

HART FORUM

Ken Crookes our District Councillor, writes:

To find out what people in the district think of Hart Council and enable them to contribute to feedback about its services, the Council has launched an on-line panel.

The Council is undertaking a series of reviews of the services it delivers and wants feedback as part of these reviews.

To join the panel you must be a Hart resident aged 16 or over and have an email address which can be used to contact you.

More than one person per household may join, as long as each has a unique email address.

To join the panel visit Hart's web site at www.hart.gov.uk

This panel complements the service provided by your district councillors.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Council's services please contact either of your District Councillors:

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kenneth.crookes@hart.gov.uk

Stephen Gorys at
stephen.gorys@hart.gov.uk

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL INFORMATION CENTRES

Whatever your question about public services in Hampshire, why not contact us on our free helpline:

0800 028 0888

Email: info.centres@hants.gov.uk

Text phone: 0808 100 24 84
(for customers with hearing or speech difficulties)

SMS TEXT Messaging:
07797 877 010
www.hants.gov.uk/info

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Councillors can be contacted as follows:-

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Steve Bramwell

Environment
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If you have any comments or concerns regarding Parish Council matters please feel free to contact any of the above.

Whilst a telephone call is all that is necessary in many ways it is better for us to receive comments, complaints or even the odd bit of praise in writing or by e-mail so that it can be shared with the other Councillors and dealt with in an efficient and satisfactory way.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



All Parish Council meetings take place at the Primary School and start at 7.30pm All residents are very welcome to attend.

There is a public participation session at the start of every meeting so please come and tell us your concerns, discuss possible planning applications or raise issues of relevance to the village.

Future Parish Council meeting dates are as follows:

3rd September	2007
8th October	2007
19th November	2007
7th January	2008
18th February	2008
31st March	2008
14th April (APA)	2008
12th May (AGM)	2008

MUSIC BY THE LAKE In aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Saturday 11th August 7:00 p.m.

With the Gambit Jazzmen and Blues Band Plan B
By Tundry Pond
Dogmersfield Park
Gates open at 5.00 p.m.
for picnics by the lake
Tickets £15
available from the hospice on
01252 729451 / 612527
or the Phyllis Tuckwell Shop,
in Fleet Road, Fleet
Tickets also online at
www.phyllistuckwellhospice.org.uk

Dogmersfield Newsletter

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WELCOME

Welcome to the August edition of the Dogmersfield Parish newsletter. This time last year we were urging you to save water and comply with the hose pipe ban! The weather has been atrocious and a number of properties in the village have been affected by the flooding of the River Hart near Pilcot Bridge. More of this later in the newsletter

PARISH CLERK

It is with great regret that we say goodbye to Ann Goddard, who has been our Parish Clerk for nearly four years. We will miss her mega efficiency and happy personality and wish her well in her new job. We welcome Christine Toms, from Hartley Wintney, as our new clerk and look forward to working with her.

BARBECUE AND JAZZ PARTY



Following the successful event last year, we will be organising another village Barbecue.

This will be held on **Saturday, 18th August** on Pilcot Green next to The Queen's Head Pub.

There will be an excellent Jazz Band and we are delighted that Four Seasons Hampshire have

kindly offered to provide the meat for the barbecue and a chef to prepare and cook it. Salads and puddings will be contributed by local residents. There will be a cash bar provided by The Queen's Head.

Last year's event was shared with the Cricket Club. This year, All Saints Church will join us in planning the event and will receive any profit made.

We very much hope that as many of you as possible will support this community activity.

Tickets are only £12. There will be space for a maximum of 75 people so please order your tickets in advance from :

Steve Bramwell: 01252 612412
David & Fiona Everett:
01252 612314
Christine Lowe: 01252 811218

FLOODING



Following the recent heavy rainfall, some properties in the centre of the village have been badly flooded and at times the roads have been impassable. Whilst we have not suffered as badly as some areas of the country, the Parish Council is aware that this is an issue that needs to be addressed.

We have contacted the Environment Agency to request that the river be cleared of blockages downstream and will continue to press for the storm drains outside Myllmead Cottages to be regularly

maintained. We will also investigate the flooding of Pilcot Green to see if any improvements can be made to the drainage there.

Can we remind all landowners once again that it is their responsibility to keep ditches and drains on their land clear.

The Environment Agency hotline is 0800 807060

ROAD SIGNAGE



We hope that you will by now be aware that some of the excess signage has been removed from the roads in the village. We feel this is a huge improvement. The pinch pleats on Church Lane have also been made into permanent structures - again a visual improvement. We are grateful to Hampshire Highways for implementing these changes.

PARISH PLAN



Parish Plan representatives have been attending a number of meetings and seminars held by Local Government initiatives and Hampshire Community Action. The result of these information sharing events has been a re-think on the way the Plan is to be presented.

The current thinking is that Parish Plans are 'living documents' that need to be constantly monitored and updated if they are to fulfil their aims and objectives.

The Dogmersfield Plan is now ready to be printed and the PP Group had intended to produce a 'glossy' version to be distributed to every household. However, the Group is now considering a smaller print run. Copies will be available on request, but the whole document is available to view on the parish website, where changes and alterations will be regularly recorded.

As objectives are achieved, or new aims incorporated, these will be added to the hard copy document.

We hope to encourage new members to join the Parish Plan Group so that a fresh perspective can be brought to bear on all the relevant issues.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Christine Lowe (see contact details on page 4).

SCHOOL HALL BUILDING WORK



The school hall building work is now well underway, despite the setback caused by the theft of a JCB. The site was apparently targeted by a gang of professional thieves who were operating in the locality that weekend.

