

NIGHTINGALE TIMES

The On-line Newsletter for Wellow Parish Council

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Meetings

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

Time is provided at each Full Council meeting for public participation where residents can raise any concern or matter relating to the Parish.

Parish Planning & General Purposes Meeting

6:45 pm

Wellow Village Hall

3rd
APR

Parish Council Meeting

7:15 pm

Wellow Village Hall

3rd
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Annual Parish Council Meeting

7:30 pm

Wellow Village Hall

26th
APR

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.



**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 snowdrops are out in force and the daffodils showing their heads around the village are a very welcome sight, hopefully heralding that Spring is finally on its way.

A reminder about the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday, 26th April, further details of which will be posted on the notice boards soon – please come along to the Village Hall where you will not only be able to attend the meeting but also learn more about the various exciting projects that are planned for the coming year and take the opportunity to speak to Councillors regarding any matters that are important to you – refreshments will be served.

Our Neighbourhood Plan is moving forward and we are looking to recruit further volunteers – if you would like to be involved in the planning of Wellow's future, and can spare a bit of your time, please contact the Parish Office with your details. You don't have to commit to any specific project or number of hours – any help would really be appreciated, particularly, at this time, on the admin side.

A new Planning Application has been submitted to TVBC for the replacement of the Cricket Pavilion in the Recreation Ground and we look forward to a successful outcome so that we can press ahead with this project at the end of this year's Cricket season ready for the new season in 2018.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please contact the Parish Office either by popping in or by telephone/e-mail.

Parish Office updates

Many of you will have noticed the new barrier at the entrance to the Wellow Village Hall. This has been installed by the Village Hall committee, together with a contribution from the Parish Council. As always please feel free to pop into the Parish Office to introduce yourselves, say hello and bring any concerns you may have to our attention.

Thanks for help

Thanks to Ashley Browning who after many years of service to the Parish has retired as tree warden. Many thanks to Mark Abramson for repairing the metal gate onto Canada Common from the A36. Thanks also to those of you who provided feedback on the question raised in the last newsletter about speeding in the village and sent in your messages of support for the Community Garden proposals. Thanks to Jean Kenny for the suggestion to include a 'Letters to the Editor' section in this Newsletter – a great idea! Please submit any text and pictures etc to the Parish Office or by email. The more feedback, comments and suggestions that we get the better. It helps to make sure we stay focused on what really matters to you in Wellow - clerk@wellowparish.org.uk

A focus on cricket

With Wellow restored to the Hampshire League there was excitement within the team and Club as the 2016 season approached. Captain Lee Palmer found a winning formula with wins at Andover and at home to Cadnam and Broughton. Unfortunately a number of games were called off due to the weather and clubs not being able to field a side. However Wellow continued to win games and benefit from a good team spirit. There were some notable performances with Lee Palmer 109 not out, Tom Farr taking 7 wickets in 12 overs and Lewis Oliver for his all-round batting and bowling skills. The whole team played well and Wellow took the title at Redlynch by 4 wickets, after winning 8 games. They are looking forward to 2017 with confidence, excitement and hope. They have gone up 2 divisions and will now be playing in region 2 North.

The club are keen to welcome new players and social members who just want to watch, so make your way down to the recreation ground when they are playing or contact one of the committee members. Details and information can be found on their website www.wellow-plaitfordcc.com

Gift Presentation Assembly

Children from Wellow Primary took part in a Hampshire inter-faith calendar competition as part of their learning about different Faiths. One of the winning entries was noticed by local Councillor and ex-pupil of Wellow School, Councillor Harmeet Singh Brar. The picture was a collage portrait of Guru-Gobind-Singh. Councillor Singh Brar shared this picture with the local Sikh community. They were so impressed by the care taken to show the importance of this sacred figure within the Sikh religion that they presented Roger and Oliver, the creators of the picture, with some very special and symbolically significant gifts.



Councillor Grant also attended the presentation assembly to give the two boys a Wellow pin badge on behalf of the Parish Council in recognition of their efforts as representatives of the school and the local community. Oliver commented, "Wow! I felt proud and special that these visitors picked us. This isn't something you can get just anywhere, things like this don't happen every day!". Roger said, "It was nice of them to come to Wellow School and give us these special things. It is nice to understand how religions are different so we can respect them"

Neighbourhood Plan update

In January an important Neighbourhood Planning meeting took place at the council office in Wellow Village Hall. Cllr Nick Adams-King drew attention to TVBC now having a fully approved local plan which provides a strong defence across the borough against inappropriate development in the short term. This now gives the Parish the opportunity for a broader and more long term look at the needs of the community and areas where new policies or actions are required. He outlined how best TVBC and WPC can work together in progressing to successful completion the process for an agreed Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). TVBC have published guidance on community planning including a toolkit of materials and good practices that can support preparation of the plan. WPC has decided to make sure that neighbourhood planning activities in the Parish are closely aligned with this guidance from TVBC.

