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Parish Council meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month, except August and December, in the Village Hall at 7 pm. Planning committee meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of the month. Time is allowed for the public to raise any concerns and ask questions at the beginning of the meetings.

Chairman's Notes

It's raining again as I write this Newsletter but fortunately not flooding. A year ago the Parish Council set up the Flood Action Group. Despite the Group making some progress, drivers are still getting stuck regularly and in some cases writing their vehicles off. If flood water looks too deep to drive through, don't drive through it!!

We have had the Remembrance Day Parade, Christmas Fun Evening and Pancake races since the last Newsletter. All these events were a great success and we thank the Events Committee members, all the volunteers who ensure safety on these occasions and particularly Russell Horne with the Christmas lights installation and Bronya Szatkowska for officiating at the races.

There is no increase in the Parish Council Tax Precept this year. Despite losing the Council Tax Support Grant this should enable us to reinvest in the playground and replace the bus shelter whilst possibly providing another one. The Council Tax Precept remains not only below other comparable villages but also well below the average level for the Forest as a whole.

The Presentment to the Court of Verderers in October was successful with regard to SuperFast Broadband in the village. After long negotiations, to which the Parish Council was not a party, planning permission has now been granted by the National Park Authority. BT Openreach will need authority to complete the work from Natural England as the cabling will be on a SSSI designated zone in Rhinefield Road. Equally, Hampshire Highways need to complete the reinstatement of the road foundation behind the Rhinefield Road stream wall to accommodate the cabling prior

to a duct repair. On the subject of BT, the Parish Council, after a meeting with residents, has expressed an interest in adopting the three telephone boxes in the parish, namely, Butts Lawn, South Weirs and Tiptoe Road, Wootton.

CCTV was first suggested in April 2014, since which time the police area has doubled. Councillors have considered a full and detailed report on the potential installation, coming to the conclusion that despite public support a scheme should not be progressed. Indeed, it is quite clear that with the low numbers of burglaries in the village the processing of personal data could not be justified by the Information Commissioner as proportionate or necessary.

Finally, we have responded to the National Park Authority Local Plan suggesting that it should incorporate advertising control. We re-emphasised the need to work together with New Forest District Council following its consultation on local development plans. In the earlier consultation we highlighted our concerns regarding the impact of increased traffic on Brockenhurst, the potential damage to the National Park and additional pressure on infrastructure.

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place this year on Tuesday 25th April at 7.00 pm, with refreshments available from 6.45 pm. Please come along and hear what has been happening in the village over the last year. Community groups are invited to come and give a report so if you would like to take up this offer please contact the Clerk.

Best wishes

Pete Wales

Planning Update

We strive to get the best planning decisions for Brockenhurst but this is not easy, as there are so many differences of opinions and requirements to be recognised and incorporated in the final decision.

We attend the National Park Development Control Committee in Lymington when there is a Brockenhurst application involved. I would like to point out that applicants and objectors are able to speak and put their views to both the Parish Council planning committee and the NPA Development Control committee. Please contact the Clerk for dates of planning committee meetings. If you have put in an application or if you would like support in an objection then come to the meetings so your view can be taken into account in forming opinion.

Work has recently commenced on part two of Vinneys Close. This uses

up the last piece of publicly-owned land in Brockenhurst, as far as we know. The only other way to obtain additional affordable homes is to make use of existing sites which may come up for redevelopment.

The government require more houses to be built nationally. To this end more houses will be constructed on the edge of the National Park. e.g. Christchurch and Southampton, which will have an impact on the infrastructure of the New Forest as more people will use the services provided by the NP Authority and NF District Council.

For anyone who would like to know more there is a 106 page government document, available on the internet. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/fixing-our-broken-housing-market-consultation>

John Korbey

Pooh-sticks & Poo-bags

Pooh-sticks is a well established delight in the New Forest. Poo-bags may not be a delight as such, but are certainly the best option for dealing with dog-poo when binned or taken home. The decision to bag dog-poo and then to thoughtlessly throw it into the undergrowth or deliberately hang it neatly on a bush is by far the worst option. Admittedly over time the dog-poo becomes degraded by bacteria whilst still in the bag, but the bag itself is left as an unsightly plastic remnant in the ecosystem, hazardous to livestock and wildlife. In addition, it really is an unpleasant task for litter pickers to be faced with picking up bagged dog-poo simply because someone else chose not to be responsible for their own dog. Better to just leave dog-poo lying where it drops, kick-it to one side or flick it away with a stick. Poo-sticks?!

MUGA News

The public campaign to raise the £100k needed to build a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Highwood Road has got off to flying start. Funds so far committed exceed 60% of the estimated cost but more help is needed. Can you help? Veolia Environmental Trust has awarded the maximum grant of £50,000, and the Parish Council, £1000. Over £500 has already been raised at the local Tesco store and the group has been chosen the token charity for both Waitrose (Lymington) and Tesco in the New Forest area for March & April, potentially raising over £5000. For further information please contact Lynsey Davis on 01590 622957.

TABLE TOP SALE

At the Masonic Hall in aid of MUGA funds on Saturday 27th May 10 - 4, Tables £5. There will also be a demonstration of the new Defibrillator and First Aid. Please contact Iain Hayter on 622009 for further details.

