



# Headbourne Worthy Village News

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News and Information from your local Parish Council



## Please SLOW DOWN!

The villagers of Headbourne Worthy have started putting stickers on their dustbins, encouraging drivers to slow down. The stickers say "Slow Down, think," and are bright yellow. The villagers are of the opinion that far too many drivers speed through the Village, even though there are new speed limit signs.

Pictured are the Gualano children, Isabella and Luca, from Down Farm Lane, whose mother Jo suggested this initiative. Distribution of the stickers has started and more will follow on receipt of further supplies from Hampshire County Council.

## Reporting Back from the Litter Pick



Trish and David Spurling (far left and right) once again cheerfully hosted the village Litter Pick at their home on Bedfield Lane. Many thanks Trish and David!

The Headbourne Worthy Litter Pick Day took place on 13th March. A lower attendance compared with previous years, but those helping made up for lack of numbers by a high level of dedication to the task. 31 bags of detritus were collected together with various items ranging from car tyres to discarded two metre high hazard warning signs! *David Spurling*

## Annual Parish Council Public Meeting Monday 17th May

Join us in the **Church Rooms** (behind St Mary's Church on London Road, Kings Worthy) this Monday from **7.15pm** to discuss a **Parish Plan**, latest developments with **Barton Farm**, and any other local issues which concern you.

A glass of wine and nibbles will be on offer!

To contact your Parish Council: Visit [www.theworthys.org.uk](http://www.theworthys.org.uk)

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# Your New Parish Council - Councillor Profiles

## Cllr DAVID PEARCEY - Chairman

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I was born at Shawford and am now the proud holder of an OAP bus pass. I am a retired Hampshire police officer having served for 32 years throughout the county and on the Isle of Wight, married to Sheila the recent parish clerk, and for the past 17 years have lived in Worthy Road not far from St. Swithun's Church. You will see me regularly walking around the village with our two mongrel rescue dogs, one black and the other black and white, who like me are starting to show their age!

I was first co-opted onto the parish council about 10 years ago. I have no political affiliation and have always tried to act in the interests of all parishioners. My particular extra role has been "footpaths and rights of way", plus "Neighbourhood Watch". In these inflationary times, Headbourne Worthy Parish Council prides itself on having one of the lowest parish precepts in the district and I believe that we should maintain this position by avoiding unnecessary expense and providing value for money. Headbourne Worthy is essentially a rural community providing an oasis of calm which acts as a buffer between the city and King's Worthy. I do



not consider myself a dinosaur and accept that some changes are inevitable but I am keen to preserve the character of the village, which is why so many people choose to live here and I do what I can to stop creeping urbanisation and expensive cosmetic tinkering. - there is often no going back !



## Cllr DENNIS CURLING - Deputy Chair

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Dennis, born in Southampton, has lived with his partner in Headbourne Worthy since 2002. His whole career was in construction, ultimately managing large civil engineering and building projects in various parts of the UK. Whilst in the last 13 years, he was Regional Business Development Director for a national construction plc. Following early retirement, he still works part time in the industry.

Elected to the Parish Council in May 2006, he firmly believes that he can constructively use his business experience, energy and enthusiasm for the benefit of HWPC and all the residents in the village. He is determined to ensure that the concerns and views of village residents on local matters are heard and indeed acted upon by the responsible authorities. Contributing to maintain Headbourne Worthy as a great place for all of us to live, enjoy and relax. In 2008 he was responsible for setting up the award winning community website [www.theworthys.org.uk](http://www.theworthys.org.uk) a unique joint partnership with Kings Worthy Parish Council.

Apart from his work on the Parish Council, his interests include DIY, socialising, golf, walking, dancing, good music and his family.

**Cllr JANE RUTTER**

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Jane has lived in the Worthys for fifteen years, first in Wesley Road in Kings Worthy, before moving to Bedfield Lane six years ago. She is

married to Duncan, a solicitor based in Winchester, and they have three children, the eldest two being now away at university. You will often see Jane walking with her two dogs, a golden retriever and a Cavalier King Charles spaniel.

She has recently been elected to serve as the Winchester City Councillor for Kings Worthy, representing the Liberal Democrats. "I firmly believe that we should all be as involved as we can in our local communities, and really the Worthys are one community, although served by two very different, but I think complementary, parish councils. I am a firm supporter of our excellent community website, and do my bit in Headbourne Worthy by editing this village newsletter, which comes out three times a year. I aim to continue my role on the Parish Council whilst representing our neighbouring parish on the City Council."

