



NIGHTINGALE TIMES

The On-line Newsletter for Wellow Parish Council
website: www.wellowparish.org.uk

Have you visited our website? Information on everything we do, including Councillors' details, dates of meetings, agendas and minutes, finance, Parish Council policies, Burial Ground, local organisations' details, current events and more are available.

Saturday Morning Councillor Drop-In from 10 am - 12.00 noon 1st Saturday of the month
Harmeet is unable to continue to hold the drop-in sessions at the Parish office due to prior commitments. However, Members of the Council have agreed to continue to hold the sessions on the first Saturday of the month beginning on 6th February 2016 from 10am - 12 noon. Please come along to the Parish Office for an informal chat about any aspect of the Parish Council, its activities, matters of concern or anything you wish to raise.

Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday, 27th April 2016. Wellow Village Hall.

This event gives residents an opportunity to discuss Parish matters and meet Parish, Borough and County Councillors. There will also be representatives and displays from the community. Residents can come along from 7.00pm for a chance to chat to the various organisations and Councillors, with the meeting starting at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available before and after the meeting.

Planning Application for 115 houses on Land Adjacent Bridge Farm, Romsey Road

Wellow Parish Council **successfully defended** the planning application for 115 houses in Buttons Lane. WPC objected on the grounds of safety, transport, access, proximity to the New Forest National Park and Blackwater wildlife corridor and that there was no overriding need for such a large development on a greenfield site of agricultural land.

The Council were supported by the NFNPA who also stated they were against such a large development and the many residents who wrote to test Valley Borough Council and attended the Southern Area Planning Committee meeting at Crosfield Hall. With the forthcoming revised local plan due to be adopted, it is hoped that if there were to be any appeal against this decision, it will not be successful. **Wellow Parish Council supports your village and your local environment.**

Planning Update from TVBC Ward Members, Cllrs Gordon Bailey and Nick Adams-King

A letter to residents from our Ward Members regarding planning in the Parish can be found here: <http://www.wellowparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Planning-Letter-B-14-01-16.pdf>

Wellow Neighbourhood Plan update

A meeting was held on 25th January when it was decided to form a working party to consult with the wider community through public consultation and questionnaires. Anyone interested in joining the working party please contact the Clerk or Cllr John Sampson email: cllrsampson@wellowparish.org.uk

Ride on Mower for Sale £2000.00 ONO

Stiga Park ride on mower model P901-13-6104-18, serial no. 061012019A, year 2006, cutter deck Combi 100c. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested or for further information.

New Parish Notice Boards

At the time of writing the new Parish Council notice boards are being installed. Please send any community notices to the Clerk, who will keep the boards up to date with the assistance of Members of the Council. Please provide notices in A5 landscape format. If you are able to email these notices they can also be posted to the Parish Website, on the new Community Notices page which is currently under construction. The Parish Council is endeavouring to keep the community informed with up to date information, via the notice boards and website. Please let us know if there is anything else you would like to see on them.

Mobile Library - Wellow and Sherfield English

Sadly, it has been announced by Hampshire County Council that this service will be axed in June 2016. The mobile library will visit the Wellows, Sherfield English and surrounding villages on **Thursdays, starting on 21 January and continuing every month until the service ends in June, as follows: February 18; March 17; April 14; May 12; June 9. Times of visits are unchanged, as follows:**

Canada - Rockingham Arms - 11.15 to 11.45; West Wellow Village Hall - 12.00 to 12.45;
West Wellow - Gurnays Mead - 1.45 to 2.15; East Wellow - Hamdown Crescent 2.30 to 3.00;
Sherfield English - Graemar Lane - 3.15 to 3.45.

Bus Service

Salisbury Reds, Wilts and Dorset Bus Company Ltd. and Hampshire County Council have confirmed that Concessionary passes are valid from the County border, which is Plaitford Village.

