



County Councillor Jackie Porter writes:

### The more paint the more the danger...

I was feeling faintly nervous as Mike sat beside me. He wrote down my name and number. It was a long time since I'd felt this apprehensive. I was talking too much...

I had been reassured that my eyes were up to the task. I checked 'all systems go' and we set off from the Castle. And so my **Older Driver Skills Appraisal** had begun.

As the 'Lead Scrutineer' Councillor for Road Safety for Adults at HCC and a member of the Winchester Road Safety Panel, the officers had encouraged me to try out the experience.

Designed to support Older Drivers as we (or our doctors or loved ones) feel that we may be losing our quick reaction time, our ease of movement or our eyesight, the Advanced Driving expert led me through an hour of driving on town, suburban, rural and a short stretch of motorway roads to watch me as I drove and talk through the ways in which I could be more aware of the hazards, improve my driving technique and review my bad habits.

It was worth it. What did I learn about my driving thirty four years on? Well - I'm not too good on that nearside wing mirror as I turn left - a cyclist could be lurking there. When I learned I don't think we had wing mirrors!

Tarmac and tyres - make sure you always see a bit of tarmac and the tyres of the car in front when you stop: it keeps you a safe distance away from the car in case of emergency. Why the title of the piece? Look again at the white lines in the road and the paint gives you a clue about how carefully you should drive: the more paint the more danger

So, if you want a short refresher course lasting about an hour conducted in a cheerful manner, contact the Road Safety Team on 841841 and ask for an Older Driver Skills Appraisal. It costs about the same as a driving lesson, but it's done in a friendly, constructive way and it could save a life!

With growing concern about **pot holes and road damage** by large lorries etc, you will be pleased to hear that a new road maintenance contractor starts on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The white vehicles will be marked with Amey's name and a Hampshire rose. I hope the new contract lives up to its promise of 'right first time'. Good news: that following our continued pressure on this, drainage remains a priority for the district, and every drain /grip/gulley/culvert will be cleaned in the first year of the contract, and when grass is cut at junctions, the contractor should be clearing encroaching vegetation too.

It was very good news to hear the decision about **Micheldever Eco town** in April. The South East plan had rejected the idea of a new town so close to three others and now the government has made a clear rejection too. Perhaps now the community will be left in peace. Our thanks must go to the Dever Society who so ably galvanised the thoughts and actions of all parties to make a concerted objection in a timely and thorough way.

### Village 30

Reluctantly it has been agreed that the current group of villages, including Headbourne Worthy, should go public en masse in September 2008 so that the new speed limits can be well advertised on radio and in local press beforehand. The police will then give a bedding-in period before following up with speed checks.

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### Village Website Progress

The Worthys Community Website, a joint venture in partnership with Kings Worthy Parish Council, the first in Hampshire, moves closer. Following a lot of hard work it is now finally nearing completion. All the research and copy from many people has been completed and the final edited extensive content is just about complete. Our professional web designer expects to be able to commence the final stage soon, with a 'go live' date expected around the end of May. *Dennis Curling*



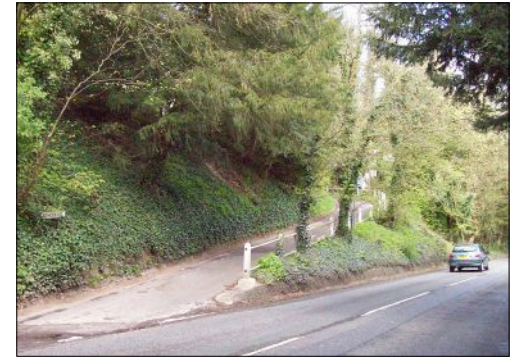
# Headbourne Worthy Village News

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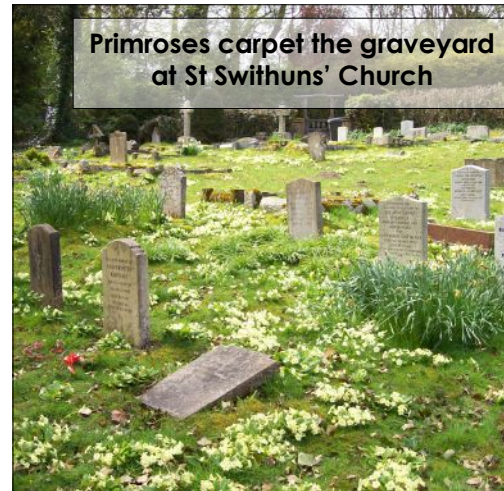
News and Information from your local Parish Council

