



# ***NIGHTINGALE TIMES***

*The On-line Newsletter for Wellow Parish Council*  
website: [www.wellowparish.org.uk](http://www.wellowparish.org.uk)

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

## **Parish Councillors 2015/2019**

Following the elections in May 2015 and subsequent co-option meetings, Parish Councillors are as follows:

Harmeet Singh Brar, Gaye Chesterton-kaye, Alan Clark, Caroline Evans, Mike Jones, Sue Jones, Angela Ratcliffe (Chair), John Saunders (Vice-Chair), Philip Stehr.

Contact details are available through the Parish office, website and noticeboards.

There are still 2 vacancies which need to be filled by co-option. Applications must be made in writing, with details of why you would want to become a Parish Councillor and sent to the Clerk by email or address below.

## **Saturday morning Councillor Drop-In - 10.00 am to 12.00 noon**

Harmeet will be holding a drop-in at the Parish office on Saturday mornings commencing Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October for a trial period of 5 weeks. Come along for an informal chat about any aspect of the Parish Council and its activities. See below for normal office hours and contact details.

## **Notice of Completion of Audit 2014/2015**

The Council is pleased to announce the conclusion of the Audit of the Accounts for the financial year 2014/2015 by BDO LLP. The Accounts are available for inspection by appointment only with the Clerk at the Parish Office.

## **Planning Outline application for 115 Houses on land adjacent to Bridge Farm, Romsey Road. Planning reference: 15/01924/OUTS**

This application is the largest planning application ever to be raised for Wellow. The potential impact on our village, infrastructure, wildlife and the New Forest is immense.

The proposed vehicular access point would be in Buttons lane, and **this initial figure of 115 houses** could represent a possible **1000 extra vehicle** movements per day on what is a narrow road. This increase, together with the already existing parking issues at the local shops, a local school close by and the already heavy traffic volumes on the A36, could result in substantial deterioration to the nature of our village.

The New Forest National Park has stated they are against this development as it could have a major impact on the New Forest.

Major concerns have been expressed by the Salmon & Trout Association, as all waters from the proposed field for development drain off in to the River Blackwater, which is one of the major spawning rivers for sea trout in the south of England. In addition, this river is now recognised as an important wildlife corridor where we have otters, kingfishers, crayfish and bats. The potential for environmental danger to this area is huge. Furthermore, our local sewage system is already under pressure and there appear to be no provisions to update the system in the current proposals.

West Wellow has 700-800 houses within its settlement boundary, this outline planning application could result in a **14-16 % increase in the housing stock.**

**It is you as the local residents who must object to Test Valley Borough Council about the impact this could have on our Village.** Wellow Parish Council strongly objects to this application by Gladman Developments and will oppose it vigorously. Support your Parish Council to fight this application and write to TVBC to voice your complaint and/or attend the Southern Area Planning Committee Meeting (date to be advised) by registering to speak against this application. Please check the Parish website (Planning Matters page) for details. **Your Parish Council needs your help.**

Residents may wish to write to express their concern about overdevelopment in Wellow and in the countryside. Write to Brandon Lewis MP, Minister of State for Housing & Planning. Address: Dept for Communities and Local Government, Fry Building, 2 Marsham Street, London. SW1P 4DF

### Neighbourhood Plan

Are you interested in joining a working party to look into whether our Parish needs a Neighbourhood Plan? There are both advantages and disadvantages of having a Neighbourhood Plan which must be considered along with the cost and a great many residents will be required to form a working party. Please email the Clerk with your contact details.

### Dog Awareness Days on the Common

An Awareness Day was held on the Common on 26th August (see photos below) with the New Forest National Park Authority Rangers and Neighbourhood Wardens from Test Valley Borough Council, raising awareness of the Dog Walking Code: <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/housingandenvironmentalhealth/animalwelfare/dog-control-dog-fouling-frequently-asked-questions/> for owners and walkers picking up dog mess.



There will be another meeting at the Common on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October from approx. 7am to 6pm, with Test Valley BC Neighbourhood Wardens being available from 2.30 to 6pm.

Wellow Parish Council, Parish Office, Village Hall, Buttons Lane, West Wellow, Hants SO51 6BR  
Tel: 01794 323275 Email: [wellowparish@btconnect.com](mailto:wellowparish@btconnect.com)

## Flooding

That time of year again!! May we remind landowners or residents who own land or property situated next to a main river or ordinary watercourse, they are legally termed riparian land-owners and they are responsible for maintaining ordinary watercourses.

