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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.



Parish Councillors

The Parish Council would like to welcome two new Members to the Council. Cllr Ed Chesterton-Kay and Cllr John Sampson were co-opted onto the Council at the Full Council meeting held on 2nd November. Both will take up office at the next Full Council meeting to be held on 7th December and we look forward to working together with them. The Parish Council now has a full contingent of 11 Members once again. Contact details can be obtained from the website or the Parish Office.



Saturday Afternoon Councillor Drop-In - 12.00 noon - 2pm

Harmeet will be continuing to hold the drop-in sessions at the Parish office on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. However they will now be held from 12.00 noon - 2pm due to prior commitments. Please come along to the Parish Office for an informal chat about any aspect of the Parish Council and its activities.



Assistant to the Parish Clerk

This is a part-time position, up to 10 hours per week. Starting salary SCP15/£8.50 per hour - (£16,572 pro rata)

Wellow Parish Council are seeking to appoint a part-time Administration Assistant to assist and work with the Clerk dealing with enquiries from the public, routine administrative tasks and providing cover in the Clerk's absence. Previous local government/public sector experience would be ideal but is not essential as professional training will be provided. However, excellent organisational and administrative skills, a good telephone manner and a can do attitude are a requirement for this post. There is the possibility for future progression in the role for the right candidate.

Evening meeting attendance and own transport are necessary.

For an application pack please contact Lorraine Wheeler, Clerk to the Council, on 01794 323275 or email: wellowparish@btconnect.com Closing date for Applications: Friday 29th January 2016. Interview date: Mid/End February 2016.



New Parish Notice Boards

The Parish Council are replacing all of the old wooden notice boards with new green coated aluminium, plexichoc glazed, lockable, 9 x A4 size boards for Parish Notices. The two boards in Whinwhistle Road will be replaced with one by Fielders Way. Once in place, please send any community notices to the Clerk, who will post on the boards when space permits.



Parish Council Grants given this year

Grants have been given this year to; St Margaret's Church, Romsey Community Services, New Forest Land Advisory Service (Blackwater Conservation Group) and Wellow Short Mat Bowls. Would your community group benefit from a grant from the Parish Council? The Grants Policy and Application forms can be downloaded from the Parish Website.



Neighbourhood Plan

The Council resolved at the Full Meeting held on 2nd November to form a working party to look into the possibility of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for our Parish. A meeting will be convened of interested residents, please look out for details on the Parish Website or email the Clerk at wellowparish@btconnect.com with your contact details.



Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

On 25th September 2015 Gill Stenner organised a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support at Wellow Village Hall. The sum raised was £314.56. A big thank you to everyone who attended and made cakes for this occasion.



Wellow Area Poppy Appeal 2015

The total collected to date is £4,684.39 (£5,164 last year) this includes house to house collections, static points (shops & pubs etc), Remembrance Sunday Church Collection, Poppy Jumble Sale and wreath donations. This is a tremendous amount and a big thank you to all who supported the appeal, especially those people who did house to house collections and the local businesses that had a collecting box on their counter. We hope this will increase to approximately £4,900 once further pledges and gift aid are received.



Remembrance Sunday, 8th November 2015



The drizzly rain did not deter the turnout for this year's Remembrance Day service at the Wellow Memorial. The Service was conducted by Rev. Chris Pettet and Rev. Peter Clemett. Afterwards, refreshments provided by Parish Councillors were served to Parishioners at Wellow Village Hall. Thank you to all who helped to make this a memorable occasion. The community spirit was shown by all community groups that worked as a team to bring this

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event together. A special thank you to Lockerley Stone for cleaning both the War Memorials in Romsey Road and at St Margaret's Church, free of charge.



Romsey Community Services Play Scheme 21st December 2015

This Christmas Fun Session is at Wellow Village Hall 10am to 11.55am. Come along and join us for Christmas arts, crafts and fun. £1 per child. All ages welcome but under 5's need to be accompanied by an adult. No need to book, just turn up!



Hampshire County Council

Severe Weather Web Page - <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roads/weather-on-roads.htm>

Please look at the above where you can report pot holes, empty salt bins, and get details of severe weather problems and salting and gritting in your area.

Salt Bins - use salt as per instructions in the bins to ensure it lasts, not as much is required as you would think, however often residents use too much.

Highways Public Consultation - Deadline Friday 11th December

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/highwaysconsultation>

Hampshire Library Service Consultation - Deadline Monday 16th January 2016.

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library-strategy>

Please go to www.hants.gov.uk for all HCC public consultations currently running.



Flooding and ditching

The time of year is again approaching where flooding can become an issue. Are you concerned about flooding in the village? - *If so, do you know how you can help prevent flooding by maintaining a watercourse?*

Watercourses are any natural or artificial channel above or below ground through which water flows. Watercourses are classified as either 'Ordinary Watercourse' or 'Main River'. Main Rivers are typically larger streams and rivers, but some are smaller watercourses of local significance. Main rivers are nationally managed by the Environment Agency (EA).

Ordinary Watercourses are watercourses that are not part of a main river and include streams, ditches, drains, cuts, culverts, dykes, sluices, sewers (other than public sewers) and passages, through which water flows. Landowners or residents who own land or property situated next to a main river or ordinary watercourse 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.

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Please note: If the ditch connects with a culvert (pipe) then the bottom of the ditch should be excavated (and maintained) to a few inches below the entrance of the pipe to help prevent leaf litter and other debris from entering the culvert and blocking it. No wire grates/mesh should be placed before an inlet to a culvert unless prior consent has been given by Hampshire County Council. For further information and advice, please see: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/landowners-flood-risk-guidance-leaflet.pdf>



Hedges and foliage on pavements, public footpaths and highways

We would respectfully remind all parishioners and landowners of their responsibilities for maintaining their hedges, in particular those that are adjacent to the highway, pavement or a public footpath. They should be cut back to the property boundary, as some overgrowth has severely narrowed the footpaths. It is important for the safety of users that overhanging foliage is cut back. If anyone encounters any difficulties with overgrowth, please contact the Parish office.



Wellow Twinning Association 'Fun' Race Night, Saturday, 26th January 2016.

A date for your 2016 diary - a 'Fun' Race Night with hot supper at Wellow Village Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets are £10.00 and are available from Sandra Tutton - Tel 01794 322852 and Peter Thaxter - Tel 01794 322852. Come along and join in the fun!!



St Margaret's Church Christmas Services

29th November 6.00pm - Advent Service of Light attended by the Bishop of Southampton.

13th December 3.30pm - Wellow Churches Service at Wellow Village Hall.

Christmas Eve 4.00pm - Come to the Manger Children's Service.

11.30pm - Midnight Service - Holy Communion.

Christmas Day 8.15am - Holy Communion.

9.15am - Family Service.



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 December 2015 - (Planning and General Purposes Committee 6.45 pm, Full Council 7.15 pm)

Monday, 11th January 2016 - (Planning and General Purposes Committee 6.45 pm, Full Council 7.15 pm)

Monday, 1st February 2016 - (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 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!!



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