## Annual Public Meeting

Please join us for a glass of wine or a soft drink at the annual Public Meeting of the parish council on **Tuesday 20th May from 7.30pm** in the Church Hall, Fraser Rd, Kings Worthy. Ideally we would like to use a venue which is closer to the village, but have been unable to book the Jubilee Hall at a suitable time. We look forward to welcoming you.



## Primroses carpet the graveyard at St Swithuns' Church



## HEADBOURNE WORTHY LITTER PICK

Due to health and safety concerns regarding roads without pavements it has been decided that only roads with pavements will be litter picked by volunteers from the village. Obviously this limits the amount of litter picking to a small area of the village but please come along for coffee and a chat on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 1000hours**. The meeting place will be the home of Dave and Trish Spurling, Silver Stream, Bedfield Lane. Surgical gloves, hi viz jackets and black bags will be provided. Hope to see you there.

## School Lane Madness

Recently we have seen an increase in the number of people trying to turn left out of School Lane onto London Road, or right from London Road into School Lane. This is utter madness! Anyone can see that this is an incredibly stupid and dangerous manoeuvre on this busy stretch of road. Visibility along London Road from both sides is very restricted, and vehicles have to shunt several times to make the turn. Has the time come to close this end of School Lane, or should we add to the clutter of street furniture with 'no right turn' and 'no left turn' signs? Is this the fault of Sat Nav systems which send people up unsuitable roads? Let us know what you think, either by contacting the Parish Clerk, or come to the Annual Public Meeting to air your views.

## To contact your Parish Council

Call the Parish Clerk, Mrs Sheila Pearcey, on 01962 880063, or e-mail [pearcey@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:pearcey@globalnet.co.uk)

## Hampshire Food Festival



### Hampshire Food Festival is crammed full of food and farming events this July

This year's Hampshire Food Festival runs from July 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> with 120 different events held across the county in celebration of Hampshire's finest food and drink.

Festival events include cookery master-classes, farm tours (from water buffalo to mushrooms!), cider & beer celebrations, heritage events and educational workshops. As part of The Year of Food and Farming, there's also plenty of fun for children to explore farms, meet farm animals and get hands-on. **Ainsley Harriott, Rose Elliot and Prue Leith** are taking part, **Hampshire chefs** will be giving demonstrations and local producers will be cooking at Hampshire Farmers' Market Taster Days. Many restaurants, hotels and pubs will be serving Hampshire menus and celebration dinners. The Festival also incorporates The New Forest & Hampshire Show and Alton Agricultural Show.

