



## COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

**NEWSLETTER: MAY 2016**

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### **The Parish Council Newsletter**

Welcome to the May edition of the Parish Council Newsletter. A copy of the Newsletter will also be available on the Council's website early in May.

### **Local Beat Officer Changes**

As has been reported elsewhere, our current Beat Officer, Rachel Gallimore, is moving on. The Police service is undertaking some Officer moves within the New Forest East Teams at Lyndhurst and Totton. As part of those changes, Rachel will now be taking the Totton Town Centre role. A new team covering an area including the Parish will be operated from the Lyndhurst Police Station and the new Officer contacts are PC Steven Norris and PCSO Richard Williams.

The Parish Council would like to extend our thanks to Rachel for all her work with us in the Parish and her involvement in the community on a variety of issues. We wish Rachel well in her new role and look forward to working with the new contacts from Lyndhurst Police Station.

Thanks Rachel, for all your help and support!

### **Winsor United Sports Club**

Winsor United Sports Club is in need of a new site and is making an appeal for help in locating one somewhere in the Parish.

Re-formed in 1971 by local person Bob Higman, the club originally used the common adjacent to Paulton's cricket club, where it developed 3 pitches and a large wooden building. When Paulton's put the land out to auction, the village pledged £40,000 to purchase the land, but unfortunately this was not enough.

The club runs 20 teams, from 6 years old to adults, comprised mainly of local people. It is also planning to run several girl's teams. The Club has registered status and is sanctioned by Hampshire FA. All its coaches are CRB

registered, and all have coaching qualifications. The club also works directly with Totton Police in supporting young people in difficulty, to help them with their problems.

The 7 to 11 year olds' teams play on dedicated pitches supplied by the leagues, but the club needs to find a suitable site to develop a small and full size pitch, for its other teams for 12 to 16 year olds. The club would like the new site also to be available as a community sports resource for local people from 6 to 16 years old.

Over the last 40 years, the club has achieved great success with its teams throughout the age groups. And this year, the Adult Winsor Team, are through to the Hampshire Cup Final on 24<sup>th</sup> April, at the Denplan Stadium, Winchester!

If you can help the club with its search, please could you get in touch with either:

#### **Mike Whittle, Club Chairman**

Home Tel: 02380873660

Mobile: 07753858081

Email: [mikewhittle492@btinternet.com](mailto:mikewhittle492@btinternet.com)

or

#### **Ron Foreman, Club Secretary**

Home Tel: 02380392629

Email: [lynsf@live.co.uk](mailto:lynsf@live.co.uk)

### **Temporary Road Closures**

The Parish Council has been notified of temporary road closure notices which have been raised by Hampshire County Council Highways, within the Parish, to come into effect next month.

The closures are being put in place at **Brockishill Road, Bartley, between its junction with the A337 Lyndhurst Road** and at the junction with **Beechwood Road**, to facilitate the replacement of 2 cattle grids. The actual date for the implementation of the works has not yet been programmed, but the 'Temporary Traffic Regulation Order' will come into effect on the 9<sup>th</sup> May.

HCC Highways have advised us that they will provide information boards at the Bartley location to give road users notification of the actual dates of the closures. They have also advised that the closures will not be in place concurrently, as the cattle grid works will be undertaken one at a time, with the grid near the junction with Chinham Road being replaced first.

The contact for the works is:

**Keith Holdsworth, at HCC Highways**

Tel: 0300 555 1388

Email: [keith.holdsworth@hants.gov.uk](mailto:keith.holdsworth@hants.gov.uk)

### ***The 'Forest Conqueror Event'***

The Council has been sent details of a major cycling event set to take place in the Forest on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016.

**UK Cycling Events** organises amateur, non-competitive cycling events in different areas of the country on a regular basis. Their aim is to provide an enjoyable event where cyclists of all ages can ride safely. There are three routes – the Epic Route; the Standard Route and the Short Route. The Epic and Standard Routes will pass directly through the Parish, traversing it via Bartley, Cadnam, Newbridge and then on up to Bramshaw.

The organisers will be placing signage at many different points on the courses and cycle event marshals will be present at a large number of locations to manage the event on the ground. The marshals are there to notify cyclists of any road issues ahead and *not* to direct or control normal traffic.

The two routes which pass through the Parish are expected to attract a total of 800 cyclists, so it will be a busy event. Further notices and information will be placed on the routes in advance of the event. A copy of the routes, for information, will be placed with this newsletter on the Parish Council web site early in May.

If you wish to know more, (or indeed, if you are feeling particularly keen and energetic and want to take part...), the event organisers can be contacted on:

01425 653372 or via their website:

<http://www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/>

### ***The Parish Council Seeks a New Clerk***

The Clerk to the Council, Mike Mortimer, has resigned and will be leaving us in the near future.

The role of the Parish Council Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, to give its full title, is absolutely key to the work of the Council and all its activities and without a Clerk, the Council could not function. This is a part time role and the Council is currently reviewing the job description to ensure that the role is appropriately described in terms of the current and future expected work programmes the Council will be undertaking.

If you want to know more, including details of role description and the closing date for applications, please see the Council's website at [www.copythorne.org.uk](http://www.copythorne.org.uk) or contact the Parish Clerk – details below.

### ***Parish Council meetings***

The Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7.00 pm in the Copythorne Parish Hall (rear extension). Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meetings and speak on any matter of concern at the start. The dates of the next few meetings are:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Planning Meeting

Full Council - Annual General Meeting

Planning Meeting

Full Council Meeting

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