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CLANFIELD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Villagers,

During the year several invitations are received to attend events as your chairman and the one that I am most proud to attend is the annual Remembrance Service held this year on the 9<sup>th</sup> November. It is always sobering to be reminded of the debt that we owe to those who gave their lives on our behalf. In my own family we remember my wife's only brother who volunteered for the Royal Air Force during the second world war at the age of 19 and who died of neglect and Beri-Beri in Changi, the infamous Japanese POW camp in Singapore. There must be many examples of families throughout our village affected by such sadness as the result of current and previous wars and I hope that it helps them to know that if only for a short time each year, it is shared. At last year's service, I read the moving words of the Kohima Memorial epitaph and instead of placing the Parish Council's wreath myself, as is the custom, passed it to David Roch our long serving councillor, who actually served during the second world war, to place on behalf of us all. It is my intention to do the same this year and hope that it meets with your approval.

So much for the past and now for the future - the Parish Plan is progressing well and villagers are to be congratulated for their support that at times has been almost overwhelming, more than 750 questionnaires have been completed and returned for analysis. At the outset we were advised that a return rate of 25% would be good, we have exceeded 40% and once again the enthusiasm and spirit shown by villagers is to be applauded. This splendid response brings its own problems however and the data entry and processing, which (at the time of writing) is nearing completion, has been a mammoth task for the working groups and volunteers. This probably accounts for a number of villagers walking around with red eyes and yawning! It is well worthwhile however and already some interesting results are being produced. With this in mind a second Public Meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm at the Clanfield Junior School, East Meon Road, at which the initial results will be presented to villagers and the future programme explained.

Our annual village "Carols around the Pond" will be held this year on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7:00pm**. As previously there will be a floating crib, free mince pies and light sticks for the children. Do please try to come and make this a wonderful start to the Christmas holidays.

May I end by wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year, from all of us at the Parish Council.

Thank you,

Brian Ahern.

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### GOOD NEIGHBOURS COLUMN

#### OVERGROWN HEDGES

Please could residents cut back their overhanging hedges from the footpaths.

The Council would like to remind landowners that it is their responsibility to cut the hedges to keep them clear of the highway and not wait until they get a letter from Hampshire County Council requesting them to do so.

#### GRASS VERGES

A reminder to residents/visitors - please do not park on the grass verges or pavements in the village. The parking on pavements causes an obstruction to pedestrians and can be illegal. The parking on grass verges causes damage to the surface and gradually erodes the edges of the verge and the grass.

-- THANK YOU --

# “ALL ADS UP”

## Hampshire Food Festival is a recipe for success!

Following the success of this year's Hampshire Food Festival held throughout July, organisers Hampshire Fare are keen to encourage more businesses and organisations across Hampshire to take part and host an event during the 2009 Hampshire Food Festival, which will run from July 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.

Research indicates that The Hampshire Food Festival economically benefited Hampshire, bringing in an estimated £2.45 million of visitor spending during the Festival. Over 85,700 people were attracted to the Festival's 120 different events, held at dozens of different venues across Hampshire during July. Events were organised by food and drink producers, farmers, brewers, farmers' markets, pubs, restaurants, town centres, libraries, local businesses and communities, which opened their doors to the public to host events such as cookery demonstrations, guided tours, open days, hand-on cookery workshops, special menus and street festivals.

To discuss how to get involved and the benefits of taking part, contact Sophie Boxall at Hampshire Fare on 01962 847098/07725 445042, [sophie.boxall@hants.gov.uk](mailto:sophie.boxall@hants.gov.uk) or visit the food festival page at [www.hampshirefare.co.uk](http://www.hampshirefare.co.uk).

The Hampshire Food Festival is Hampshire Fare's showcase event, backed by Hampshire County Council, SEEDA and supported by Hampshire Fare's Corporate Partners Ecover, Blake Laphorn, Fuller Smith and Turner, Newsquest and Wave 105.