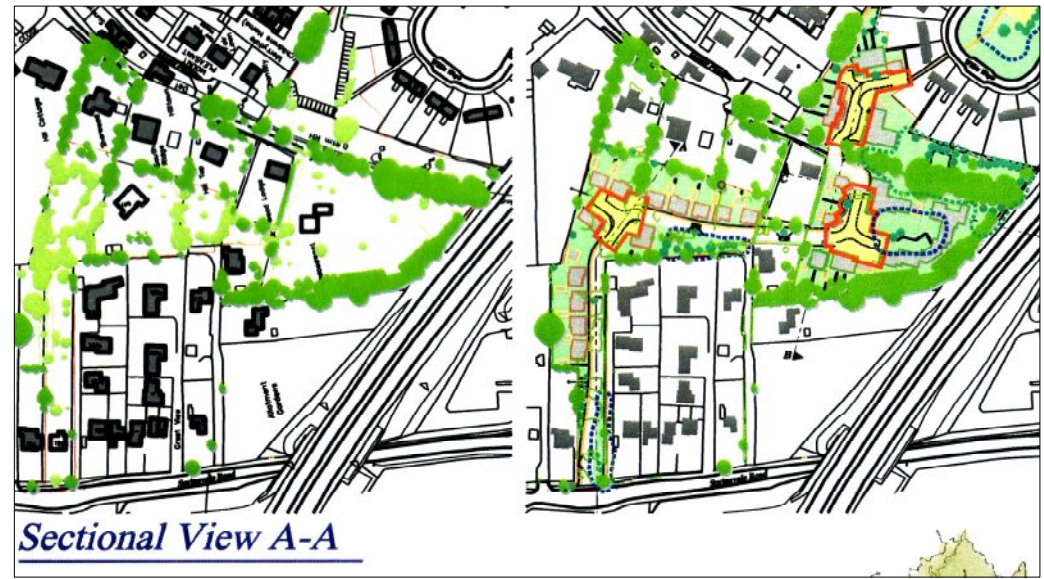
Pick up a free Hampshire Food Festival programme, with the foreword by Gordon Ramsay, at Hampshire libraries and info centres from the end of May, or register to receive your free copy at [www.hampshirefare.co.uk](http://www.hampshirefare.co.uk), where all events are also listed. Hampshire Food Festival visitors can enter a free prize draw to win a luxury two night break at Lainston House Hotel near Winchester.

### Proposed Development of land off Springvale Road, Headbourne Worthy.

On Tuesday 26 February, as part of the consultation process required with the local community, there was a public exhibition at Tubbs Hall Kings Worthy, in respect of this proposed development. It set out broad details for phase 1, of this intended mixed housing development of approximately 58 to 62 units, which will be accessed from a new road to be created at 155 Springvale Road. The whole proposed development site is bounded by Mount Pleasant, with a pedestrian link to Willis Way, the A34, Springvale Road and Nations Hill. This entire area is subject to a Local Design

Statement (LADS), a Supplementary Planning Document adopted by Winchester City Council on 1 February 2007. This means that any future development not only has to meet current planning legislation but also must take into account the guidelines set out in the LADS, which was created with input from local residents and the parish council.

At this stage, due to the need to consider long ranging conservation and ecology issues on the site, the developers Parsons & Joyce Ltd from Poole, only intend to submit an outline planning application sometime in April/May. All the



*Sectional View A-A*

community will then have an opportunity to review the broad details, which outline applications only provide and make direct representation to Winchester City Council planning office. This application will also be reviewed by HWPC together with local views, as part of their considered response to Winchester City Council.

Should the outline application be successful, then it is likely a full application may occur at some time after that date. *Dennis Curling*

Pictures taken from the developer's information leaflet (above) show a bird's eye view of the area concerned, with the A34 to the bottom right hand corner and Springvale Road running along the bottom of the picture. The sketch (left) illustrates the type and style of housing envisaged.

If you would like to comment on this proposed development, please contact the Parish Clerk, Sheila Pearcey (contact details on the front of this newsletter) and she will pass them on to the Parish Council. You could also express your views at the forthcoming Annual Public Meeting - again see front page of this newsletter for full details. The parish council welcomes all your comments, from views on dormice to access to the effect on local facilities or the height and design of the proposed development.

### Councillors' Reports



Wincheste City Councillor Keith Wood has represented the Sparsholt Ward (which includes Headbourne Worthy) since May 2007. He holds the planning and transport portfolio in the City Council's cabinet, and is Chairman of the local

development framework committee. He writes: Planning worries people. The Government requires this District to build a proportion of their target of 3 million houses regardless of local conditions or infrastructure. Our current target is some 500 houses a year, we look likely to be told to build 600 plus in future. This doesn't seem so bad except that previously 50% came from brownfield sites (such as garden development) rather than building on the countryside. Government is saying that we cannot include these in the future - we are objecting strongly and await their reply. Otherwise, this will mean we need to provide land to build nearly a 1000 houses a year and brings into play the Reserve sites, i.e. Barton Farm and Francis Gardens, at the boundary of HW with Abbots Barton, which were identified some 3 years ago before we took control. There's the problem and the worry.