

# HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## Summer 2013

Welcome to the summer newsletter. The sun seems to have arrived at last, so let's hope that we can all start enjoying the outdoors.

The recreation ground is looking lovely, thanks to work on the trees and the continuing hard work of the two parish groundsmen. Thanks to George and Terry for keeping the grass cut, the hedges tidy and for all the jobs they do, big and small.

There is always more to do, and the parish council is currently helping to deal with the problems of dog fouling and fly-tipping in the

village. See inside for further information.

We recently held the Annual Parish Meeting in the village hall. We had a really good turn out and it was lovely to be back in the hall again after such a long absence. A brief overview of the meeting is inside.

Finally, we welcome David Rabone to the council and look forward to working with him over the coming years.



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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUMMARY

Representatives of several groups gave up their time to report to the meeting. The full reports will soon be available to view on the parish council website, or call the clerk if you want to see paper copies.

- Chairman's Report—Overview of the year's activities including litter picking days, planning applications and the parish council's finances.
- John Winfield, PCSO - Crime report with statistics, information on numbers of calls to the police, tackling speeding & parking problems and reporting book now at the shop.
- Village Hall Management Committee - Update on repairs to the hall after the fire, new trustees needed, 'new hall' working group and thanks to all volunteers and hall users.
- Henstridge Cricket Club—Sadly, due to lack of new members, the club has folded after running for 30 years.
- Henstridge United Football Club—Number of members is reducing, Youth 5-a-side event planned for 22 June (last year's event was a success), relocated to Henstridge Sports and Leisure ground due to village hall fire, new manager is Derek Biddiscombe, withdrawing from Yeovil and District league.
- W.I.—Usual fundraising events not taken place due to lack of venue, Jubilee tree planted in cemetery, several talks throughout the year.
- Explorers Playgroup—Doing very well, all places taken and children on the waiting list, many fundraising activities completed and on-going, children visited Quite Corner Farm, made bird feeders and much more.
- Loose Ends—Highlights include Jubilee celebrations, Macmillan coffee morning and Christmas meetings at the Virginia Ash and Bird in Hand, thanks given to all who opened up their homes as venues while the village hall has been out of use.
- Book Club—NEW GROUP, meets penultimate Thursday of every month to chat about crime and thriller books, last month's title: The Ice Cream Girls by Dorothy Koomson, very informal, all welcome.
- Brownies/Rainbows—Meet Monday evenings either at school or Jane Jean's house, the two groups overlap so they can play together, between 14 and 20 members altogether, many winners at the District Handicraft Show
- Parochial Church Council—Three services every Sunday plus special events for Christmas, Easter etc, comprehensive hand-out on church operations.
- Cameo Club—Meetings taken place at school but looking forward to returning to the village hall, highlights include cookery demonstrations, talks and Easter Tea Party.

- Line Dancing—Meet on Thursday nights, have used church and Stalbridge Town since village hall fire, 15/16 regular attendees, 30 people on the books.
- Message in a Bottle—Ann Frost reminded everyone of the importance of keeping your prescription details up to date, more information available from [www.lionsmd105.org](http://www.lionsmd105.org)

**THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO TOOK THE TIME TO ATTEND AND CONTRIBUTE.**

### **BAG IT AND TAKE IT HOME—DOG WASTE IS RUINING OUR VILLAGE**

The parish council has been alerted to an increase in the amount of dog waste that is being dumped all around the village. To clarify, dog waste is faeces and therefore extremely hazardous to the health of people and other animals. There are several dog bins around the village and the council is exploring the possibility of installing another, but this may not be possible. Most dog walkers are responsible and clean up behind their pets. However, for those who are not, you need to know that you are required, by law, to not only pick up and bag your dogs' waste, but also to dispose of the bagged-faeces responsibly. If there is not a dog bin nearby, you should **TAKE IT HOME AND PUT IT IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WASTE BIN**. Simply bagging waste and dumping it is not acceptable, is extremely un-neighbourly and is ruining the village.



### **TREE MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

After all of the recent tree work had ended, we were visited by Phil Poulton, Tree Officer for SSDC, who inspected the work. It is fair to say that he was very impressed with both the concepts and the quality of the work, and concurred with our judgement that, Lleylandii excepted, we should not expect to undertake any serious maintenance for approximately 10 years. Phil did make a positive suggestion for Oak Vale Woodland, where he suggested that the Marsh Lane boundary might benefit from being "laid". Since we have little or no budget for this, if there are any skilled and experienced hedge-layers out there who would be will to help, please contact Zoe Godden with your details.

We are also getting quotes for removing the rubbish pile in the Rec, since it is only attracting local gardening fly-tippers and not providing any benefit. Once the rubbish is removed we will seed it and let it revert to grassland. Please refrain from dumping waste here.

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### MEET THE COUNCIL

The Parish Council in Henstridge is made up of 13 Councillors.

Adam Temperton—Chair, HACC Representative

Dave Nichols—Vice Chair, SALC Representative

Simon Cullum—Footpaths Representative, Tree Warden

Paul Brighten—HALT Representative

Pete Crocker—Highways representative

Jim Fitch

Geoff Jarvis

David Rabone

Sue Place—Youth Representative

Carolyn Nichols

Jean Oswick—VHMC Representative

Caroline Rowland

Paul White

Administration for the Council is dealt with by the Clerk and Proper officer, Zöe Godden. In the first instance all queries should be made to the Clerk. The District Councillors are Tim Inglefield and William Wallace, who is also the County Councillor.

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### HAVING YOUR SAY

The Parish Council is keen to receive input from parishioners and would remind you that, while a discretionary public forum is held at the beginning of every meeting, lawful items for discussion and decision have to be listed on the Parish Council or Committees Agendas. Therefore, if there is something that you feel the Parish Council should consider, please put your concern or query in writing to the Parish Clerk. Planning applications are considered at the beginning of each meeting and public opinion on planning applications is always welcomed either at the meetings or in writing. Copies of meeting Agendas are posted the previous week on the Parish Council's Henstridge & Yenston notice boards.

The meeting dates for the second quarter of 2013 will be:

#### **FULL COUNCIL:**

Monday 1 July 2013

Monday 5 August 2013

Monday 2 September 2013

#### **INTERIM MEETINGS, ONLY IF NECESSARY:**

Monday 22 July 2013

Monday 19 August 2013

Monday 16 September 2013

Meetings start at 7.00 in the Village Hall. When repairs are completed, meetings will be in the Village Hall lounge. Documents relating to the relevant planning applications are available to view 15 minutes before the start of each meeting.