**THANK YOU:** *We would like to thank our retiring Councillors for all their hard work over, in some cases, many years: Chair, Rosemary Stephens, former Chair Ron Hatchett, David Spurling and Julian Hamblin.*

**IN OUR NEXT EDITION:** We will be featuring our final three councillors, Ray Gorman who was elected unopposed in April, and our two new co-opted members, Claire Welland and Steve Cramoysan. Their details will be available before that on the Worthys website, if you wish to contact any of them.



## The Worthys Website – A Worthy Winner

The Worthys community website received its greatest accolade since going live in September 2008, when it won Best Public Service Website in the prestigious 7<sup>th</sup> Hantsweb Awards on Tuesday 23 February 2010.



The unique dazzling award ceremony was held at the INTECH Science Centre and Planetarium Winchester and showcased a fantastic array of websites from across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, in addition to outlining the ability of the web to be a powerful communication tool. The Worthys has been designed and is maintained by our professional web team TLC Online. In October 2009 it won the HALC Best Hampshire Local Council Website Award.



**Cllr HARRY  
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Harry Whorwood moved to the village in 2001 to what was then the new house by the watercress beds. He is a keen advocate of retaining what is special about Headbourne Worthy, whilst recognising that change will always occur. The unique value of the village as a country/wild life/urban mix is a difficult challenge for everyone of us and he is pleased for the opportunity to maintain the fine record of the worthy predecessors and the successes of the Parish Council.

## A Plea from Malcolm

Malcolm, who strims the public footpaths for us through the watercress beds off Bedfield Lane and from School Lane down to St Swithuns church doesn't like getting dog poo on his tools, shoes and clothing! - and neither do I, but regrettably this is a regular occurrence on these paths and others elsewhere in the village, even in the churchyard. Dog walkers *please* be a little considerate - it is really not acceptable to allow your dog to foul these well used paths even though they're grass and be careful that your four legged friend wandering along behind you off the lead doesn't 'do his business' out of sight.

We have all heard the message: "bag it and bin it" - it really is so easy to do. The pet shops sell a variety of "pooper scoopers" but ordinary nappy bags with tie handles available from any of the large chemists are ideal and cheap. What do you then do with it? - definitely not leave it hanging on a tree. You can take it home and put it in your own household refuse bin but *did you know that it is also permissible to put these bags in the green street litter bins* such as those in Bedfield Lane? Can we make Malcolm's day?

## Marathon Mum



*Jo Gualano & Bella at the end of the London Marathon having raised over £1000.00 on behalf of CLAPA.*

Having trained hard all winter, through the snow, ice and dark nights in preparation for the London Marathon, it was a bitter disappointment to

tear a calf muscle just a few weeks prior to the race. However, Jo Gualano (New House, Down Farm Lane) still completed the London Marathon on 25th April on behalf of CLAPA (The Cleft Lip & Palate Association [www.clapa.com](http://www.clapa.com)) to raise funds and awareness for the charity. "It's a small way to recognise the support we received following Bella's diagnosis with a

## Jackie's County Corner

The **next Local Transport Plan**, specific for first three years, then strategic to 2026 is due to be out for consultation this Summer. I have asked for 'improving the pedestrian experience' to be included, including cycling too. Ideas for school transport will be welcomed from parents and there may be a review of routes that are suitable for HGV's



**Congratulations to the Worthy Conservation Volunteers** for excellent constructive conservation work on the Nun's Walk. You can see their efforts by linking from the award winning Worthy website.

Measurement of speeds in villages where there is a village 30 scheme shows there is a reduction of about 10% on original speeds, but there are spots where speeding is still taking place.

**Enforcement of the 30mph** limits is being carried out, as after a break, the Police are now allowed to use the speed guns again - so best stay vigilant!

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County Councillor for the Ichen Valley

sub mucosal cleft palate aged 3. Fortunately Bella underwent corrective surgery and is now a 100% success story." To find out more about Jo's 'marathon journey' the work of CLAPA or to make a donation visit: [www.bmycharity.com/jogualano](http://www.bmycharity.com/jogualano).

### Christmas Lights Appeal

Does anyone have a photo we can use to illustrate the splendid fund-raising work undertaken by Barry Pearce of Green Close, Wellhouse Lane last Christmas? Please forward to the Parish Clerk.