



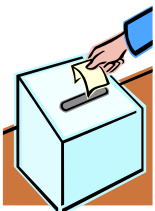
Bray Parish Council

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2011

It is that time of year when the evenings are getting lighter and work in the garden beckons. For the Parish Council and especially the Land Management Work Group, work to maintain our land is however a 12 month task. The pond on Holyport Green is now showing the benefit of all the work that took place last year and for this year we have a full programme of work for all our green spaces. The exciting news for 2011-12 is that, partnering with RBWM, we have won Government funding of £20K to create one of the first of the new Local Plans for the Parish, which will form part of the overall Borough Development Plan. The first meeting of interested parties has already taken place and we will ensure that everyone has the opportunity to take part in contributing to this plan.

May 5th brings elections to the Parish and Borough and I will be standing down as Chairman at that time. Can I take this opportunity to thank all Councillors, the Clerk and residents for the support that I have had.

Chairman



Election Day Approaches

As we write, we are a few weeks off the Borough and Parish Council Elections and the National Referendum which are taking place on Thursday May 5, 2011. There are five Polling Stations serving Bray Parish – Bray Village Hall, Braywood Memorial Hall, Holyport Primary School, Homer First School and the Council Depot in Tinkers Lane. The details of where to go to Vote are on your Polling Card.

Bray Parish has 15 Councillors who represent 5 Wards – 6 for Holyport Ward, 5 for Bray Ward, 2 for Oakley Green & Fifield Ward, 1 for Alexander Ward and 1 for Dedworth Ward. Please exercise your right to Vote on May 5th and have your say in what happens locally!

Community Warden

Robert Noble is our Community Warden for the Oldfield and Bray part of the Borough. Their role is to be highly visible through regular patrols in partnership with the Neighbourhood Policing Team, to ensure that anti-social behaviour remains low and to reassure residents. They also report on such things as broken glass on the streets, fly tipping and suspicious behaviour. They promote the clear car campaign, by making sure that vehicles have nothing valuable on display.



If you need to contact Robert, please call 01628 685636. Or to report incidents directly, please call the non Emergency Police Number 0845 8 505 505.

Annual Electors Meeting

You are Invited to your Annual Electors Meeting. Come along and hear what your Parish Council has done for you in the past year. It is also a chance to meet and raise concerns with your Local Parish Councillors and Clerk.

The Meeting will take place in Bray Village Hall on Wednesday May 25th at 7:30 pm and Refreshments will be served afterwards.

To Contact your Ward Councillor



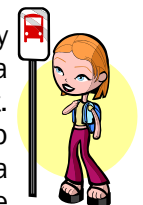
The Newsletter normally lists all the Bray Parish Ward Councillors and their Contact Phone Numbers. But during the run up to Local Elections, there are strict rules on publishing names of individuals who are Candidates.

So, if you wish to contact your current Ward Councillor, please contact The Parish Clerk, Janice Eden-Bagley in the first instance on 01628 777997 or by email at : clerk@brayparishcouncil.gov.uk

Route 6 Bus Service Upgrades

The Parish has been working with The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Council to upgrade the Facilities and Shelters on Bus Route 6. This Route provides a Service between Maidenhead and Windsor – via Bray Village, Holyport, the A308, Fifield, Oakley Green, Dedworth and then on into Windsor.

One new feature is that every Bus Stop will soon have on it a Unique Code which identifies it. If you text the Code of the Stop to 84268 – you will receive a Text back, saying what time the next Bus will arrive! The Message you send will cost your normal Text Message Charge and the Reply will cost 25p.



If you have an internet enabled phone, – go to www.mytraveline.mobi and enter the unique Bus Stop Code. Marvellous!



Who is Policing you?

Want to know who is in your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team, what they look like, how to contact them and the date of the next "Have your say" meeting?

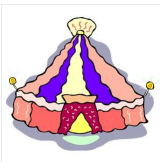
Then go to the Thamesvalley Police Website at <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/>

Under "Your Local Area", enter your Postcode under "Neighbourhood Search" and click on "Show". Hey Presto!! You can even find out about Crime rates in your area.

Bray Parish is covered by two Police NAGs (Neighbourhood Action Groups) made up of local Volunteers working with the Police.

- Clewer and Oakley Green Neighbourhood – covering Oakley Green and Eastwards in the direction of Windsor
- Oldfield and Bray Neighbourhood – covering Fifield and Westwards in the direction of Maidenhead

Fifield Fun Day



The 7th Fifield Fun day will take place on Saturday 13th August 2011, starting at 1.30pm. The venue has changed from previous years, so look out for the signposts.