For more information about this press release, please contact Sophie Boxall, PR & Marketing Officer at Hampshire Fare Ltd on 01962 847098 / 07725 445042 or [sophie.boxall@hants.gov.uk](mailto:sophie.boxall@hants.gov.uk)

## CLANFIELD VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP.

**We are always on the look-out for new volunteers so if you have a couple of hours a month to spare we would love to hear from you. Remuneration for drivers is 40p per mile and any job done on our behalf is at your convenience.**

**Please phone our Duty Coordinator on 92594577 for more information about this worthwhile voluntary job, much appreciated by those we help.**

**If you live in Horndean you will receive an equally warm welcome from the Horndean Voluntary Care Group on 92596303.**

## GREENING CLANFIELD FORUM

The second of the regular Greening Clanfield film nights was held recently at the Sustainability Centre.

The film was "The End of Suburbia?"- a very thought-provoking film about the potential impacts of depleted oil reserves.

All in all, the evening was a success, finishing with an informal but spirited discussion about the film which, inevitably, broadened into other environmental topics.

The next Film Night is Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, when the film is "The Power of the Community". Again, the venue is the Sustainability Centre, 7.15, free admission and all welcome so bring your friends!

Bill Enstone, Co-ordinator.

## **PROBLEM OF FLY-TIPPING PILING UP IN THE SOUTH OF THE DISTRICT**

The countryside around the south of East Hampshire is being blighted by fly-tippers, according to those tasked with cleaning up the mess. The problem is only getting worse as more and more unscrupulous traders ditch their trash in the area's picturesque rural lanes.

“Horndean, Clanfield and the surrounding area are particularly at risk”.

EHDC is working hard to counter the problem, which costs the taxpayer more than £40,000 a year to tackle, and is determined to prosecute those responsible.

### **Jo Edwards, Contracts Supervisor, emphasised the scale of the problem.**

“If the council tax payers realise how much money it costs us to clear it all away they would be shocked,” she said. “I think most people want fly-tippers to be caught I don't think there's anyone that wouldn't say they should be. “The damage to the environment can be terrible when hazardous materials are dumped as they can get into the water courses and be a danger to the local wildlife and to residents”

In 2007/2008 there were 452 fly-tips reported across East Hampshire, including seven drums of fuel or dangerous chemicals, 32 sites of construction waste and 150 sites of household waste and black bags.

Around 750 tyres were dumped alongside the A3 or other roads in the south of the district.

The council runs a campaign called “Clean and Green” dedicated to keeping the district free from litter and rubbish. Jo Edwards urged residents and businesses to know the rules surrounding the disposal of waste so they don't fall foul of the law.

“We take fly-tipping very seriously and we will prosecute people if necessary,” she said.

“It is important people understand that if you hire someone to get rid of waste you must, by law, get a Waste Transfer Notice including a written description of the waste, from the collector. It is also your responsibility to check they have a Waste Carriers Licence.

“... residents... don't want their countryside blighted by fly-tippers and it is a nightmare for landowners and the Council. If we all work together we can keep the countryside of East Hampshire free of fly-tipping and “Clean and Green”.”

**CONTACT: Jo Edwards, EHDC Contracts Supervisor, 01730 234286.**

### **Peel Park – Please!**

Just to remind residents that Peel Park is a dog free zone - there is a byelaw in place stating that dogs are not permitted in Peel Park (signs on each entrance). The council can fine anyone contravening this byelaw the sum of £100. NB. Dogs are allowed at the Storrington Road open space area and South Lane/Sunderton Meadows where bins are provided for clearing up after your dogs.

Thank you.

# PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

Brian Ahern **Chairman**  
Karen Crookshank **V.Chair**  
Brian Foster  
Louise Lamacraft  
Margaret Nuttall  
David Roch  
Peter Rodgers  
Pete Turner  
Vyv Turner  
Margaret White  
Diane Duffy **Clerk #**

## DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Ken Moon  
Sam Payne

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Sam Payne

## Parish Council meetings

*All meetings are held on 1st Tuesday of each month in the Memorial Hall, South Lane Clanfield (usually at 7.30pm – but contact Parish Clerk to confirm - Parishioners are encouraged to attend).*  
**# NB. The PC do not meet in January.**

## EHDC Area South Community Committee Meetings

*All meetings are held on 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Sixth Form Common Room, Horndean Technology College (usually start at 6.30pm but please phone if you wish to attend.)*

## Parish Planning (Devmt) Committee Meetings

*All meetings are held alternate Tuesdays – in the Peel Park Pavilion to discuss plans received via EHDC in the previous fortnight. See parish notice board for agenda and date of the next meeting.*

## THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME AT ALL OF THE ABOVE MEETINGS

**# NB. The Parish Clerk can be available for any necessary consultation – but only during normal working hours, Mon-Thursday (unless an emergency).**

## This is YOUR Newsletter!

If you have anything to say, or you want to let the villagers of Clanfield know about a planned event – let us know about it!

Please submit your comments, letters, articles and photographs to:

**Pete Turner**

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E-mail: newslettercpc@ntlworld.com

## 2009 Planned Copy Deadlines are:

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**Summer Edition: 1st May**  
**Autumn Edition: 31st July**  
**Winter Edition: 30th October**

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## **Safer Neighbourhood Team – South of Butser**

By the time you read this winter will be under way and Christmas approaching!

The dark nights bring safety issues to one and all.

Speeding - during late summer there were several mobile camera speed enforcement checks in the villages and many local residents were caught. The temporary speed limit reminder signs in Catherington Lane produced many positive responses from residents. These are all reminders to drivers to kill their speed and keep to speed limits.

Drink/drive – the police are having drink/drive operations in all areas prior to Christmas. Don't take any risks even driving a short distance from the pub to home. Be sensible, enjoy yourself but don't put yourself and others at risk.

Pedestrian safety – our villages attract many walkers and cyclists – be safe – be seen at night. Wear light coloured clothing and/or reflective jackets or bands. Cyclists riding at night should check their lights and batteries.

Our South of Butser Safer Neighbourhood Team is now complete with our new member, PC Iain Clancy 24099, who joined us at the end of September. As a team and as individuals we are contactable on email [southofbutser@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:southofbutser@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) or 0845 045 45 45. We are also featured on the Hampshire Constabulary website : [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)

At time of writing we are reviewing our beat surgeries/venues for 2009 – so look out on Parish noticeboards.

PCSO Sally BEARD 13144

Safer Neighbourhood Team – South of Butser

## **Free swimming for the Over 60s**

East Hampshire's over 60s can enjoy free swimming in the district council's leisure centres next year.

Starting from April 1 2009 over 60s will be able to dive in to a new scheme being funded through a government grant to local authorities and a partnership between East Hampshire District Council and the company that runs the district's three leisure centres.

Around £15 million of government money has been earmarked for the plan over the next two years.

If East Hampshire's allocation does not fully fund the scheme, DC Leisure - which runs the Taro Leisure in Petersfield, Alton Leisure Centre and the Mill Chase Leisure Centre in Bordon – has agreed to cover any shortfall. After two years the government will review the level of funding it provides for the scheme.

EHDC is also in negotiations with the Petersfield Open Air Swimming Pool over how it might be included in the scheme.

Council deputy leader Councillor David Parkinson said: "This government funding is likely to run out after two years, so the district council would have to bring charges back into place."

CONTACT: Will Parsons, EHDC Communications Officer, 01730 234030.

## **EHDC in “Best Council” results**

East Hampshire District council has been hailed as the tenth best council in the country to work for, according to the results of a nationwide competition.

The contest, sponsored by The Times, compared the results of a comprehensive staff survey about working conditions and job satisfaction at councils across the country.

This is the second year the Best Councils competition has been run and the first time EHDC has entered. Around 100 of the country's 500 councils took part.

Over 70 per cent of the council's staff completed the independent questionnaire compiled by the firm Best Companies. The survey revealed a strong sense teamwork and good management.

