

DOGMERSFIELD NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

As another year draws to a close here is the final newsletter for 2005. Thank you to all who attended the Parish Council meeting on 28th September where the South East Plan and Regional Boundaries were debated. It was tremendous to have such support from everyone. A report and update follows.

As always we look forward to receiving your feedback on the newsletter and welcome any ideas that you may have for inclusion in a future edition.

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE SOUTH EAST PLAN



The Parish Council Meeting on the 28th September specifically discussed the South East Plan and the fact that Dogmersfield has been included in the development area. The meeting was extremely well attended with our local MP James Arbuthnot, County Councillor Jonathan Glen and Local Councillors Stephen Gorys and Ken Crookes joining 87 members of the public. The Plan calls for 1300 houses to be built in the area per annum for the next 20 years. That is the equivalent of 14 Elvetham Heaths! The Plan in its current form does NOT guarantee any additional infrastructure, (Hospitals – Roads – Schools – Leisure facilities - Water supply – Policing etc), in advance of development.

The Plan is a Central Government initiative and clearly lacks the support of many at a local level.

The meeting unanimously concluded that we must unite in our views and opposition.

To that end copies of the feedback questionnaire were delivered by the Parish Councillors to every house in the village. Thanks to all those who took the time to fill this in and also to write directly to our MP and Local Councillors.

We will endeavour to keep residents up to date on this issue via subsequent Newsletters and at Parish Council Meetings. We respectfully urge you to read the local press and voice your concerns in the most appropriate way.

This threat will not go away and to that end the Parish Council will do all it can to make sure your views and concerns are represented in the most effective and forceful way.

THE LAYBY ON THE A287 ODIHAM TO FARNHAM ROAD

At the last Parish Council meeting a number of residents expressed their deep concern over the continuing problems caused by the lay-by on the A287.

The lay-by is at present being used by a food vendor. This, as a daytime activity, is not illegal but the downside of this operation is a serious litter and vermin problem. Many of the motorists also use parts of the lay-by as a "comfort area", which is adding to the pollution.

Some lorry drivers use the lay-by as an overnight stop which causes additional problems of noise and fumes for the adjacent properties, as many of these vehicles have to

leave their refrigeration units running through the night.

The area is a well known meeting place for homosexual activity which frequently takes place on adjoining private property, resulting in boundary walls being broken.

There has been a great deal of fly tipping and dumping of rubbish. This has to be cleared away by the District and County Councils at our expense.

We have had preliminary discussions with the local Police and our District Councillors. At the Parish Council meeting it was suggested that a working party be established to lobby Hampshire Highways to get the lay-by closed. In the meantime, it is proposed to ask Hampshire Highways to cut back the undergrowth and trees to reduce the amount of "cover" to those carrying out the lewd acts.

The Parish Council is keen to consult residents over this issue, so if you have any suggestions or opinions to offer could you please contact the Parish Clerk or the Environmental Officer.

DOGMERSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Head Teacher, Susan Wall, writes:-
"We are fast approaching the Christmas Season and at the time of writing this piece the children are telling me that we only have 25 days left before we break up for what the children see as the most exciting time of the year.

The term has flown by with the children quickly settling back into school life after the summer

holidays. Our Harvest Festival was held at All Saints in early October with over £100.00 being raised by the children for a water project in Nepal.

The goat, which was bought for our link school in Uganda, is thriving and we expect "Dolly Dogmersfield" to have some baby kids in the near future.

After school activities for the children range from Street Dance to Football, while our bell ringers, who practice at lunchtimes, will be performing at the Fleet Gala evening later this month.

The Christmas Fayre is this year being held at the school on Saturday, 3rd December from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Everyone is very welcome (Santa will be there too).

The children will be holding their own Christmas service at All Saints on Thursday, 15th December at 9.30am. Again, anyone is welcome to join us on that morning, and then walk back to the school for a cup of tea and a mince pie.

From all the children, staff, parents and governors of Dogmersfield School, we would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a truly peaceful and healthy New Year."

The school has a vacancy for a Supervisory Assistant (Dinner Lady)

- Term Time Only
- 12.00 to 1.05 pm daily
- £5.75 per hour
- Free lunch every day
- Uniform Provided
- Job Share option possible

If you would like more information please telephone Mrs Diana Wilson at Dogmersfield School on 01252 616345

COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS GRANTS

The parish council is considering applying for a Countryside Access Grant.

