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Newsletter from the Parish Council

Village Fun Day - 5th July

The Parish Council has been pleased to receive lots of positive feedback from many Doddinghurst residents. If you attended we hope you enjoyed it. If not – why not?! The sun was shining and the free cakes were delicious! The Essex Dog Display Team put on an excellent show whilst the Circus Skills performer, Mr. Giggles the magician and Jessica's disco kept the younger parishioners happily entertained. The climbing wall and bungee run proved to be very popular attractions too. The local PCSO's and NHW were also in attendance promoting crime prevention and personal safety. The burgers and hot dogs kept everyone well fed and the Village Hall bar was open which kept everyone well watered!

Local businesses were very generous in their donations for raffle prizes and your Parish Councillors worked tirelessly for many months on the arrangements and organisation to try and ensure a good day was had by all.

The fact that so many people had a great day out was also due in no small part to the fantastic army of village volunteers that worked alongside the parish councillors to ensure that everything ran smoothly.

If you took the time and trouble to help out in any way, shape or form then please accept a big **THANK YOU** from all at Doddinghurst Parish Council for helping to make the event such a success.

Parish Council Grants

At an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held in July it was approved unanimously to apply for a Public Work Loan Board loan of £100,000 to enable the improvement of community buildings in Doddinghurst. These funds will be allocated for the Village Hall and Priest House.

Did you know that the Parish Council operates its own Grant programme? This is available to any community group or charitable organisation, which must be non-profitable, seeking to raise funds for a specific project. Applications can be made for consideration throughout the year, but the Parish Council will need to be informed of requests exceeding £250 by September of the financial year prior to the funds being required. For further details contact the Parish Office.

Parish Projects Update

A decision has been taken to retain the Log World in the children's play area for the time being.
Coming soon: bicycle racks near the shops car park.

Allotments

The allotment committee is holding another meeting for tenants on 7th October in the Parish Room. Our allotments continue to go from strength to strength and we now have a total of 44 green fingered tenants running 49 plots. We also have a waiting list numbering 11 people eager to get digging! If that number rises to 15 or above before the next renewal period at the end of March 2010, the Parish Council will give serious consideration to opening a new section of plots.

Senior Villager's Christmas Lunch

Once again the Parish Council will be providing a social gathering for our more senior residents. The date is scheduled for 23rd January 2010 and will take place in the Village Hall. A hearty home cooked lunch will be followed by entertainment. No details are available yet, but there is definitely no truth in the rumours that the Parish Councillors are providing the cabaret!

Change of Village PCSO

As some of you are aware PCSO Moira Kennedy has now been transferred to Blackmore. The new PCSO responsible for Doddinghurst is Alex Wilmott.

Return of the Village Sign

I am sure many of you will have noticed that our village sign has now been returned to its rightful place on Peartree Green next to the pond. Peter Kurton, the original artist, has done a fantastic job in restoring the sign and it is certainly looking bright and beautiful again. The sign was originally installed 15 years ago and we were amazed to discover that Peter still had in his possession some of the paint that he'd used first time around!

Peter is also the author of a book entitled "Doddinghurst – A Place in the Country" which is a fascinating read and gives a real insight into the history of our village. If you would like a copy, please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Council Meetings

I know this was mentioned in the last Newsletter but please remember that the Parish Council meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 8.00pm in the Parish Room. This is a perfect opportunity for villagers to come along and not only learn about how the Parish Council serves the residents of Doddinghurst but also to have their say about any particular issues they are experiencing.

Our meetings up until the end of the year are on:

October 1st
November 5th
December 3rd

The December meeting is held in St. Margaret's Church Hall instead of the Parish Room. This is a very short meeting followed by our eagerly anticipated Xmas drinks and buffet to which all are welcome.

Look forward to seeing you there!

New Parish Councillors

We are pleased to report that we received a good response to our recent advertisement for new councillors. It has generally been a struggle to find people prepared to give up their time for the benefit of the community. However, we had three people apply to fill the two available vacancies. At the September meeting the following were co-opted to serve on Doddinghurst Parish Council:

Peter Davenport

and

Diane Rogers-Harrison

We would like to take this opportunity to wish them both well as they embark upon this new endeavour. I am sure that they will bring a wealth of valuable experience and fresh new ideas to the Parish Council.

For further information on any of the items in this newsletter please note our office opening times are Tues, Weds and Thurs mornings 9.30 – 12.30. An answerphone service is available outside these hours.

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