The Fun Day was started by the Landlady and Landlord of the Fifield Inn to raise money for Charity whilst also having a good time. Over the years, the fun day has raised in excess of £25,000 in funds for the annual adopted charities such as Rosie's Rainbow Fund and Thames Hospicecare, and last year, for the first time, a donation was also made to The Oakley Green, Fifield and District Community Association. This year the main charities that are being supported are Rosie's Rainbow Fund and the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service. A donation will also be made again to OG,F&DCA.

The Fun Day also provides the opportunity for local organisations to raise money for themselves by having a stall. It is hoped again to hold a Novelty Dog Show and have featured entertainment such as the Birds of Prey and Punch and Judy. Refreshments will be available, including tea and coffee, a beer tent, burgers and Indian food.

Needless to say, to hold such an event requires a number of volunteers. Anyone who is available either before, during or after the Fun Day and would be willing to contribute their time (and in some cases muscle), please get in touch with Helen Howard 01628 782003 or howardhj@btinternet.com or through the website of the Community Association www.ogafcap.co.uk If you wish to have a stall at the Fun Day, similarly please contact Helen Howard. We look forward to seeing you on the 13 August 2011 in Fifield.



Bray Fete To Be Held in 2011

St Michaels' Church Bray has announced that Bray Fete will be held on the Village green on Sunday 11th September.

"This will be the fourth Fete since its reintroduction to support the Church's Emergency Appeal" said Fete organiser Christine Birch. "This is always a traditional affair for all the family, which members of the Church have always put together on behalf of the whole parish. We have enjoyed terrific support for the Fete from the people of Bray and Holyport over recent years" she continued, "and we hope 2011 will be no exception".

Proceeds are to be shared between the Appeal, now concentrating on a new organ for St Michael's Church, and the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service.

If you would like to help, please ring Churchwarden Jim Tucker on 673685.

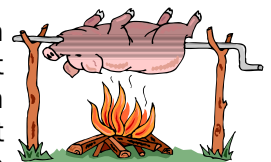
Holyport Fair

This year, as every other year, the Holyport Fair will be on the first Saturday in June, that is the 4th June 2011. As usual, this fair will be packed with action, which is why there are lots of visitors. Not just local people attend the fair; they come from far and wide and, boy, do they create a parking challenge!

This year there is a change, in that the proceeds of the fair have always in the past gone to the Holyport War Memorial Hall for major projects. Whilst the Hall now has sufficient reserves to cover eventualities, the Scouts and the Holyport School Association are in need. The Holyport C of E Primary School needs cash to help fit out the new classrooms and library that are being built. The Scouts' hut is in dire need of replacement as its roof is very near the end of its life. So the Trustees of the three Charities have agreed that this year they will share the benefits and the effort needed to make the fair a success.

For the last couple of years there has been a tug-o'-war competition at the end of the Fair. This year we are hoping to include a couple of the local rugby clubs along with the current pub teams, to beef up the competition. This will be in addition to the usual wonderful list of fun things to do and see: the dog show, the maypole, the Miss Holyport competition and a host of other events in the ring. And to eat, there will be teas, burgers, Hog roast, Pimms and beer, and ice creams. Other stalls will offer numerous games for the kids and for adults: the Spinner, Bottle Stall, Buried Treasure and Spot the Fiver to name but a few. And don't forget Pelham's fun fair.

As always, that success depends on you. The Fair needs helpers to put it up, run the stalls and take it down again. Sounds easy doesn't it? But it takes over 120 people just to run the stalls. If you can help, then please contact Mike Dyde on 01628 620479 or, preferably, on mikedyde@o2.co.uk





Big Society - What is BPC Doing?

Bray Parish Council believes that The Big Society is important – especially as we are located within The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead which has been designated as one of the four National Vanguard Authorities.

Councillors attended the two RBWM Big Society Events - on Saturday December 4th and Saturday March 26th - to further understand what RBWM and other local Organisations are doing.

The Council also organised their own Workshop at the end of January and discussed

- * The current Social & Economic Environment facing BPC
- * BPC's current Role and Services provided
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- * Our other local Service Providers
- * Our local Community Organisations

We then went on to explore the

- * Potential Expansion of BPC Services (and what we could stop doing?)
- * Potential for more Active Engagement with local Community Organisations
- * Challenges facing BPC as we move forward
- * Resources available to help BPC move forward

Finally, we have started to develop an Action Plan which includes:-

- * gathering more information on RBWM Services and Local Organisations
- * discussions at Ward level on engaging with the local Community
- * organising another Workshop where Ward ideas are brought forward and a more detailed Roadmap is built for next few months

Tennis Court for Hire

Want to practise before Wimbledon?

Bray Parish has a Tennis Court for Hire in Bray – near the Children's Playground and Jubilee Field.

It costs £6 per hour for casual users and £4 per hour plus a one time £20 Key Fee for regular users.

Please contact Alwyn Jones on 01628 625918 to make your Bookings.