A maximum of 50% match funding, up to a £500 grant, is offered (by Hampshire County Council in partnership with Hampshire Countryside Access Forum) for projects which will improve access

to, or information about, the local countryside.



The following ideas have been suggested;

- Producing Countryside Access Leaflets
- Providing a Countryside Access Board
- Replacing Stiles with gates
- Providing benches
- Providing steps or a ramp
- Improving the path surface
- Improving drainage

The Parish Council favours a Countryside Access Board on Pilcot Green, but would value any other suggestions or requests for alternative improvements.

The deadline for completed applications is 13th January 2006 so if you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Christine Lowe (details below) by the beginning of the New Year.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH CHRISTMAS CONCERT



All Saints Church is the venue for a

concert of secular, seasonal and sacred music performed by the Rushmoor Oddfellows Male Voice Choir on Friday 9th December. Tickets cost £10 and include mulled wine and mince pies.

Tickets are available from Sarah Groombridge on 01252 617005 (Cloakroom facilities will be available at the church).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

11TH December at 10.30am
Christingle Service with Dogmersfield School and All Saints Choir

18th December at 10.30am
Carol Service with All Saints Choir

24th December at 11.30pm
Midnight Holy Communion.

25th December and 1st January
There will be **NO** services at All Saints

FLOOD PLANNING



The Environment Agency has produced a number of new leaflets with advice on how to deal with different aspects of flooding. These include:

- Flooding in Gardens
- After a Flood (How to restore your home)
- Flooding: be prepared (A guide for older people)
- Flood Products (Using flood protection products – a guide for homeowners)
- Pets and Floods
- Damage Limitation (How to make your home flood resistant)

Again, if you would like a copy of any of the above pamphlets, please contact the parish clerk.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING AT DOGMERSFIELD PARK

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints about the noise pollution caused by clay pigeon shooting in Dogmersfield Park. The council is awaiting the formal notification of a planning application to shoot clays before it makes an official response. If you have any concerns regarding this issue, please contact the Community Liaison Officer at the Parish Council.

HOW TO AVOID USING "COWBOY" CONTRACTORS



Need a plumber but don't want to be ripped off? Want to know where can you get your car repaired with confidence?

If you don't know where to start when looking for a reliable tradesman, the Hampshire County Council Trading Standards "Buy with Confidence" scheme can help.

This ground-breaking initiative provides a list of businesses that have been independently checked by Trading Standards Officers for compliance with the law and trustworthiness. Members are also continuously monitored to ensure that they maintain their high levels of service.

With Hampshire Trading Standards alone receiving over 20,000 customer complaints each year, it is understandable that we all feel daunted when looking for someone reliable to carry out a specific job. It was with just this problem in mind that the "Buy with Confidence" scheme was set up. The aim is to give consumers peace of mind, as well as promote the many reliable firms that there are in Hampshire. While the scheme cannot guarantee that the work of members will never give rise to complaint, if it does, one of the requirements of membership

is that such problems should be resolved quickly and fairly.

It is currently the largest such scheme in the country, with over 400 members, covering a huge range of different businesses from builders to window cleaners.

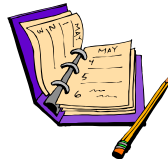
To find out about approved traders in your area you can either visit www.buywithconfidence.info or contact **01962 869 765**.

30 MPH WHEELIE BIN STICKERS



We have a number of bright yellow 30MPH wheelie bin stickers available. If you would like one to stick on your bin to act as a reminder of the speed limit please contact the parish clerk.

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES



Thursday 12th January 2006

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Your Parish Councillors can be contacted as follows:-

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Felix Lister

Community Liaison
(School, Church & Businesses)
Crumplins, Church Lane
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Christine Lowe

Environment & Road Safety
(Footpaths, Flood management plans, rights of way, open spaces & commons)
The Red House, Chatter Alley
Telephone 01252 811218
Christine@Dogmersfieldparish.co.uk

Mike Ricketts

Vice Chairman and Traffic Management
(including calming & speed limits)
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Clerk@Dogmersfieldparish.co.uk

Please do contact us if you have any suggestions or concerns about the Parish or items of interest for a future Newsletter.

WYVERN FARMS



Are you aware of the opportunity to buy meat direct from a local farm? Good quality lamb which has been grazing here in Dogmersfield, outdoor reared, 100% grass fed Angus beef and old fashioned mutton are all available from Wyvern Farms. 20p per kilo sold will be donated to church funds, so in buying from this source you are supporting a local farmer and our village church.

For more details, and to order, please contact Bill Lambert on **01252 620972**