The contractors hope to complete the work by November.

Because School field is no longer available for parking, there have been increased traffic problems in Chatter Alley, especially during the afternoons. The school has been asked to encourage parents to park in the pub car park and NOT to park on the dangerous bend in Chatter Alley.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH



All Saints held its very popular annual pet service at the end of June. The church was packed with dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, a tortoise and even a small pony! The children from Dogmersfield Primary School contributed to the service with specially adapted hymns and prayers.

The Church continues to hold regular Sunday services at 10.30am, with Sung Matins and Holy Communion (from The Book of Common Prayer) as well as a monthly family service. The family service is followed by refreshments in the church. For details, see the Parish notice boards.

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL

The Parish Council has held a number of constructive meetings with the new General Manager of the hotel in an attempt to solve the continuing problems created by noise pollution.

We have been given firm assurances that there will not be a repetition of the excessively loud firework display which took place on Sunday, 17th June. In future the hotel intends to limit displays to a maximum of 8 per year. They will be held on Saturday nights only and will start no later than 10pm.

A new noise level survey to assess the impact of the clay pigeon shooting is currently underway and the hotel is investigating the use of infra red shooting with clays as an alternative to shotguns. Colin Clark, the new General Manager of the hotel writes:

"It is with great pleasure that I am given this opportunity to introduce myself as the General Manager of Four Seasons Hotel Hampshire,

here in Dogmersfield. Since my arrival in March I have been fortunate enough to meet many neighbours, new friends and hope to meet many more as the months go by. I originally hail from Edinburgh, however my family and I have had the good fortune to have travelled the world, mainly in Asia, in my 18 year career with Four Seasons.

The Four Seasons team and my own family had a wonderful day, on Saturday 14th July, being involved with the annual Flower Show and Fête on Pilcot Farm, courtesy of Mr. White. We are already planning our games, gathering our prizes and preparing for next year!



With various concerns from you, and residents in surrounding villages, regarding shooting and fireworks on our Estate, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that I value and respect all of your comments and requests. It is beneficial to us all that we work together to build a trusting and happy relationship with those who live around us and are a part of our immediate community, whether those concerned be residents or businesses - we'd like to consider ourselves both.

We are looking forward to the BBQ in the village on the 18th August and are delighted to have been asked to contribute to the event. Whilst I cannot be present, I hope you will enjoy the food cooked by our new Executive Chef, Cyrille Pannier, and the chance to meet our PR Manager, Claire Blackshaw.

I hope you have had the occasion to experience something of what we have to offer here at the Hotel and if not, that we will see you soon. Thank you for your warm welcome, Colin"

THE QUEEN'S HEAD

Regulars at The Queens Head in Dogmersfield raised £3180 for The Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust on Sunday 27th May, taking the total raised in the last five years to £14,400.

This year's charity is particularly close to the villagers' hearts as Samantha Dickson lived in Dogmersfield with her parents, Neil and Angela. She died with a brain tumour on the 31st October 1996, just six days before her 17th birthday

Neil and Angela set up the trust in 1996. Since then, it has become the largest dedicated brain tumour charity in the UK with the highest level of laboratory based brain tumour research in the country. The Trust offers support to patients diagnosed with a brain tumour as well as their families and/or carers.



Previous charities to benefit from the efforts of the regulars have been Whizzkidz, who aim to improve the life of disabled children and Dorton House, a non-maintained special school that provides specialist education for blind children.

This year, the money was raised by way of golden envelopes, a raffle and an auction that featured lots all donated by regulars, including a Wurlitzer jukebox for a night, a hot air balloon flight, lunches at next year's Aldershot Horse Show and rounds of golf at both Mannings Heath in Sussex and Tylney Park in Rotherwick.

DOGMERSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



The school has had a successful and busy year. To celebrate the community spirit that the school wishes to promote and encourage, everybody in the village is invited to participate in the School's Summer Project. As a family, choose one or more of the following categories and have fun producing your own project:

- Dogmersfield School—past, present or future.
- Dogmersfield House (now Four Seasons Hotel) - past or present.
- All Saints Church, Dogmersfield.
- The Basingstoke Canal through Dogmersfield and Church Crookham.
- Dogmersfield village house names.
- A map of Dogmersfield.
- Farming in Dogmersfield—past and present. What is a scythe, sickle and pitchfork?
- Describe a watermill and how it works.
- What did a thatcher, wheelwright, farrier and drover do in the past?
- Write a story round the word Dogmersfield.
- Draw or paint a picture about your favourite place in the village.
- Take some photographs around Dogmersfield and explain what is interesting about them.

Entries can be hand written or typed, drawn or painted and of course photographs too.

All entries to be handed into the school by 7th September 2207 and a family hamper will be awarded to the winning entry.

Good luck!

Susan Wall, Head teacher.

ADOPT AN ISLAND

A household in Church Lane has offered to 'adopt' the traffic island in front of their property. This will involve watering, weeding and possibly some planting.

Would you be interested in doing the same? There are 10 islands in the village.

The Parish Council would continue to maintain the regular quarterly clean up.

If you would be prepared to help brighten up the village in this way, please contact Mike Ricketts on 01252 810689



THE FLOWER SHOW

Dogmersfield, Winchfield and Crookham Village Horticultural Society held another very successful flower show and fete on Saturday 14th July. The weather was kind and there was a record attendance. Despite the poor growing conditions in the preceding months, the quality of the entries in the produce show was of a very high standard.