

NIGHTINGALE TIMES

The On-line Newsletter for Wellow Parish Council

December 2017

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Meetings

All meetings of Wellow Parish Council are open to the public.

Planning & General Purposes Meeting

6:45 pm
Wellow Village Hall

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Parish Council Meeting

7:15 pm
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Members of the public are invited to ask questions or make statements at all Parish Planning and General Purposes Committee meetings and Full Parish Council meetings relating to items included on the agenda.



Wellow
Parish Council

Your Council website provides information on everything we do, including Councillor details, dates of meetings, agendas, minutes, finance, Parish Council policies, Burial Ground, local organisations' details, current events and much more. In printed form this Newsletter is intended to complement the website.

Message from the Chair – Councillor Gaye Chesterton-Kay

Well, the nights are drawing in and Winter, if not fully here, is certainly on the way and although I love every tree in my garden, it would be nice if the leaves could drop in manageable amounts rather than all at once!

As a lot of you will have seen, the old Cricket Pavilion has disappeared and work will soon be starting on the foundations in preparation for the new Pavilion to arrive towards the end of January 2018. It has taken a lot of hard work by the Council and the Cricket Club to get to this point, including having to dig down two metres through the concrete base to obtain soil samples to ensure that the new foundations are fit for purpose! But, we've done it and now have the go-ahead to commence the groundworks imminently – my grateful thanks to the members of the Cricket Club, who are working so hard on this project, for their perseverance and sense of humour!

The new Community Garden is now ready for use. We intend planting six ornamental trees along the mound behind the Garden to give colour and variety – one very nice tree has already been donated and planted by an ex-resident of Wellow. If anyone else is interested in donating a tree, please get in touch with Sharon or Karen at the Parish Office. The remainder of the planting will be taking place over the coming weeks.

Finally, may I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Parish Council, to wish you all a very happy, peaceful and joyous Christmas and New Year in our lovely village.

Litter picking update

Following another successful community litter pick on 28 October, 20 bags of rubbish were collected including some rather unexpected items such as a football, a political poster and a tent with some contents that are best not described in any detail!

We know you want something to be done about speeding

Earlier this year the Parish Council received a presentation by our PCSO on what is involved in a Community Speedwatch programme and specifically what we would need to do to start such an initiative for Wellow. One of the mandatory requirements is that we have the firm commitment of at least six volunteers who after training would run the scheme. Although the Parish Office gets more correspondence about speeding than just about any other topic, after six months of trying we have been unable to get six of you to volunteer. We are not going to stop our efforts on your behalf to address speeding concerns. In November Cllr Brar attended the Hampshire Association of Local Councils AGM where he found out about a Hampshire run initiative for traffic management in villages. A follow-up meeting with the county traffic management officer has been arranged to discuss how they can help us with the traffic issues we have in the village. If you would like to help Cllr Brar on this topic, please get in touch at Cllrbrar@wellowparish.org.uk

St Margaret's Church Christmas Services

- 10th December 3.30pm – Combined Wellow Churches Carol Service at the Village Hall
- Christmas Eve 4.00pm – Come to the Manger Children's Crib Service.
11.30pm – Midnight Communion Service
- Christmas Day 8.15am – Traditional Language Communion Service
9.15am – Family Service (followed by shortened communion service for those who wish to stay)

Age Concern Hampshire – a Village Agent for Wellow

Age Concern Hampshire have appointed Meic Sullivan-Gould as a Village Agent for Wellow. Village Agents are local volunteers who provide a contact and information point for older people, providing information on a variety of local and county-wide support services. They are not advisors but are well placed to signpost people to Age Concern Hampshire where necessary. As we have all started to switch on our heating Meic is highlighting the Hitting the Cold Spots service run by the Environment Centre (tEC) on behalf of Hampshire County Council. This service aims to help individuals and families stay warm and well at home. People can call them directly - Freephone 0800 804 860* (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) - and they also welcome referrals from friends, family and professionals. Meic can help with this and a range of other issues and can be contacted by text or phone on 07774944945 or by email at wellowvillageagent@gmail.com.



Remembrance

Another fine parade led by veterans and young people from the village for this year's Remembrance Day service at the Wellow Memorial. The Service was conducted by Rev. Chris Pettet with Abi Williams, one of Wellow's talented young musicians, sounding the Last Post on her cornet. After the parade, refreshments were served at Wellow Village Hall. Thanks to all in the parish who, as always, help with the organisation.

The Poppy Appeal will have again raised over £5000 for the district we are part of.

