

Your Council

In May the Council decided to install a 7 a-side pitch and goals at the Horton Road village green. This has proved very popular with youngsters and grandparents alike. Some additional sockets have now arrived so that a second pitch can be put in parallel to the original and allow one pitch to "rest" from time to time.

Plans to refurbish the play area at Braeside are well underway. After consultation, some minor amendments to the plan have been made and we are currently trying to obtain grant funding.

The Parish Plan steering group are still enthusiastically working on collating the information from the open day and questionnaires. Currently this is in the consultation with "other bodies" stage to see how some of the matters arising can be resolved.

Besides these plans you may have seen articles on the development plans for East Dorset. The Parish Council is a consultee on these issues and is currently working extremely hard reviewing and formulating a response to the Regional Spatial Strategy, Local Development Framework and Bournemouth Airport plans.

Your Councillors will have attended 52 meetings of the Council this year in addition to representing your interests on the Dorset Association, Avon Heath Liaison Panel, Village Hall Committee, District Council and County Council amongst others. Please bear in mind that they are volunteers working on your behalf. Parish Council meetings are open to the press and public,

look for the agendas on the Parish noticeboards sited at the Village Hall, Post Office, Doctors Surgery, One Stop, Hurn Road, A31 end of Boundary Lane, and Oaktree Caravan Park.

What's in a Name?

To generate some interest at Parish Plan events, the idea arose to investigate how the names St Leonards and St Ives came about.

The original St Leonards was a chapel set up at a Rushton Farm, on the Crane River and owned by Cranborne Abbey. The first written record of a St Leonards Chapel is 1288 but it had previously been dedicated to a St Lawrence. Rushton Farm is in Domesday, but by the 1500s it becomes St Leonards Farm. The name first appears on a map when Christopher Saxton produces a set in 1575 as part of a survey for warning beacons under the threat of the Armada. The mid 1700s see turnpikes replacing random trackways that have crossed the river at Domesday's Langeforde, later Palmersbrigge, and Palmers Ford remains a name here on maps today. Our A31 turnpike crossed the river at a new St Leonards Bridge. A St Leonards Plantation is shown on the first Ordnance Survey map of 1810, roughly where the hospital is now. A farm of the name was still being shown to the north of the road on some maps, as well as a St Leonards House. St Ives has no such history. In 1167 luez appears, maybe from old English "lfet" as "a place covered in ivy". The saint first appeared in the 1820's as St Ives House is built, either to match St Leonards, or analogous to two other places so

named. Both their saints are based on myths.

Local Heritage Archive

From the interest generated by the Open Day, consideration is being given to form a Heritage Archive.

You may be able to help

Do you have any interesting facts, memories or old pictures that could be included in our history?

Please contact John Hawkins via the Parish Office at the Village Hall. We promise to take care of them and return them after copying.

Police Report Summer 2006

The summer months are without doubt upon us, with record temperatures being reached in July.

Over the last few months we have seen an increase in dwelling burglaries and thefts from motor vehicles. We understand that the weather has been extremely hot but we ask that you stay vigilant and don't leave windows and doors open, even if you are in the garden. It only takes a matter of seconds for someone to enter your home! Sat Nav's are our main problem when it comes to thefts from motor vehicles and we urge people to remove both the device and its holder from the vehicle when it is not being used. Never leave the windows open or the car unlocked, even if it is for a short period.

As you are aware our surgeries took place between the months of

May and July at the Parish Office in St Ives. We were very disappointed to say that we only had a handful of visitors in the time we were there, yet one of the issues that was raised from the Parish Plan, amongst other things, was lack of police accessibility. We hopefully will look to organise some further surgeries in the not too distant future, but it will be a waste of police time if we set them up and no one attends, as we could be out on the streets patrolling. This is an extremely useful resource and it would be a shame to lose it.

As always if you are experiencing any problems please contact either Julia Wilkinson or myself on our office phone, which also has an answer machine on 01202 226027 or e-mail us at julia.wilkinson@dorset.pnn.police.uk or sara.freestone@dorset.pnn.police.uk

If it is an emergency please call 999 or for any other non-emergency calls please phone 01202 222 222. If we are on duty they will get a message to us or send someone else if required.

Dogs, dogs, dogs

As population increases and the demands on recreational space grow, it is even more important to clear up after your dog. Let us not tiptoe around the subject but step right in it!! Besides being totally antisocial and down right disgusting, the germs and bacteria in dog faeces can make you very ill and even cause blindness. Do you want to be responsible for anyone going blind? Would you like to sit in it, walk it in to your home? Of course not, so please clear it up. The Parish Council will not hesitate to enforce its recently adopted dog policy, which could result in a criminal conviction for breaching a byelaw. A conviction that will stay with you indefinitely, somewhat embarrassing with this new age of Criminal Record Bureau checks coming in for most jobs.

If another member of your family or a friend walks your dog, please make sure they are aware of their responsibility and have the means to clear up.

