

Hazelbury Bryan Bytes

Parish Council Newsletter – Issue 19 – December 2013

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Message from Dave Roberts – Chairman

It was good, once again, to see so many people come to pay their respects to the fallen from two World Wars and from other, more recent conflicts, at the Remembrance Day service held at the War Memorial.

As always, your Parish Council have been busy and on Sunday 6th October many of the councillors and other volunteers carried out a 'Litter Pick' around the village. Several bin bags full of litter were collected from the roadsides and footpaths, including all the usual plastic bottles, drink cans, waste paper and packaging and a washing machine motor!

I have been asked lately by a couple of people if anything is happening about the proposed footpath from the Antelope to the Red Barn shop. As a council we are still working towards achieving the aim of building a footpath to provide safer access along that section of The Causeway and our cause was strengthened recently by Dorset Highways who have set aside a sum of money to help us. However, we still have a long way to go and it is unlikely to be a quick process!

Finally, can I remind you that you can bring matters to the attention of the Parish Council by contacting the Parish Clerk, myself or any of the other councillors using the contact details on the back page

For all the latest news – please visit the website www.hazelburybryan.com or contact the webmaster master@hazelburybryan.com

Keep Warm - Keep Well

With cold weather, icy conditions and snow on the way there are concerns that older people in the village could be at risk. Older people have an increased risk of becoming ill if they get cold, outdoors, as well as at home. Pensioners should take some simple steps:

- Wear several thin layers of clothes rather than one thick layer – this traps warm air between the layers, so keeping you warmer.
- Choose clothes made with wool, cotton, or fleecy synthetic fibres that are designed to be light and warm.
- In very cold weather, a good way to keep warm in bed is to wear bed socks and a night cap or scarf around your head, as well as thermal underwear and a warm nightdress or pyjamas.
- When outside wear something over your head, otherwise you will get cold very quickly.
- Wear warm, dry, flat, non-slip shoes or boots outside.
- Food is fuel; it helps to keep you warm. Aim to have at least one hot meal a day and have hot drinks regularly through the day.
- Have a hot drink before bedtime and keep a thermos flask of a hot drink by your bed in case you wake up in the night feeling cold.
- Try to keep the temperature of all rooms in your house to 21°C (70°F). If you can't, at least keep your living room warm throughout the day and your bedroom warm before going to bed.
- Keep your bedroom window closed at night.
- Use an electric blanket OR hot water bottle in bed, but NEVER both together.

“Older people are at risk when the temperatures fall and there is ice outside, we want them to **Keep Warm, Keep Well** at this time of the year.”

Be a good neighbour

Please keep an eye on elderly neighbours or relatives. Some older people can struggle to get out to shops for food and medication. Check if elderly neighbours need assistance with shopping. If the curtains are not open during the day, or there are no lights on in the evening there may be something wrong. Try knocking on the door to see if there's an answer. If not, contact a relative or friend who you think may have a key. If you think there are serious grounds for concern, contact the emergency services by dialling 999.

Allotments

Do you want an allotment in the village? The waiting list for an allotment plot at the site in Pidney Hill is very short and if you are interested in having a plot it is worth putting your name on the list. The members of the Hazelbury Bryan Allotment Association have had a very productive year and now is the time to start planning for next year. If you want an allotment the first step is to get your name on the list.

The Clerk will forward your name to the Association secretary if you let him know that you are interested.

Agendas, minutes, crime alerts

The Clerk issues Parish Council meeting agenda and minutes by email to anyone who supplies their email address to him. He also uses the addresses to send out crime alerts and anything else that he feels of interest to the residents of Hazelbury Bryan.

Contact the Clerk on parishclerk@hazelburybryan.com

North Dorset Local Plan consultation

The plan that will determine where 4,200 new homes are built across North Dorset will be available for public consultation from 29 November. It runs until Friday 24 January 2014 giving residents, businesses and community groups eight weeks to make their views known.

There is a drop-in exhibition at The Exchange, Sturminster Newton on Monday 2 December from 10am to 7pm.

The Local Plan Part 1 and all supporting information can be viewed on the Council's website: <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/planning/north-dorset/planning-policy>

2014 Parish Council meeting dates

7th January

4th February

4th March

1st April

6th May*

3rd June

* Annual Meeting

1st July

5th August

2nd September

7th October

4th November

2nd December

Parish Council meetings: Held on the first Tuesday of every month at 8pm in the Village Hall. During the meeting there is a time set aside for the public to raise matters of concern or local interest.

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