

Summer Newsletter 2021

Welcome to Warnham Parish Council's Summer newsletter for 2021. You will find out more about the Parish Council, the Councillors and what the Parish Council are currently doing as well as lots of other information.

Meet the Parish Councillors

The Parish Councillors can be contacted on their email addresses – fullname@warnham.org.uk.

Vice- Chair to the Council – Cllr Geoff Read



Geoff is currently Vice Chair of the Parish Council. He is 75 years old and has lived in the Village since 1977. He has been a Parish Councillor for over 25 years and served previously on the Warnham School Governors for many years, the last eight as Chair. In his previous life he was a Chartered Surveyor, and worked for 29 ½ years for the then British Gas and latterly National Grid managing, selling and valuing their surplus property.

His main interests, which he has been able to expand since retirement are Cricket (being a long-time member of Broadbridge Heath Cricket Club), Golf - currently Secretary of the Greets Inn Golf Society and Photography - recently joining Horsham Photographic Society.

Geoff has two children, both went to the Village School. His son is a Chef living in Leighton Buzzard and his daughter in market research living in Haywards Heath. Thanks to his son (and his wife) he has 3 grandchildren that are growing up extremely quickly. He serves as the Parish Representative for many outside organisations.

Councillor Sally Pavey



Sally moved to Warnham with her family from Surrey in 2001 instantly falling in love with the countryside of Warnham and its friendly community spirit. Sally enjoys walking her dogs, horse riding through the lanes and bridleways and finds great pleasure in the mix of architecture and natural beauty Warnham parish offers, which today is like an oasis amongst a growing sea of houses and roads.

Sally has led many campaigns to protect our parish from commercial threats as well as to help to save much valued amenities.

We are very lucky to have such a delightful parish with a good community spirit through our church, village shops and school.

Sally is very privileged to serve on the parish council, working to

ensure our parish remains green and tranquil place for families to enjoy.

Tony Maughan – Staff

Environment Officer

In Tony's formative years they were mostly Horsham based. Having said that, he was born in Edgbaston and spent 3 years aged 11 to 14 living in Gibraltar where his father worked for the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works. He went to school in Horsham, first Greenway Primary school and then Forest Boys school. Having obtained work in the Housing Dept of Horsham Urban District Council I was sponsored to undertake a BA in Housing Management at Bristol Polytechnic. Housing was very definitely my chosen career, social housing being key, firstly in Horsham, Brighton and until early retirement managing the neighbourhood estates in Crawley.



Tony moved to Warnham in 1990 with the purchase of Apple Tree Cottage in Friday Street. This was his first labour of love – the full restoration of a very dilapidated property. Works took 10 years to complete! Warnham, for Tony, still remains a tranquil and pleasant place to live. The key negative changes since he moved here have been the loss of the Village Post Office and the demise of Warnham Flower Show which used to draw in exhibitors from throughout Sussex.

Warnham allotments have been a key feature for Tony. He was appointed Honorary Secretary and

Treasurer in 2009 when Ted Andrews retired. He has promoted the allotments as a recreational and leisure pursuit for many keen gardeners within the parish. The allotments have now been awarded the status of an Asset of Community Value with Horsham District Council.

Tony currently works, in maintaining Warnham as an attractive place to live, as Environmental Officer for the Parish Council. You will often see him with his Mini Cooper boot open clearing the roads and footways of litter, reporting fly tipping issues to Horsham District Council and as required repairing and maintaining fences, cutting back overhanging branches, changing the batteries in the speed signs and undertaking any other maintenance requirements that need attention.

Articles and Announcements

Footpaths and Cycle Route

Warnham has many lovely footpaths and cycle route. Walkers are reminded to be respectful of other walkers, the surrounding areas when walking and any local residents near to the paths. For more information including how to report problems and viewing maps please click on the link below. The new cycle route linking Bell Road with Robin Hood Lane, initiated by the Parish Council from the Neighbourhood Plan, continues to be well used, by both walkers and cyclists.

It is the culmination of a great deal of effort and planning by the Parish Council.

The majority of funds came from HDC, supported by Warnham PC funds.

David Bridges has been able to extend his WAW campaign by wild flower seeding the route.

