

Keith Wood - City Council Report



"Nothing happens quickly in Local Government but perseverance does sometimes bear fruit. I began to negotiate with the County in January 2007 to replace the High St paving. This September we shall see the start of a £2million joint County /City Council scheme which will replace

all the paving from Market St to the junction with Jewry St. The layout will follow the original roman road and Purbeck Stone will be used for the surface. Traffic other than emergency vehicles will be banned and work on utilities will not be allowed for at least 3 years, barring emergencies. There will be new street furniture which hopefully will complement the historic setting, new signposts litter bins bollards etc. It's going to take a year to complete but I am sure you will find it a great improvement and worth the suffering during the construction period."

FLY TIPPING

Fly tipping is unsightly and can cause health problems; it is also illegal. Most household items can be taken to the local amenities centre free of charge or collected for a small fee. Fly tipping is becoming a problem at the top end of Down Farm Lane and the Parish Council are asking residents to be extra vigilant when driving or walking around the village. Should you see somebody who you believe is dumping rubbish please try to take note of the registration number and make and colour of the vehicle concerned. This should then be reported as soon as possible to the Environmental Health Dept on 01962 840222 or online at www.winchester.gov.uk / fly tipping.

GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Some villagers may have found that not all of their garden waste bags have been collected in the last month or so.

Those who use Winchester City Council's Garden Waste Collection service under the Alternate Bin Collection Scheme should be aware that after a long 'bedding in' period, the Council have now tightened up the rules.

The scheme commenced some four years ago when each household was provided with one free green waste bag which is emptied along with the recyclables bin on alternate weeks.

Extra bags could be purchased from Serco (the Council's contractor) at a cost of £25 for one bag or £75 for two; otherwise it is only one free bag collection per household. The collection teams now check against a list that the additional bags have been purchased from Serco; if this is not the case then any additional bags are now left behind.

To purchase additional bags call Serco 01962 828 402, whilst Winchester City Council Recycling Team can be contacted on Tel: 0800 008 60 50 or email: recycleforwinchester@winchester.gov.uk.



Headbourne Worthy Village News

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News and Information from your local Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

A glass of wine, a cup of tea and biscuits, coffee and cake? Come and enjoy.

In addition to our quarterly parish council meetings where we deal with the usual business, the council is required to hold an annual parish meeting. This year it will be held on **Tuesday 19th May at 7.15pm at St Mary's Hall, Kings Worthy.** Find out what your parish council has spent your money on and what they have done in the past year.

See Page 3 for details of our guest speaker, Ali Morse, from the Hampshire Wildlife Trust. This is also an opportunity for you to meet us, let us know your views and discuss your concerns on local matters so that we can properly reflect your wishes in our deliberations. We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Clerk, Sheila Pearcey, on 01962 880063.



Pudding Lane Fire

Residents will remember the serious fire in Pudding Lane on Mothering Sunday. Sadly the thatched cottage burnt down but neighbouring properties were saved by the actions of the many fire-fighters from all over Hampshire who attended. Our sympathies go out to those affected. Fortunately nobody was hurt in the fire.

Village Tea Party

**Date for your diary:
16th August 3-5.30pm**

A few of the local residents are arranging a village party similar to the one held in 2004. Dave and Trish Spurling of Silverstream, Bedfield Lane have kindly offered to host it again. Further details will be circulated nearer the time. We hope to see you there.

The Worthys Website Update

The Worthys community website has now been live since September 2008, and is very successful. In the first quarter there were 1822 visitors to the site, an average of 140 per week. In December the number reached 225. If you have not logged on yet try it out, you will find it has a lot of local news of what going on in The Worthys, together with details of forthcoming events and activities, as well as a diverse range of very useful information

from parish and local council contacts; from eating places to travel information to local business directory. Even the weather and road conditions can be found easily and quickly in one place. It provides a one stop reference point for a huge range of information.

The web team are always keen to hear from you about events, news items and indeed photographs taken of the area you feel will be of interest to others. We intend to enter the website for the Hantsweb Annual Website Awards and also the HALC Website Awards this summer. *Dennis Curling*

ANOTHER CIRCULAR WALK

If you tried the short walk in the last edition, here is a suggestion for another, slightly longer, which will enable you to appreciate other pleasant aspects of the Headbourne Worthy landscape. Starting at the Jubilee Hall in London Road, head down through the new office buildings to join the Nuns Walk which is also part of the longer St. Swithun's Way. Turn right and follow the path under the A34 and continue towards Winchester. You will come close to the River Itchen and probably spot some trout enjoying the fast flowing clear water. To your right this unspoilt part of Pudding Farm is a haven for wildlife. Continue following the path which although narrow is reasonably well maintained, but watch out for cyclists!

