



Bray Parish Council

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2007

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The number of Councillor's per ward is representative of head of population on the electoral role for each area.

Police Surgery Dates

A new schedule of dates has been issued for the surgery to be held at the shared area outside the Parish Office at Holyport Memorial Hall between the times of 6.30pm to 8.30pm as follows:

Tues 24th April Tues 22nd May
Tues 26th June Tues 24th July

If you have a problem or local issue to discuss with the police, please pop along.

Visit our Website at:
www.brayparishvillages.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

I hope you will find our second newsletter of interest and my thanks to all who have helped with its delivery.

Crime and fear of crime is of concern to all of us. All too frequently residents talk to me about crime and suspicious activities that, quite often, have not been reported to the Police. The main reason given is 'What's the point nothing ever happens'. Many crimes, often drug related, are committed by a relatively small number of people who need to be caught. Please look at crime as being a jigsaw puzzle. All the information you give fits in somewhere. As the puzzle nears completion the Police are more likely to get a successful prosecution and that makes for more efficient use of their resources. The number to ring is 08458 505505 but please remember to ask for the Windsor PEC (Police enquiry centre) to speak to the local Police as the initial call will be answered at a Thames Valley Police Central Operations Centre. Also our regular Parish Police Surgeries at the Parish Office allow the added facility of face to face contact with a local Police Officer.

Our last Newsletter gave details of our expenditure. This was reviewed in January when we are required to inform the Royal Borough of our precept requirement for the following financial year. Following the sale of land many years ago we have had healthy reserves. We have reduced these over the years as required by the Audit Commission, using the money to offset past rises in the precept. We are now down to an acceptable level of reserves being approximately 50% of our precept. The cost of services the Parish Council has to provide has risen; several projects are under active consideration and as a result we have applied to the Royal Borough to increase our precept by £5.82 per year based on a Band D property.

Overleaf we give details of a sponsored fund raising walk to help towards the re-building costs of Holyport Youth Club & Pre-School Building, replacing the one destroyed by fire. This facility really is needed as soon as possible for use by our youth so do please support and enjoy the event with family and friends.

Geoff Hayes

WALKING & RIDING IN THE PARISH



Bray Parish has over 25 miles of footpaths and bridleways, many passing through some attractive countryside. A map showing all Rights of Way can be obtained from the Parish Office free of charge. We aim to keep these rights of way usable and clear of obstruction, so any problems please inform the Parish Office. We also have available a leaflet promoting a Health Walk around Holyport produced in conjunction with the Borough Council and giving some history of landmarks along the route. The Parish Council has recently carried out

drainage work and path improvements to the area from Bourne Bridge to Pamela Row on Holyport Green and new horse matting has been installed to help horse riders negotiate the former boggy areas in safety.

Not willing to talk to the Police?

CRIMESTOPPERS are completely independent. Call anonymously with information about crime and you could receive a reward.

CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111

THE PARISH COUNCIL CHARITY WALK IN AID OF THE HOLYPORT YOUTH CLUB & PRE-SCHOOL BUILDING



This fund raising walk will take place on **Sunday April 29th 2007**.

Registration will be at Holyport Memorial Hall between 10.30am and 11.00am and a route map using local footpaths will be provided on the day. The walk is about 3 miles and should take 1 - 2 hours to complete.

Stewards, St. Johns Ambulance and the local police will be in attendance. All are welcome - this is a good way to spend a healthy Sunday morning with the family, enjoying the local countryside while raising money for our local community. Sponsorship forms and leaflets available from local businesses, other community premises and the Bray Parish Office.

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Parish review a very large number of applications every year and every Parish Councillor is a member of the Planning Committee. This task has lately been made a lot easier by the introduction of power point presentation of plans at our meetings, allowing all in attendance proper view of plans and details for discussion. Members of the public are always welcome to attend the Planning and Main Council meetings which are advertised on Parish notice boards.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

This document sets out the long term vision and overall planning strategy for the Royal Borough up to 2026. It sets out core policies and is the starting point for determining future planning applications. The Parish Council's submission to the Royal Borough's consultation on the latest Local Development Framework can be found on the Parish website.

PARISH PROJECTS

Bray Parish Council are setting aside funding from their budget this year to carry out a number of projects around the Parish to include the tidying up and clearance of Holyport Pond, a new teen shelter and improvements to lighting in the Parish. We would welcome your views and ideas for any other possible projects.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Have you tried Bray Parish Council's open air Tennis Court in Jubilee Field, Bray?

Car parking is available in the Causeway Car Park and a Childrens' play area is adjacent to the Court. Favourable booking conditions for regular players who purchase a court key for the year.

For further information and bookings contact: Mrs Alwyn Jones on 01628 625918 between 6.30pm. and 8.30pm. - weekdays only please. Alternatively you can contact the Parish Office.



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Parish Council Elections will be held on Thursday 3rd May 2007 to appoint Councillors for a new four year term. Why not join your Parish Council and do something positive for the community? If you are 18 and are on the electoral register, you could be eligible. The Parish Council meet every six weeks on a Monday evening and also monthly to consider Planning applications submitted to the Borough. Details from the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS

Jubilee Field, Aysgarth Park & Springfield Park

The Parish Council has now completed its aim to upgrade the three play areas it maintains in the Parish with the recent introduction of new swings, roundabout and disabled facilities at the Springfield Park play area. We still hope to acquire land in Fifield village in the fullness of time, for a play area and general recreation ground for the community in that part of the Parish.



PARKING IN BRAY VILLAGE

A recent Parish initiative saw the formation of the Bray Parking Sub-Committee last year, made up of Councillors and local residents with the aim to establish whether parking was an issue, to identify what factors might be influencing concern and to make recommendations to the Parish Council, Police and the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead on potential solutions to improve any substantive problems to the benefit of all who live in, work within, and visit the village. If you have an idea or comment to pass on, please contact the Parish Office.

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All queries and suggestions should be passed to the Council Clerk, Cherry Woodley at The Parish Office, Moneyrow Green (to rear of Holyport Memorial Hall) Holyport, Berkshire SL6 2NA. Telephone: 01628 777997, email: clerk@brayparishcouncil.gov.uk