



Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council NEWS

...keeping the community informed

WINTER 2019



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**Location of Crowhill
Green play area**

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Play Equipment Survey...

The Leisure Committee at its meeting on 10 December reviewed the results of the recent survey for the New Century Park Play Area. Thank you to all who responded. Unexpected negotiations are still taking place with the Scouts regarding the hut at Shorts Road. As such, the Committee determined to defer consideration of this matter until its meeting in February. The Parish Council will publish on its Facebook page and website, details of the issues to be discussed at this meeting nearer the time. The Parish Council will also shortly be adding on its website and

Facebook page, a link to a survey seeking views from residents on the play area at Crowhill Green. Residents will have seen that some of the artwork (funded by Section 106 monies) has been put up at the Woodland Community Centre. More artwork will be installed around the development in the Spring. We hope to keep the momentum up and theme of this art work in the new play area. Please look out for the link as we would very much welcome the views of our residents, particularly those residents living on this development.

Fair Oak Cemetery



In order to keep the Cemetery looking nice, visitors are advised that any memorabilia left from Christmas will be removed by the Parish Council staff the first week in February.



Chairman's Corner



Helen Douglas

Remembrance Sunday in the square was a particularly poignant and moving service to honour the war dead, especially those from the 1st World War, which ended 100 years ago. As wreaths were laid by so many organisations and crosses planted to honour individual people known to us, the poppies designed

and knitted by villagers were tied on with a few sentences to sum up the contribution of those 33 men, who left our villages and in most cases did not return. No longer were these anonymous men faded from living memory, but they were men who lived in the square, helped run a farm, worked on the railway or ran market gardens in our community.

Much has been said nationally about the sacrifice those men made for their country, and reflecting on this service led me to think hard about the sacrifice they made for our community in Fair Oak and Horton Heath. Is the way the villages are now what they were fighting for? My answer, after much thought, was yes. I suspect most of those men would recognise very little of the villages they knew other than the main road layout and Church – we have traffic – not horses and carts, lots more housing, lots more people, less shops, buildings and houses long gone. But what we do still

have is the sense of community that they had, and that is worth fighting for now as it was then – they certainly thought so.

The huge number of people, that joined together in the square to commemorate, is a witness to that - more people were present than the whole population of both villages in 1918. Those men who did not return walked in our streets, bought things in our shops, played together, joined football and cricket clubs, played tennis on the courts, went to clubs and societies, some worshipped at the Parish Church, many went to our school – although re-located now, and most worked within the area. Just like us. One thing that attracted me to these villages, more than 30 years ago, was its sense of identity and belonging. I can be out and about at any time and meet people I know; there are numerous clubs and activities I can join, and that is what gives us a sense of belonging and comfort.

Whatever happens with development in the future it is crucial that we do not lose that sense of identity. It will be a hard task for us all, as we wait to see how much development will come our way, but one which we must shape to retain what makes these villages special to us all and that we owe to all those who died fighting for our freedoms.

Best Wishes Helen Douglas

Fair Oak Past



An extract from "The History of Fair Oak and Horton Heath" by Helen Douglas. Copies available from the Parish Office at £5

Travel

The residents of Fair Oak and Horton Heath did not venture far out of the villages. There were few cars in the villages before 1929. Travel was usually by foot, or on a small pony and

trap. For one resident living in the thatched cottage opposite the former R.N. Victualing depot in Burnetts Lane, (next to the railway) the nearest bus stop was by Moorgreen Hospital! Traction engines became a regular sight around the villages.

One called "The Village Girl" was driven by Harry Carter. He was fined for breaking the 5 mph speed limit at Crowd Hill - his engine had ended up in a ditch there.

The picture shows Santoy Headquarters in Winchester Road - now Tesco. The small shop sold bicycle parts

Minutes Past

Fair Oak Parish Council was established in 1894 during the premiership of William Ewart Gladstone. The following is an extract from the Parish Minute Book.

