The school is very fortunate that two of the senior teachers in key stages one and two, have both achieved the status of leading maths teachers in West Sussex. Many congratulations to Sam Copus and Claire Wilson. Claire has also been awarded her NPQH, National Qualification for Headship, which is fantastic news.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village who collected the vouchers for the school. Our final total was over 60,000, one of the largest amounts collected by any school in the whole of the UK!

The sports equipment has now been delivered and is being put to good use in the PE lessons and at lunchtimes too.

We are also very grateful for the 20,000 Tesco Sports for Schools vouchers. We plan to use these for professional sports coaches to help the children improve their skills.

Sainsbury's are running their Active Kids promotion again and we would be very pleased to receive any vouchers that you are not using, please put in the collection box at the school.

This will develop into a wonderful outdoor storytelling area and will be large enough to accommodate a whole class and their teacher.

For all information please contact:

St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School

Link Lane, Pulborough 01798 872007 office@st-marvs-pulborough.w-sussex.sch.uk

Busy Tots

Busy Tots are a fun and friendly mother and toddler group. They meet every Wednesday and Friday at 10.am at the village hall. Come and enjoy a tea or coffee and a chat with other mums while the toddlers enjoy the activities and toys on offer. All children from Newborn to 4 years old are welcome. Each session costs just £2.00

For details contact Penny on 01798 873095 or Wendy on 01798 872433

Activities at the Village Hall

There are a whole host of activities held at the village hall every week:

Pulborough Lunch Club

Every Wednesday at the village hall 12.30pm

Wednesday Club

Every Wednesday 2-4pm for social recreation and outings.

PIP – Pop Into Pulborough

Come for a chat, coffee and cake, every Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30

**For further information on all of the above please contact
Pulborough & District Community Care Association 01798 872872.**

Liaise

Advice on financial matters, a free service to help you sort out debt and other financial worries. Tuesdays 1-5pm contact 07931 300705.

Meals On Wheels

Monday to Friday 9 to 11.30 01798 874661

Pulborough Day Care Centre

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 3.30pm 01798 874849

Community Minibus

A door to door service for those with transport needs.

Contact John Denison 01798 872613 or Monica Mason 01798 873003.

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2006

All meetings are open to the public and start at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified. All Committee meetings are held at the Sports Pavilion, Full Council Meetings are at the Village Hall.

March

2 Planning & Service
9 Recreation 7 Open Spaces
16 Full Council

May

4 Planning & Services
11 Annual Parish
18 Annual Meeting
25 Recreation & Open Spaces

April

6 planning & Services
20 Full Council
27 Finance & Policy

June

1 Planning & Services
8 Finance & Policy
22 Full Council
29 Planning & Services

Useful numbers

Highways 01243 642105

Horsham District Council – Refuse collection, street & road sweeping, dog bins, recycling, abandoned vehicles – **01403 733144**

Street lights

WSCC owns most of the streetlights in Pulborough. Most WSCC lights are on numbered concrete posts. They are serviced by SOLVE who can be contacted on 0845 7581622. The Parish Council owns 66 streetlights. These are checked and serviced by SEEBOARD. Please contact them direct on 01273 432541.

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