



West Horndon Village News



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West Horndon Citizenship Awards 2015 By Tony Crowley



Another successful citizens awards ceremony was held last night at the September Parish Council meeting. Deputy Mayor Cllr Noelle Hones attended the ceremony and presented the awards with family and friends of the winners also joining in the celebrations.

Following the ceremony refreshments were served before the parish council then returned to the business of its regular monthly meeting.

The category winners this year were:

Long Term Commitment To The Village. Winner: Mrs Peggy Everson

Peggy, a Red Cross Nurse, has served the community of West Horndon for many years in a multitude of roles. She has operated a toenail cutting service for elderly residents and those living in outlying areas and has taken countless people, who were unable to access transport, for hospital visits. She has been an active and involved member of the WI and helped originate the village's involvement in 'Contact the Elderly'. This resulted in a yearly party for older residents. A talented musician, Peggy has been an organist at St Francis Church since 1977 and is still playing! The five piece band she formed, consisting of local ladies, has provided excellent entertainment at many events. Peggy is a much valued member of our community.

Outstanding Achievement in Further Education, Military, Voluntary Work or Profession, Locally or Wider Afield. Winner: Mrs Gladys Winch

Nothing is too much trouble for Gladys. She takes and collects prescriptions for people who are unable to do this for themselves as well as driving residents to hospital appointments. Gladys is kind enough to visit people who are in hospital and care homes as well as ensuring their friends and relatives are taken to visit too. Gladys actively raises funds for charity by holding coffee mornings, knitting and helping the 'A' Team with their jumble sales in addition to organising regular trips to a local restaurant. She is a caring, thoughtful person who has served our community with her kindness for many years.



Young Achiever in Education, Sport or Youth/Community Organisations. Winner: Adam Ward

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Adam was keen to start a local football team. There were obstacles but undaunted he carried on and held meetings with the League, the Football Association and the Parish Council to get the project off the ground. Adam then went on to recruit a sponsor, manager and committee. Quite a task for an 18 year old! The team has now been running for two seasons and is going from strength to strength. This is not only a football team but it has fostered friendships and respect between the younger members of the village and the more mature players as well as promoting exercise and good health. There is a great atmosphere at games. Well done Adam for bringing the village together.

Winner of Roy Boggis Trophy for 2015. Winner: Adam Ward

Adam will now hold the trophy for the coming year, will this be the first of many trophies' for the football team over the next few years?

We would like to offer our thanks and congratulations to all this year's category winners and of course to those residents who sent in the nominations. Thanks also to our deputy Mayor and her escort for adding to the success of the evening. This is a most enjoyable annual event in the parish which all being well will return to its normal May slot again next year with no elections interfering.



CCTV Update By Dan McNicol

"We are pleased that our new CCTV at the village hall, installed by Peak security, is up and recording 24/7. It will soon be monitored by Brentwood Council's CCTV team who will be able to pass on real time information to the Police if required. In fact we have had our first request for images from Essex police in relation to a suspicious vehicle seen at a burglary.

Whilst having the camera's installed we spoke to the police and they have reiterated that while the recent spate of burglaries has been high it is no more than what they are seeing across the borough.

As a small community we feel these crimes more than some of our neighbours and with the advent of social media are a lot more aware of what is happening in our village. The best way we can look out for each other is by being vigilant and reporting anything suspicious either direct to the police on; 999 for crimes in progress or emergencies, 101 for anything else. Or using West Horndon's various facebook pages; West Horndon Neighbourhood Watch, West Horndon Community, West Horndon Village Bulletin Board or our own West Horndon Parish Council Page."

Highways Updates By Mark Abel

Firstly, McColls, Essex Highways have come up with a parking solution and are currently waiting for the construction division to price the job, before confirming whether it will be included in next years budget, but this is highly likely. It is not the proposal the Parish Council had put together it is an alternative design by Essex highways but, the only version they will consider. We will keep you informed as this progresses.

