



Headbourne Worthy Village News

Summer 2011

News and Information from your local Parish Council

Annual Village Meeting

Please join us in St Mary's Church Rooms (just behind the Church on London Road) for our annual **Village Meeting**, from 7pm on **Monday 23rd May**. Have a glass of wine and a chat with your local Parish Councillors, and take this opportunity to quiz us on our activities over the year, and any changes or improvements you'd like to see in the village. You will be most welcome!

Anyone for Fishing?



After two and a half years of work, the revamped fishery at Church Paddock (between Bedfield Lane and St Swithun's Church) is now open. See Page 3.



Are We Going Quackers?

We are having a baby!!

I am told that when a baby is expected, the parents' brains alter, and that sometimes rational thought is harder, and a natural home making instinct takes over. Very logical and the system has served the human race well for some time now.

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To contact your Parish Council: Visit www.theworthys.org.uk
or call the Parish Clerk, Hilary Graham, on 883797. clerk.headbourneworthy@parish.hants.gov.uk

POLICING in HEADBOURNE WORTHY

Everyone will be aware of the current national debate on the future of the Police Service – the needs to make cuts, make savings etc. but it is not all “doom and gloom”! Headbourne Worthy in particular is very fortunate in having not only an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme, ably lead by Mrs Margaret Filley, but also two very committed Police Officers in the persons of



P.C. Don Hagger and PCSO Kerry Croutear. These officers form part of the Northgate Safer

Neighbourhoods Team operating from Winchester and regularly patrol the village and hold Beat Surgeries- (next 1400 – 1500 hours Saturday 16th July at Good Life Farm Shop) They maintain close contact with Neighbourhood Watch and the Parish Council and keep us informed of developments in our area as well as crime prevention matters.

Neighbourhood Watch has a number of street co-ordinators and if you are unaware of who looks after you please contact the Parish Clerk who will pass onto Mrs Filley. P.C.Hagger and PCSO Croutear can be contacted at the Northgate Safer Neighbourhoods Team Winchester via 101 or 0845 045 45 45 or by e-mail: donald.hagger@hampshire.pnn.police.uk kerry.croutear@hampshire.pnn.police.uk winchester.northgate.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Don't forget in an emergency – “999”.
David Pearcey

Are We Going Quackers? (Continued)

The same is true of ducks. At this time of year, they can be found in unlikely unduck places. We find them on Winnall roundabout looking for a nesting place. Further into the City as well.

Some instinct comes into play which makes them believe that the further they are from water the better for having babies; ignoring completely the logic that at some point they will have to navigate a busy city, or a major roundabout with all its traffic, to go back to that same stretch of water where the original “gang bang” that procreated took place (wipe away those romantic scales about making babies, that is how it happens!). And, once the stretch of water has been re-discovered, hopefully with up to 15 ducklets all intact, the problems don't end there.

Imagine life as a ducklet. Herons are clever and often work in pairs, one distracting, the other stealing. Crows work in a similar manner – bird brain? They will be OK on the water of course, but what about the pike who is looking at little pink feet as food (have you seen the limping ones?).

Believe it or not, it is not water off a ducks back either – too much rain can drown ducklets! If you navigate nature in all its rawness, then there are the humans, or rather, dogs off leads who see ducklets as a game to chase and splash around with.

Give the ducks a break please, and do ensure that where there are ducks, or ducklets, your dog is secured and allowed to run in other areas. On behalf of the ducks on the watercress beds, who want to end up with more than the average 3 ducklets, and other wildlife watchers, thanks!

Harry Whorwood

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Are you interested in local issues and keen to make a difference? If so, your Parish Council needs you, as there is a vacancy for a Councillor.

Don't be shy in coming forward; a lot of the Councillors are new and we will all help.

Contact Hilary Graham on 883797.

Anyone for Fishing?