Monday 16th May 1983 Annual Meeting

Blocks of flats at Stubbington Farm development needed naming. Milbury Homes had suggested Pine Court and Victoria Mews. Council agreed with the latter but would prefer St. Thomas Court. Department of Technical Services to be informed.

Monday 6th June 1983

With regard to new properties on Stubbington Farm estate, Eastleigh Borough Council said that the Post Office did not find Victoria Mews acceptable, but would be agreeable to St. Thomas and St. Helen's for the two blocks of flats. These names would be considered.

Councillors were reminded that further names would be required in the future and this should be borne in mind.

News & Notices

Age Concern Party

Once again Age Concern Fair Oak & Horton Heath did the elderly of the village proud at their party in the Fair Oak Village Hall. A lovely, fresh home made tea with jelly and cream and cakes were provided all free! We also had a free raffle and would like to give thanks to the people who donated many of the gifts. We all enjoyed the 50s, 60s & 70s songs performed brilliantly by Roselle.



It was a happy bunch of people who left to go home after saying a grateful thanks to all the helpers for such a good afternoon out in the village hall.

Development West of Horton Heath

Residents might be aware that the Full Council has established a Sub-Committee to consider the Eastleigh Borough Council's ongoing project proposals for this development.

Members hope that by holding its own discussions at Parish level, the residents will be clear and this information can help shape and influence the proposals coming forward.



What is it?

- Scam mail is illegal mail
- Scam mail targets the most vulnerable
- Scam mail is not normal advertising mail

What to look out for

- Is someone you know receiving a large amount of mail?
- Are they sending money in response to this mail?
- If so, they could be a target of scammers.

Contact:
Royal Mail scam mail team
0800 0113 466
scam.mail@royalmail.com
FREEPOST SCAM MAIL

Parking at the Parish Office

Following a request from residents, the Leisure Committee have recently reviewed the Council's policy regarding parking at the Parish Office. Residents had enquired whether the Parish Office car park could be used for School parking. After careful consideration, the Committee decided to maintain its current policy – preserving the 12 spaces on this site for Parish Council business.

Members felt that the limited spaces available at the Parish Office would have minimal impact on the school parking issues. Furthermore they felt that spaces should be made available for its staff, Councillors and guests using the Parish Conference Room. The Parish Council has also received concerns from local residents living on Knowle Park Lane regarding the parking of parents at school pickups. Please can parents park safely, considerately and legally during these times.

Everyone is concerned about the safety of children and, even though the school gate problems can look severe, it doesn't mean children and other pedestrians are in danger, as parked cars act like mobile traffic calming measures and slow down the traffic when the children are about. The problem outside school only occurs for very short periods of time during term-time. Safe travel and safe parking to school is an issue affecting all areas.

As such Hampshire County Council have developed tools to assist schools and parents to manage this. Please go to <https://myjourneyhampshire.com/parent-information> for more information.

Conservations with Bob

Happy New Year to all my fellow Fair Oak K9's. I hope your humans gave you some nice juicy Christmas treats – woof! I enjoyed some lovely wintery walks with my human. We have been exploring Lapstone Playing Fields and the very muddy Orchard recently.

These are lovely places for walks. However, I have a slight bone of contention... I have noticed naughty humans throwing their rubbish on the ground. Bad humans! I got my teeth stuck into a very unsavoury specimen the other week.

Please can my fellow furry friends bark a word of warning to anyone they see dropping litter. Let's keep Fair Oak & Horton Heath looking its best and save my tummy.





Hampshire Constabulary: Eastleigh Police

'Working for Safer Communities'



PC King

PC 21006 KING

Safer Neighbourhood Team

(Fair Oak & Horton Heath)

External: 101

Internal: 731-250



PCSO Rees

POCSO 13140 HELEN REES

Safer Neighbourhood Team

External: 101 Internal: 731-255

Beat Surgeries are being held at 10 o'clock on the following dates in the **Roger Smith Conference Suite**, Parish Office, 2 Knowle Park Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7GL.

Dates:

26 March

21 May

Parking in the roads around the school campus continues to be an issue, and Eastleigh East Neighbourhood Policing Team are currently working with other agencies and the schools in order to tackle this. We are patrolling the relevant roads at the key times as often as possible and will be issuing fixed penalty tickets and/or advice to motorists when necessary.

