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Your Parish Council

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Parish Council meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month, except August and December, in the Village Hall at 7 pm. Planning committee meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of the month. Time is allowed for the public to raise any concerns and ask questions at the beginning of the meetings.

Chairman's Notes

A New Year with the potential for a newly formed Parish Council.

Just over 100 years ago the government were persuaded to extend the right to vote following the consequences of World War I. On May 2nd local elections will take place in Brockenhurst so this is not only your time to influence what the Parish Council does for the village but also provides you with the opportunity to stand for election. It is important that the Parish Council is diverse, not only representing but also reflecting society. Currently we only have one lady on our Parish Council so, as there are many ladies who are leading and very effectively contributing to local organisations, I do hope you see this is as an opportunity to help your community.

On the 3rd November we held a well-received WWI commemorative concert attended by many of you and Dr Julian Lewis MP, who mentioned it in a speech in Parliament. I would like to publicly thank not only the Committee who helped to achieve this, but in particular Janet Courtice, the main organiser of the event. Whilst a proportion of the profits were donated to the local branch of the Royal British Legion, they in turn made a donation to the Poppy Appeal. I would also like to commend the traders in Brookley Road for their significant efforts which they had made to commemorate the Centenary in their window displays.

Not unusually the traders came up trumps again with their window displays for the Christmas Fun Evening when Santa was rescued from Tesco's in front of another huge crowd. The next village event for your diary will, of course, be the Pancake Races on Shrove Tuesday which this year is on March 5th.

Whilst the Parish Council has a budget of £10,000 in 2019 for the Christmas lights and to cover these events, I am very pleased to report that yet again there will be no increase in the Parish Precept this year. At £42.49 per Band D property it will remain not only below other comparable villages but also well below the average level for the Forest.

Parish Councillors were concerned by the withdrawal of the school crossing patrol on Sway Road but were able to help in bringing about funding from a local charitable trust. This funding is time limited, however, so if you have any ideas about future provision please contact the Parish Clerk. The school, like many other organisations throughout the village, including ourselves, is looking for volunteers. We all really appreciate those of you who give up your time to take part and run activities and events in our village. I know the Clerk will also be pleased to hear from you if you have time to give, particularly with marshalling duties at events.

Best wishes

Pete Wales

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**Parish Council Elections -**  
**Thursday 2nd May**  
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Parish Council (and District Council) elections are to be held on Thursday 2nd May. This is your opportunity to influence what happens in your village and to serve your community.

If you would like any information on the work of the Parish Council please contact the Clerk, using the details on the back page.

Nomination forms are available now on <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/18797/TOWN-AND-PARISH-COUNCIL-ELECTIONS-2019>

The forms cannot be returned to NFDC until 22nd March at the earliest, and must be delivered by hand. **The closing time and date for the submission of nominations is 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday 3rd April.**

New Forest Bike Project

The NF Bike Project provides Bicycles, free or heavily subsidised for local people in need, and at local market rates to the wider public; helps in teaching bike maintenance and cycling skills; offers a wide range of new and reconditioned used parts and accessories to help keep people and their bikes on the road at an affordable price and support for (re)cycling and sustainability in the New Forest. Their workshop is in New Milton and they serve the New Forest and East Dorset area. Unwanted bikes can be donated for refurbishment or salvage of parts to help fix others. For more information please contact them on www.newforestbikeproject.org T: 07818 403114

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Nalder Trust - a Registered Charity • •
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The Nalder Trust has now been registered as a charity, which will allow us to reclaim gift aid on donations that we receive. The Trust arises from a bequest by Miss Nalder in 1993 to provide housing for elderly people in the village. The original purchase was three flats at Homeforde House and a fourth one has since been added. These homes have given great security and

comfort to those who have been offered them. If you would like to donate to the Trust, either as a bequest or a donation please contact the Clerk using the details on the back page. If you would like to apply to go on the waiting list for a flat please contact New Forest Villages Housing Association on 020 7820 7930.

Village Agent

Ros Vall is your local Village Agent, and as a volunteer she can help older people to find information and services. She has access to accredited Information and Advice at Age Concern Hampshire, as well as links to Hampshire County Council's Support Services, such as transport, benefits, Blue Badge Scheme, money matters, Attendance Allowance, help in and around the home, personal care, cleaning, scams, keeping warm, and many more queries you may have. She can be contacted on 07748 697442 or Age Concern Hampshire 0800 328 7154.

**BROCKENHURST
PARISH COUNCIL**

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Your Parish Council Office is
open Tuesday and Wednesday
mornings, 10 am - 12 noon.
Other times by appointment.

**Footpath from New Forest Drive
to Armstrong Close**

The top section of this path, where it runs from New Forest Drive to Broadlands, is to have the surface and drainage improved and the gate replaced so that it remains stock-proof. The gate has collapsed on occasion over the last few years and the time has come to replace it. We have secured grant funding for 75% of the cost and the work is scheduled during March. In order to maintain access for families going to the school, the work will be

done after 9.30 am and will finish by 2.45 pm, over about four days. Please look out for the notices advising the actual days and times on site. The weather will play a part in determining when the work can be done so at present we cannot give a date. The path will have a much better walking surface once the work has been done. The new gate will be wider so access for double buggies and cycles will be improved.

**Newsletter
via email**

Don't forget that you can have your newsletter delivered straight to your inbox. Please email the Parish Council with your name and address, stating E-newsletter in the subject line.

**Brockenhurst College -
Home Stay Host
Families wanted**

Brockenhurst College is seeking more Home Stay host families for their international students, both for term-time and for short-term summer stays. If you could offer a student a typical home setting, with full board and lodging the College would be pleased to hear from you. A fee is paid to hosts. Please contact Paul Sanger on 625305. or psanger@brock.ac.uk

**ANZAC Day Service
28th April 2019**

Please come and join us for the ANZAC Service at the Commonwealth War Graves in St. Nicholas Churchyard. The Service begins at 3pm and we are usually lucky with the weather but please be prepared for rain.

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