### Rights and Responsibilities

- If your land boundary runs next to a watercourse it is assumed you own the land up to the centre of the water-course, unless someone else owns the land over which the watercourse flows.
- If you own land with a watercourse running through or underneath it, it is assumed you own the section of the watercourse on your land.
- If a watercourse is the responsibility of a third party it should be noted in your deeds.
- You have the right to protect your property from flooding and your land from erosion. If this work may affect the flow or storage of water, you need to seek consent from Hampshire County Council.

For further information and advice, please see:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/landowners-flood-risk-guidance-leaflet.pdf>

## Anyone for Tennis?

Wellow Tennis Club provides a public tennis court at Hatches Farm for hire. The hire charge is £5.00 per 1 ½ hours and £5 deposit for the key. Please book through Country Consumables.

## Wellow Help Group

### Lunch Club for over 60's.

**Do you eat alone? Would you like to enjoy a freshly cooked meal in company?** Why not join us at Wellow Village Hall where the Lunch Club meets every Monday at 12.30pm and provides hot freshly cooked meals in a happy and friendly atmosphere. Cost £3.00. Transport can be provided. Everyone is welcome. NB: It is important to book in advance for catering purposes.

**Cooks** - could you spare time to help prepare and serve lunch in Wellow Village Hall on a Monday? There is a rota of four helpers each week and duties come round about once in three weeks. Why not come along to the Hall one Monday to see us in action?

**Drivers** - **Do you have any spare time?** Could you occasionally transport Wellow pensioners to medical appointments and the Monday Lunch Club in Wellow Village Hall? Wellow Help Group needs more volunteer drivers if it is to continue to provide transport to Hospital, Surgery and Dental Appointments for those who are unable to use Public Transport. **A Mileage Allowance is payable.**

For further details about these activities which are both enjoyable and rewarding please contact Ann Jarrett. Tel: 01794 322469.

## Wellow Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Sunday

The 2015 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal begins on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015, if anyone has any spare time and would like to assist with the appeal and selling poppies, please contact Phil Stenner on 01794 323846. A Remembrance Sunday Service will be held at St Margaret's Church, followed by a parade at the Memorial on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

## St Margaret's 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Midsummer Fayre, Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015

St Margaret's wish to thank all those who attended the Fayre. Sponsors and donors were acknowledged in the programme on the day, but a particular thanks is due to the Cricket Club for the use of the pavilion and their co-operation both before and during the event and the 9<sup>th</sup> West Wellow Scouts, who provided tents and ran a most successful barbecue. The event raised over £4.500.

### Medieval-Style Harvest Supper at Wellow Village Hall. Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015. 7.00 pm for 7.30pm.

This will be a fun evening, with themed entertainment and a three course meal. Bring your own wine and glasses. Soft drinks will be provided. Appropriate costume is entirely optional. Tickets cost £10.00. Children under 12 are free. Contact Jane Stephens on 01794 323156.

**Other events planned:** 16<sup>th</sup> October - Evening Concert at St Margaret's Church; 29<sup>th</sup> November - Advent Service of Light with the Bishop of Southampton marking the end of the celebrations and dedication to a special tree.

### Barn Dance, Wellow Village Hall, Saturday 14th November 2015 at 7.30pm.

The Village Hall and Wellow Twinning Association are jointly holding a Barn Dance at the Village Hall. There will be a live band with caller, a ploughman's supper and a licenced bar. Tickets are £12.50 per person. If you would like to come please book with Sandra Tutton on 01794 322852 email: [tutts1947@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tutts1947@yahoo.co.uk) or Peter Thaxter [01794 322414](tel:01794322414) email: [p\\_thaxter@hotmail.com](mailto:p_thaxter@hotmail.com)  
If you represent an association using the hall could you please tell your members. It is a village event and everyone is welcome.

### Volunteers and Nightingale Times deliveries!!

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. We are also looking for help to deliver this newsletter - Nightingale Times - on a quarterly basis. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested in delivering to your road or close.

### 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, 5<sup>TH</sup> October 2015** - Planning and General Purposes Committee 6.45 pm, Full Council 7.15 pm

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015** - Planning and General Purposes Committee 6.45 pm, Full Council 7.15pm

**Monday, 7<sup>nd</sup> December 2015** - Planning and General Purposes Committee 6.45 pm, Full Council 7.15 pm

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

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