Summer Fete, 11th June 2016 - Wellow Recreation Ground - from 11.00am. The initial preparations for this event on the Recreation Ground in Lower Common Road are well on the way. Anyone wishing to assist in this event or run a stall, please contact Gael Clemett 02380 814 261. Keep your eyes on the Parish Website for new and up to date information.

Wellow and Plaitford Cricket Club update

We are a friendly and welcoming club based in the village and open to all sections of the community. The club has recently re-joined the Hampshire Senior League and we are looking to build a club that the village can be proud of. We will be running one senior side this season but hope to increase this to 2 as numbers grow.

We have a thriving Colts section which includes Under 9, Under 11, Under 13 squads which are trained by qualified coaches and managed by dedicated volunteers.

The club has achieved ECB Clubmark status by demonstrating that best practices are in place to develop and deliver high quality community cricket for everyone.

We're always looking for local people to either play, volunteer or become social members. If you are interested in supporting the Club in any way, please contact: Sean Oliver on 07973797090 or Mike Jones on 01794 322079 or email chairman@wellow-plaitfordcc.com or treasurer@wellow-plaitfordcc.com and the website address is www.wellow-plaitfordcc.com

Wellow Under Fives

Wellow Under Fives is a village based pre-school in the heart of Wellow based in the Village Hall. They are very proud of their 'Outstanding' Ofsted rating which describes the children at this nurturing and highly stimulating pre-school as making excellent progress in their learning and development. If you would like to send your child to Wellow Under Fives and would like more information, please email Julie Jäger on manager@wellowunderfives.org.uk or phone on 07760 223136 during pre-school opening times, which are: Tuesday: 9.00 am - 1pm, Wednesday 9.00am - 12.00pm, Thursday 9.00am - 3pm and Friday 9.00am - 1pm. If you would be interested in joining our friendly staff team, we would be very keen to hear from you. We

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have spaces available as Bank staff which has the possibility of becoming permanent positions in the future.

Parish Footpaths

A list of all footpaths in the Parish is available on application to the Clerk and on the Parish Website. The Parish Council work hard to ensure they are kept in good condition and to that end Hampshire County Council have agreed to extend the boardwalk on footpath 22 by 12 meters during the next Financial Year. Should you notice any maintenance issues, please email the Clerk or Cllr John Sampson cllrjsampson@wellowparish.org.uk to report.

Over 60's Lunch Club

Do you eat alone? Would you like to enjoy a freshly cooked meal in good company? Why not join us at Wellow Village Hall where the Lunch Club meets every Monday at 12.30 pm and provides hot freshly cooked meals in a happy and friendly atmosphere. Cost £3.00. Transport can be provided. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Ann Jarrett on 01794 322469 for details.

Clean for the Queen

This year the Queen will be celebrating her 90th Birthday and to celebrate this achievement a national campaign has been launched encouraging the country to 'Clean for the Queen' over the weekend of March 4th, 5th and 6th 2016. It has been suggested that more than a million people will take part in the campaign across the country so it really is a case of the more that get involved the better. This is not TVCB initiative but one that they are keen to support. Don't miss the opportunity to do something locally. In order to be properly involved you will need to register your parish/group's interest in taking part in this event. Details can be found at this dedicated website www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk

The Council's Environmental Service will be undertaking several clean ups, primarily focussing on town centres. However the Parish Council are happy to provide equipment for anyone interested in litter picking on Saturday 5th March. Meet at the Parish Office at 10a.m. Contact the Clerk or Cllr John Sampson email: cllrjsampson@wellowparish.org.uk for more information or to register your interest.

