



MUSCLIFF PARK - WOODLAND AREA



Early December saw a number of residents from the Muscliff Garden Club helping to plant various bulbs into the ground.

This activity followed our landscape team removing some of the dead trees which has now opened up the woodland area providing more space and light.

The chippings will be used to create an informal path through the woodland and next winter more bulbs will be planted (funded from our Ward funds).

At the same time, works have been undertaken for knee rails adjacent to the woodland.



COUNCILLOR SUE LEVELL

We are delighted that Redhill and Northbourne Council Ward Member, Councillor Sue Levell, has joined Anne and Ron as an Independent Councillor. Sue is a highly active and, importantly, is well respected by her residents. Sue took this stand to join us after the shambolic way that all three parties continue to ignore the strength of feelings over the party whips on the referendum vote on the European Union. *This also allows* Sue to be free of any party whips, *unlike Mr. Borthwick*, who always said he was against party politics in Local Government and used us to gain his seat but then joined the Conservatives within two days of the Election.



NEWS IN BRIEF

MUSCLIFF YOUTH CENTRE

- Muscliff Youth Centre continues to provide an excellent service and opportunities for young people. Telephone: 01202 546213

POST OFFICE IN ONE STOP

- Anne and Ron have endeavoured over the past months to seek with the Post Office a full counter service within the new Co-Op Store, naturally we were extremely disappointed that the offer from the Co-Op was not taken up including the removal of the existing post box, the Post Office has so informed us that they will be operating a "formatted open plan counter" at the One stop Store as from the 30th January 2012.

PETITION STOUR VALLEY

- Cllr Sue Levell presented an 800 signature petition to the Cabinet on the 16th November from the friends of Stour Valley OBJECTING to the proposals of fencing and cattle grazing in the Stour Valley nature reserve, such was referred to the relevant cabinet member for his consideration.

FIONA DOUGHERTY-PRICE

- We also welcome Fiona Dougherty-Price who has been active, helping out with newsletter deliveries and Ward matters. Our biggest mistake was *not having Fiona on our ticket last May*. Nevertheless, we know that Fiona will next time and residents will support Fiona in any future Election.

Visit www.peoplebeforepolitics.info to find out more about news in the area and local events.



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GYPSIES' AND TRAVELLERS' SITES IN THE GREEN BELT - 'HAVE YOUR SAY'

In November/December, some 2,000 residents received a joint letter from Anne and Ron detailing the announcement by Bakers Associates who had been appointed to undertake a site criteria assessment for possible transit and residential pitch site locations in Bournemouth, three being in the Green Belt, i.e. Erlin Farm (Muscliffe Lane), Careys Road (off Broadway Lane) and Throop Road (near the cattery).

All details are still on our website www.peoplebeforepolitics.info ;

CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS - 10th FEBRUARY 2012

We have questioned Bakers at length regarding the **CRITERIA FOR SELECTING ALL THREE SITES** which is included in our November newsletter, together with the very helpful support of our **AREA FORUM TEAM** which gives additional reasons for the objections to all three sites in the Green Belt.

Please look on our website or *contact Ron for a paper copy for those of you not on e-mail.*

**AN AREA FORUM IS TO BE HELD AT 7 p.m.
ON 2nd FEBRUARY AT BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
AND THIS ITEM IS THE MAIN TOPIC ON THE AGENDA.**

Residents wishing to receive a paper copy of the response form, please make contact with Cllr. Ron.

One can complete on-line at www.bournemouth.gov.uk/travellers or written responses can be sent to: Planning Policy, Town Hall Annexe, St. Stephen's Road, BOURNEMOUTH. BH2 6EA. or emails to planning@bournemouth.gov.uk

**WHATEVER YOUR CHOICE, PLEASE DO RESPOND.
WE ARE HOPING TO RECEIVE WELL IN EXCESS OF
1,000 REPRESENTATIONS.**

The Cabinet Member for Communities and Planning has said:

"I can certainly give assurances that we will listen very carefully to what our residents have to say".



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STOUR VALLEY RIVER PATH AND EROSION OF RIVER BANKS



In the summer of 2011, together with our Ward Fund, support from Councillors Sue Levell and Roger West and the biggest share coming from the Disability Forum, work was undertaken to improve the very boggy section of the path [see picture left] close to the fishing platform.



