

FUTURE EVENTS CONT'D

Thurs 20th Maunday Thursday 7.30pm Sung Eucharist

Friday 21st Good Friday

Sun 23rd Easter Day 11.30am Parish communion

AND FINALLY

We hope to include events organised by the Community Centre and Steam Railway in future newsletters also if you have anything you would like to raise through the newsletter or a local event to advertise please let the Parish Clerk know in good time.

CONTACT DETAILS

Cllr Heidi Marshall, Longstones, Pondcast Lane, Havenstreet

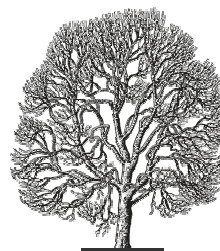
Cllr Kirstie Rann, Woodlands, Main Road, Havenstreet

Cllr Liz Bell, Whitefield House, Ashey Road, Ashey

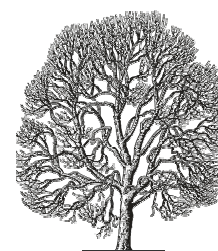
Mrs C Lewis, Parish Clerk, 26 The Willows, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO33 5YR. Tel 01983 525124.

for information about meetings and the Parish Council you may use our website which is

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HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL



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We would like to welcome you to our February Newsletter. This has been a very busy period for the Parish Council with lots of changes resulting in vacancies for councillors. There are also a number of exciting opportunities for the people of this Parish to get involved with improving our environment.

At the beginning of the year we said a reluctant good-bye to Dave Goodey and Barry Wyatt. We are sure you join us in thanking them for their hard work and wishing them well for the future. Also Malcolm Ross' seat was declared vacant. We are now looking for three new councillors to join the Parish Council and would urge you to apply by the 5th March 2008. Thanks to electors returning their requests for a by-election to County Hall, depending on the number of applications, we hope to elect the new councillors rather than co-opting them. This helps the Parish Council in its application for quality status, which will allow us to access extra funding.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COUNCILLOR FOR YOUR PARISH?

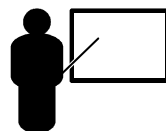
You can be a councillor if you are:

- 18 years of age or over
- British subject or citizen of the Irish Republic
- Local elector of the Parish of Havenstreet and Ashley or during the 12 month period prior to nomination have:
- Occupied land or premises as owner or tenant in the Parish
- **or** Resided in the Parish or within 3 miles thereof
- **or** Have your principal or only place of work in that area.

Please contact the Parish Clerk on 01983-525124 for a nomination pack if you are interested.

We also said farewell to Rebecca Tuck our Parish Clerk, who has now been replaced by Cathy Lewis. Cathy's contact details are on the website and on the notice boards as well as in this newsletter. On Monday mornings she will be available between 9.30 and 11.30 at the Community Centre in Havenstreet, so do drop in to say hello.

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SCHOOLS REORGANISATION

At the February meeting a number of concerns were voiced about the Isle Of Wight Councils plans and these comments were passed on by the Parish Council.

OLDER VOICES CHAMPION

The Council are looking for someone from the Parish to represent older people at quarterly meetings. If you have time to do this please contact the Clerk for further details.

FUTURE EVENTS

5th March 2008 Meeting of Recreation Ground committee at Havenstreet Community Centre.

6th March 2008 Parish Council meeting at Havenstreet Steam Railway – Simon Dabell will be attending to talk about Robin Hill.

Easter Church services at St Peters

Sun 16th March 9.45 Family Service

Tues 18th March 7.30pm Service for Holy week

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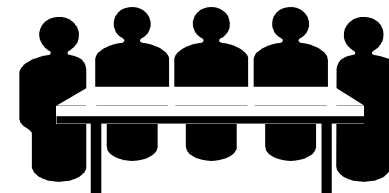
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HAVENSTREET RECREATION GROUND

Due to its poor condition the toilet block had to be demolished. We were able to set aside money in our budget for improvements to the recreation ground entrance and this work has been completed. Now there are two seats ready for installation and, under the 'Million Blooms Scheme', we have been offered an oak tree which could also be put in the recreation ground. We need the recreation ground committee to re-form and choose the locations for the seats and agree whether to purchase and instal the tree. There will be a meeting at the Community Hall on the 5th March. If you are interested in helping out please attend the meeting or contact the Parish Clerk.

MILLION BLOOMS

This years grant for the million blooms project expires at the end of March, when all receipts must be in. One suggestion made was for the planting of wildflowers or planters in the lay-by in Ashey Road. However the sum of money this year will not be sufficient to pay for the planting as well as the purchase of the plants, nor for maintenance. We would therefore be seeking a working party of residents willing to do the planting and/or maintenance. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are able to help with this work.



PARISH PLAN COMMITTEE REQUIRED

Due to the Parish Council being short handed work on the Parish Plan has been suspended. Once the new councillors have been elected we will be asking you to help us form a new Parish Plan Committee and revisiting the Parish Plan, starting with organising a 'Planning for Real' exercise. Despite its name this is not just about new buildings in and around the Parish, it is used to identify the good things about the Parish and improvements we can make. When the Parish Plan has been formally drawn up and adopted the committee will act on the improvements suggested.

Have you some good ideas on things to change? Is there something you would love to do in the parish? Is there something needed by the people in the Parish that you could help with? Please do join the committee.

Contact the Parish Clerk to register your interest on 01983-525124



TRAFFIC

There was a meeting with Kevin Burton at the end of 2007 at which various matters were raised. Reactive speed signs have been installed at Havenstreet and Asheby will be having a speed monitoring system installed in Asheby Road shortly. A list of traffic concerns has been handed to the appropriate people within the Isle of Wight Council, also ward Cllr Churchman has been proactive in pursuing these matters. There is to be an island wide speed assessment carried out in late 2008 by the council. The Parish Council has agreed to support Newchurch Parish Council in its attempts to obtain traffic measures on the Downs Road and Brading Town Council on issues surrounding lorries using HardingShute.

POST OFFICE CLOSURE

It was with deep regret that we saw the closure of Havenstreet Post Office. The Parish Council is being proactive in attempting to obtain a mobile service in Havenstreet and hopes that by working closely with St Peters PCC some form of service can be obtained.



COMPUTER LESSONS

These are due to begin again in March and will be taught by a member of staff from the Riverside Centre. Those people that have previously expressed an interest will be contacted when the dates are supplied.

The laptops supplied by 'Awards For All' are on order and when they arrive will be available to the public for use in the parish office. There will be internet facilities too.

PLANNING



There are changes in the way planning applications can be made on-line. Also the Government is encouraging local councils to look at building on green field sites and the Isle of Wight Council is developing its strategy at the moment.

If you are interested in a planning application please do come to Parish Council meetings as your opinion matters.