Forest Edge Art Group

We are a group of artists who meet every other Saturday in the annexe at the Village Hall. We have no tutor, we paint purely for our own pleasure. It's a great way for like-minded people to get together, make new friends, and paint in any medium of their choice. Anyone interested in joining us please ring Lynne on 01425 480682 or Margaret on 01202 826902 for more information.

Village Hall

Under the careful eye of the Village Hall Management Committee the staff at the Village Hall have been hard at work on a programme of redecoration. If you have not visited this hidden asset within the Parish recently try and make the time to do so. In February the Parish Council managed to secure a large grant from Community Action For Dorset this was for new fire proof stage curtains. Since then the main hall and annex have been redecorated, the floors resurfaced, the annex also has new curtains.

If you are planning a function the hall is purpose made, with its stainless steel commercial kitchen, spacious hall which can fit a bouncy castle, stage lighting and speaker system, why on earth struggle at home? To hire the facilities, contact Lisa Johnson on 01425 475807.

Sport and Leisure at the Village Hall

There really is no excuse to be bored in St Leonards & St Ives. Get active! On offer at Braeside Road we have:
The Bowls Club an enthusiastic group with Ladies and Mens teams and an all-weather playing carpet.

The Tennis Club – a brand-new all weather playing surface on all four courts makes this a state of the art experience for all tennis fans. Whether of a league or just pleasure standard of play it is a must! A new coach is enthusiastically establishing a strong junior section. Maybe we could have our own budding Henman in the Parish.

Besides these two sports clubs, there are regular slots for Yoga, over 50's exercise, Pilates, badminton, table tennis, and indoor bowls.

If you're not quite so active, there are several art groups at lots of different levels, an audio visual group, bridge club, wood turning and Koi society.

I am sure I will have still missed some additional groups so why not come along and take a look at the main noticeboard in the main entrance and see what other groups have on offer.

Body Control Pilates

Did you know that Body Control Pilates® classes and private lessons are available in the Village Hall?

Pilates has been much praised by Physiotherapists, Chiropractors and Osteopaths as an excellent exercise method with which to relieve the stresses and strains of modern lifestyles on both the mind and the body. Pilates is a unique system of stretching and strengthening exercises which are designed to both strengthen deep postural muscles, and lengthen and release tight muscles that can hold the body out of alignment. Pilates requires the integration of mind and body resulting in benefits for posture, breathing and relaxation. A basic level of fitness is required for group classes, though private lessons are suitable for those with specific joint problems who are not yet ready to join a class. Classes are held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the day and early evening. For more information about Pilates please call me, Ann Dickson on

Jubilee Copse

This is a small woodland copse of approximate 0.5 hectare, in the centre of Ashley Park South. The Parish Council's duty is to maintain the copse so that it can be enjoyed by the residents of the Parish for generations to come. Whilst not wishing to alter its character some form of management plan, with minimal intervention, is needed to ensure the natural balance is maintained. The Council intends formulating a management plan which will increase the biodiversity of the site, encourage the native deciduous trees already established and remove the non-native "garden plants" such as the rhododendron.

A31 Speed Limit

Now in operation and being enforced by the Dorset Police.

When Bonfires are not so Bon!

We all recognise that sunshine makes things grow in our gardens and being by nature tidy souls we do in general like to keep everything looking lovely. There is however also a need to think twice before you light that bonfire. Is it a lovely day and time to be in the garden? Do your neighbours have washing on the line? Perhaps they have children playing outside. Will the smoke from your bonfire drift across the street and into other people's gardens and or the garden behind you? Of course there is always the thought of what is it doing to the environment and is a bonfire really necessary anyway?

So if you feel the urge to put a light to that pile of debris, please stop and think twice. No one enjoys the anti-social and environmental effects of other people's bonfires.

Age Concern Appeal

Age Concern would like to thank the Parish Council for their financial support over the past year.

We would also like to appeal to anyone reading this that we are always in need of volunteers at our day centres held at the Village Hall in Braeside Road. If you have any hours to give even just one or two hours, please pop along on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday afternoon or Friday morning. We would welcome anyone wishing to train to assist in another centre or similar line of work.

Ring Ray Dudman on 01425 475874 if you would like to find out more.

Tree Wardens Wanted

Do you love trees? Do you want to help to protect them for generations to come?

So do many within the Parish. The Parish Council is trying to establish a tree warden scheme to do so it needs volunteers who ideally would have a knowledge of different species but above all must care about their protection.

If you think you can spare some time and would like to help contact the Parish Clerk on 01425 482727. The role is voluntary.



Local 'Over 50's' needed for projects supporting older people

Are you a natural leader? Do you like to provide information and support your neighbours? If so, the Dorset Partnership for Older People Project (POPP) would like to hear from you.

Dorset POPP is a partnership between older people, voluntary organisations, Dorset County

Council, local district and borough councils, the NHS and housing authorities. It has £2.4 million funding from the Department of Health to develop supportive neighbourhoods where older people can live and receive help to stay within their local community for as long as they wish. The project will use the skills and knowledge of local older people to identify solutions at a local level.

