

Spring Newsletter 2022



Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Ann Lloyd



What a difference the bright sunshine makes – if I can ignore the smears on my windows I can enjoy the garden coming to life again.

A recent cycle into Horsham along Robin Hood Lane was lovely, but I was dismayed by the rubbish left on the roadside. McDonalds and KFC containers thrown out of the windows of cars passing along the lane. I wish I had the technology to track down offenders and 'return to sender'. Tony Maughan does an excellent job of keeping the parish tidy but it is our collective responsibility to care for our local environment. If you spot someone abusing this, please take action and report it.

My return cycle trip was along the cycleway and as always there were many people walking this route. The track itself has become very worn but rest assured we are on the case. The PC had a site meeting recently and the top surface is to be replaced in the spring.

Traffic calming is still high on our agenda and we are pleased to report that our application for a traffic calming scheme in Bell Road has been successful and will be included in the WSCC Annual

Delivery Programme for design in 2022/23.

Plans are well underway to mark the Platinum Jubilee in the parish. At a recent meeting it was very encouraging to see so many new faces, all ready to mark the occasion and to make it a success.

We have a great deal to be thankful for living in Warnham – enjoy.

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

Articles and Announcements

Parish News

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Sussex <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/sussex> has hundreds of walks to freely download and print. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much

walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Sussex (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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Chatty Café Scheme



As we are all aware, the pandemic has had a significant impact on people's mental health and has shown us all how important simply talking with other people is and how it enables us to feel connected with others. Horsham District Council's Community Services Officers, together with Horsham District Older Persons Forum and West Sussex Brighton and Hove Age UK, are working together to promote a scheme which they hope will get people talking again.

The Chatty Café scheme (www.thechattycafescheme.co.uk) was founded in Manchester and now has over 900 cafés and pubs across the UK registered as Chatty Café venues. The scheme is very simple: a 'This is a Chatter and

Natter table' card is placed on a designated table in the venue which makes it clear that anyone sitting there is happy to engage in conversation. The aim is to get people of all ages back socialising, chatting, and to reduce loneliness and isolation.

A letter has been sent out to cafes across the district and the organisations are looking to encourage as many as possible to join. So far the following have signed up:

- The Bridge Leisure Centre, Broadbridge Heath
- Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Storrington
- Halcyon Days Café, Storrington
- Southwater Country Park Café, Southwater
- Holbrook Heart Café, St Marks Lane, Horsham
- Muffin Break, Horsham
- The Pavilions Leisure Centre, Horsham

Horsham District Council is keen to get more chatty cafés, particularly in the rural areas of the district. If any café would like to find out more, please contact Claire.Shepherd@horsham.gov.uk.

Meals on Wheels



Apetito supports vulnerable and elderly residents with more than just a meal

As the issues faced by the most vulnerable groups in society are brought under the spotlight this

March thanks to Nutrition and Hydration Week (14th -20th March) Apetito highlights how their meals on wheels service helps the people that need it most, in more ways than one.

During Nutrition and Hydration Week Apetito will again be raising awareness about how to avoid malnutrition and dehydration, conditions that worryingly, around three million people in the UK are at risk from. ***Malnutrition can lead to poorer immunity, greater risk of infection, poor mobility, reduced quality of life and mental health problems. Dehydration can become serious very quickly especially among the elderly with possible effects including dizziness, heat stress, pressure ulcers and increased risks of falls. Our drivers not only encourage customers to eat a healthy meal but also prompt them to have a glass of water on their visit.***

The meals on wheels service, delivering delicious, hot Apetito meals, provides an excellent solution to help combat the dangers associated with dehydration and malnutrition. Every meal is carefully created by Apetito's in-house chefs and dietitians to ensure they are nutritionally balanced to support a healthy diet.

The delivery service is more than just a meal to the majority of the company's customers.

"I am 89 and have no children, seeing the drivers and receiving my meals is the highlight of my day, I honestly don't know what I would do without them."

— Apetito meals on wheels customer

One key part of the delivery driver's role is to carry out a safety and wellbeing checks on their customers, which gives families peace of mind that someone will check on their loved ones.

The meals on wheels service is completely flexible, and there's a huge variety of meals to choose from. There's a menu to suit everyone's taste, as well as appetite offering two or three course meal options.

Apetito also offer a Teatime pack delivered alongside their hot meal. Including a sandwich, cake and a piece of fruit for the evening.

There's no catch, delivery is free, so customers do not have to sign up to a contract or subscription, they can simply choose to use the service whenever they like and can pay weekly or monthly by direct debit.