War Memorial Garden Refurbishment

In 1919, on land gifted by the Morant estate and originally the site of the village pond, the village erected the current war memorial. Over the years changes have been made to its setting, especially after livestock were excluded in the 1960s. The garden is widely used as a green space by both villagers and visitors. However, the paving surrounding the memorial is now in a poor state of repair. The garden suffers water-logging as the pond infilling with impermeable clay has left it with poor and uneven drainage and much of the current planting is in need of attention. As the centenary of the end of the First World War is approaching, the Council last year, as custodian and owner of the memorial, resolved to enhance the garden as part of its contribution to that event. The draft plans were exhibited at the Annual Parish Meeting. These involve the replacement of the paving and the curing of the drainage issue around the monument. Additional planting is planned to extend the seasons of interest and more seating will be provided. The costs are being met from developers contributions rather than Parish Council funds. Works will begin shortly and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

The Nalder Trust

The Parish Council owns four flats at Homeforde House as a result of the bequest of Miss Nalder in 1993. If you would like to be considered to become a resident of one of the flats, or have a relative who might please contact the Clerk using the details on the back page. Please be aware that applicants must be unable to provide their own housing and must have close connections with Brockenhurst in order to be considered. This legacy has brought huge benefit to those who have lived in the flats previously and who live there now so if you are able to please consider a bequest to add to the fund.

NEW FOREST MARATHON ROUTE MAP AND DETAILS

Date: Sunday September 10th 2017

Race Start Times: Full 9.00am, Half 9:55am, 10k 10.25am, 5k 10:40am



NB: Numbers marked on the map indicate mileage markers of the Marathon route

- Rhinefield Road will be closed between the A35 and Beachern Wood Car Park from 9.00am until 1.30pm.
- North Weirs track - Restricted movement while the peak flow of runners pass between 10am-11.00am. Please exit via Burley Road until 1.30. Although runners will be using this until 4pm, numbers will be light so we aim to maintain access in and out of properties throughout this period. Please drive with extreme caution and add a little extra time for your journey.
- Burley Road will be closed between North Weirs and the The Rise between 9.50am and 11.00am while peak flow of runners cross onto the track leading to Brockenhurst Primary School. Following this period it will be a marshaled crossing point allowing traffic flow.
- Burley Road from Wilverley top to North Weirs will be accessible for residents and businesses only.
- Sway Road will remain open both ways with a 1m lane coned off for runners between the school and the T-junction after the railway bridge. (Please drive with caution)
- A diversion route will be implemented to give access to Brockenhurst village via Longslade Bottom.

More information can be found on the residents section of the New Forest Marathon Website. www.newforestmarathon.co.uk or by emailing us at info@newforestmarathon.co.uk

**BROCKENHURST
PARISH COUNCIL**

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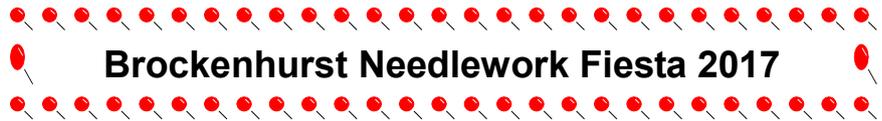
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Your Parish Council Office is open Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 10 am - 12 noon. Other times by appointment.



Brockenhurst Needlework Fiesta 2017

Saturday 22nd April 2017 (10am to 5pm) & Sunday 23rd April 2017 (10am to 3.30pm)

Brockenhurst Village Hall

£3.00 entrance. Light refreshments kindly provided by the WI.

Proceeds used to support local textile groups and raise funds for Brockenhurst Village Trust. Stalls and exhibits range from the traditional to the contemporary and include embroidery and embellishment, weaving, beading, patchwork,

yarn, threads, fabric, dressmaking and much more. Both local and national traders and on hand to share their infectious enthusiasm, invaluable knowledge and experience and to supply you with all the specialist books, tools and materials you could possibly need.

www.brockenhurstfiesta.co.uk
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**Allotments
At Black Knoll**

We have a couple of allotments vacant at Black Knoll. If you are interested in having one please contact the Parish Clerk on the details above.

**New Parish Council Website
and email address**

Work is progressing on our redesigned website and we hope to launch it in the next two months. To make it available more widely it will be smart phone/ tablet friendly and use the same URL www.brockenhurst.gov.uk Due to changes at our ISP we also need to change our email address. The new address will be **clerk@brockenhurst.gov.uk** and will be in use from mid April.

**ANZAC Day Service
and Poppy Appeal**

The Annual ANZAC Day Service will take place this year on Sunday 23rd April at 3pm at the Commonwealth War Graves at St. Nicholas' Churchyard. The service honours those who died here during the First World War.

**NEW POPPY APPEAL
ORGANISER NEEDED**

The RBL are looking for a volunteer to take over the running of the annual Poppy Appeal. He or she need not be a member of the RBL though we would like to welcome them into the Branch. It is a task which has a very busy October and November, but other months of calm. Full support will be available with two previous "volunteers" happy to provide guidance (but not interference!). If you feel that you can take on this worthy cause then please contact Mike Matthews (Chairman) on 624033 / mandmat@tiscali.co.uk or Tim Thomas (Deputy Chairman) on 622494 / jotiheth@btinternet.com.

**Brockenhurst Village
Directory**

The 2017 edition of the Directory has now been published and most households have already received their copy. If you have not had one please let the Clerk know by email or phone. Please note that some will go out via the post with this newsletter.

**Message from the Mayor
of Pont St. Martin**

A message from the Mayor of Pont St. Martin following the attack in London. We are grateful for their kindness.

"Blind terrorism has struck again, in the heart of London. Some young French students from Concarneau are also among the injured. Be assured of my support and that of our community. We are close to you and feel your pain.

Yves Francois