Thanks to Jonathan Lucas for providing the opportunity to reroute the footpath.

<https://warnham.org.uk/footpaths/>

Fly Tipping

Thank you to those of you that are helping to keep the Parish tidy. Please keep on supporting us by reporting any rubbish or fly tipping to...

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/report-fly-tipping/>

Pot Holes

As with any community, Warnham has its fair share of Pot holes. These can be reported at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online/>

No Dogs in the Playground

The Parish Council have been contacted about dogs in the playground. Please can we remind everyone that

NO DOGS are allowed within the playground. **Toxocariasis** is a caused by Dog faeces left in areas where children play causing blindness. Please think of the safety of the children and leave your dog outside or at home.



Call to Arms..... Calling all volunteers to help organise the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd-5th June 2022 Celebrations



The Queen will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee on the 2nd June – 5th June. The Country will see a 4 day period of

celebrations. The Parish Council are keen to reach volunteers to help organise celebrations and events covering the four days. If you would like to get involved please contact the Clerk on clerk@warnham.org.uk

Recycling

New recycling bins have been installed at The Owl, Kingsfold / Warnham Village Hall. The aim is for some items that can be recycled but not collected by the Local Authority, are taken here. Please contact the Clerk for more information.

Traffic Calming in the Parish

Cllrs Ann Lloyd and Geoff Read held a meeting with Mike Thomas from West Sussex County Council. Many of the concerns raised by council and residents were discussed and a plan of action has now been drawn up. The Parish Council will be proceeding with traffic calming measures in Bell Road. The Parish Council will be conducting a survey of road signs in and around the Parish in an aim to repair or replace. If anyone spots any signs that do need attention please contact the Clerk.

Love West Sussex

Love West Sussex is an award winning mobile and cloud based service. Citizens can report environmental crime such as graffiti, fly-tipping or potholes through their mobile phones; authorities can manage and respond through our integrated services.

You send in your report using our free mobile apps, a text or picture message, or using this web site. Love West Sussex will deal with your report and you can be kept informed of progress using this web site, or we will send you a message when it's complete.

<https://love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home>

Speedwatch Warnham Group

MAKING WARNHAM ROADS SAFER FOR ALL



In rural areas, road fatalities are four times more likely to happen than in urban areas. In villages such as Warnham, speeding has become a growing concern to residents, whose children and pets and general quality of life have become increasingly at risk from speeding drivers rushing here and there and taking advantage of 'rat-runs'.

With more people out walking and cycling, as a result of the pandemic, many of us feel much less safe when using the roads recreationally.

As a result, a group of proactive Warnham residents have now said 'It's time to do something about it'.

Warnham Speedwatch has been set up to deter as well as report vehicles speeding through the village. 'Much of Warnham village has been designated a 20 mph zone, a fact that many drivers don't realise', commented a spokesperson for the group. 'It's worth knowing that at 20 mph a pedestrian has a 2.5% chance of being fatally injured, compared to a 20% chance at 30 mph, rising exponentially as speeds increase. Speeds in excess of 30 mph are regularly recorded, the highest in recent weeks being 42 mph!'

The group is part of a Police sanctioned campaign to make the roads safer in Sussex, Surrey and Kent and is supported financially by Warnham Parish Council. It schedules roadside sessions to coincide with 'rush-hour' times and take place on the main routes such as Friday Street, Bell Lane and Church Street. Two new sites have also recently been approved on School Hill and Byfleets Lane. Speeding offenders are issued a warning letter from the police and if 3 or more letters are issued, the police will take further action.

"We are grateful to have over 19 volunteers who run the 1 hour roadside sessions at least once a week in groups of 3 or 4 at a time. This means that you only need to contribute your time once or twice a month, but ideally we need more volunteers to be able to run more sessions to really get the message across. If you can give an hour or so of your time each week, we'd love to hear from you, it really is a rewarding contribution to our community. Come and join us in helping make Warnham a safer and even better place to live!"

For more information, please contact

warnhamspeedwatch@hotmail.com



We are letting the wildflowers grow!

This wild area in our garden provides a valuable habitat for bees, butterflies and many other pollinating insects.