2011/12 Budget

Bray Parish Council's main source of Funding is through the Parish Precept which is collected by RBWM as part of the Council Tax. We also receive

some money from Grants when available and Section 106 Funds which become available when Developments take place in the Parish. On top of this, we receive a small amount of Income from our Allotments in Bray and Holyport, our Tennis Court in Jubilee Field and from Burials in the Cemetery on the Windsor Road.

This year we are increasing the Precept from £130,000 to £132,600 and this small increase will be shown in your Council Tax Bill which you will have just received. A breakdown of our total Budget of £150,962 is shown in the Chart opposite.



- Staffing Costs (25.5%)
- Parish Office Administration (19.8%)
- Grass Cutting (16.2%)
- General Land Maintenance (14.8%)
- Cemetery & Churchyard (4.3%)
- Grants & Projects S137 (4.3%)
- Play Areas (4.1%)
- Street Lighting (2.8%)
- Car Parks (2.3%)
- Allotments (1.9%)
- Traffic Management (1.7%)
- Tennis Courts (0.7%)
- Bus Shelters (0.7%)
- Big Society (0.7%)
- War Memorials (0.3%)



Flood Warden

The Parish Flood Warden is Gerry Bett who lives by the river in Bray.

The current River Thames Status can be seen on the new Noticeboard located on the front of Bray Village Hall (see picture opposite). For further Information, call the Environment Agency Floodline on 0845 988 1188 or search their Website at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/floodline



All the fuss is over and the Pond is looking great. The actual cost of the works was just over £6,000, which isn't bad for a job that needs doing once every 50 years or so. Now that the Pond is considerably deeper, it will take a longer hotter summer to dry it out. The contractor was very careful and there was hardly any damage to the bank. Some of the daffodils are now growing underwater, but they will sort themselves out.

We have even got some fish. We have no idea how they got there but there are two goldfish, maybe more, in the Pond. Hopefully the Pond is now deep enough for them to escape the herons. We will be talking to the Hibberts Nature Reserve people to see if there are other improvements that they can suggest. We are also thinking that perhaps the Holyport School would like to 'adopt' the Pond and use it for projects and for nature study.

We will be keeping the reeds under control and allowing them to provide shelter for the moorhen chicks, but stopping them from overrunning the bank. The moorhens are nesting already and they can easily be seen amongst the bulrushes. There has been no progress on the proposal to install a 'duck island'. What do you think of that idea? Should we have some more plants in the pond? If so, what type would be 'natural' and compliment the area?

Grants and Awards

The following Grants and Awards have been made since the Autumn Newsletter:-

Berkshire County Blind Society	£100
Bray Senior Citizens Club	£350
Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre	£150
Bray Enhancement Committee	£1500

If you would like to make an application for a Grant or Award, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance.



Holyport Village Show



Entry is open to Residents of Bray Parish Villages. Entry is also open to families not living within the Parish provided that one of the family is a member of a Society, Club, School or Group located in the Parish. A 'family' in this context comprises parents and/or partners and children (Juniors) living at the same address.

Show Day is on Saturday 10th September at Holyport War Memorial Hall, Moneyrow Green.

Classes are for vegetables and fruit, flowers and plants, flower arranging, preserves, cookery, craft, photography and a children's section.

Free Show Schedules with Entry Form are available from late April in Holyport from:- J & S Rook Butchers, Holyport Post Office, Elizabeth James Hairdressers: In Bray from:- Bray Hair Studio, St. Michael's Church, John's Barber Shop on the Windsor Road. The closing date for entries is Saturday 3rd September.

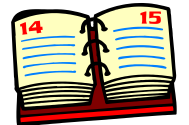
Exhibits will be received in Holyport War Memorial Hall between 08.30am and 10.15am on Show Day. The Show is open to the Public at 2.00pm. For further information contact:- 01628 631259.

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

Parish Council Meetings 2011



Full Council Meetings

16 May *	25 May **
20 June	18 July
* AGM	** Annual Electors

Planning Meetings

9 May	6 June	4 July
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Further Meeting dates for the rest of the year will be agreed after the Elections. All meetings commence at 7.30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated and are held in the main hall of Braywood Memorial Hall, Fifield Road, Fifield.

Fifteen minutes are allocated to members of the public who wish to speak at a General Meeting.

Parties interested in Planning matters are also able to speak briefly on specific plans, subject to notifying the Clerk prior to the start of the Planning Meeting.

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All queries and suggestions should be passed to: The Clerk, Janice Eden-Bagley at The Parish Office, Moneyrow Green (to rear of Holyport Memorial Hall) Holyport, Berkshire SL6 2NA. The Office is open Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 12:30pm, Telephone: 01628 777997, email: clerk@brayparishcouncil.gov.uk