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## Pulborough



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## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

# Parish Council Elections

The Parish Council Election on 7th May was uncontested as there were only 12 candidates for the 15 seats. The Parish Council will continue to co-opt Members to fill these vacancies and anyone who is interested in joining the Council and would like to find out a little more, should contact the Parish Clerk, Sarah Norman. Members held their first full meeting on 21st May and welcomed Ruth Court, Ian Hare and Gavin Reddin to their number.

The Parish Council would also like to express its gratitude to Lawrie Ellis and Rachel Gill who stood down from the Council at the election and thank them for all their hard work over the years.

### Forthcoming meetings:

#### Full Council:

18th June and 16th July

#### Planning & Services Committee: 2nd July

#### Recreation & Open Spaces Committee:

11th June and 9th July

#### Finance & Policy Committee:

25th June and 23rd July

All agendas are published on the Parish Council website, [www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk), at least three days before the meeting and members of the public are always welcome to attend.



### How to contact the Parish Council:

#### In person:

Parish Office, Village Hall, Swan View, Pulborough.

Monday to Friday 9am to 12.30pm

By phone: 01798 873532

#### By email:

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## Neighbourhood Plan update



The Steering Group has been busy making final preparations for the Pre Submission Plan which hopefully will be published for Public Consultation over the summer. Please take the time to come to one of the information events that will be held and visit the Parish Council website and Facebook page to find out more. Please do contact the Parish Office to make comments on this important document which will shape the village for the next 16 years.

Enclosed with this Bulletin is a summary of the responses received to last summer's household survey. The Parish Council and members of the Steering Group would like to thank, once again, all of you who returned the survey – the results have proved to be very valuable in providing evidence for the preparation of the Pre-Submission Plan.



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Reports from Southern Water's Operation Teams confirm that the blockages have often been caused by fat, which has subsequently passed through the system and obstructed the sewer. In light of the recent problems, Southern Water are asking all residents to be particularly aware of what is put down the drains.

Other items such as kitchen roll, paper hand towels and wet wipes should also be disposed of in the bin as these are also a major cause of sewer blockages.

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You may have noticed that the United Reformed Church on Lower Street has a new look. This is designed to make the building more accessible and a more useful resource to the community. To celebrate, we have a week of events planned, and we hope that there will be something for everybody. In addition to the Service of Dedication and opening on Saturday and the usual Sunday Worship which is held at 10.30, the programme for the week is shown on the right. Please do come along and join in any of the events, or just have a coffee or tea and cake and watch what's going on. We are looking forward to welcoming you!

Tuesday 14th July 10am-12 noon: Parent/Carer and Toddlers' morning and Café

Wednesday 15th July 7.30-10pm: Folk Evening with Cheese and Biscuits (BYO Wine) and Café

Thursday 16th July 10am-12 noon: Craft Café – try your hand at some crafts.

Friday 17th July 2pm-4pm: Games (cards, board games etc) and Café

Saturday 18th July: Throughout the day family Treasure Hunt around Pulborough, stalls, games and Café at the Church, Prizes for St Mary's School Art Competition.

Sunday 19th July 6pm: URC Big Sing – a "Songs of Praise" type service, where hymns will be chosen from requests will be submitted throughout the week. A Café will be provided.



**For further information, please contact Keith Russell on 01798 873174 or view our website: [www.pulboroughurc.co.uk](http://www.pulboroughurc.co.uk)**

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*All proceeds from the Film Society go to the Mary How Trust for Cancer Prevention – your local health screening charity.*



## Fantastic summer and 90 fantastic years at Great Ballard!

We have been very proud of all our Form 8 scholars who were entered for scholarships who gained a 100% success rate passing with flying colours to get scholarships to their chosen senior schools. As in previous years, the awards are across the subjects and range from Academic, Sports, Art, Drama and "all round". We have also been delighted for one of our younger pupils who has been awarded a full drama scholarship to the prestigious Sylvia Young drama school in London.

