

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Robert Dixon, Church Warden, writes:

This year has been another busy one for All Saints Church with a number of weddings and baptisms in addition to the normal services. The popular pet service was very well attended and a generous donation sent to the Dog Trust.

A Survey about the Church and its role in the village was sent to all households last month. We would be very grateful if you could return the questionnaire in the stamped addressed envelope supplied. The information will help the Parochial Church Council to plan the way forward.

The PCC has agreed to the installation of a full access lavatory at All Saints next year so that the building will be better equipped for a variety of Church related functions. The Friends of All Saints, which have organised a number of village activities in recent years, has agreed to fund this project. The plans are subject to planning permission and approval from the Diocese of Winchester.



There will be a concert given by the Rushmoor Oddfellows male Voice Choir in the Church on 7th December at 7:30 p.m. in aid of Treloar School and All Saints. Tickets cost £12.50 each and will include Mulled Wine and Mince pies. Tickets available from Sarah Groombridge [01252 617005] The Christmas Services at All Saints are as follows:  
Dogmersfield School Christmas Carol Service Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 09.30am  
Christingle [Family] Service Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am  
Christmas Carol Service Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.30am

Christmas Midnight Mass Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30pm. Please note the start time of this service.

The Friends of All Saints will be hosting a Music Hall Evening at the Victoria Hall Hartley Wintney on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2008

## NEIGHBOURLY COMMUNICATION

It has been suggested by a local resident that we should all be encouraged, as a matter of courtesy, to inform our neighbours when we intend to hold noisy parties, especially those with firework displays.



Domestic animals and horses are often traumatised by noisy displays and forewarning may help prevent distress.

On that note, if you wish to be included in the telephone contact list for advanced warning of the Four Season Hotel displays, please email or telephone the parish clerk, who will pass your details on to the hotel.

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL LIST OF CONTACTS

The Parish Councillors can be contacted as follows:-

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th January 2008  
18th February 2008  
31st March 2008  
14th April 2008 (APA)  
12th May 2008 (AGM)

All meetings take place at the School at 7.30pm and all residents are very welcome to attend.

## Parish Council Code of Conduct

At its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007, Dogmersfield Parish Council adopted with immediate effect the replacement Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils set out in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007. This defines the conduct expected of Councillors and co-opted members of the Council.

This Code replaces that adopted in 2002 and can be inspected by prior arrangement with the Clerk at the address given below. Please telephone or email to arrange a suitable appointment if you wish to inspect the Code.

A copy of the Code and the Public Register of Members' Interests can also be inspected at Hart District Council Offices, Harlington Way, Fleet during office hours

# Dogmersfield Newsletter

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## WELCOME

Welcome to the December edition of the village newsletter. There are some dates for your diary and a resume of the work the parish council has been doing in the last few months.

## NEWSLETTER AWARD

We were asked by the Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils if we wished to submit an entry for the Best Newsletter Category in their annual awards and we were delighted (and surprised!) to find ourselves winners.



An award ceremony was held at the AGM and we have been presented with an impressive engraved glass bowl. The downside is we now have a reputation to maintain!

## VILLAGE BARBECUE

A huge thank you to all those who supported the village barbecue in August. Despite the appalling weather the evening was a great success.

We are very grateful to the Four Seasons Hotel for providing and cooking the barbecue. Head chef Cyrille and his team produced a fabulous meal in difficult conditions. They were ably supported by a team of villagers who provided the salads and a mouth watering variety of puddings. Chris Hearn, from The Queens Head, supplied the beer tent and donated a percentage of the takings to the All Saints Church, who benefitted from the profit made. Although not intended as a fund-raising event, the occasion raised a

staggering £750!

We hope to hold the event again next Year - but will try for a date in June when the evenings are longer.



## FLOOD REPORT

This summer saw the destructive power of the River Hart at its worst. A number of properties were damaged and on one occasion the village was completely cut off. The rainfall on that particular day was exceptional, but it was clear that the Parish Council needed to take action.

