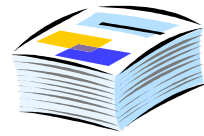


PARISH PLAN



The Parish Plan has finally been completed and will go to print this month. The delay in its publication has been due to changing directives from the various official bodies concerned with the development of Parish Plans. Some of the aims have already been achieved and we intend to update you via the newsletter as progress is made.

HAMPSHIRE FOOD FESTIVAL

This year's Hampshire Food Festival runs from 1st to 31st July with 120 different events held across the county in celebration of Hampshire's finest food and drink.

Festival events include cookery master-classes, farm tours (from water buffalo to mushrooms!), cider & beer celebrations, heritage events and educational workshops. **Ainsley Harriott, Rose Elliot** and **Prue Leith** are taking part, Hampshire chefs will be giving demonstrations and local producers will be cooking at Hampshire Farmers' Market Taster Days. Pick up a free programme at Hampshire libraries and info centres from the end of May, or register to receive your complimentary copy at www.hampshirefare.co.uk where all events are also listed. Hampshire Food Festival visitors can enter a free prize draw to win a luxury two night break at Lainston House Hotel near Winchester.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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

If any of you would like to be included in our e-mail distribution system for details of forthcoming meetings or newsletters please will you send an e-mail to the clerk asking that we add you to our address list. We promise to respect your privacy and not abuse the use of your e-mail address.

WINCHFIELD FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 14: Digby Fair-weather – one of the best jazz bands in the country, with a young singer, Helen Baden. £18

Sunday, June 15: Wakeford Ensemble – a classical trio of harp, flute and viola. £20
Monday, June 16: Galliard Wind Quintet. £15

Tuesday, June 17: Alison Balsom Ensemble of trumpet, violin, cello and piano. Alison is a former young musician of the year and is now an international performer. £20

Wednesday, June 18: Black Umfolosi 5 – a singing and dance group from Zimbabwe. £15

Thursday, June 19: Ivgeny Izotov, a brilliant young Russian pianist from St Petersburg. £15
Friday, June 20: Voces8, a choral group who are all former Westminster Abbey choristers. £15

Saturday, June 21: Yorkshire Imperial Brass Band – one of the world's finest brass bands. £15

Sunday, June 22: Martin Neary, former organist at Winchester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, who gave the first recital at the inaugural festival in 1990. £15

See the Festival website at www.winchfieldfestival.org where a booking form can be downloaded.
Festival office: tel 01252 842487 or email ian.gavinbrown@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

PARISH COUNCIL AGM
MAY 12th

FOUR SEASONS COOKERY
JUNE 2nd

RAF HEROES PARADE
JUNE 14th

P C MEETING JUNE 16th

BARBEQUE JUNE 28th

FLOWER SHOW JULY 26th

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Dogmersfield newsletter. An early Easter, followed by snowfall, gales and sunshine—fairly typical for this time of year!

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

District and Parish Council elections will take place on May 1st this year. The polling station for the village is 'The Barracks' on Pilcot Hill. We are grateful to Mr Martin Hannah for offering his home as a venue for polling. The change of venue follows concerns from the Governors of Dogmersfield Primary School over security and access whilst the school was in use.

As there were only five nominations for the five vacancies on the Parish Council in Dogmersfield, there will be no Parish Council Elections this year. The new Parish Council will meet for the first time on May 12th.

GOODBYE

Mike Ricketts, who has been a member of the Parish Council for six years and Vice-Chairman for the past four, is stepping down at the end of this month. We are extremely grateful to Mike for all his hard work, which he has managed to fit in around a frequently hectic business

schedule. In particular, his efforts on reducing the road signage pollution and organising the planting and maintenance of the traffic islands is much appreciated.

We welcome David Everett, of Church Lane, who submitted a valid nomination to fill the vacancy left by Mike Ricketts and we look forward to working with him as our new Parish Councillor at our meeting on 12th May.

SUMMER BBQ



The Summer BBQ and Jazz Party will be held again this year and we are hoping for better weather than last year! It will be on **Saturday 28th June on Pilcot Green.**

There will be a jazz band, and a beer tent and Four Seasons Hotel, Hampshire have again generously agreed to provide and cook the barbecue.

RAF HEROES PARADE

You may already be aware that there is going to be a

April 2008

major celebration event for the return of RAF Odiham



based personnel from duty abroad.

This will take place on **Saturday 14th June** and will be covered by both BBC and ITV camera teams.

The outline plan for the event is:

11am start with a parade down Odiham High Street led by the National RAF Band.

A three Chinook display above the High Street.

A presentation in The Bury.

A later display by Second World War Planes including Lancasters, Spitfires and Hurricanes.

Please support our local RAF personnel by attending this event. A large turnout is expected, so you are advised to arrive early in order to secure parking and access to The Bury.

The event will be followed by 'Blues and Booze in the Bury' with blues bands playing and local breweries offering refreshments.

SCHOOL HALL



Building of the school hall was completed on time at the end of February and the official opening took place in the first week of April. The hall is a wonderful addition to the school and is already heavily in use. The School Association has provided funds for the purchase of equipment such as wall bars and sports mats and the children are enjoying the extra space and amenities the hall offers.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH



In the Parish Plan questionnaire, 70% of all respondents felt that the church was important to the life of the village.

