

ASHURST AND COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



July 1997

Issue 1

For more
information
contact:-

The Clerk

Margaret

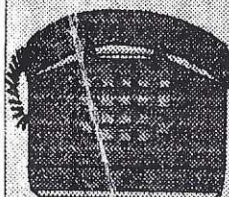
Weston

Dormers

Knightwood

Close

Lyndhurst



Tel/Fax

01703

282514

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Extracts from the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 July.

Bulb Planting - A35: The committee set up to look into this matter had identified several areas in the parish along the A35 where daffodil bulbs could be planted and it was resolved to authorise the necessary work.

Post Box - Whartons Lane: At Councillor

Please reply to the Housing Needs Survey Questionnaire which you have recently received through your letterbox.

Penney's instigation the Clerk had written to the Royal Mail to ascertain whether a larger post box could be placed in this position as the present one was not adequate. A reply was awaited.

Public seat - Ash Road/A35 bus stop: It was resolved that a seat be purchased and placed



near to where the bus actually stopped.

Recreation Ground - picnic table: It was noted that this would be installed shortly.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY 31 JULY 1997

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Well here it is - Ashurst and Colbury's first newsletter. After much debate Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council have agreed to sponsor a monthly newsletter for a trial period of 6 months.

This will be delivered free of charge to every household in the parish.

By introducing this newsletter the Parish Council hopes it will create a greater community spirit amongst the residents and the cost will initially be shared by the Parish Council

and some local traders.

What happens after the 6 month trial period?

That depends on you!!

We hope that you enjoy reading this first edition and we look forward to receiving your views and news and of course your advertisements.

Please support this project.

NEWS FROM COLBURY HALL

Not every village has the privilege of having its own hall and grounds. This is what Colbury and Ashurst have to offer their residents. At present the Hall has a variety of clubs and groups for all members of the community - bowling, badminton, bridge, art, playgroup, keep fit, gymnastics, Colbury Women's Institute, Colbury Wives, Spanish dance and drama.

We can all see that the Hall is in need of some repair and upgrading, but this can be achieved with the help of our residents and hirers. We would like to bring back the village

fetes of old; barn dancing, band concerts; social evenings; etc. This needs regular volunteers to help organise such events.

"Would you be interested"?

Let us see the old community spirit come alive in Ashurst and Colbury and show that we can work together and make Colbury Hall a central place to be proud of. If you have any ideas or would like to give a few hours of your time please telephone me on Ashurst 292802. (Sally Arnold - Secretary for the Hall).

NEWS FROM LOCAL GROUPS

Colbury Indoor Bowling Club is a friendly, mixed, short mat, non league bowling club. Members bowl during the autumn and winter months October - April bowling four times a week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 1.30 - 4.30 pm and also Friday from 7.30 - 10.30 pm (for the convenience of members who cannot attend the afternoon sessions). The sessions take place at Colbury Memorial Hall. Occasional social events are held encouraging the friendly spirit of the club. A limited number of new members would be welcome and club bowls are available for use by those members new to the game. Enquiries for membership details should be made to the club secretary Mrs Joan Fielon (01703 864401).

Ashurst and District Probus Club made a brilliant 5-day trip to the Loire Valley in May (Chateaux galore - Vin even more). They took a very interesting tour of Legal London on 12 June which took in the Inns of Court (mind my wig) and the Old Bailey (your witness Mr Rumpole). On 10 July they will be meeting at the New Forest Hotel for lunch followed by a talk entitled "Chemicals into the Future" by Bob Pearson. On 14 August they look forward to visiting the Royal Signals Museum at Blandford Camp and the Calvalcade of Costume Museum in Blandford Town.

Ashurst Women's Institute meet in the Church Rooms, Colbury on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome. (Contact the Honorary Secretary Mrs Jean Young - 01703 861162). During August they will be holding an outdoor meeting for members, families and friends. The theme will be "An acquaintance today could be a friend tomorrow".