At the same time, a detailed report from Mouchel highlighted the very serious and ongoing threats to the erosion of sections of our river bank; none more so than the section [see picture right] of the path close to the existing board walk.

For added safety reasons we were able to secure the fence. The Scrutiny Panel on 11th October supported our calls "... for a programme of river restoration by using 'Rock Rolls' or similar treatment to prevent as much as possible a further collapse of the river bank". Residents wishing to see the minutes or a copy of the Mouchel report, please contact Cllr. Ron.



MUSCLIFF FUNDAY

The next

Musciff Funday
Sunday, 15th July 2012
from 11am till 5pm

and we are going to have an additional event

A Family Music Festival!
Saturday, 14th July 2012
from noon till 9pm

If anyone plays in a band or is a soloist please contact Anne Rey and if anyone is interested in having a stall on the 15th July please let Anne know asap telephone 01202 538068

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS - CHESILDENE AND SHILLINGSTONE DRIVES

After two years of parents / children campaigning, led by our Catherine Sidney, for a 'safe to school pedestrian crossing' on Chesildene Drive which saw a petition and a number of on-site demonstrations, together with a deputation to the Scrutiny Panel in 2010, we now see the completion of the crossing.

Again, the same in Shillingstone Drive where recorded speeds were well over 40 m.p.h. (with two injury accidents).

A petition, organised by a local parent, gained 200 signatures; this all added to the need for the crossing into the park together with a safe route across the park to the Epiphany Primary School and the play areas.



Shillingstone Drive



Chesildene Drive

BERRY HILL TREATMENT WORKS, THROOP

In September 2009 we brought forward a very detailed motion to Full Council, highlighting the ever-increasing problems of the large 12-wheel tankers into and out of Berry Hill; in that motion we were calling for the support of the business plan for a pipeline to take away the liquid sludge and therefore the cessation of import tanker movements daily through the local road network. This plan would bring the much needed environmental benefits to local residents from reduced vehicle emissions and noise.

So, where are we now?!! After 2+ years, Wessex Water has announced that after a number of meetings they are proposing to construct a new access road from Parley Lane with passing bays which the designers will propose once the final route is selected; such a route will avoid Throop village entirely. The main improvement will be a bridge over the River Stour into Berry Hill Treatment Works. All this will naturally need involvement of a number of issues to be addressed on the environment, ecology and possible mitigation measures.

What we hope to see from this bridge is a bridleway parallel to, but segregated from, the proposed road for cyclists/walkers. With the disappointment of losing the Pig Shoot crossing, this could overcome much of that disappointment although it seems unlikely that any bridleway connection would benefit horse riders due to the location into Parley Lane. We are told that ongoing talks are being held with landowners, Malmesbury Estates/Bournemouth Council Officers and Christchurch Council planners.

Wessex Water is required to complete the construction of the road and bridge by 31 March 2013. The bridleway is still the subject of discussion on safety and cost grounds.

[Please see our website for the newsletter from Wessex Water and also for any update we can give.]



THROOP UNITED CHURCH & THE MANSE, MUSCLIFFE LANE AND THROOP MILL



As the majority of Throop residents know, the listed Church has been closed for two years and The Manse, well over three years. The Church grounds at the front of the building are in a very overgrown appearance with both buildings showing increasing signs of weather deterioration. In December 2010 we were given assurances by the Church owners, the Wessex Trust, that the Bournemouth International Church had shown interest in occupying the Church and refurbishment works would commence before Christmas ... that being Christmas 2010, they then said "... with a view to the Manse being occupied by February 2011".

[Up to the present time of preparing this newsletter, nothing is happening!]



Manse

It is over one year later with endless letters sent from our Principal Enforcement Officer asking for confirmation as to whether the Bournemouth International Church were still showing an interest and what their plans were for the Manse as they had indicated many months earlier that they wished to undergo a pre-application discussion regarding the Manse.

THROOP MILL Likewise, following 8+ months of letters / e-mails from our Enforcement Officer to the current owners of Throop Mill, pointing out the damaged tiles caused by the theft of lead from sections of the roof and increasing graffiti to the rear section of the building and having made representations from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, they replied saying "... we are investigating the present situation at Throop Mill". Over the past years we know interest has been shown by certain individuals into this listed building but again we hear nothing further to those enquiries!! [For any news, please continue to look at our website.]

UPDATE 17th December 2011 - Throop Mill roof repaired and graffiti removed