A full survey of the drainage systems around Pilcot Green and the river was undertaken. The inspection chamber on Pilcot Green was found to be completely silted up, forcing Church Lane's ditch water to bubble onto the green. The inspection chambers in front of the pub were almost as bad. Hampshire CC were informed and they have now cleared Pilcot Green,



with the others marked for clearing very soon.

Steve Bramwell, the Flood Control Officer for the PC, submitted a fifty

page report on the River Hart, to the Environment Agency. This included photos of the river's condition from the 'Barracks' to Hitches Lane.

Many thanks to the villagers who contributed to the report with their experiences and their photos. The report made it very clear that the river had not been properly maintained for years.

The fantastic news is that as a direct result of the report, the Environment Agency will start work this winter to clear the River Hart from Pilcot Bridge to Pale Lane.

## CHRISTMAS TREE ON PILCOT GREEN

The Parish Council has liaised with The Queen's Head pub and we will be putting up a Christmas tree on Pilcot Green this year.



Health and safety notwithstanding, we are hoping to decorate it with lights etc. It will be the first time the Parish Council has considered this idea and we will welcome any feedback.

We will be holding a carol singing event on Friday 14th December at 6.30 in the evening and hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

**There will be Free mulled wine and mince pies available. Please do come and support this village event.**

## FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, HAMPSHIRE

Colin Clark, the manager writes: "Thank you all for your support this year. It has been such a fun place to join and even more so to be back into village life! We enjoyed participating in the Dogmersfield Flower Show and Fete and are only thinking of ways to match you all next year, perhaps we'll enter a cake... And of course our fingers are crossed for a less wet summer barbecue! A very warm and cosy Happy Christmas from us all at Four Seasons. We do hope you will find time to stop in and have a glass of mulled wine, perhaps one day when you are taking a snowy-cold walk across the Estate? If not this year then our warmest wishes for a wonderful start to 2008 and we hope to see you then."

## RETURNING RAF PERSONNEL

Over the past 3 years, service personnel from both the RAF and Army, based out of RAF Odiham, have been on active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Typically crews serve 2 to 3 months before returning here, whereupon they undergo further training and briefings etc before returning to operations. There is a common view among the local Parish Councils (Odiham, Dogmersfield, North Warnborough, etc.) and shared by the RAF Sta-



tion Commander that we, the community, could and should do more to recognise and support those service personnel by welcoming them all back to Odiham. Our view is that an event (perhaps a parade or something similar), co-incident with a major local event, would be an ideal "thank you" from us all and help welcome them back.

If you think this is good idea, then please do let us know (via the Clerk). If you have ideas as to how this could be achieved, and /or you would like to help, then please email us or come along to the next Parish Council meeting and share your thoughts.

## LOCAL CRIME

There have been a few reported cases of petty crime in the locality. Specifically, two large leaf blowers were stolen from the Primary



School whilst the operators were distracted by somebody asking for directions. This is an increasingly common type of crime and you are asked to be on your guard.

## DOGMERSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL Supervisory Assistant (Dinner Lady)

Required immediately to join our friendly team in the village school.

Term time only  
12 – 1.05 daily  
£5.94 per hour  
Uniform provided  
Job share considered

If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Diana Wilson on 01252 616345

## QUEENS HEAD PUB QUIZ NIGHTS

Sixth year for Sports Charity at The Queen's Head. Regulars at The Queens Head in Dogmersfield launched their annual sports prediction quiz in October for the sixth season in a row. The chosen charity this year is

The Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust, for whom they raised £3200 in 2006/07.



The Quiz, which has become hugely popular at the pub, asks competitors (anyone can pay £5 to enter) to forecast the outcome of 25 sporting events between October and May, such as how many horses finish the Grand National and how many shots under (or over) the US Masters golf champion will finish on. There are monthly prizes donated by locals and a big event in May where the winners are announced.

To date £14,450 has been raised and split between three charities; Mobility, Dorton House, part of Royal London Society for the Blind and SDBTT.