Children have taken part in a poetry competition which culminated in a poetry recital evening with children aged from 4 to 13 each standing on stage and confidently reciting poetry that they had learned by heart.



The school grounds have been enjoyed by all ages for activities, sports and Forest School; the latest addition to our Forest School being a "Hobbitt House" which the children have been having great fun in.

But this summer's celebrations have not only been about the pupils at school today. The school

was established in 1924 and on Saturday 16th May, a 90th Anniversary Celebration was held alongside the Friends of Great Ballard's Summer Fete. We were blessed with glorious sunshine and pupils and families, some from the very first days of the school, all joined together in the fun of the fete and reminisced about schooldays as they looked at the exhibition that had been put up for the occasion. We were pleased to welcome all our old pupils on the day but some in particular had some very special stories to tell and memories to treasure of the day.

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## LOCAL SCHOOLS

### News from Pulborough Village Pre-School

The Summer Term is always very busy, especially for our older children who will be going to School in September. We have visits planned to the Primary School and the teachers will be visiting Pre-School. We also have our Summer outing later in the term.

We have recently added a new awning to the top outside play area. This provides a shady area when it is sunny and shelter when it is raining.

The children have been helping to weed and dig in the garden and then planted strawberries, tomatoes and peppers.

Our topic at the moment is 'Countries', including Australia, Great Britain, Italy and Peru. The children have made St. George's Day bunting, clay Inca pots, boomerangs and cooked pizzas.

Next year we will be considering extending our hours for some sessions in order to offer more flexibility to parents.

The Pre-School is full at the moment but we will have spaces available for September.



For more information please visit [www.pulboroughvillagepreschool.weebly.com](http://www.pulboroughvillagepreschool.weebly.com) or call Allison Walter 01798 875329



### News from St Mary's Primary School

Where to start on the last few months? Easter was celebrated with the fantastic Yr 3&4 Easter play, the Eggstravaganza and Good Friday workshop. The chicks hatched in the staff room, bringing much excitement for the children and a welcome relief for staff while Ofsted visited.

On that note the governing body would like to express their gratitude to Mrs Heath and her staff (teaching and supporting in the various ways) for all their hard work, not only over the 2 days but also throughout the year, without this we would not have the rating Good, with Outstanding for the early years provision. Not an easy achievement under the new Ofsted system. (The full report is available via a link from the school website).

Swimming and Cricket and now well underway and will continue throughout the summer term. It is wonderful to have the pool onsite and the cricket coaching from Sussex County.

The year 6 worked extremely hard for their SAT's and enjoyed their week on the Isle of Wight at the PGL site. The next focus is the much anticipated Summer Production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' in the big top, followed by the Summer Fayre to which all are invited.

In September we move to a 13 class school and recruitment for a new teacher is well underway. We also welcome Mrs Brown as our new headteacher.

Lastly and by no means least, we wish Mrs Heath a long, happy and healthy retirement after 12 full years as headteacher of St Mary's and thank her for all she has done and all she is doing to ensure a smooth transition.

## Pulborough Society

The Society was formed in 1973 as a local charity and is a non-political organisation whose aim is to encourage and establish public interest in the local area. The Society is a statutory consultee on all planning issues in the village, and is a forum for local members who might wish to express their concerns regarding architectural design and planning. The Society acts as a co-ordinating body co-operating with the local authorities and statutory bodies, including volunteer organisations and any persons who have similar aims to the society.

The Society also: -

- Collects local historic information and where possible publishes reports and literature about the area.
- Holds meetings, lectures and exhibitions.
- Where possible gives advice and information to the general public.

Membership is open to all with a current fee of £8.00 for annual membership.

The Society holds seven lively meetings a year and provides a newsletter before each meeting. Meetings are held in the village hall, and this allows members to discuss any concerns they might have and how the society can help. It's also an occasion to catch up with friends and neighbours and meet new people.

