

MUSCLIFF FUNDAY

Sunday, 17th July 2011

Muscliff Funday 11am - 4pm

This years event is on Sunday, 17th July 2011, 11am till 4pm fun for all the family on Muscliff Park, Shillingstone Drive.

Free admission and some super activities, stalls, fun fair, falconery displays, refreshments, the list is endless!

The event will be opened at 11am by the Mayor of Bournemouth Cllr Chris Rochester and Dame Kitty will be drawing the grand raffle at 3.30pm!!



If anyone would like to serve on the Funday committee please contact Anne 538068.

DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

On the corner of Sway Gardens and Landford Way at last they are down and the residents are happier now to see a safer junction.



MUSCLIFF ACTION GROUP

This multi-agency group continues to meet regularly discussing various issues around the Ward including any anti-social behaviour, speeding, forming of more neighbourhood watch schemes etc. We are pleased to welcome PCSO ANNA MAHER back from her travels and our new PCSO MIKE WHEADON to contact them ring: 07917 557229. The local PCSO's will be working until midnight during the summer months (instead of 10pm) to maintain a presence in the Ward.

We also have a new Police Sgt Guy Nicholas who is based at Winton Police Station and is very community minded and with PC Keith Dixon we have a great team serving Throop & Muscliff.

We are always looking for more people to join our Action Group so if you're interested please contact either Anne or Ron, the meetings are held at the Muscliff Youth Centre. 538068 / 575621

MUSCLIFF YOUTH CENTRE

For information about opening times and events please telephone - The Shack 01202 546213

OTHER LOCAL ISSUES

This includes on going correspondence with the highway road safety team for road safety measures at the junction of Stratton Road / Shillingstone Drive, opposite Muscliff Park.

ALLOTMENTS within Muscliff Lane. Bournemouth Churches Housing Association are in the process of getting the allotments ready for public use and are keen to let out for local people to grow their own fruit and veg. We are seeking here as to how far negotiations have got with land owners and agreements. There will be a stall at the Muscliff Funday event with more details.

For updated information on Parley Court sand and gravel extractions, the Stour Valley and any other local issues please look at our website www.peoplebeforepolitics.info



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ELECTION REPORT

Cllrs Anne & Ron would like to take this opportunity in sincerely thanking you, the residents, for electing us again as your Ward Councillors. It is an honour and privilege to serve the Throop and Muscliff Ward and we will always put people before local politics. We are only accountable to you, the residents, and not a party machine and the whip system.

Sadly as many now know Derek Borthwick who stood with us as an Independent candidate was elected in third place with just 1,037 votes!! Mr Borthwick crossed the floor on Monday, 9th May to join the Conservatives, with such a short time of being so elected as an Independent on Thursday, 5th May. He certainly deceived the electors, and used us to push his name forward in our joint election address.

His argument to Anne was he was well respected by the Conservatives and that the Independents had not done well locally, so why stand then as an Independent. He had plenty of time to leave the Independent group to seek a Conservative nomination, but NO he chose the easy route by standing with us as he knew he would not get in on his own. He has tried to come up with a few piffling excuses to justify his betrayal to the voters of Throop/ Muscliff, he got in by default he stole the votes from other very deserving candidates, yes he should resign, but he holds no principles. He also gave the excuse that he couldn't work under the leadership of Cllr Ben Grower (Labour) as the leader of the opposition! We don't have a leader of the opposition and Mr Borthwick has also thrown mud at Ron and Anne as they supported in name only, not the party label, the Lib Dem members in Redhill Park Ward (Anne's former Ward) and the Ind. Candidate as 3 candidates could get in! These were all weak excuses Mr Borthwick knew that he would get in with Anne & Ron but not as a TORY. He should have stood as a Conservative candidate and won honestly somewhere else. He wanted to stand on the Martin Bell principles two of which are honesty and integrity we question those qualities in this man.

Anne & Ron have received dozens of letters and e-mails from many of the Throop and Muscliff residents who are very angry about Mr Borthwick's actions so soon after an election, we thank them all for their continued support.

The Area Forum meeting on June 2nd 2011 saw many residents calling for Mr Borthwick's resignation and Cllr Anne challenged him to a by election but he didn't respond or apologise to the residents!!