The POPP team is now recruiting people to work locally across the Dorset area. They are looking for 33 Neighbourhood Leaders, to identify community issues and reflect the needs of the local older population; 66 Community Wayfinders who will help local people connect with advice, information, and support services; and 15 Local Evaluators to work alongside the Leaders and Wayfinders to measure change during the life of the project. If you are aged 50 or over, and are already involved with your local community as a volunteer or as a helpful neighbour, or would like to become more involved, this could be the opportunity you've been looking for. If you take on one of these exciting new roles, full expenses and payments could be available.

The POPP team is running a series of 'Recruitment Fairs' across Dorset during July, August and September. If, if you would like to receive more information, an application pack, or would just like to discuss this exciting new opportunity – please phone Sue Warr, Project Manager, Dorset POPP, Adult Services, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ or on 01305 224841 or email sue.warr@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Matchams – Public meeting to be held

An interim injunction has been granted in the High Court to restrict motocross activities at Matchams. At the time of this newsletter going to press the full written judgement is awaited, but East Dorset District Council's Steve Duckett, Head of Public Services, has confirmed that practice days will be limited to

one every 14 days. A maximum of 18 events per year can be held, which is a substantial reduction on recent intensity.

When the written judgement is received, it is intended that there will be a public meeting at the Village Hall when Mr Duckett will be able to answer questions from parishioners.

The local press is carrying letters from aggrieved motocross supporters, as well as comments from local residents who would have liked greater restrictions. Unless there is agreement between the parties, a full Court hearing is scheduled for early next year, so the issue may not be resolved yet.

Councillor Mike Dyer
Chairman

Regional Spatial Strategy

The South West Regional Assembly have sent their future plans for housing development and other issues affecting East Dorset to the Parish Council. This is our only opportunity to comment before final decisions are made next year or 2008, for developments in the period up to 2020.

The full Council discussed our response at our July meeting. Our response will include a welcoming statement for the importance given in the Strategy to ensuring the protection of the internationally important heathland in South-East Dorset from damaging housing and other developments.

We will also be expressing concerns about the capacity of the transport infrastructure and other utilities in East Dorset to absorb any new additional housing wherever it is sited. Indeed, we do not consider these resources to be sufficient to cope with existing demands on them.

Cllr Graham Willetts,
Vice-Chairman

Fireworks

I wrote in the Newsletter about this time last year with a plea for responsibility amongst Parishioners in relation to Autumn and Winter fireworks, more particularly the impact of very loud explosions and fireworks at very anti-social hours of the night. Sadly, reports from around the Parish suggest that not everyone heeded this request. There are many older people in our community. There are many dogs and other pets. Irresponsible and thoughtless use of fireworks causes great distress to vulnerable people and animals alike.

There are new regulations in place regarding noise levels and timing of fireworks. Please respect these. The Parish Council urge people suffering from the thoughtlessness and selfishness of others to contact the Police.

Enjoy Bonfire night, but please think of others in your neighbourhood. You don't need to recreate Beirut to appreciate fireworks!

Cllr. Graham Willetts

Litter

Please try and take it home and put it in your own bin. Please encourage your children to do likewise. The Parish and District Councils already pay for a weekly litter clearance of bins around the Parish and the recreation ground. To really make a difference additional litter picking is needed but this would have a serious impact on your Council Tax and your pocket. Additional litter picking is extremely expensive as extra staff and resources have to be found and paid for.

Litter is a health hazard, a nuisance and antisocial. The bottle or can left behind is likely to get broken and then possibly injure you, a child or an animal. We live in a beautiful place - let's keep it that way.

St Ives First School Swimming Pool

The Parish Council has just given a grant of £1,000 to the School Association to help with installing new showers for the swimming pool.

The pool is open during the summer holidays to the public and the Association is constantly looking at ways of increasing public access to increase income to keep the pool running, for the children and the Parish. Please help them by going along at £1.50 a session it really is excellent value and a worthy cause.

Notice Boards

Parish Council Notice Boards can be found at the following locations:

- 1 One Stop car park, Horton Road
- 2 Cornerways Surgery, Woolsbridge Road
- 3 The Village Hall, Braeside Road
- 4 Junction A31 and Boundary Lane
- 5 Oak Tree Farm
- 6 St Ives Post Office
- 7 By junction of Greenacres Close and Hurn Road, Ashley

These notice boards are used for the display of all meetings and important civic notices, names and addresses of your County, District and Parish Councillors. They are updated regularly.

Mobile Library Information

Tuesdays fortnightly – Route B6
St Leonards – Braeside Road
09.30 – 11.00
Monkworthy Drive
11.00 – 11.30
Ex-Servicemen's Club
11.40 – 12.00
Sunnyside Park
16.40 – 17.00

Tuesdays fortnightly – Route B1
St Leonards – Oak Tree Farm
10.00 – 10.20

Web Site

www.stleonardspc.org.uk