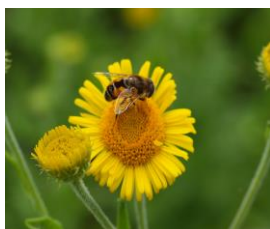
It will be cut and cleared after the flowers have set seed in late summer. WAW are in the process of designing and producing 'NO MOW' signs for wilding areas around the parish.

Meadow
Brown on
Common
Spotted
Orchid



Bumblebee on
knapweed

Small Copper
butterfly on
Bird's-foot-
trefoil



Hoverfly on
Fleabane

Photos with thanks to Nicola
Curtis

For more information about Wild
About Warnham visit the Parish

Council website
[https://warnham.org.uk/wild-
about-warnham/](https://warnham.org.uk/wild-about-warnham/)
or contact David Bridges, WAW
project organiser.
Telephone 01403 250569

Litter Picking

The Parish council has litter
picking equipment on loan from
Horsham District Council. Should
anyone wish to do a litter pick
please feel free in contacting the
Clerk.

Local Events

Warnham CofE Primary School PTFA

On 28th May, a
team of
volunteers from
a local
business and
parents /
carers got
together to
makeover the School's nature
garden which has been a little
neglected of late. The day was spent
clearing the pond, laying new
paths, weeding, planting and fixing
the surrounding fences. The
weather was beautiful and great
fun was had by all! You can view
our video of the day by
visiting bit.ly/warnham_nature.



17th June,
we are so
excited to be
hosting our
first

Sponsored
Challenge

for the children to give them the
opportunity to directly raise funds
for the school. They will be pushing
themselves to complete as many

laps as possible around our special track dressed as their favourite sporting hero, with some fun obstacles to overcome along the way. All money raised will go towards new interactive white boards for each class. If you would like to sponsor the children, you can do so until Friday 16th July by visiting <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/warnhamchallenge2021>.

We are also delighted to have been offered the opportunity to partner with Alex Harvey Estate Agents and have agreed a referral scheme with them whereby they will donate £500 to our PTFA on completion of every house sale recommended by us. All you need to do is call them or pass on their telephone number (01403 784 110) to anyone you may know who is thinking of selling their home and mention you've been referred by Warnham PTFA! It really is that simple.

Finally, whilst the new Delta variant is throwing some doubt on our plans for the Summer Fair on



17th July, we are still planning on running our raffle and have lots of wonderful prizes up for grabs! Raffle tickets will be priced at £1 each so if you'd like to be in with a chance of winning a prize, please email us directly at warnhamptfa@gmail.com to arrange your purchase. Tickets will be available from the week commencing 21st June up until the draw date of 17th July. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page (@WarnhamSchoolPtfa) for updates on the Fair itself... and keep your fingers crossed for us!

Flower Power 9- 12th September

Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens will proudly be hosting trade stalls to cater for all your needs, Floral designs to celebrate NAFAS, Raffles, Model Boats and Floral art demonstrations.

Contact Carol for more information on Tel: 01903 817187 or email: sussexflowerpower@yahoo.com

Warnham Evening WI

Warnham Evening WI will be holding a fundraiser Coffee Morning on the 17th July 2021, Outside Parish Room, Warnham. There will be stalls of books, homemade crafts, produce and cakes, including a raffle. Tea, Coffee and Cakes will also be served.

Council Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you can answer yes to the following questions then the Parish Council could do with your help.

- Are you a British or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union?
- Are you over 18 and registered to either vote in the area or have worked, lived or owned property for 12 months or more before the current election period?
- Passionate about your local community's need?
- Hard working and committed!
- Good at problem solving and decision making?
- Thrive on taking up a challenge and making a difference?

Meeting Dates –

June 2021

22nd June Planning & Highways Committee and Full Council

July 2021

6th July Planning & Highways and Finance Committees

20th July Planning & Highways Committee and Full Council

August

No meetings are held in the month of August

Agendas and Minutes are posted on the website, social media and the noticeboards

Useful Numbers

St Margaret's Church 01403 273302

Warnham CofE Primary 01403 265230

Village Hall 07717247430

Parish Room 01403259247

Allotments 01403 265031

Warnham Social Club 01403 211747

HDC 01403 215100

WSCC 01243 777100

Horsham Library 01403 224353

PCSO Bell 07912 892978

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