The New Forest Gymnastics Club started in September 1996 following the success of the Foxhills Junior School team in both the Southern Region and British National Schools Acrobatics Championships. Mrs Frampton and Mrs Quiney who are both BAGA Class 4 registered coaches, who coached the Foxhills team, were approached by numerous parents with regards to starting a gymnastics club in the Ashurst area. Due to the popularity of the Easter gymnastic workshops, when children were able to combine their gymnastic skills with dance and work on group and pair routines, summer workshops will be held during August. The Club is open to children, and currently has some 50 children, boys and girls aged from 6 upwards. Should you be interested please telephone 01703 292212 or 01703 292814 for further details.

TRADE AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY

THE LITTLE FRIAR, 171 LYNDHURST ROAD (TEL 292002) - FISH AND CHIPS TAKEAWAY.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT, 183 LYNDHURST ROAD (TEL 292555) - GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS, PLUS MADE TO ORDER CRAFTS IN SATIN 7 LACE AND PERSONALISED EMBROIDERED CARDS AND KEEPSAKES.

SNIPPITZ, 177 LYNDHURST ROAD (TEL 292396) - HAIRDRESSER.

ASHURST POST OFFICE, 173 LYNDHURST ROAD (TEL 292348) - POST OFFICE STORES.

ASHURST CRIME NEWS

JULY 1997 - I would like to thank the Parish Council for the opportunity to write an article each month for the newly formed parish newsletter. I believe that this is a good idea for local people to be informed of events and news taking place locally.

Those residents who belong to Neighbourhood Watches know that every 2 months I have been putting out a regular newsletter. I do not intend for this article to be based on that idea. I will try and keep you informed of particular crimes that have taken place and effect us all. I will also give you information and hints on Safety matters, how to safeguard your property from the potential thief.

This Month's Crime

I have recently had to see an elderly resident, who has been visited by a nasty group of people. I mean those who take advantage of people who are at a vulnerable stage in their lives. Three people called at a house and stated to the occupier that work was needed to be done on the trees in the garden. They quoted a price of £500 for the work and the occupier knocked them down to £400. They took the person in their vehicle and drove to that person's bank in Totton and withdrew the money in advance of the work being done. The money was given to the men in good faith,

believing the work would be carried out. They all went back to the person's home. They got the occupier to go in and make tea for them all. Then they cut two or three very small pieces off a tree and left with the £400, never to be seen again. All we know is that they had a white lorry. Please never let anyone trick you into having work done, **always ask and obtain a written quotation, and never ever part with money in advance. If you are not sure, call us and we will be waiting with you when they call.**

Holiday time

A few tips for you before you go away on holiday -

Cancel the newspapers.

Cancel the milk.

Leave the curtains open, arrange for lights to come on at dusk and off at light.

Leave a key with neighbours.

Arrange to have your post collected from the doormat.

Tell your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and the Police of the dates you will be away.

Have a good holiday.

Gordon M Hunter Police Constable 1713

Serving the Community

WARTIME AT ASHURST LODGE

Although Ashurst is a relatively new settlement, based in the main on development following the introduction of the railway in 1847, there are many sides to its past. There has been a forest lodge at Ashurst for centuries which has on occasions been host to important events. During the last war it was used as a base for a detachment of Royal Marines who took part in the abortive Dieppe raid. The house was used as the Officers Mess whilst the men camped either side of the track leading to the Lodge. Later on American troops were stationed there prior to D-Day. Tales of the comings and

goings are recalled by Fred Bennett, whose father was the farm manager, in the latest issue of **Nova Foresta Magazine** available from the bookshop.

This article (and hopefully future contributions) was kindly supplied by Peter Roberts of Nova Foresta Books, 185 Lyndhurst Road (01703 293389). Peter has asked if any reader can remember the exact date of the fire at the Happy Cheese in order that he can research the subject further and perhaps write an article.

TRADE AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY

K&P MOTORS, 189 LYNDHURST ROAD (TEL 292035)
- CAR REPAIRS.

GOLDSMITHS, 169 LYNDHURST ROAD (TEL 292519)
- NEWSAGENTS C.T.N.

ASHURST FILLING STATION, 128 LYNDHURST ROAD (TEL 292022) - YOUR FRIENDLY VILLAGE SERVICE STATION.