Cycling – Wellow in and alongside the New Forest

Two of our parish councillors have met with New Forest National Park Authority representatives to discuss including Wellow as part of new cycle routes. The NFNPA are looking at cycle routes from Cadnam to Lymington and from Salisbury to Nomansland. Wellow could have an important part to play in local cycle routes especially as we are located at the top end of the New Forest and with Canada Common we have some space for parking. With Wellow and adjacent areas rich heritage context (e.g. St. Margaret's Church, Florence Nightingale, Romsey Abbey, Broadlands - Mountbatten former Viceroy of India and Mottisfont) it is easy to see the further development of local cycle routes.

The New Forest National Park is one of Europe's most sensitive ecological environments and yet is also one of the UK major tourist areas both for domestic and international visitors. As our roads reach saturation levels and pollution becomes an even greater concern, well planned green tourism and sustainability are very important issues. With Wellow situated in a most sensitive environmental area we are keen to be involved in this exciting NFNPA initiative.

Your Neighbourhood Plan – how you can help now

Part of the work we need to do in preparing your Neighbourhood Plan is developing a community view on a vision and set of objectives for Wellow. The Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning team wants to share three observations about Wellow:

1. The parish has a special connection with the New Forest. As far as we are aware, we are the only parish outside the New Forest District Council's area of responsibility that owns and manages land in the New Forest.
2. Wellow is an old settlement framed by a rich historic heritage stretching from King Alfred the Great through land ownership and usage changes resulting from Henry VIII and on to Wellow's most famous personality, Florence Nightingale.
3. The A36 trunk road has a defining impact in terms of traffic flows on living in Wellow, future development and the adjacent environmentally sensitive road network in the New Forest.

Do you have any observations about Wellow to add into the mix of things we should think about as we try and develop a vision and set of objectives for the parish? Please contact cllrgrant@wellowparish.org.uk

A new PCSO for Wellow

It's farewell and thank you to Storm Perrot who leaves us as our Police Community Support Officer and welcome to Claudia Patterson. Claudia has already had some contact with Wellow in helping us assess Community Speedwatch.

Staying safe over the Christmas period

A quick follow-up on his previous newsletter contribution from Cllr Harmeet Brar on scams as we enter the high risk Christmas period.

1: calls from foreign numbers

If you get a missed call from a foreign number do not call it back. If it is important they will leave you a message.

2: charity requests

I know this sounds sad but there is a scam where a person will knock on your door and say they are collecting for charity. They will then ask questions to find out who lives with you and if you work. This is their way to mark your house as a potential one to rob.

3: Spanish Lotto

There are a number of people in our post code area receiving a letter saying that you have won the Spanish international lotto. It is always too good to be true. Simply rip it up and throw it away.

The magic roundabout

Wellow's children's roundabout and see-saw on the recreation ground have recently been repaired. One of the responsibilities carried out by the Parish Council is to make sure that the correct safety checks are done. These are carried out based on the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) guidelines.

Scouts

Super poster from the Explorer Scouts. They are seeking new members and so much of what they offer can be readily done in Wellow.



Waste removal and recycling in Wellow

We have been asked by TVBC to remind residents that our nearest Local Recycling Centre (LRC) can be found at Wellow Village Hall, where you can recycle the following items:

Glass bottles and jars • Aluminium foil • Clothes and Shoes • Books and Media

This site is not for the disposal of household waste or cardboard. Paper, cardboard, tins, cans, aerosols and plastic bottles should be put in your brown recycling bin at home.

If a collection bank is full, please do not leave items on the floor. Materials not contained within the banks will not be recycled. Do not dump any other waste at this or at any other LRC. This offence carries a maximum fine of £50,000 or imprisonment. Officers of Test Valley investigate any unauthorized waste that is left at Local Recycling Centres.

To report a full collection bank, please call 01794 527700. You can also report any LRC issues using the My Test Valley app which can be downloaded from www.testvalley.gov.uk/mytestvalley.

Social media in Wellow

Last month, our Parish Clerk attended a Society of Local Council Clerks' regional conference and was told that Facebook is the recommended social media platform, to be used before others. The numbers of residents accessing the Parish Council Facebook page continues to grow. It is a really convenient way of staying in daily touch with a rich variety of news items relevant to Wellow residents. Please let us know if you need help in joining Facebook. Wellow Facebook page – Wellow Parish Council @wellowmatters Facebook.

Opening times for the Parish Office over the holiday period

The Parish Office will be closed over the Christmas Period, from 1pm on Thursday 21st Dec, re-opening on Tuesday 2nd Jan at 9am. The office staff will be taking some well-earned leave over the Christmas and New Year break.

Newsletter

If you would like to comment on and/or contribute to your newsletter, please let the Clerk, Mrs Sharon Whitehouse know. You can contact her at the office (10am to 12.00pm Tues, Weds, Thurs), through the website, email or telephone (details below). Let the Clerk have your email address and receive the newsletters by email!! Distribution of paper copies of the newsletter has been arranged but if you have not received a paper copy and would like one please let the Parish clerk know.

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