To order a tasty, nutritious Apetito meal and meet one of our friendly drivers that form the backbone of our meals and wheels service, just call our customer services team on 01903 718893 or email westsussex.office@apetito.co.uk to order a hot lunchtime meal delivered to your door.

Warnham PTFA

Warnham School Wishlist

The Warnham School Wishlist (www.warnhamschoolwishlist.co.uk) is a donation platform that enables parents and the wider community to buy items needed by the school. The website hosts a myriad of wonderful items that have been carefully selected by the teachers to help enrich and encourage our children's education and school life. If you would like to purchase a Christmas present for the school, all are welcome to visit the site and choose any item to purchase - it couldn't be simpler!

The Wishlist is a really wonderful tool, and we'd love to hear from any businesses out there who would be interested in taking over the sponsorship of the site so we can keep it running, whilst keeping the PTFA's funds intact for other projects. If you think you might be able to help us, then please request further details from us via warnhamptfa@gmail.com.

E-Scooters



E-Scooters are a relatively new mode of transport and as such the Government is trialling various schemes and developing new guidance around their safe use. At the time of writing this, many are still unaware that E-Scooters are classed as 'Personal Light Electric Vehicles' (PLEV's), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements:

- Driving Licence
- Insurance
- Number Plates

- Lighting
- Brakes
- Type approval
- Road Tax
- Crash Helmets etc.

Without these, E-Scooters cannot be used legally on the road and certainly not until legislation has been put in place. In no circumstances is it legal to ride on an E-Scooter with a passenger(s) and it is considered extremely dangerous.

In the last 12 months West Sussex Police has taken action in a number of cases. An investigation is currently with the Crown Prosecution Service of dangerous driving whilst on an E Scooter, where the rider has collided with an elderly female causing injuries. There are also two other cases in progress where persons have been reported for summons for no insurance offences and driving other than in accordance with a driving license.

For further detailed information regarding E-Scooters please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-local-areas-and-rental-operators/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-local-areas-and-rental-operators>

Parish Council News

Job Vacancy

Warnham Parish Council are looking to recruit a new member of staff. Due to the expansion of the Environment Officer's role, we are now looking for a Village Warden to help keep the Parish of Warnham clean and tidy. 10 hours a week full training given. For more information and an application

form please contact
clerk@warnham.org.uk

Bell Road

The Parish Council continues to work with WSCC Highways on all matters relating to traffic issues within the community, this is a slow process but one that at the forefront of Council. Traffic Calming improvements have been approved by WSCC for Bell Road. Improvements are likely to start in 2024.

Cycle Path

Following a site meeting between the Parish Council and WSCC, we are pleased to inform you that the Cycle Path is set to be resurfaced at the cost to the contractor later in the year when the weather is dryer.

Shelley Celebrations

The 9th of July is set to see celebrations of Shelley's 200th anniversary. Celebrations will start in Horsham and finish in Warnham, following a ride or walk along the new Cycle Way before meeting in the Parish Rooms for Tea, Coffee and Gingerbreads (Shelley's favourite). More information will follow.

Fire Alarms



Does anyone know of someone classed vulnerable? Do they need an new Smoke Alarm? Or benefit from having a Safe & Well visit? West Sussex Fire & Rescue have funds to supply new Smoke Alarms. Fire & Visit <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/> for more information or contact the Parish Clerk.

Save the date:

Queen's Platinum Jubilee 5th June 2022 Celebrations



STARTING APPROX.
12 NOON TILL 6PM at
the VILLAGE HALL

COME ALONG AND
JOIN IN THE FUN

For information and any offers of help, contact with the Clerk on clerk@warnham.org.uk or 07546 087603 www.warnham.org.uk

Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council have a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are passionate about your community and have time to give we would love to hear from you. Please visit our website Warnham.org.uk for more details or contact the Clerk on clerk@warnham.org.uk

Defibrillator Training

The Parish Council would like to set up annual defibrillator training for the community. In order to gauge numbers for the first training session, please could you contact the clerk on clerk@warnham.org.uk to have your name added to the list. The training will be free of charge.



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Wild About Warnham – Building a Picture

Wild About Warnham depends on volunteers for much of the work

that we are doing to protect wildlife habitat and conserving some of the most threatened species in our Parish.