We would encourage you to use the "Park and Stride" scheme wherever possible, which is located at The Clock Inn, Sandy Lane. We would also like to inform you of the following parking guidelines and remind you to be considerate of other road users, pedestrians and residents:

- Do not park within 10 metres of any junction.
- Do not park on corners.
- Do not block driveways or public access roads

Cops 'n' Coffee

Enjoy a coffee, discuss your concerns, get crime-prevention advice and tell us your policing priorities at 10 o'clock in the **Wyvern Cafe**



Dates:

27 February

27 March

24 April

Burglary

We have recently received several reports of burglary to properties in Bishopstoke, Fair Oak and Horton Heath. We would like to raise awareness of these incidents and ask you to be extra vigilant, as your home may be vulnerable if left in darkness this winter.

There are certain measures you can take to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim yourself, such as:

- Check your insurance document for any specific security requirements or upgrades.
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property.
- Ensure rear fencing is in good repair.
- Ensure all windows and doors are locked when not in use.
- Keep all keys out of reach and sight from the letterbox (remember a device could be used to hook keys through a letterbox).
- Do not leave ladders and garden tools in your garden, lock them away in your shed.
- Improve natural surveillance at the front of your property i.e. trim high hedges.
- Consider fitting security lighting and a burglar alarm.
- Mark your property with postcode and house number and register your property for free with www.immobilise.com
- Make use of timer switches to make the property appear occupied.
- Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property.
- Consider joining or forming a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.
- Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows.
- Store any high value items (i.e. jewellery, passports) in a properly secured safe or bank vault.

Ranger's Ramblings

Deer are still thankfully quite a common sight in this area even as our villages expand. There are six species found in the UK, but only four are found here, Fallow, Roe, Muntjac and possibly Sika.

Weirdly the gender and their offspring have different names. Fallow deer are a buck, doe and fawns, Sika are stags, hinds and calves, while Roe and Muntjac are called bucks, does and kids.

In the spring, if you come across a young deer in the undergrowth it does not mean it is abandoned, so please resist intervening. The mother is probably nearby and will return every few hours to feed it day and night. Hand-rearing and reintroducing them to the wild is not usually successful.

Ticks on deer can carry Lyme disease, so wearing long trousers when walking through long grass is always advisable and to seek medical advice if you are concerned.

Deer are herbivores, eating nutritious herbs, root crops and vegetables, grasses, lichens, fungi and small shrubs. In winter they like tree shoots and agricultural crops when other food supplies are limited.



The two silent soldiers placed in the villages to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War managed to survive unscathed. A lot of these around the country were either stolen or vandalised, so I think we should give credit where it is due and thank all members of our communities for respecting them and for honouring the fallen. The soldier from the Horton Heath crossroads is now safely attached to the Parish Office wall and the other will remain at St Thomas' church for the foreseeable future.

The Woodland Community Centre at Savernake Way now has had four more handmade murals installed on the front, these depict local wildlife, including a badger, fighting foxes and a butterfly. A bench and more pieces will be added over the coming months and as the open spaces develop.



Colin Burchett
Parish Ranger

grounds@fairoak-pc.gov.uk
or Tel: 023 8069 2403

Wildlife Watch

The first signs of spring can often be seen although it is still several weeks away.

Frogs start to emerge from their winter hiding places and head towards their breeding ponds. When Frogs mate eggs are laid in clumps and toads lay eggs in long chains. It takes 6-21 days for the eggs to hatch into tadpoles. The warmth of the water and the food supply then determines the speed of the tadpole's development. A week later they can swim and feed on algae. At about 6 to 9 weeks legs start to sprout, the head becomes more distinct and the body elongates and their diet is dead insects and plants.

At 9 weeks they look more like a tiny frog with a really long tail. By 12 weeks, the tadpole has only a small stubby tail and looks like a miniature frog and at roughly 4 months the frog has completed the full growth cycle.