Further on to your left you will look across to the water meadows and see where the Wildlife Trust has recently felled trees and cleared land with a view of restoring the meadows to their former purpose and thereby increasing biodiversity. Approaching Abbots Barton you cross the feeder stream along which the path has run and continue on towards Winchester. Usually there are plenty of water fowl along this stretch and kingfishers have also been seen. You now have a choice. You can either carry on towards Winchester City Centre, turning left at the Football Ground and eventually past the Leisure Centre into North Walls, or by turning right into the Abbots Barton playing field you can make your way back to Worthy Road where you have a further choice. By turning right and following the cycle path you will return to the start of this walk, but if you are still feeling energetic, cross the road with care into Stoke Road and immediately turn right on to the footpath which leads into the estate.

Follow this route westwards using the footpaths until you arrive at a gap opening into a field at the end of



the road. Turn right and follow the path to a clump of trees where you will join a farm track. Turn left and follow this track towards the railway line. If the weather is right and they are in the right mood you will hear the beautiful song of skylarks as they ascend and strain your eyes trying to spot them. Depending on the season and the crop there is an amazing variety of birds to be seen including house martins scooping up mud for their nests from the edge of puddles, charms of goldfinch and hundreds of pigeons!

Now, instead of going through the railway tunnel turn right and follow the grassy path towards the large group of beech trees ahead. The railway embankment on your left is a popular retreat for the many deer which roam this area. At the top of the slope turn and enjoy the view across the Winchester skyline. This is Barton Farm - enjoy it while you can! Continue along the path, past the Hampshire Plant Hire depot in the chalk pit to your left and descend into Wellhouse Lane. Again cross with care and turn right towards the Good Life Garden Centre and Farm shop. You are now spoilt for choice - either turn right up School Lane and follow the walk described in the last edition, or take the path further on through the watercress beds, or make your way back to the start via Bedfield Lane or by continuing along Springvale Road via Nations Hill. Whichever route you choose, just think how lucky you are to live here. *Cllr David Pearcey*

Litter Pick Report Back



Enthusiastic volunteers gathered in the kitchen of 'Silverstream' for this year's annual village litter-pick. Despite the wet start, the morning cleared up, as did our spritely volunteers, collecting over twenty bags of assorted rubbish from the footpaths and verges around the village.

Many thanks to all those involved, and thanks too go to Trish and David Spurling, our hosts for the event. We look forward to returning to Silverstream in rather more clement weather for the Village Tea Party later in the summer, on 16th August.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council has been changed to 21st July. It will be held as usual in the church hall, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy from 7.15pm and all residents are welcome to attend.

Annual Meeting Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting on 19th May will be Ali Morse, from the Hampshire Wildlife Trust. She will focus on the Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project which is a five year lottery-funded programme of bank repairs, heritage preservation and habitat improvement along the Itchen Navigation, and she will also mention some of the other Trust projects in the area.

Jackie's County Corner

We have had four thatched homes destroyed by fire recently and our sympathies go to the victims of these fires. If you have a thatched home or there is one near you, the Fire Service is happy to give advice. You can contact them by phone on 02380 644 000 or via the website.



I have also visited the Fire and Rescue Service and was impressed by both the retained and permanent fire staff. There are local vacancies for more part time fire-fighters - you can contact me for details or go to <http://tr.im/i5io>

The announcement of the National Park is of great interest across the area. It covers land from the east of Abbots Barton, skirting along the M3, and will be in place by spring 2011. We await further announcements but inevitably it will mean a greater planning pressure on areas not in the National Park.

A number of Parishes have identified possible footway (a path next to a road) links. If you have an idea for a section of footpath in your area, please let me or your Parish Council know as soon as possible.

Hampshire has been acknowledged as a four star authority- this is a real credit to staff, many of whom may be reading this. We all hear so much about 'milking the system'. All staff I know are genuinely concerned for residents - thank you from us all.

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