Traffic Calming – ECC Highways, have been monitoring the speed of the vehicles travelling along Station Road and Thorndon Avenue. They are currently analysing the collected data and will issue a report to us, likewise, when we have the report we will publish in our next newsletter and on our website..

The "Travelling" Italian Camper Van – Technically not sure we should put this in the newsletter but it has been an issue of residents concern!! The Italian Camper van has been parking all around the village. We understand there are four occupants and a dog! We have spoken with Brentwood Borough Council, Essex County Council and the Police. The feedback is that as long as it is a taxed and insured vehicle there is very little that can be done unless some other offence occurs? Quite how the authorities confirm that an Italian vehicle is correctly taxed and insured has not been explained to us!! We have been working hard on this following a number of complaints from residents and will continue to update via our website and facebook page.

West Horndon Art Group invite you to our 'ART EVENT'

Saturday 21st November 2015 - 12 noon – 4 pm

FREE ENTRY at West Horndon Village Hall

See our Showcase Art Exhibition of over 100 paintings (many for sale).

Discover your own hidden artistic talents at our 'have-a-go' stand suitable for all ages, children welcome. Throughout the afternoon, there will be opportunities to watch and learn from our 'Artists at Work' demonstrating a variety of painting methods including Watercolours, Acrylics, Pastels, Pen & Wash. There will be sales of nearly new art materials, handmade Christmas Cards, bric a brac stalls and of course **REFRESHMENTS**.

Come along and have a go, try some homemade cakes and enjoy the show.

We are a long established Art Group, that meets at the village hall on Wednesday and Saturday mornings 10am – 12 noon. We are a friendly, easygoing group with a supportive atmosphere and welcome new members. Find out more on our website

www.westhorndonartgroup.org.uk



An Open Letter from GirlGuiding



There have been Brownies and Guides in West Horndon for almost 60 years, and, in more recent years a Rainbow unit too. Many of you will be aware that the Rainbow unit closed a few years ago due to lack of girls aged 5-7yrs entering Guiding.

This has now had a knock-on impact, and it is with great sadness that we have to report that the Brownie



unit closed at the end of 2014/5 academic year with two or the remaining three Brownies (all from outside West Horndon) reaching aged 10 over the summer. Every effort has been made by the West Horndon Guiders to recruit girls into GirlGuiding but to no avail despite long waiting lists in nearby units.

West Horndon's Guide unit has ten girls currently, five of whom are Guides (age 10-14), the others being of Senior Section age (15-25) all now working towards their GCSEs, A-levels and heading towards university and employment. With no new girls joining GirlGuiding, the same fate will befall West Horndon's Guide unit in a couple of years.



Anyone interested in their daughter joining Rainbows, Brownies or Guides, or adults interested in volunteering to either run or help run a unit locally should register their interest via

the GirlGuiding website - http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved/volunteer/register_your_interest.aspx.

Regards Maria, on behalf of the West Horndon Guide Leaders
Gillian Chapman, Karen Wentworth and Maria Spiller.

FUN IN THE PARK

By Sue Lister

Community Fun Day

A great fun day was held at the park on Sunday 12th July. The children enjoyed two bouncy castles, face painting, swing ball, table tennis and a craft table. The weather stayed dry, but was a bit windy, so the badminton was not such a great success!

As the Parish Council wanted it to be a free event, picnics were the order of the day, and it seemed that everyone came well prepared. A boot camp for kids was set up by Angus Browne, and was well used.

The football tournaments were particularly well supported, with the winners going on to the Active Essex finals on Saturday 19th September at the Brentwood Leisure Centre. The day concluded with the traditional game of boys v girls rounders, the result of which will vary depending on who you speak to!

We are hoping to run a similar event next year, and maybe have a few more attractions too. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this event, and to all the volunteers, especially the West Horndon United footballers, who helped run the event, both before and on the day.



Speaking up for the nation's wild plants

Bee Scene! Popular family-friendly survey of wild flowers re-launched this summer thanks to Nature's Path.