EHDC's Chief Executive, Will Godfrey, said a happy workforce means a more productive workforce. “From my point of view it is a very robust piece of data about how people are feeling in the organisation. That's why we're pleased with the outcome,” he said.

“It is clear people feel EHDC is an open and transparent organisation, that they can talk to their managers and that they feel fulfilled by their jobs without being stressed - this is very important.

“If you have staff that enjoy their work they're more likely to be more productive and deliver a better service than disgruntled and demotivated staff.

“But there's always room for improvement and we won't be resting on our laurels. It has identified some areas that we know we have to work on.

“People feel proud of the organisation - this is a good position to be in.”

**CONTACT: Will Parsons, EHDC Communications Officer, 01730 234030.**

## **Land sales decision**

Following consultation with local residents East Hampshire District Council has decided to retain plots of land mooted for sale. The council has explored the possibility of selling 15 small pieces of land, none larger than half an acre, around the district.

EHDC's Cabinet met on September 17 and agreed that three sites, plus Homefield Way, in Clanfield, should be retained as designated open space. Cabinet also decided to take no further action to sell the remaining 11 sites. It is estimated the sale of all 15 plots would have raised around £2 million but councillors felt the wishes of residents and local councils carried more weight.

EHDC Deputy Leader, Cllr David Parkinson, said: “While looking into the merits of selling these small pieces of open land we consulted with local residents and received a very clear message that these spaces are still highly prized by the communities they serve. EHDC's Cabinet is therefore happy to retain the sites so they can continue to be used by local families.”

A new policy was also approved by Cabinet that EHDC will consult with local residents and town and parish councils before considering the disposal of open space.

**CONTACT: Chris Fairhead, EHDC's Land and Property Manager, on 01730 234040.**

## **CLANFIELD TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

We are a group of now 55 people. We were formed in 1994, when our membership was around 80 people.

We would welcome new members now, if people are interested in phoning for a chat for further details.

Clanfield is twinned with a closely-bonded group of 8 villages in Normandy, which are quite close to Rouen. Each Spring we take-it-in-turns to host a visit: they are due here for a weekend in April/May 2009, so this will mean local couples re-inviting French couples (whom they probably already know) into their homes for 2-3 nights, and the Committee will arrange a group party-night and an organised trip somewhere.

We always enjoy each others' company; not the least element of fun is borne by any lack of command of the English or French language.

Over the years, trips for us have included Paris, Versailles, Giverny and Rouen, and we have taken them to London, Hampton Court, Winchester and the Isle of Wight, as well as several more local places.

During the year, our members meet about 10 times in a social engagement, to maintain our personal local friendships and to raise funds from events like a quiz or wine-tasting event or indoor games pursuit.

Membership costs just £10 per person per annum

If you are interested in joining the Association, please phone John Moore on 02392 592784.

## **CLANFIELD GARDENING CLUB**

A lovely summer's day greeted exhibitors for the Clanfield Gardening Club's 26th annual show held in the Memorial Hall on the 17th August. The show was open to members and non members and proved to be a very successful day.

The garden exhibits were wonderful despite the blustery, wet summer we have experienced this year. Members volunteered to help the setting up of the hall on the Saturday and to set the staging of the exhibits on the Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

At 10am the judges arrived and at 12.30, most helpers and judges sat down to a welcome salad meal provided by the Hyden W.I.. The show was then open to the public and Doctor Crispin arrived with his wife and two children to present the prizes.

We had some amazing exhibits in the craft, cookery, photographic, art and of course horticultural classes. Chairman, Mike Pritchard worked hard on the computer putting together the resulting points earned.

Altogether, it was a wonderful show and we give a big Thank you for everyone who took part creating it.

## Endal Junior "collars the lead" in fund raising thanks to the Clanfield Coop store, with a little help from his pals

The staff of Clanfield's Co-op have been raising funds over the last year to buy the new recruits at Canine Partners, collars, leads and other essential pieces of equipment required in their first few months of training.