ALLDAYS, 82 LYNDHURST ROAD (TEL 293114) -
CONVENIENCE STORE.

TOY STORE, 187 LYNDHURST ROAD (TEL 292929) -
CAR SALES.

COLE & CO, 163 LYNDHURST ROAD (TEL 293166) -
ESTATE AGENTS, VALUERS, PROPERTY CONSULTANTS AND MANAGEMENT - ESTABLISHED 1964

LANGLEY MANOR CRICKET CLUB

Langley Manor Cricket Club whose ground can be found at Knellers Lane, Foxhills this year celebrate their centenary. The club was founded in 1897. Their original ground was situated behind Colbury Hall, where they played until the building of the A326 link road forced a move to their current location in June 1991.

The club run three teams on a Saturday. The 1st XI who currently sit at the top of Hampshire County Division 4, having gained promotion for the last five consecutive seasons. The 2nd XI also sit at the top of their league, the New Forest League Division 1, having gained promotion last season and at the start of last season they introduced a 3rd XI for the first time. After finishing in the top half of New Forest Division 3 they currently occupy top spot this season.

Sunday afternoons see a variety of friendly matches against opposition from around the Southampton and Forest area as well as from further afield. Together with a host of

matches it makes for a very busy season's cricket. Langley Manor also like to bring on the youngsters. They run four colts sides U11, U13, U15 and U17, these matches are played on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings, with a training night on Wednesdays. To celebrate their centenary Langley have some special matches. In June they played an Ex-Saints XI which raised approximately £300 to go to the Ex-Saints chosen charity. A match arranged against BBC South Today was unfortunately washed out, but this has been rearranged for Sunday 7 September at 2.00 pm. On Sunday 17 August at 2.30 pm another charity game takes place this time against an ex-Hampshire XI. Refreshments and food will be available and there will be a raffle for an autographed cricket bat and other prizes, so there are a couple of dates for your diary! The club are always keen to welcome new members, both playing and non-playing, so come along. The bar is open on match days and on Saturday/Sunday evenings food is available from the BBQ.

CHRIST CHURCH COLBURY

Our Sunday School (Explorers) will close for the summer on July 27 but on Sundays 10, 17, 24 and 31 Aug there will be a shorter service at 10.00 am suitable for all ages. Two children's holiday clubs are being run in the area: at Trinity, West Totton from 12-16 Aug, 10.00 am - noon (5/12 year olds) and at Testwood Baptist from 26-29 Aug, 10.00 am - noon (7/11 year olds).

Our missionary link from Spain, Rogelio Prieto, will be visiting us at 10.00 am on 3 Aug, Lammas Day, the day when we also pray for all our local farmers at the onset of harvesting.

On 6 Aug we celebrate The Transfiguration of Christ with Parish Communion at 7.30 pm followed by refreshments at the Vicarage.

Among the residents of our village we are proud to have David

Torkington, columnist and author of three novels on the spiritual life. He has just had another book published called "Inner Life - A Fellow Traveller's Guide To Prayer" and this will be the subject of a Quiet Day for prayer and reflection to be held at Christ Church, Colbury on Sat 6 Sept (10.00 am - 4.00 pm). The day is free but you are asked to book by telephoning or writing to the Vicarage (01703 292132). All are welcome, whether you belong to any church or none.

(Reverend Brian Pickett)

COLBURY CHURCHYARD

The Church is always glad to receive donations towards the upkeep of the churchyard. Cheques should be made out to Colbury PCC and placed in an envelope marked "Churchyard" which can be left at the Vicarage.

TRADE AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ASHURST CAFE AND ASHURST CARS, 175 LYNDEHURST ROAD (TEL 293399) - A QUALITY SERVICE FOR LOCAL/LONG DISTANCE JOURNEYS. TOKENS ACCEPTED. TRIPS TO HEATHROW, GATWICK, BOURNEMOUTH AT COMPETITIVE RATES

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THE TRADE AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY OR ANY OTHER PART OF THIS NEWSLETTER PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH CLERK (01703 282544)