

## Introduction

Welcome to your Parish Newsletter. If you wish to write an article or advertise a future event please write to the Parish Clerk at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards BH24 2PJ. Next issue due out in December

**Please contact the parish clerk if you know of anyone who would like a large print version of this newsletter**

## Post Office to Stock Brown Bin Liners

From August, the village Post Office has agreed to stock supplies of brown bin bag liners.

Brown bins can be used for surplus soft garden waste such as grass clippings and flower stems, but must not be used for tree clippings.

**Please remember** if you move house to leave behind any supplies of liners for the new owner.

## Trees

There are many tree preservation orders within the Parish. Always check if in any doubt with the Tree Section of the District Council 01202 886201. Damaging, felling a tree under this protection could cost you a considerable sum.

Recently a Parishioner of this Parish was fined over £6,000 for ignoring the advice of the Tree Officer.

## St Ives First School Prize giving

On Friday 22nd July the Chairman of the Parish Council was invited to present the prizes at the School. The Parish Council is pleased to be able to support our local school by sponsoring and presenting the following prizes annually.



Winners, Sarah Phillips, Music, Samuel Milsom KS1, Rachel Stevens KS2, Chairman of the Parish Council, Mrs Kathy Gamble, Mr Calvert, Headteacher

The school has earned a richly-deserved reputation as a very good school for its academic record and the behaviour of its pupils. In turn, this reputation attracts high quality teachers and teaching assistants ensuring continuity. It is strongly supported by the incredibly active and hugely successful St Ives School Association (SISA) which provides spectacular Fireworks night displays, Strawberry Fayres, amateur dramatics events.

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## Anyone for Tennis?

The Tennis Club at the Village Hall is currently refurbishing the 4 courts. They should reopen from the middle of October with an all weather surface. If you would like to join the Club or just pay and play please ring 01425 489388.

## Dialaride

### CAN WE HELP YOU?

For people in wheelchairs and those who have difficulty using public transport.

Pick up from your home to the destination of your choice. Just a call away ring **01202 880699 9.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday**

**Your Parish Council sponsors this scheme to help those with reduced mobility within our community. Please use it.**

- Are you between 12-21?
- Do you live in St Leonards & St Ives?
- Looking for something new to do?
- Like to meet new friends?

The Freedom Youth Club offers social activities from Snooker, Table Tennis, Regular BBQ's and Organised Trips to somewhere where you can simply 'chill out', listen to music, watch a video and enjoy a coke with like minded friends.

Freedom Youth Club is open on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7pm situated in its own clubhouse, located to the rear of the Parish Hall in Braeside Road

Youth Leaders Nadene and John invite you to 'pop along'.

*Cllr. Tilly & Cllr. J House*

### **Ringwood & District Probus Club - An Organisation for Retired Men**

Shortly after moving from the Purbecks, eight years ago, I joined the Ringwood and District Probus Club, an organisation for retired men. I found that joining the Club put me in touch with a very sociable group of people.

The amount of commitment is not great a monthly luncheon, coffee mornings, annual luncheons, an annual dinner and occasional days out. At present, the club meets for its luncheons in Fordingbridge, owing to the lack of suitable venues in Ringwood. The coffee mornings are held at David Lloyd, Ringwood. Partners are welcome at our events, apart from the monthly luncheon.

If you are interested in hearing more give our Secretary, Mr Gwyn Lewis a ring, His telephone is 01425 656766.

*Cllr. P Burrows*

### **Beware - The "Congratulations" Scam And The "Lotto Win" Scam**

"Congratulations you have won a £10,000 prize" Ever had one of those calls? If you haven't been given back-up evidence then it's not your lucky day.

The money doesn't exist. Just as you are about to receive the cash there is a last minute delay. There is always an excuse. This is the point where you part with your initial payment. Once done, you are persuaded to send more, because you don't want to write off the cash you have already sent.

**THIS "LOTTO WIN" SCAM COULD BE EVEN MORE COSTLY**

You are faxed, emailed or telephoned the good news that you've been allocated the winning numbers in the overseas lottery. If you reply, frequent telephone calls will build a rapport. You'll get genuine looking letters and winning certificates in the post.

You'll be asked to send money upfront to release your "win". Your cash will go to an UK P.O. Box address, before it is re-routed overseas.  
THE BOTTOM LINE: Contact the Office of Fair Trading on 08457 224499 if you are approached.

Put the phone down as soon as you hear words telling you of a prize. NEVER hand over your bank account details or send advance fees. ONLY deal with firms regulated by the Financial Services Authority. HELP LINE 0845 606 1234

*Cllr. Crow*

### **All things bright and beautiful**

Your Council work hard at a number of levels to try to retain and enhance the attractiveness of the area, in the belief that many parishioners would expect us to

do so. We are also keen to facilitate and encourage members of the community to get involved in active and practical ways, both alongside councillors and by joining or supporting existing organisations.

The Parish Council Planning Committee always take a dim view of applications which entail loss of trees that are a visual amenity and commonly important for wildlife, and, increasingly, the march of concrete over gardens. We would like to start a voluntary tree warden scheme-let us know if you are interested.