For the last twelve years the staff have witnessed first hand how much benefit and enablement a disabled person can gain from a Canine partner by having Endal visit the store nearly every day and helping his human partner Gulf war veteran Allen Parton. The amazing way in which Endal enables Allen in his daily life has not been missed by the staff at the Co-op and they unanimously decided to try and support Canine Partners in their efforts to enable more disabled people like Allen.

Mrs. Rene King, who had organised the fund raising, said " All of us in the store wanted to feel we were doing something that really mattered and would make such a significant difference. We are all too aware that equipment costs can really mount up for any organisation such as Canine Partners. This way we can add week by week to the donation and we were so amazed at how quickly our efforts had eventually mounted up. Hopefully one day we'll see some puppies out and about and have a great feeling of pride knowing that we have all played our part and they are sporting leads and collars given by us". We now very fortunate to see EJ coming into the store as part of his early socialization and to know that we are contributing to this wonderful cause really matters to us all.

The puppies come into training in teams with names starting with the letter of that particular intake, currently the "L" team are the latest recruits. Puppy parent families take the new puppy at 8 weeks old and socialize the puppy for up to 14 months after which time the puppy enters advanced training to become a fully fledged Canine partners along side their disabled partner. Part of the socialization requires that the puppy regularly attends puppy class for one hour a week and what the puppy is taught in class is then reinforced by the puppy parent families during the following week



Equipment cost really and do add up said Sandra Parton, puppy operation manager at canine partners "now with nine puppy satellites around the country and up to 65 puppies in training at any one time...the bill is always growing too. This sort of donation makes such a huge impact and to see the new recruits kitted out in their new leads and collars is wonderful. All our puppy parents love to take home their new fluffy bundles with a puppy pack with new equipment in it. We are truly grateful to the staff of the Clanfield Co-op for their generous donation of these essential packs of puppy equipment. It really does get these raw recruits off to a great start in their new career as Canine Partners. The icing on the cake of today's proceeding has to be the addition of a further donation of £100 made by Southern Cooperative head office, bringing the total equipment fund to £425.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a puppy parent or would like to help Canine Partners can contact the charity either by ringing 01730 716030 or by visiting the website at [www.caninepartners.co.uk](http://www.caninepartners.co.uk) for further information.

Front row L-R:

Caroline Coe and Layla (11 Week old Golden retriever), Allen Parton, Sandra Parton and EJ (16 week old labrador)

Back Row L-R:

Rob Retaillick (Coop store manager), Bev Daffin (Coop), Glenys Rowe and Lenny (11 week old Golden retriever), Nigel Moran (Coop), Gill Lewer (Coop), Cara Wright (Coop).

## Information on sports clubs and classes now available online

Sports clubs and classes are being collated in one online database as part of a new website for East Hampshire physical activity and leisure opportunities.

The site, [www.getactivenow.org.uk](http://www.getactivenow.org.uk), features the details of coaches and instructors who have registered and the classes they run.

Local clubs, groups and classes will not only benefit from a completely free means by which to promote their sessions and events but also from raising their profile in East Hampshire, increasing their membership, accessing resources for training and identifying funding opportunities.

Councillor Jennifer Gray, Portfolio Holder for Lifestyles and Community at East Hampshire District Council and member of the Get Active Partnership said: "This new, fresh and exciting GetActive website provides a fantastic opportunity for local providers of physical activity, sport and leisure to promote what they do for East Hampshire residents.

"By all joining together to promote the vast array of opportunities for getting active in East Hampshire we stand a very good chance of succeeding to get more people, more active, more often.

"I am urging all local clubs, groups and classes in the district to register their details today and get promoting their regular sessions as well as one-off events."

The new Get Active East Hampshire website has been designed by Akira Studio Ltd, a Petersfield based web design company to provide an easy way for local physical activity, sport and leisure providers to promote their sessions and events.

For more information about Get Active East Hampshire, contact Liz Murray, Active Lifestyles Coordinator on 01730 234067 or [liz.murray@easthants.gov.uk](mailto:liz.murray@easthants.gov.uk).