

Village News

SPRINGVALE ROAD LATEST

Thank you to all, over 120 of you, who responded to our question about reducing the speed limit along Springvale Road to 30mph. On top of the initial 400 who had signed "Sophie's" petition in favour of reducing the speed limit, we had a further half dozen who had not signed that document who also wanted a reduction. Around 120 filled in their slip requesting a keeping of the status quo. We had a number of letters and emails with strong views in either direction. A very difficult balancing act, as filling in a slip and dropping it in at the office required more effort than simply signing a petition. Also, there was only one slip per household. However we have passed the results on to the Environment Office of Hampshire County Council who are considering the process. When we have a decision we will inform you in the local press, on notice boards and on our website www.theworthys.org.uk and, of course in the next newsletter. Of note, when the police used a roving speed camera, they noted very few speeding vehicles but picked up a number of drivers using mobile phones. Quite apart from being illegal, this is a proven distraction and danger. Even using a hands free phone is a proven danger. Please take note and keep safe this autumn and winter.

In the meantime, we have joined forces with neighbouring villages to make use of temporary speed signs. At different times of year we will have the sign to move around the Parish every 2 weeks alerting drivers who are going over the existing speed limit. We would intend to use these along Springvale Road, on London Road, Lovedon Lane and in Abbots Worthy. If you have further suggestions as to where speeding can be an issue, please contact the office.



Special points of interest:

- Change of speed limits?
- New council
- Christmas Carols
- Worthys Festival
- Parking
- Parish Plan
- Burial ground refurbishment

NEW COUNCIL

Thank you also for all of you who turned out to vote, yet again, in May for your Parish Councillors - we had a turnout of just over 650(19%) - pretty impressive considering everyone had voted for national and city elections only 3 weeks previously.

We have retained 6 out of 10 of the existing councillors, and have 6 new faces. We are working together to retain and maintain our wonderful villages. We aim to keep you informed as much as possible about new features, proposed changes and any thorny issues. We will do this via this newsletter, published 6 monthly, through our website, on our notice boards, in the local press and via the



church monthly magazine.

Your new councillors are :-

Kirstie Andrew - Power

Bob Barnes

Terry Bohle

Ian Gordon

Malcolm Prince

Mandy Read

Rosemary Sign

Judith Steventon Baker

Peter Warrener - Vice-Chairman

Denis Welstead

Sarah White - Chairman

David Young

MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS

After a very successful event last year, complete with donkey, Denis Welstead and his gang of helpers are preparing for a further event this year. Once again this will be based around St Mary's Chapel and Tubbs Hall. All are very welcome to come, participate and sing to celebrate and join for refreshments afterwards.



The date this year will be FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER from 6pm at St Mary's Chapel. Look out for more details nearer the time on our notice boards and on the website

Tubbs Hall Management Committee



WELCOME TO THE WORTHYS



Don't forget when you want to know what is going on in our parish LOOK AT OUR AWARD WINNING WEBSITE

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THAT'S MY PARKING SPACE !

We understand your frustrations with ongoing parking issues around the parish. As you must be aware, when a lot of our houses were built, they were not intended for multi-car families and so there is little provision available. This is not unique to Kings or Abbots Worthy but a nationwide problem,

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR, PARK CONSIDERATELY, WHETHER NEAR YOUR HOME, SCHOOL OR THE SHOPS

that requires a bit of give and take from all sides. When residents came to live in their properties, they came with or without allocated garages and/or parking spaces. These spaces are the property of the householders concerned and parking in the wrong one, is like putting your car on someone else's drive without permission. The public road outside anyone's property is for public use and no-one can take ownership or have priority over it. Residents on a road may generally try to allow householders to use the road immediately outside their own properties but if another member of the public does park there, or even another resident or visitor on occasion, this is not an offence. They cannot be asked to move on as there is no legal right to this space.

- Could we request that where residents do have their own garages and/or parking spaces that they and their visitors use them wherever possible.
- Where road parking is unavoidable, could we ask that you park as responsibly as possible (avoiding blocking anyone else in, blocking drives or parking too close to others already parked on the road).
- Please try to avoid parking on corners, especially when onto one of the bigger roads.
- Please try not to put angry notices on car windows. (The road is a public place and all residents are in a similar position.)

We understand that there is no ideal solution, but we can only be grateful that we do not live in the midst of a big city, where residents are always battling to get any space at all on their own road.



Please consider other road users and other residents when and wherever you park your car

REFURBISHMENT OF KICKABOUT PITCH

After many years of use, the kickabout pitch at Eversley Park has become more and more worn and the netting decidedly tatty and in a state of disrepair. After consultation with users of the pitch, over the next year we are hoping to resurface the area as well



as put up new boundary fencing, goals and basket ball hoops. As with all these things, nothing happens overnight, but we would hope to have this completed by next summer. In the meantime, please continue to use the pitch, but we would urge you to be wary of the broken bits of netting. We will be monitoring this closely and make safe any newly broken pieces as soon as possible. Please notify us if we miss any areas.