We are proud to have within the Parish two heathland habitats internationally important for birds and reptiles and attracting conservation protection status. Avon Heath and Lions Hill. The Friends of Avon Heath is a group of volunteer parishioners who support management work in the park and other activities at the Visitor Centre. New friends are always welcome, if you want to find out more, contact 01425 478470

The smaller, but no less important reserve at Lions Hill, is owned by the Herpetological Trust. A small group of parishioners actively volunteer in support of the management of this reserve, and if you would like to join their number, then Brian Kliger would be pleased to hear from you on 01425 474425.

Both reserves welcome responsible dog-walkers. It is very easy, through lack of understanding, to cause significant damage to the breeding success of ground-nesting birds and lizards which are totally dependent on heathland. Dog waste deposited in these areas destroys the heather! We would ask all parishioners exercising dogs to prevent their animals straying off the paths or consider alternative open space sites.

*Cllr Willetts*

## Planning Applications

The Planning Committee sit every three weeks to discuss applications from within the Parish. If you feel you may have a comment to make write to the Parish Clerk at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards BH24 2PJ

## St. Leonards and St Ives commences the launch of a Parish Plan

Many of you may be aware of the Government's initiative to encourage each Parish to create a plan for its community. This plan is to be generated through consultation with the Parish residents and will feature what is most important for the community and may also make it easier to obtain grants.

As you will appreciate, this initiative requires taking into consideration factors that currently affect all in the community.

In support, the Parish Council recently held a Cheese and Wine evening Where key issues facing the community were discussed and many of the attendees provided their written views as follows:

Transportation & roads	27%
Housing & development	23%
Environment & Conservation	16%
Services & Maintenance	7%
Crime Prevention & Security	4%
Youth Activities	4%
Recreation & Leisure	4%
Miscellaneous	6%

### The top three were:

- **Transportation and Roads** (road capacity, "rat runs", speeding and public transport)

- **Housing and Development** (volume, infills, design and planning guidelines)
- **Environment and conservation** (tree felling, loss of open spaces and enforcement of local laws)

The Cheese and Wine evening also resulted in the recruitment of 15 enthusiastic volunteers plus two parish councillors keen to support the creation of a Parish Plan. This team, known as the St. Leonard's and St Ives Steering Committee is committed to identifying all the key issues facing this parish.

Clearly the snapshot poll of issues shown above is only the first step, therefore we need to hear the views and aspirations for this Parish from everyone, retired folk, those of younger years, families, teenagers and also very important the children. We will be providing you with more opportunities to make your views known so, PLEASE, don't miss your chance and help us to make a difference through the generation of a Parish Plan.

*Cllr J House.*

## Speeding Traffic In our Parish

Parishioners have very correctly highlighted the incidence of vehicles travelling at speeds above the 30mph and 40mph limits, in force within our Parish. We have all experienced vehicles appearing from nowhere in our rear view mirrors almost bumper hugging, when we are driving within the limit, and sometimes overtaking us. Who are these transgressors? I have found that many of them are obviously retired, with little or no pressures on their time. Most of these people would be mortified if they were caught speeding! Without being holier than thou, could I suggest that all of us in this Parish should attempt to drive

always within the local speed limits? It would be a good start and such a Community alliance may help to slow down through traffic. I think it would be well worth trying!

*Cllr Burrows*

## Know Your Councillors

Councillor	Ward
Peter Burrows	West
Jim Crow	South
Ray C. Dudman	West
Mike R. Dyer	South
Mrs Kathy Gamble, Chairman	East
Noel R.Hindmarch	South
Mrs Jenny House	East
Mike C. Packham	East
A. Paul Thackray	East
Ted Tilly	East
Mrs Ann Warman	West
Graham J Willetts, Vice-Chairman	West

## Mobile Library

<b>Tuesdays fortnightly</b>	
Braeside Road. St Leonards	9.30 - 11.00
Monkworthy Drive	11.10 - 11.45
Ex-Servicemen's Club	11.55 - 12.25
Sunnyside Park	16.40 - 17.00
<b>Wednesdays fortnightly</b>	
Oak Tree Farm, St Leonards	9.30 - 10.30

## Parish Web Site

For information on the Council, including the Minutes of the last meeting, details of local organisations please see our web site at

[www.stleonardspc.org.uk](http://www.stleonardspc.org.uk)

## BADGER SURVEY

Dear Householder

The Badger Consultancy carrying out a survey of badgers in gardens in this parish and ask for your co-operation in completing the questionnaire below. By collecting as much information as possible they can ensure that the necessary environmental and ecological concerns are properly taken into account when considering any proposals for change.

Your answers will only be used in relation to this survey. You may well not be sure that what you have seen has been dug by/caused by a badger. If so, in addition to ticking the "possibly" column, please describe what you have seen in more detail.

If you wish to talk to someone about the questionnaire, please contact Penny Lewns of the Badger Consultancy on 01249 740261 or by email on [Penny@badgerconsultancy.co.uk](mailto:Penny@badgerconsultancy.co.uk).

