



# ***NIGHTINGALE TIMES***

*The On-line Newsletter for Wellow Parish Council*

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## Message from the Chair.

We need your help! Firstly, we would like to publish a quarterly Newsletter to keep everyone in touch with village news and of course, what the Parish Council is getting up to. Unfortunately we need a news gatherer to put together the content necessary to make this worthwhile. The same is true for the Parish website. Does anyone want to step forward to help?

Secondly, we need volunteers to help keep the Parish tidy. A bit of pruning or even walking the footpaths and letting us know what needs doing would help a lot. Does anyone collect beer cans? There are always new ones to be found lying about the Parish!



**A36**



## How about a lower speed limit of the A36?

It is increasingly difficult to turn across the traffic flow along the A36, especially into local businesses such as the NISA store or Post Office. Also, walking or cycling along the A36 can be distinctly unpleasant when high-sided vehicles are passing by. We discussed this topic at the Annual Parish Meeting last month and a straw poll of those present gave indicative support for reducing the speed limit to 30mph. We have asked Highways to look at traffic flow and potential risks and report back. In the meantime let us know what you think.

## New Community Pavilion Up-date

Our planning application for the new building was refused by TVBC due to lack of a bat report. Why they did not tell us about this at the pre-planning stage is, of course, a mystery! A bat report will now be produced and the plans re-submitted. As the budget for this project is £75,000 the Parish Council will go out to open tender once planning permission has been granted.

As explained at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2013, the pavilion is a Community building and thus a Community asset. However, we will again seek to lease the new building out for cricket (women's as well as men's!). Of course, if anyone has any ideas for other uses,

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especially outside the cricket season, then please let us know. Obviously, we do not want to compete for those activities which can already be accommodated at Wellow Village Hall.

### **Be a good neighbour**

Two issues which are often raised recently by local people who are suffering from un-controlled hedges and the nuisance from off-road biking. If your fir trees are getting too high, or hedges encroaching on neighbours and footpaths then please think of the poor neighbours and users and get them trimmed. The noise and pollution generated by scrambling and quad bikes really is difficult for others to live with!

### **Dogs on Wellow Common**

There have been a number of recent incidents of un-controlled dogs on Wellow Common. One serious incident involved injuries to a donkey and this has been reported to the Police. Another incident involved a calf being 'worried' by two dogs not on a lead. Dog walkers please, please keep control of your pets!

### **Hampshire County Council Electric Blanket Testing**

TVBC are supporting 2 free electric blanket testing sessions where people can take along their electric blankets to be checked for safety and fire risk. This is a joint initiative between Housing and Environmental Health and Community and Leisure Services and external partners Hampshire County Council and Hants Fire and Rescue Service as part of our work relating to vulnerable peoples wellbeing and prevention of fuel poverty. In 2012, of the 120 blankets tested, almost 50% failed and were taken out of use ensuring the owners safety.

Andover Fire Station - Mon 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 Romsey Fire Station - Wed 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Blankets must be booked in advance on by calling 01962 833358 (HCC Trading Standards Office), bookings are now being taken.

### **Sports in Wellow**

#### **Wellow Youth Football Club Report 2012-13**

The last year has been a year of expansion for the club, with success coming both on and off the pitch. This year the club had six sides with teams at Under 9, Under 10 (2 sides), Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15. There were 75 players registered to play for these sides, and with a further 27 coming along to the training sessions at various ages, the Club passed the participation mark of 100 for the season for the first ever time. We are particularly pleased to see so many youngsters out every week participating in a sport and keeping fit rather than sitting at home playing on their computers!

Our Under 9 and Under 10 sides all played in the Eastleigh and District Mini Soccer League, and all sides showed great improvement from the start to the finish of the season.

All other sides played in the Southampton Tyro League. In their first season of 11 v 11 on large pitches, the Under 11's had a great season which saw them win their league, losing only one league game all year. The Under 13's also won promotion, coming joint top on points of their league, just missing out on the title on goal difference, despite winning their final game 13-0, and hitting the woodwork 8 times, when a win by 21 goals would have given them the title! The Under 15's had a good season following promotion last year to division 2, and in a very good league they managed to finish comfortably in mid table. For a village club, with a small catchment area and an 'open-door' policy, the success of our sides is a pleasing result of a good training structure that concentrates on developing all players to participate in an environment that encourages fair play and passing football.