In April the adults and young frogs will leave the pond and for the rest of the year these animals are very unobtrusive and difficult to find, only to return again next year to lay more eggs and start the process all over again.

Local Venues/Dates for your Diary

Wyvern Short Mat Bowls Club

Wyvern Short Mat Bowls Club has been established since 1995 some 22 years ago from members of the Fleming Park Bowls Club. We are a friendly club and play in the Dance Studio at Wyvern College, Botley Road, Fair Oak, Eastleigh, SO50 7AN every Thursday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and Saturdays from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Short mat bowls is based on the outdoor sport of lawn bowls so many of the rules are adaptations of the rules of the outdoor game with the basic aim being to deliver as many woods (bowls) as possible nearer to the smaller target bowl (the jack) than any of the opposition's woods. We play on mats 45 long by 6 feet wide.

In addition to our twice weekly meetings members can, if they wish, play in friendly matches against other local clubs over the winter season. Annually members are invited to join us on our trip to Warners Hotel, Bembridge, IOW every April on a four-day bowling break.

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player or looking to try this form of the game for the first time, you can be sure of a warm welcome, so why not take that first step and get in touch? It is recognised as an ideal game for the older generation of which most of our members are, however we welcome anyone to join. If you are interested in joining us we offer three free trial sessions, please come along and meet us.



**Or contact Eric Wright
on 023 80 693 490
for more information**



Defibrillators



In our last newsletter we asked residents to contact us for suggestions of locations for defibrillators around the village. Thank you to all those who responded. The Parish Council have decided to source 2 'defibs' – one for the Woodland Community Centre and another for the Horton Heath Community Centre.

These will be installed in easily accessible cabinets on the front of the two buildings. The Parish Council hope that the defibs will be installed early spring. We will also update our website giving locations of defibs in the village and advice on what to do in an emergency.

As and when further sources of funding are made available to the Parish, through S106 monies, the Parish Council will consider installing further defibs around the villages.

Remembrance Sunday



**A BIG Thank You
to everyone who
gave so
generously
towards the
Royal British**

Legion Poppy Appeal 2018.

**We raised a staggering £4328.84
from our two villages !**

Poppy Appeal

After four years of facilitating the Poppy Appeal collection for Fair Oak, the Parish Council has determined that owing to increase pressure on workloads, that it is unable to continue with this role. If there are any community groups or individuals, who would like to consider taking on this worthy task, please can they contact the Parish Office on enquiries@fairoak-pc.gov.uk and we will work with you and the Royal British Legion in assisting in this process. Thank you to all the local community groups and individuals, who have assisted the Parish Council during this and previous years appeals.



55 Savernake Way, Fair Oak, SO50 7FA

Woodland Community Centre

bookings@fairoak-pc.gov.uk

Tel: 023 8069 2403

Dates for your Diary

29 April - Annual Parish meeting

25 June - Carnival Quiz

29 June - Carnival & Fete

10 November - Remembrance



Parish Office Meeting Rooms

bookings@fairoak-pc.gov.uk

Tel: 023 8069 2403



Horton Heath Community Centre

bookings@fairoak-pc.gov.uk

Tel: 023 8069 2403

Community Organisations and Social Groups

CHURCHES

HORTON HEATH BAPTIST CHURCH

Paul Sorby 04786 380026

METHODIST CHURCH

Annie Mole 02380 615688

ST THOMAS' CHURCH (Church of England)

Rev Ali Mephram 80695786

FAIR OAK FAMILY CHURCH

Allington Lane, Fair Oak 01962 712418
david@dblackburn.co.uk

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

AGE CONCERN (Fair Oak and Horton Heath)

Jill Robertson 80693053

BISHOPSTOKE & FAIR OAK GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Voluntary transport scheme for residents

unable to access public transport.