There have been churches in Dogmersfield since Saxon times. While the present building is Grade II Listed, the church cannot be regularly opened to visitors, and so does not qualify for any grants from English Heritage or the Heritage Lottery Fund. Therefore, maintenance and upkeep of this historic build-

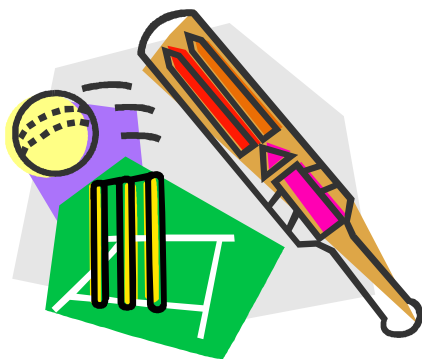
ing is solely dependant on donations and fund raising activities, which constitutes a very real challenge!

Enclosed in this newsletter is a brochure explaining how you can become a Friend of All Saints'. Please take a few minutes to read it and hopefully, feel it is a community cause worthy of your support, so that we can make the future of All Saints' more secure.

There are weekly services at 10.30 am. The first Sunday is Holy Communion, the second Sung Matins, the third Holy Communion (soon to be a new Family Communion), the fourth Family Service, and if there is a fifth Sunday it will be either Matins or Sung Evensong. We are a small but friendly congregation, with newcomers and visitors always given a very warm welcome.

DOGMERSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Dogmersfield Cricket Club started its pre-season nets at Wavell School Farnborough on Sunday 9th March and are always looking for new members of all abilities including umpires, scorers and players who have had a break from the game for some time.



The club runs two sides in the

IAnson league and a Sunday side for friendly fixtures. For further details please contact Matthew Gasser on 07920 505253.

THE QUEEN'S HEAD

New Year's Eve at The Queens Head was a resounding success this year with Chris Hearn and his team putting on an excellent buffet. Nigel McMullen supplied a Jukebox and a dance floor and locals and people who were lucky enough to call in for a drink stayed and danced the night away to music from the last five decades.



A focal point for the evening was a five foot ice sculpture of the James Bond 007 logo, generously donated by local, Tom Scott.

Tickets for the evening were £24.95 and included a buffet and a glass of champagne, with a bacon sandwich after midnight.

£5 from every ticket was donated to the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust, which is the pub's designated charity until June this year.

Grand Charity Event at The Queens Head - The Champion of Sports Quiz Gala Evening & Presentations... Sunday 25th May at 7pm

Now in its sixth year, the Charity has raised £14,730

for charitable causes including Whizzkid, Dorton House, Royal London School for the Blind and the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust. Anyone wishing to book a table should contact Chris Hearn at the Queens Head or Russell Toms on 07713 175862. The current leader in the predictions competition is Chris Charles.

LOCAL CRIME

There have been a number of thefts from sheds and outbuildings in the area in the last couple of months and specifically a lawn mower and power tools were stolen from a locked garage in Chatter Alley during the last weekend in March.



There is a new and very proactive local police team based in the Police Office in The Bury in Odiham and we receive regular e-mail communications from them regarding suspicious vehicles and individuals.

We are considering forwarding some of this information (if it is relevant) to those of you who have given the Parish Council your email address.

If you do NOT wish to receive this type of information, please email our parish clerk at

clerk@dogmersfieldparish.co.uk

HITCHES LANE

Many of you will no doubt be aware that the development of three hundred houses at Hitches Lane has been given Planning Approval.



Ground preparation work has already started on the site and we understand that changes in the lay out of Hitches Lane will follow soon. Anybody who wishes to examine the design documents can do so at Hart Civic Offices.

Two members of the Parish Council attended planning meetings at Hart when the design and layout of the development was discussed. Along with many other representatives, we voiced our concerns at the scale of the development and asked for reassurances with regard to the already overburdened infrastructure.

WORKING PARTY ON COMMON LAND



The area of common land on the north side of Chatter Alley that lies between the road and the various individual

properties has become very overgrown. Some residents regularly clear and maintain parts of this section of land and specifically keep the ditches clear.

However, the frontage has no known ownership and the Parish Council feels that it would benefit the entire village if the verges were cleared and the ditches excavated. This should reduce the risk of flooding at the T junction with Church Lane.

We would like to form a 'Working Party' for a Saturday during the next few months. If we manage to get enough volunteers, we should be able to achieve a great deal. The intention would be to work for a few hours and then adjourn to the pub for lunch.

We are investigating the possibility of obtaining some grant funding towards this work.

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, HAMPSHIRE

To celebrate Royal Ascot and Wimbledon, the hotel will be promoting a contemporary English twist on the traditional afternoon tea.

From 14th June to 14th July there will be a chance to savour some highly unusual and tempting creations.

The next Cookery Demonstration will be on Monday 2nd June - Healthy Cooking with Local Hampshire Produce.

For more information and to reserve a place call the Four Seasons Restaurant on 01252 853100