Looking to the future we are hopeful that we will be able to add a further team next year at the Under 8 age group and look forward to the new 9 v9 format at next years' Under 11 age

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group where we will be able to make full use of the new sized goals bought this year with help from a grant from the Football Foundation. We also look forward to our Under 16 side next year moving up to the main pitch, and would like to think that we can bring an enthusiastic team of parents and volunteers to further the work we have already started in maintaining and improving both the quality of the playing surfaces at Hatches Farm, along with the infrastructure such as the fencing around the main pitch. We are also keen to help with the running and booking out of pitches at Hatches Farm, so that we can finally utilise the pitches and surrounding environment as a community resource for the benefit of Wellow and the surrounding villages.

Our annual player presentation and football fun day took place on the afternoon / early evening of Sunday 16th June. A good opportunity to celebrate the Club's successes.

### **Wellow and Plaitford Cricket Club (Juniors)**

The Club has a thriving junior section and promotes participation in cricket for all age groups, abilities and backgrounds. Through relationships with local primary schools we encourage young players from about the age of 7 to join our training sessions at Wellow Rec. At last count this was over 80 children playing on a weekly basis and we welcome any children to come along and have a go.

During the summer we field junior teams at age groups Under 9, 11, 13, 15 & 17 (age group is calculated as the age on 1st Sept of the school year, for example school year 4 is U9). These teams are entered in the New Forest Junior Cricket Association league and cup competitions. All players are encouraged to play to the best of their ability and the better players are put forward for trials with the New Forest District teams and Hampshire Cricket Board.

The club has recently been inspected and retained its ECB clubmark status which means all training sessions are run by ECB qualified coaches with teams managed by dedicated volunteers. During the winter the club partners with the Hibbered Cricket Academy to provide indoor training.

For more details and times of training sessions check the club website at <http://www.wellow-plaitfordcc.com>

### **Wellow Tennis Club**

The Club's membership continues to grow and now stands at nearly 100 members. The two central aims are to provide continued social and competitive league tennis. The social sessions held on Thursday, morning, Thursday evening (summer only), Friday evening and Saturday morning are proving very popular. All standards are welcome and co-exist in a friendly atmosphere. The club also enjoys a healthy level of competitive league tennis with nearly 200 matches throughout the year. This also meets all levels with some teams being run on the basis of giving an opportunity for all members to play competitively and other teams which are run on an elite basis.

There has been some junior coaching but with so many good junior coaching schemes in the area, it is difficult for a small club like Wellow to offer similar high standards. However, juniors at Wellow are welcome in club social sessions and matches and continue to get a unique opportunity to develop their skills outside of normal coaching schemes.

The ability to use 4 courts, the building of the Clubhouse and the practice wall have given new life into a very popular part of Wellow life.

### **Wellow School and St Margaret's Church**

The Village fete is being organised by Wellow School Association and St Margaret's Church. Come and support them by attending on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 at Hatches Farm Sports Field. 12.00pm to 3.00pm. There's lots to see and do, including dog show, Gym and rock challenges displays, BBQ, tractor rides and a variety of stalls.

St Margaret's will be celebrating its 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015 and discussions have already begun on how to commemorate this. If interested please contact Rev Chris Pettet on 01794 323562. Email: [cpettet@btinternet.com](mailto:cpettet@btinternet.com)

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By the way 2015 is also the 600th anniversary of Agincourt so maybe a St Crispin's Day celebration is also called for!

### **Wellow Village Hall**

Howden Jones a musical duo recently performed at the hall, the event was supported by 65 people, a good evening was had by all. A profit of just over £200 will go towards improvements at the Village Hall. The Management Committee intend to arrange further fund raising events in the future.

The Doctor's Surgery closed at the end of 2011 and the room has been unused since. It has recently been let out to a Therapist who provides Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine. It is good to see the room having a new lease of life and also providing extra income for the hall.

### **Wellow under fives**

Support your local play group and come along to the Wellow Alpaca Farm fun day - Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013, 1.30pm - 4.30pm at Willow Tree Farm, Scallows Lane, Wellow SO51 6DX. Enjoy the fun, including BBQ, refreshments, pony rides, crafts, face painting, games, steam engine and brass band plus much more!

### **Delegates Report.**

A Service of Celebration was attended by Cllr Julie Jacobs on Sunday 2nd June at Winchester Cathedral. The Service was in Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Army Air Corps played a selection of music whilst the service was sung by Boy and Girl Choristers and the Lay Clerks of Winchester Cathedral. The congregation of over one thousand Visiting Clergy, Ecumenical Clergy and Honorary Canons, Dignitaries and Guests were later served refreshments.

**If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please let the Clerk know. For more information about the Parish Council and its activities, visit the Parish Council website, or contact us by telephone or email. Please remember that there is a public session of 15 minutes prior to all Full Council meetings, when you can have your say. These meetings are also open to the public. Dates of all meetings and contact details for the Councillors can be found on the website and on all the noticeboards around the Village and Parish Office.**