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The works at Church Paddock have created great interest - and some concern - amongst local residents for over two years, but at last the waiting is over and Church Paddock Fishery is open for business. Owned and managed by John Dean and his son Jamie, the Fishery is open every day from 8.30am to 5.30pm. Local people are welcome to go in for no charge and enjoy the lovely views across the lake - keep dogs on leads please and keep well clear of any anglers.

Fishing tickets cost from £30 for two fish. Some tackle is available in the new log cabin/office/tearoom, which will also be serving teas and other refreshments over the summer. There is a lovely decked area overlooking the lake with tables and chairs.

A rather ugly parking area next to the entrance (by the water pumping station on Bedford Lane) will soon be screened by a laurel hedge, and sympathetic landscaping and planting should soon give local residents a much improved view from their back gardens, which overlook the lake.

See their website for more information: www.Churchpaddock.co.uk.

Jane Rutter

Village Spring Clean Thanks

Many thanks to the Rutter household who hosted this year's Spring Clean from their home, Bornholm, on Bedford Lane, on 26th March. We were lucky with the weather, and although there weren't crowds of helpers, the whole village was covered by willing volunteers and several bags of rubbish were collected from the verges around the village. Many thanks to those who turned up - it was a job well done - and thanks to Sheila Pearcey who carted all the rubbish off to the tip at the end of the day.



CELEBRATION DAY



Saturday 11th June 2011
at Eversley Park and Worthies Sports and Social Club

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- ▲ Team Presentations
- ▲ Parents v Coaches (2.30pm)
- ▲ Stalls and Local Traders
- ▲ U16s v Bishops Waltham (4pm)
- ▲ Bouncy Castle
- ▲ Live Music in the Evening
- ▲ Fine Catering & Picnic Area
- ▲ Recruiting for Players/Coaches

11.30am 'til late!

For further information, email secretary@worthsyfc.co.uk
Visit www.worthsyfc.co.uk



Worthys Youth Football Club is a Registered Charity, No 1138554

Worthys Festival 2011

Coming Soon - 17th to 25th September

Visit the Website: www.theworthys/festival.html for more information,
and come and see our stall at the Kings Worthy Village Fete next Bank Holiday
Monday 30th May - and collect your FREE Bunting!

Chairman's Annual Report May 2011

Another interesting and sometimes difficult year for the Parish Council which has on occasions highlighted the limitations of our position as the lowest rung of local government. We are consulted by the District and County Councils and other organisations on many topics and endeavour to respond in a way which we hope will properly reflect the views of the majority of residents whilst trying not to lose sight of the fact that we represent everyone. Nevertheless, no matter how strongly we may feel, those who consult us do not have to act in accordance with our recommendations, we can only cajole, make our observations and hope to influence their deliberations. However, we feel that it is vital that we continue to take part in the process if we are to avoid the imposition of unacceptable decision making from elsewhere.

Planning matters in particular are such a case in point and we always try to act fairly, openly, consistently and in accordance with our interpretation of current policies and our local knowledge. All planning applications relating to developments within the parish are considered, in public, at our meetings. However, the final decision taken by the planning authorities might not necessarily be

in line with our submission. Most matters are dealt with at the District Council level but during this year two major planning applications have been dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate by way of a Public Enquiry – Barton Farm and the Motocross site – and final decisions are awaited.

As reported last year, a number of long-serving members stepped down in May and a number of new councillors were appointed. However, as expected, I am pleased to confirm that they have all taken a very active interest in their new role for the benefit of the community. This year, Councillor Dennis Curling who served with us for over 5 years and who took the leading role in the formation of the award winning Worthys web site and continued to act as our coordinator has also recently resigned. Dennis's contribution to the work of the council was very much appreciated and his valued input especially on planning matters will be greatly missed.

We continue to act prudently and are constantly mindful of the need to curb expenditure, although some is beyond our control – the requirements for audits, insurance, hall hire etc.

In conclusion, we look forward to another challenging year in which we all will work together in the overall interests of the whole Headbourne Worthy community.

David Pearcey (Chairman) May 2011