PARISH PLAN

As promised the Parish Plan questionnaire should be dropping through your door anytime now.

This is your opportunity to contribute to the vision for Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy over the next 5 to 10 years.

- What is missing from our parish?
- What do we need to preserve?
- What do we need to do better?
- Is there any group who feel they are not well served in our area?



We urge you to complete a copy of the questionnaire and return it.

To encourage you to do this, there is an optional prize draw to win £100. If you would rather keep your responses anonymous that is fine.

For those with internet access, there is the opportunity to complete the

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF THE PARISH

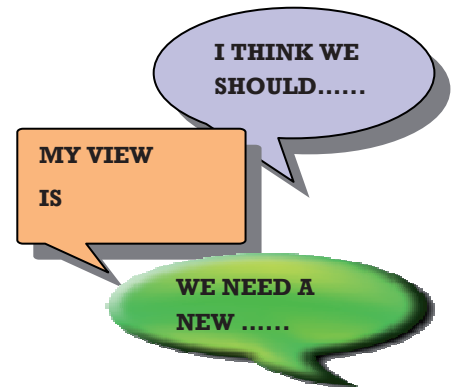
questionnaire on-line. Paper copies are still very much welcomed and further copies for other members of your household are available. As many as possible are urged to complete a copy, including children.

The Plan team (who are independent of the Parish Council) hope to have all questionnaires completed by the end of November so they can then begin the process of evaluation.

Once this has been done, the main priorities for the Parish will be established and a document will be compiled reporting this.

The Parish Council and other members of the community will then

work towards delivering these priorities in a timely way. The more responses there are, the bigger the weight we can put on outside agencies to help us in achieving this. This an exciting opportunity for us to shape our future. We urge you to contribute your views.



LOOKING AFTER OUR LOVED ONES



We are pleased to confirm that the planned landscaping of the next phase of the Burial Ground has gone ahead, within the planned timescale and within budget. We now have a further 90 plots for cremation plaques

A SAD LOSS TO THE PARISH

The Parish Council were sad to hear of the passing of William (Bill) Warner. He had been the caretaker at the Burial Ground in Lovedon Lane for some 17 years until his retirement in 2004. His enthusiasm and dedication to the role was exemplary, giving an outstanding contribution to the community. Our thoughts are with Mrs Warner, family and friends.

Kings Worthy Parish Council

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PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Full Parish Council meetings take place on the 3rd Monday of each month, except August and December.

Committee meetings are as follows:

Recreation and Amenities - 1st Thursday of each month at 7.30p.m., except August and December.

Planning - Last Tuesday of each month at 7.30p.m., except August and December.

Finance - 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9.30am.

All meetings are held in the Tubbs Hall meeting room and we welcome members of the public to come along, there is a slot in each meeting where you can ask questions

Come and see how we work and how decisions are made

OFFICE OPENING HOURS ARE MONDAY TO THURSDAY 10.30-3.30 AND FRIDAY 10.30-1PM

Our clerks are Colin Arnett and Noel Brooks

NEW CLERK

As well as new councillors, we are pleased to introduce a new clerk - Noel Brooks who will be working



Mondays to Wednesdays to allow our current clerk - Colin Arnett to return to his original days - Wednesdays to Fridays.

Colin and Noel will often be your first point of call when you contact the council so we are pleased to have a full team once again

DELIVER OUR NEWS



We are looking for help with delivering future copies of our newsletter. This could be one, two or a team of deliverers to get the newsletter out in a timely way every 6 months.

If you would be interested, please contact the parish office.

Worthys Festival 2011

The Worthys Festival is planned as a celebration of life in the communities of Kings Worthy, Headbourne Worthy and Abbots Worthy (The Worthys).

It is aimed to involve as many different community groups and organisations as possible, and will include events which will appeal to the whole community, old and young, artistic and musical, sporty and social.

It is to be held over nine days from Saturday 17th September 2011, with venues all over the villages, including green spaces, churches, pubs, the community halls and the Sports & Social Club, culminating in a grand parade featuring fancy dress cars, with push chairs, wheelchairs, bikes or just walking, and anybody else who wishes to take part, in groups or individually. A steering committee has been formed but more are very welcome. A particular request is for people to organise street parties. All enquiries regarding involvements in this venture to Jane Rutter

Tel 01962 884981 or 07766 431244 or Email: jrutter@winchester.gov.uk All meetings will be well advertised around the parish or at www.theworthys.org.uk/festival.html

There will be a launch party on SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER at WORTHIES SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB from 6pm to tell everyone who is interested in this event what is proposed. Anyone who would like to be involved as a helper or just to find out more is very welcome. Refreshments will be served.