



Headbourne Worthy Village News

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Village Website Wins County Award

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The worthys website www.theworthys.org.uk has won the Hampshire Association of Local Councils' 2009 Best Website Award. The award was made at the HALC AGM on 10th October at The Performing Arts Centre, St Swithun's School.

The two other finalists were Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council and Ringwood Town Council. There was also an award for the best newsletter which this year was won by Horndean PC (we haven't yet entered this newsletter for any awards!).

The Worthys community website is a joint venture between Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy Parish Councils. It went live in September 2008 and has been designed and is maintained by our

professional web team TLC Online.

The website provides villagers with a 'one stop shop' of news and events in the two villages together with a wealth of other useful information. Why not use it to advertise your next village event or even advertise your business in the Business Directory for a small annual fee? It really is worth taking a look - you will be surprised at its useful and diverse content. If you don't have access to the internet, the new Discovery Centre in Winchester offers computers for people to use.

The Worthys website has also been nominated for two categories in the 7th Hants Web Awards 2009; those short listed will be named at the beginning of November and the finalists announced in January 2010, with the Awards made in early February. *Dennis Curling*

who will win?



Welcome to our new Parish Clerk Hilary Graham



After six years as our Parish Clerk, Sheila Pearcey has retired - read her story on page 2. We are delighted to welcome Hilary Graham, who writes, "I'm Hilary Graham, your new clerk to Headbourne Worthy Parish Council.

I have lived in the Worthys for 23 years, and both my sons,

Sion and Jamie, went to school locally. As you probably guessed Sion is a Welsh name as I am a Welsh speaker.

Since retiring from the Civil Service last year I've taken courses in plumbing, Interior Design and Italian. My interests are holidays to European cities, cooking, interior design, yoga, sudoku and walking my Labrador, Tess. I live at Little Holt, on Wellhouse Lane. John, my husband, is still with the Civil Service in Portsmouth."

To contact your Parish Council: Visit www.theworthys.org.uk
or call the Parish Clerk, Hilary Graham, on 881043. <mailto:hilarygraham1@homecall.co.uk>

Equestrian National Champion



Anita Gibson, of Down Farm Lane, Headbourne Worthy, and her horse Wiseguy became National Novice Champions at the recent British Dressage Championships.

Wiseguy is a 6 year old Dutch horse and under Anita's confident direction produced a faultless test to win the competition at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire.

Pioneering Cancer Treatment Inspired Fundraiser

I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008; albeit a very minor tumour. I had an operation to remove the tumour and then about 6 weeks later (the consultant allowed me my 60th birthday party first) I had pioneering radiotherapy whereby I had a second operation and they zapped the area where the tumour was. No trips to Southampton for weeks, no side effects and only the second or third person to have that operation at RHCH. The only down side is I have to take medication for the next 5 years.

I had been treated extremely well throughout and all the staff at RHCH

and Southampton Hospital had been wonderful so I decided to do something in return to help others.

In 2008 with the help of my family and friends I raised £650 for Cancer Care which helps people who are recovering from cancer.

This year again with the help of family and friends I have raised over £800 for the Royal Marsden Cancer Campaign. They are a pioneering hospital for research, treatment and care of cancer patients. I vowed that I would raise some money every year for cancer related charities and hopefully I will continue to do so.

Sheila Pearcey

Who's Who on Headbourne Worthy Parish Council

There are seven councillors representing the people of Headbourne Worthy - about 450 electors. They are:

Rosemary Stephens (Chair) - Carle End, School Lane. ☎ 882001

David Spurling - Silverstream, Bedfield Lane. ☎ 882474

Julian Hamblin - Grange Cottage, School Lane. ☎ 889486

Ron Hatchett - 171 Springvale Road. ☎ 882061

Jane Rutter (Newsletter editor) - Bornholm, Bedfield Lane ☎ 884981

David Pearcey (Footpaths) - Waterside Cottage, Worthy Lane. ☎ 880063

Dennis Curling (Website) - Chestnuts, Nations Hill. ☎ 885171

There will be new elections for members of the Parish Council in May 2010. Why not think about standing? New blood is always welcome!

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 12th January, at 7.15pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy. All residents from Headbourne Worthy are welcome.

Great fun was had by all at this summer's tea party held at Silverstream, home of Trish & Dave Spurling. Many thanks to them both.



Jackie's County Corner

The County Council **doesn't have formal** meetings in August, but councillors are offered opportunities to update our knowledge of the facilities run by HCC

I joined a visit to **Hampshire's Museum** service at Bar End.

Every possible artefact is stored in the old farm, including a full physical record of the biodiversity of the county, with insect and plant samples, old vehicles and Hampshire made machinery, the results of archaeological digs and a spectacular array of stuffed animals.

I have also been working with the Blue Badgers, led by Anne Woodford, to restore disabled **parking in Winchester's High Street**. If you have views on this, please contact me.

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Winning Website Presentation



Rosemary Stephens (front left) and Peter Warriner of KWPC receiving the award from Stephen Lugg of the HALC, with the website designers TLC Online.

(See front page).

Dutton Award for local Volunteer



Siôn Graham, from Wellhouse Lane, has been awarded the Dutton Award (youth category) for outstanding contribution to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. Siôn is a volunteer with the Trust.

This, for Siôn and his family, is a recognition

of his achievements since a serious road accident nine years ago, when Siôn was 19. His brain was damaged, and he spent six months in hospital in Bath, where he gradually emerged from a coma and relearnt to walk and talk. He still suffers from short term memory difficulties and other effects of **the brain injury. He describes his brain as "a pack of cards that has been shuffled."**

Jamie Corry, his mentor at the Trust, oversees **Siôn's volunteering, and they have worked on Winnal Moors and Copythorne Common.** Winnal Moors has just recently been opened to the public as a wildlife reserve.



*With All
Best Wishes
for
Christmas
and the
New Year,
from your
local*

Parish Councillors.

Thank You Sheila

Sheila Pearcey was presented with flowers and other tokens of appreciation on her retirement as clerk of the Parish Council. She has been an invaluable help for the past six years.



Christmas Services at **St Swithun's Church,** Headbourne Worthy

Sunday 29th November at 5.00pm
Carols for Advent Sunday with the Choir
of St Mary's Church, Kings Worthy.

Sunday 20th December 11.15am
Carol Service

Monday 21st December 3pm
Dower House Carol Service

Christmas Day 11.15am
Holy Communion