<b>YOUR NAME, ADDRESS &amp; TELEPHONE NO.:</b>				
	Yes	Possibly	Not any more	No - never
<b>1. Have you seen badgers in your garden?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If yes, how many badgers &amp; do they visit regularly?</b>				
<b>2. Do you have a badger sett in your garden?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If yes, please describe its size, location, length of time that it has been present.</b>				
<b>3. Do badgers dig holes in your lawn and/or flowerbeds?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If yes, please describe - do they contain droppings, and does it happen mostly during the spring and autumn?</b>				
<b>4. Do badgers feed in your garden?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If yes, what do they feed on or damage?</b>				
<b>a) fruit bushes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b) windfall fruit</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>c) root crops</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>d) bulbs</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>e) compost heap</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>f) dustbins/rubbish</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>g) lawn (digging for invertebrates)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>h) other (please specify)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5. Do you know of a badger sett nearby?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If yes, please describe where or give a grid reference if you are able.</b>				

If you have a sett or high levels of badger activity, it would be helpful if one of our surveyors could make an appointment to visit your garden. If you are willing to be contacted, please tick here

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP AND CO-OPERATION. PLEASE RETURN YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE TO:** Mrs Ann Warman, "Bedlam", 25 Heath Road, St Leonards, Hants BH24 2PZ

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR YOU TO KEEP**  
**SOCIETIES AND COMMITTEES USING THE VILLAGE HALL**

<b>ADULT EDUCATION YOGA &amp; ART CLASSSES</b>	<b>TEL:01202 875359</b>
<b>AGE CONCERN (MONDAY)</b>	<b>01425 472691</b>
<b>ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH</b>	<b>01425 476198</b>
<b>ART GROUP Forest Edge (WED &amp; SAT)</b>	<b>01425 475535</b>
<b>ASHLEY HEATH W.I.</b>	<b>01425 476844</b>
<b>AUDIO VISUAL</b>	<b>01425 638601</b>
<b>BOURNEMOUTH TAX DISCUSSION GROUP</b>	<b>01202 425511</b>
<b>BADMINTON CLUB (Tuesday)</b>	<b>01202 894353</b>
<b>BRAESIDE ART GROUP</b>	<b>01202 874206</b>
<b>BRAESIDE BOWLS CLUB</b>	<b>01425 475018</b>
<b>BRAESIDE BRIDGE CLUB</b>	<b>01425 482747</b>
<b>BRAESIDE LADIES CLUB</b>	<b>01425 474194</b>
<b>CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>01425 476319</b>
<b>DORSET WOOD TURNERS ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>01202 823212</b>
<b>FITNESS LEAGUE</b>	<b>01202 824654</b>
<b>FRIDAY CLUB - Badminton Ladies only</b>	<b>01202 870879</b>
<b>HEATHERLANDS SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB (All ages new members welcome)</b>	<b>01202 872648</b>
<b>HOMEWATCH</b>	<b>01425 475874</b>
<b>MONDAY &amp; THURSDAY DANCE CLUB</b>	<b>01202 510131</b>
<b>NEW FOREST DAHLIA CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY</b>	<b>01202 694360</b>
<b>N H S RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>01202 880981</b>
<b>PILATES</b>	<b>07763 214738</b>
<b>POULNER BAPTIST CHAPEL</b>	<b>01425 472447</b>
<b>RACHEL KING DANCE (CHILDREN'S)</b>	<b>01425 477940</b>
<b>RINGWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Sun. 10am Youth Fri 7pm Kids Club Fri 6.30pm)</b>	<b>01425 650048 /07971634391</b>
<b>RINGWOOD &amp; DISTRICT COMPUTER CLUB</b>	<b>01425 474849</b>
<b>ST. CLAIRE'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB</b>	<b>01202 303742</b>
<b>ST IVES PRE-SCHOOL</b>	<b>07799 188712</b>
<b>ST IVES SCHOOLS ASSOC. PLAYERS (SISA)</b>	<b>01425 475478</b>
<b>ST. LEONARDS &amp; ST. IVES TENNIS CLUB</b>	<b>01425 489388</b>
<b>SLIMMING WORLD (new contact from Sept)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>SQUARE DANCE (MINSTER SQUARES)</b>	<b>01202 889110</b>
<b>“ “ (HOEDOWNERS)</b>	<b>01202 748927</b>
<b>TRITON USER GROUP UK (Woodworking machinery all members welcome)</b>	<b>01202 876627</b>
<b>WHIST DRIVE (new members welcome)</b>	<b>01202 872648</b>
<b>WORLD WIDE CHURCH OF GOD</b>	<b>01202 737604</b>
<b>YOGA (Wed 7-8.30pm)</b>	<b>01202 605514</b>
<b>SCOUT HUT</b>	
<b>ST LEONARDS RAINBOWS</b>	<b>01425 479454</b>
<b>ST. LEONARDS BROWNIES</b>	<b>01425 479454</b>
<b>ST. LEONARDS GUIDES</b>	<b>01425 479454</b>
<b>ST LEONARDS BEAVERS</b>	<b>07990 601725</b>
<b>ST. LEONARDS CUBS</b>	<b>01425 470741</b>
<b>ST LEONARDS SCOUTS</b>	<b>01425 470741</b>