Current leader of the quiz after just three events is Roger Farmiloe, closely followed by last year's champ, Barney Walters and village, Rob Calder.

For further information, please contact Russell Toms on 07713 175862.

## Christmas 2007 at The Queen's Head

Our Christmas party menus are now available

Lunchtime	£14.95
Christmas Party	£19.95
Gourmet Christmas	£24.95

### Christmas Day Lunch

Book early to avoid disappointment only £45.

### Boxing Day

Open for lunch, with the traditional 'Mummers' lunchtime visit to perform their ancient play. Our full a' la carte menu will be available so book early to avoid disappointment.

## 27<sup>th</sup> December to New Year Eve

Relax and take it easy after a hectic Christmas. We will be open as usual throughout the period for lunches and dinners



### New Years Eve – Celebration

Juke Box Disco, Buffet Supper, Charity Raffle with Champagne & Bacon Butties at Midnight  
£25 per Ticket  
(£5 of which will be donated to the Samantha Dickinson Trust)  
Limited number of tickets.

## PILCOT HILL FOOTPATH

We are liaising with Crookham Village Parish Council in a concerted effort to campaign for funding for a footpath on Pilcot Hill. At present, Hampshire Highways have indicated that the scheme has a very low priority.



The provision of a footpath is included in the aims of both the Dogmersfield Parish Plan and the School Travel Plan. We feel very strongly that a footpath would encourage more parents to walk to school with their children. A 'walking bus', ( successfully instigated by Crondall Primary School) could substantially reduce traffic at peak times.

## ALLOTMENTS

Hart District Council has received numerous requests for the provision of additional allotment gardens that can be rented by residents of Hart.

It has been agreed that the District Council will investigate this possibil-



ity and several sites including some of the land associated with the Hitches Lane housing site have been suggested as possible areas where allotments could be established.

This process may take some time as landowners have to be identified and consulted and the legalities regarding any covenants or change of use have to be checked. In the meantime, in order to provide Hart with the most up to date information, if any of you are interested in renting an allotment please will you contact our Parish Clerk who will ensure that your name and address are forwarded to Hart and put on the list of interested parties.

## HITCHES LANE DEVELOPMENT

As you will know the Secretary of State over turned the planning decisions relating to the Hitches Lane site and permission has now been given for the construction of up to 300 dwellings.

There is currently a planning application (07/02949/MAJOR) being considered by Hart District Council regarding the reserved matters such as design, appearance, access and landscaping together with the use of the surrounding land for sports and recreational purposes. Dogmersfield and Winchfield Parish Councils are at present taking an interest in this process as we want to see really strong commitments made for the future stewardship and permanent safeguarding of this land for our benefit.

Of special interest to our Parish and that of Winchfield is the safeguarding of the land between

the development and the Barley Mow Pub which is to have a covenant placed on it to, in theory, stop any future development.

All the documents relating to this development can be accessed on the Hart District Council web site but if you would like further information please contact us and we will do our best to help.

## QUEEN ELIZABETH BARRACKS (QEB)

The resumed Inquiry regarding this proposed massive development of some 1000 dwellings in Church Crookham is continuing. Two of your Parish Councillors attended the public meeting that was held in the Princes Hall, Aldershot and it was full to capacity.

Many subjects of concern were raised which may be of interest to you including the loss of car parking spaces adjacent to Bourley Road on Tweseldown, the huge increase in traffic with little anticipated road building or other measures to accommodate or control it, the lack of additional school, medical and police facilities, the possibility of an increased risk of flooding



and the fact that some of the new dwellings will be under or very close to the flight path from Farnborough Airport.

Of especial concern to our village will be the possible increase in traffic that may be generated by the future residents of QEB who may use our roads as a rat run when trying to access Winchfield station or junction 5 of the motorway.

The Inspector allowed a considerable number of speakers to raise their concerns; he appeared to listen to what they had to say and promised that all the points raised would be covered in his report which is due sometime next year.

For more information please see <http://www.qeb.org.uk>