Wendy Shean 80693032

FAIR OAK ART AND CRAFT SOCIETY

Meets every Wednesday evening except the last in the month
marilyn.f.masters@gmail.com 01489 785941

FAIR OAK BOWLING CLUB

Tony White 80693023

FAIR OAK GARDENING CLUB

Meets every second Monday monthly at Fair Oak Village Hall

Marilyn Andrews 80694142

FAIR OAK WIDOWS CLUB

Christine Pratt 80601615

WELCOME CLUB

Meets first and third Tues monthly in Fair Oak Village Hall
at 2.00 pm - outings and entertainment.

Elaine Cherry 80692010

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meets at 7.30 pm on the last Wednesday in the month

Anne Griffiths-Turner 80694579

VINTAGE SOCIAL GROUP

Social and table top games 2nd & 4th Fri at 1.30 pm

hortonheathbaptistchurch@gmail.com 01962 712282

EASTLEIGH DISTRICT U3A

Ann Beeching 80600091

EASTLEIGH HEALTHWALKS (FAIR OAK)

1 hour walk every Fri starting at 9.30am from
New Century Park (Brookfield Road entrance)

John Dunne 80693000

QUINN RAIDERS COUNTRY AND WESTERN

Fair Oak Village Hall— Bill Biggs 80642456

SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

FAIR OAK INFANT SCHOOL

Headteacher - David Peart 8069 2207

SPORTS CLUBS

FAIR OAK SQUASH AND RACKETBALL CLUB

www.fairoaksquashandracketball.co.uk

fairoaksquash@gmail.com 80695107

HORTON HEATH BADMINTON CLUB

Every Weds 8-10pm; Contact Robina 80692007

WYVERN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

tonystevens@wyvernfc.org.uk

TODDLERS AND PRE-SCHOOL GROUPS

FOOTPRINTS PRE-SCHOOL

The Stables, St Thomas' Church 07540 252454

HAPPY DAYS PRE-SCHOOL

Village Hall, Fair Oak - Sue Plowman 80601276

RAINBOWS PRE-SCHOOL

Woodland Community Centre, Jacqui Huskins 80692162

WYVERN PRE-SCHOOL

Community Wings, Botley Road, Fair Oak: Jayne Leonard 80603221

YOUTH CLUBS

ST. THOMAS' YOUTH CLUB

80695786

Y-ZONE YOUTH CENTRE

80693487

Uniformed Groups

1ST FAIR OAK SCOUTS

Group Scout Leader

gsl@8theastleighscouts.org.uk

2ND FAIR OAK SCOUTS

Ian Patrick

Tel: 023 8069 2684

GUIDES/ BROWNIES/ RAINBOWS

Katie Collins

Tel: 07942345862

Email: koollkate55@hotmail.com

TREFOIL GUILD

Janet Painter

Tel: 023 8069 2985

GDPR COMPLIANCE

For GDPR compliance reasons, we have had to remove a number of the directory listings previously used because we are still awaiting consent agreements. As soon as we hear from you, we can put you back on our contact list.

The Parish Council

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023 8069 4255



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Cllr Helen Douglas
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023 8001 6240



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Cllr Debbie Lusmore
023 8069 6335



Cllr Mary Shephard
023 8069 4856



Cllr Hugh McGuinness
023 8069 4453



Cllr Nicholas Couldrey
023 8060 0990



Cllr Philip Spearey
023 8069 4245



It was with regret that the council accepted the resignation, for personal reasons, of John Sorley as a Parish Councillor. John served the council well for many years and we will miss him. We thank him for all the hard work and commitment he has shown in his role and wish him well for the future.



Clerk to the Parish Council Melanie Stephens

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Office open: Mon-Fri 09.30 - 13.00

Parish Council Meetings

All meetings on a Monday unless otherwise specified and are usually held in the **Roger Smith Conference Suite**, 2 Knowle Park Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7GL
Planning meetings times vary and all others generally at 7.00 pm.

Please check on the notice boards website for correct times.

Meeting Dates

Full Council: 18 February, 15 April, 14 May (AGM)

Finance: 4 March

Policy: 21 January, 18 March

Planning: 4 & 18 February, 4 & 18 March

Leisure: 4 February, 20 May

Community Events: 4 February

Horton Heath Sub-Committee: Ad hoc - please see website for details