A good example is the work party arranged in the Butterfly Fields earlier this year. Our task was to clear encroaching willow scrub to open-up habitat for the threatened Grizzled Skipper butterfly. We also constructed a huge dead hedge using the material we had cut. This hedge will provide shelter for a range of wildlife, including Grass Snakes, Slow Worms, various mammals and of course, nesting birds. On the day, we found this Toad watching on approvingly! Thirty-eight volunteers from the Horsham Green Gym and the village worked together on this task, fuelled by delicious cake made by local resident, Val.

Another key task for our Wild about Warnham

volunteers is to build a picture of our local wildlife and to monitor changes. We need to know what wildlife we have before we can conserve it and we need to know how species are responding to changes in land use, climate change and many other factors. Armed with this information we can then target a particular location or species and carry out suitable habitat management.



We are looking for local people to help us record Warnham's wildlife. So, whether you are an expert naturalist, or just have a

basic knowledge of wildlife, especially birds, mammals and butterflies, and if you would like to help us build up a picture of the local wildlife, we can provide you with a recording sheet. These can be downloaded [here](#), or sent to you by email, or supplied in the old-fashioned paper format! When you have collected some records, return your sheets to me and your data will be added to our database and will also be shared with the appropriate county wildlife recording scheme. If you are not confident about your ID skills, don't worry as training can be provided.

If you would like more information on the project or want to get involved, please contact me by email butterfly0@btinternet.com or follow the project on Facebook or on Twitter @WildWarnham

David Bridges,

Volunteer coordinator

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Photo of Toad by Rupert Marshall
Photo of Grizzled Skipper butterfly by Nicola Curtis
Photo of volunteers creating Dead Hedge habitat by David Bridges

Local Events

Warnham Seniors

Contact Ann Llyod



Warnham Seniors is now in full swing and welcoming everyone back. Meetings take place on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month from 2pm – 4pm. Venue is the Parish Rooms.



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Come and enjoy an evening of illustrated talks about Warnham's wonderful wildlife and how we can all help it to flourish!

Friday 8th April 2022

**From 7.30pm to 9.00pm
(doors open at 7.00pm)**

**Venue: Warnham Village Hall,
Hollands Way, Warnham,
RH12 3RH**

Teas for Elderly – Reengage



We are restarting our local, free, monthly tea parties for the elderly - Volunteer hosts & drivers, as well as additional guests welcome!

Horsham & surrounding areas. - Can you spare a little of your time to help a lonely older person feel valued and connected with the outside world? Re-engage, a charity dedicated to ending loneliness in older people, is searching for more volunteers to help run its free monthly tea parties locally, for people aged 75 and over, who live alone.

These free social gatherings provide a lifeline of friendship for older people who can often go days without any social contact.

Volunteering for Re-engage can be an incredibly rewarding experience and you will receive support and training to help you get the most out of your role.

Together we can change lives and provide desperately needed companionship to end the crippling loneliness felt by so many.

Find out more about becoming a tea party group volunteer - either a volunteer driver or host - by copying & pasting the address below, or contact me to have a chat about a volunteer role, or joining the group as a guest - I am the coordinator for our local Horsham tea party group: look forward to hearing from you!

My contact details:

Tel or text: 07930533916

E: emma_jh.fraser@yahoo.co.uk

Reporting

Police

In the event of anyone needing to report anything going on within the Warnham Parish, your first port of call could be PSCO Bell, he can be reached on;

E: Adrian.bell@sussex.pnn.police.uk

T: **01273 404535**

M: **07912 892978**

For all emergencies **999**

For all non-emergencies **101**

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech impaired, you can make contact via:

TypeTalk on **18000**

send a text to **65999**

Crimestoppers **0800 555 111**

Follow Sgt Tom Carter rural lead for Sussex Police and the Horsham Crime Prevention Team on Twitter at: **@SgtTomCarter**

Love West Sussex

Love West Sussex is an award winning mobile and cloud based service. Residents can report environmental crimes such as graffiti, fly-tipping or potholes through their mobile phones. You send in your report using the free mobile app, a text or a picture message, or using the free website. Love West Sussex will deal with your report and keep you updated on the progress.

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

Don't forget to sign up to our newsletter via our website at www.warnham.org.uk

Meeting Dates –

March 2021

8th March CANCELLED

22nd March Planning & Highways Committee and Full Council

April 2022

12th April Planning & Highways, Finance Committees & Recreation Advisory Group

26th April Annual Parish Meeting to be held in the Village Hall followed by Planning & Highways Committee and Full Council

May 2021

10th May Planning & Highways and Finance Committees

24th May Planning & Highways Committee and Full Council

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