Dog Walking, Littering & Recreation on Canada Common a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

For years families have visited Canada Common in the summer with friends for picnics and team games, or just to walk. If you were lucky you would see donkeys, ponies, cows, maybe even a pig as well as birds, some of which nest on the ground in Spring, between March and July. However, litter and dog mess abound and it is not such a pleasant place to while away a few hours. The Common is a beautiful and special place which attracts people from way beyond the Parish boundary, but how many people appreciate the designation of the SSSI status the Common holds? Probably not many people from outside of the area know about it. Do you? How do we protect it for future generations? How do we get recreational users to pick up their litter and dog walkers to pick up their dog's mess so that families can once again picnic and play games on our Common? There are litter and dog bins in both car parks, so why aren't they being used? Why aren't the Parish Council doing something about it? **The Council is trying.** It is a subject that has been discussed at many a Parish Council meeting. This, however, is not a problem local to our small corner (86 hectares) of the forest, sadly it is both forest wide and nationwide and one that every parish and local authority is trying to combat and is not easy to solve. Education and awareness is key.

The New Forest National Park Authority have been very helpful in holding Awareness Days in both of our Common's car parks, for which we are very grateful as has been reported in previous newsletters. Their aim - raising awareness of the wildlife, ground nesting birds (keep dogs, on leads from March to July); remove litter and dog mess which do not disintegrate or remove itself and is dangerous to the animals and wildlife; instigating the Dog Walking Code; and they are now considering an Accreditation Scheme for responsible Commercial Dog

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Walkers to sign up to, so that their users can make an informed choice when looking for a dog walker and encourage dog walkers to be responsible, as most are. As always, it is the few who ruin it for the majority.

At a recent meeting of the NFNPA, it became apparent just how much work the Authority are putting into protecting the New Forest for future generations and we are fortunate to have their help and expertise, however, it is **YOU**, the resident who can have the most effect. Take your litter home. If you have forgotten your poo bags, ask a fellow dog walker for one. If you see someone not picking up litter or dog mess, could you offer them a bag? They may have forgotten to bring one. Just because you are not on a designated path, it doesn't mean you don't have to pick up. That's a myth. One dog produces an average of 500 grams of mess per day x 365 days = 182.5kg per dog per year. A lot of poo!

Please note there is no cycling or camping allowed on the Common and Forestry Commission Byelaws apply, see the green signs for information. Help the Council to help you reclaim the Common for our children to enjoy and wildlife to thrive in, by taking ownership of it. What other option do we have? Close the car parks? Ban all forms of recreation? It's your Common.

The message, **please pick up your dog's mess and don't leave litter behind, only your footprints!**

For more information on Forest related subjects go to:

www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/fce-fc-byelaws.pdf for Byelaws

www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/info/20165/walking/172/dog_walking/6 for the Dog Walking Code

www.newforest.gov.uk/article/14110/Alabama-Rot--an-unexplained-dog-illness

www.forestry.gov.uk/alabamarot www.newcomers.gov.uk/article/5561/Ticks-Lyme-Disease

Volunteers

The Parish Council is always in need of volunteers to support the many varied tasks each year, including litter picking, footpath maintenance and general work around the village. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested

Wellow Village Hall

For room bookings tel: 01794 322349

For what's on go to: www.wellowvillagehall.co.uk/whats-on

Parish Council 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.

Meetings Dates (held in Wellow Village Hall):

Monday, 7th March 2016 - Planning and General Purposes Committee 6.45 pm, Full Council 7.15 pm

Monday, 4th April 2016 - Planning and General Purposes Committee 6.45 pm, Full Council 7.15 pm

Wednesday, 27th April 2016 - Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm - see above for more details

Wednesday, 4th May 2016 - Planning and General Purposes Committee 6.45 pm **ONLY**

Monday, 9th May 2016 - Parish Council AGM 6.45pm, followed by Full Parish Council Meeting.

Monday, 6th June - Planning and General Purposes Committee 6.45 pm, Full Council 7.15 pm

Newsletter

If you would like to comment on and/or contribute to the newsletter, please contact the Clerk, Mrs Lorraine Wheeler. You can contact her at the office (public drop in times 10am to 12.00 noon Tues/Weds/Thurs), through the website, email or telephone (details below).

Provide the Clerk with your email address and receive the newsletters by email!!

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