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Once again our sincere thanks for your support and we will continue to serve you the residents and always put "people before politics" As always both Anne and Ron hope you find our newsletter of interest around our ward.

UNITED REFORM CHURCH, MUSCLIFF LANE AND THE MANSE

Here again residents within the Throop area know of the endless correspondence we have been having with Wessex Trust, owners of these two listed buildings.

It was last year when as members together with our conservation officer that we were then told that works to the Manse were programmed to start before Christmas 2010, with a view to the manse being occupied by tenants in February, with the listed Church being occupied by the International Church under a full repairing and insuring lease by again last Christmas, NOTHING HAPPENED.



In February further representations were made through our conservation office with us direct to the church owners again we were told. " they are proceeding with the Original proposals, " albeit they said delayed, now being well into the summer, [time of writing this section, still nothing happening on site].

Our conservation office is now seeking advice as to how we can take this matter forward on possible grounds of an enforcement, with the recent damage to the rear of the manse by thieves stealing slate tiles and lead, this being listed building the Wessex Trust have a statutory duty to carry out repairs. [please see website for any updates - www.peoplebeforepolitics.info]

THROOP MILL

As always like most residents we get very angry that this valuable asset of a listed building continues to remain closed. Recent vandalism has seen the damage done to the side of the building by thieves stripping some of the lead flashing and damaging the tiles. The owners Haygates were informed and so-called temporary repairs carried out. Here again we have raised the ongoing concern about the state of the building to the rear, what an asset for a museum / craft / organic shop / cafeteria. All these suggestions have for so many years been put to the owner but their answer is that they would sell the building for £600,000!!!

Old Photos of Throop Mill

Throop Sept 73

Throop Mill 2011



Throop Oct 53



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STOUR RIVER RESTORATION WORKS

Residents will be aware from our last Winter Newsletter we touched on the Mouchel Engineering Consultants report on the serious erosion taking place through the Stour valley and its river banks. The report runs into some 105 pages, with the section on Muscliff around 18 pages, it clearly identifies the issues that will need addressing, the report refers to the "primary objective at this site is the prevention of further erosion of the bank in order to maintain the current footpath, secondary objective is to ascertain the condition of the upper bank to determine how and if properties are being affected as a result of erosion from the River Stour".

We understand that the report and its findings will be progressed through Scrutiny which will need a long term "funded" plan that identifies the need for funding.

We will certainly be following this throughout the scrutiny process for Residents, [we are happy to photocopy that section of the report about Muscliff for any resident]

STOUR VALLEY RIVER PATH, [CLOSE TO THE FISHING DISABLED PLATFORM]

Further to our comments on the Restoration works, over many past months residents have together with very active support to us from the disability groups have shown concern regarding the very boggy section of the dip in the path close to the disabled fishing platform.

We know from the discharge, excess water from the bank above the path has created a very muddy section underfoot, we have with officers requested for a boardwalk which in 2005 we manage to fund further up the Stour valley path, it being very welcome by disability groups / wheelchair access.

This time it seems the quotes are excessive, meeting with officers it has been decided that works can be undertaken to run a trench and some 100mm hollow pipes within the heightened footpath to discharge excess water from the bank into the river.



Anne and Ron have offered to pay towards the material for the works out of the Local Improvement Fund (Ward Fund). One accepts the best solution would be for a boardwalk, if this proves not so successful. [hoping by the time you read our newsletter works might have been completed on site]

EXISTING MAIN WEIR BRIDGE, STOUR RIVER

With the ageing structure of the present bridge we have again reminded Dorset County Council of the need to ensure that all effort is continued to secure on-going maintenance as this bridge being the only access for pedestrians / cyclist.

Dorset CC told us in February that the Throop crossing was one that the County were looking at, using the steel span of the existing bridge at Stable Cross, Christchurch, which is to be removed in early 2012, Throop Crossing is to be considered as a possible location.

Meantime the existing bridge must be kept in use and safe for the public. [Again we will continue as always to keep residents up to date, via our Website].

ICE RINK

For up to date information on a proposed ice rink for Bournemouth, please look at our website or telephone Councillor Ron 01202 575621