Following the 'Getting Started' advice in the TVBC toolkit WPC will form a steering group to drive forward the NDP process. Alan Wright has kindly agreed to be the independent chair of this steering group. He will be assisted by Cllr Trevor Grant as a deputy chair. Alan has recently moved into the village and brings with him valuable experience of having successfully completed neighbourhood and other planning processes. The key initial priority is to build the steering group in a way that is as fully representative of the village as possible.

The neighbourhood planning activities started in 2015 have helped in creating awareness of the benefits of doing a plan and in surfacing some potential areas of interest or concern. This work, and that associated in previous years with the Parish Plan and Village Design Statement, will be used as the steering group work through the steps set out in the Test Valley Community Planning Toolkit.

Monday Over 60's Lunch Club - Wellow Village Hall

Ann Jarrett, who has managed and organised the Lunch club for around three decades, has decided to retire. Ann has been a remarkable organiser and we will all miss her cheerful smile and charm. All the recipients and helpers, past and present, send their heartfelt thanks for a well-run weekly event at the Village Hall and wish you well, Ann, and hope you will find the time to pop in and say hello. Happily, the Lunch Club will continue (every Monday, except holidays, 12.30 to 1.30 pm) as Ann has handed the job to Lesley Weldon, who can be contacted on 01794 323734. If you would like to come along and join in the friendly atmosphere where you will receive a freshly cooked 2 course meal for £3.00, please contact Lesley for more details. They will be pleased to see you!

A new Wellow landmark in the Recreation Ground

In the December Newsletter we wrote about the proposed carving of a seat and rural scene on the oak stump along Lower Common Road. Many of you will have seen that this has now been done. On Saturday 8th January Chris Pettet, the vicar of St Margaret's, led a blessing ceremony attended by Cllr Gordon Bailey, Cllr Nick Adams-King, Caroline Nokes MP, parish councillors and a group of parishioners.

Work is also being done to install whips to thicken up the hedge along the roadside of the Recreation Ground. Infill planting



consists of purple leaf sand cherry, rosa rugose, gelder rose, wild cherry, hawthorn and blackthorn. Please give the new plants a chance to take hold by refraining from using the hedgerow as a cut through.

Ground nesting birds on Canada Common

Notices have gone up at main entrance points to Canada Common to remind all of us that March to July is the period when we share the New Forest with ground nesting birds such as lapwing and snipe. We have some shared responsibilities. Please try and keep yourselves (and any dogs) to main tracks and move away quickly if you see disturbed or distressed parent birds.

Wellow Golf Club – Captains Charity

Jan Marsh and Kev Foot, last season's Captains of Wellow Golf Club, had a successful year raising funds for their chosen charity: the Wessex Neurological Department at Southampton General Hospital. On 3rd December they presented a cheque for £2800 to Professor Rosaleen McCarthy from the Wessex Neurological Department. The work this department does is on clinical/research investigation which can help GP's and Neurosurgeons/Neurologists in the diagnosis and treatment of people suffering with brain disorders such as dementia. The money was raised by various events including raffles, book sales, cake sales and competitions throughout their year's captaincy. Well done to everyone involved and thanks from Wellow Golf Club to all those that contributed throughout the year.



Pictured: Professor Rosaleen McCarthy, Jan Marsh and Kev Foot of Wellow Golf Club

Social media in Wellow

As many of you will be aware more and more people are using Facebook and Twitter. These social media applications provide a quick and easy way of updating parishioners of developments and issues related to Wellow and its surroundings. Please have a look at the Facebook and Twitter @wellowmatters group. To give an example of how Facebook and Twitter can be used to good effect, after the recent TVBC Planning meeting when the application to build 115 houses in Wellow was turned down Cllrs Adams-King and Brar were able to quickly post the outcome and keep us informed.

Are you confident in using social media applications such as Facebook and Twitter? If not we would like to know so we can consider possible ways to help.

Newsletter

If you would like to comment on and/or contribute to the newsletter, please let the Clerk, Mrs Sharon Whitehouse know. You can contact her at the office through the website, email or telephone (details below). Let the Clerk have your email address and receive the newsletters by email!!

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