Coach trips to places of interest are also arranged throughout the year. The dates for 2015 are 9th September (7.30pm), 7th October (7.30pm) and 11th November (2pm). The guest speakers at the meetings are always interesting and diverse; if you are a non-member and would like to go along and see if the Society had anything to offer you, they charge £2.

For any further information please contact the Chairman Peter Jones on 01798 874249.

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The Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner (SPCC) is concerned that older people are being deliberately targeted by criminals because of their possible vulnerability to scams and frauds. There have also been reports of older people subjected to psychological and physical abuse. In order to better understand the problems, the SPCC has appointed a Commission to investigate the facts. These will be collated and it is then hoped that the Police will be better able to take appropriate action to protect those at risk. If you have been, or think that you might have been, the target for, or a victim of, this sort of crime, or if you know someone else who might have been, please contact the Commissioner's representatives: **Lawrie Ellis – 01798 874 357 or Peter Jones at [peter.jones@pulborough.org](mailto:peter.jones@pulborough.org)**

*All information will be treated in the strictest confidence and names of informants will not be used in any report published by the Commissioner.*



### Adopt-a-Street

**None of us like to see unsightly litter around our village and especially on our own street where we live.**

Pulborough Local Action Team supported by Horsham District Council are inviting you to "ADOPT A STREET" – your Street.

On Saturday 27th June The LAT and HDC will be at The Village Market, Pulborough Village Hall where you can "Adopt your street" and upon that undertaking receive a litter picker and the equipment and advice on how to do so.

I know that we have a group of dedicated volunteers around Pulborough doing this already to whom we are extremely grateful so I hope this will support them and create an extra pride in having a clean and tidy PULBOROUGH.

**Peter Jones, Chairman, 01798 874249**

## LOCAL SERVICES

# All aboard the Pulborough Minibus!

**For any who may not be aware, and as a reminder to those who are, the Pulborough Minibus is an extremely valuable resource for the village and is proving to be a great asset for those who do not have a means of transport of their own.** For a modest fare members enjoy a door to door service as opposed to having to wait at bus stops in all weathers. Volunteer drivers and escorts are on hand to ensure the safety of the passengers and a pleasant social occasion is enjoyed by all!

We undertake regular trips to Horsham on 1st and 3rd Mondays and Chichester on 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month. There are also weekly local trips to Sainsbury's and Tesco on Tuesdays, the Village Hall for Lunch and Wednesday Clubs on Wednesdays and local village shops on Fridays plus a monthly run to and from Pulborough Village market on 4th Saturday in the month. These trips have been quite popular but we are always wishing to take as many passengers as possible to ensure the service is fully utilised. **Please contact Gerald Batt on 01798 872388 to book a seat.** There is a membership fee of just £5 per year for new members.

Thanks need to go to our drivers and escorts who give their time to provide this service. They are all greatly valued and any new volunteers who feel able to commit to the occasional morning or afternoon, be it once a month or once every three months please contact me, **Gerald Batt or Brian Ball on 01798 873008.** We are always on the lookout for new recruits.

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If you have any ideas or suggestions as to how these funds could be used to improve the community, please email the Parish Office on **clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk**

## Pulborough Ambulance station

**Over the coming months you may notice a change at the ambulance station in Moat Lane.**

Currently, Ambulance Stations have to provide facilities for all Ambulance activities from refuelling, cleaning, stocking, vehicle repairs etc. However, a new Make Ready Centre (MRC) will be operational at Tangmere, near Chichester from Summer/Autumn 2016 and this MRC will handle all aspects of the maintenance of the vehicles currently carried out at the various Ambulance Stations and will have dedicated staff for these roles.

However, be reassured that locations such as Pulborough, that currently have an Ambulance Station, will continue to have an Ambulance Community

Response Post (ACRP). The crews will collect their ready vehicles from the MRC and then standby at the ACRPs. Therefore, although the Ambulance Station in Moat Lane will close in due course (it is the wrong location for an ACRP in the middle of a housing estate), the current plan is to relocate to a new ACRP within the area in the near future and a new location is currently being sought.



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