Plantlife's hugely successful 'Bee Scene' survey has been rescued by family-owned cereal maker Nature's Path, after its original funding had ended. Over 30,000 children have already taken part in the wild flower survey since its launch in 2010. Now thousands more will have the opportunity to explore the nature on their doorstep and learn about the wild flowers growing there.

Families can discover whether their local area is good for bumblebees by looking for bee-friendly wild flowers such as foxgloves, dandelions and clovers in their local green spaces. The results are then uploaded onto a virtual meadow map of the UK.

The survey raises awareness and understanding in children of the importance of biodiversity in their local area, starting them on a path to enjoying wild flowers and realising their importance as part of our natural heritage. It also helps them understand the importance of wild plants for our declining pollinators. 90% of teachers who did the survey reported that 'Bee scene' had given them new learning about the natural environment and helped pupils understand that different wild plants are important for bees.

Nature's Path has a strong commitment to sustainability and the natural environment and has stepped in to enable the Bee Scene initiative to reach many thousands more children and families this year after its National Lottery funding ended. A spokesperson comments "As an organic, family owned company, with a strong commitment to the natural environment we recognise the importance of educating children early about the importance of our wild flowers and the pollinators that rely on them. We are thrilled to be able to support Plantlife to continue this fantastic survey, so that many more children and families can take part and 'Bee Scene'.

'Bee Scene' is a simple and effective way to encourage children and their families into their local parks or countryside - to enjoy them together away from the television screen, computer games and other pressures of modern life. By using a simple flower key, they are able to count different flower shapes and colours and look out for bumblebees, so helping children understand how valuable their local green spaces are for wildlife.

Full details and bee scene resources are available online at www.plantlife.org.uk/beescene



A Note For Your Diaries – Christmas Tree Event By Sue Lister

Yes we know it's only September but a note that the Christmas Tree event will be held one week earlier this year on Sunday 29th November at 4pm as the village hall has scheduled another event in our usual slot. It will follow the usual, successful format of carols around the tree, the switching on of the lights by our Citizen of the Year and then an informal social gathering in the village hall with complimentary mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies. There will also be a raffle and we will be asking for donations to the charity that we are supporting this year.

New Village Notice Boards By David Hammond

As we go to print the new notice boards are being installed. The new boards are slightly larger than those we are replacing which were beginning to leak. The new units are of an aluminium construction and will be easier to access and damp free.

We are renewing three notice boards being at the village hall, the station car-park and one in the park. Some 50% of the overall cost of this project has been met by donations received from our Ward Councillors Sheila Murphy and Joanne Squirrel.

West Horndon W.I.

We meet in the village hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.45

Upcoming Events: October 21st - Ian Kirby a talk on Nelson.

November 18th - Roger Pickett will be talking on the plane crash over West Horndon during the war. Open meeting everybody welcomed.

December 16th - Christmas Supper for members only.

20th January 2016 - Real Gemstones and Jewellery by Pamela Mather.

17th February 2016 - Fun Auction.

We welcome visitors we are a friendly bunch of ladies.

Peartree Surgery Update

The surgery wishes to express its thanks to the resident who kindly donated a wheelchair following the appeal in the last newsletter.

Ladies over the age of 70 can have Breast Screening please ring 01702 385024 to make an appointment the unit is based at Harold Wood.

You can make appointments on Monday & Tuesday evenings between 6.30 and 7.30 at PEARTREE Surgery these appointments are only for people that go to work.

Tracey has been thanked for all her hard work over the recent months covering for Sharon who has been unwell.

Patients if you have any unwanted medication can you please take it into the surgery and not leave it on the doorstep as it can get into wrong hands.

WEST HORNDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY – For the latest crime figures and statistics on West Horndon please visit the Crime Map page at http://www.essex.police.uk/my_neighbourhood/brentwood_district/brentwood_south/brentwood_south-8.aspx

SAFETY FIRST – Do you know anyone who could benefit from this FREE SERVICE from Trading Standards Essex?

District councils and Essex County Fire and Rescue are working in partnership to run an annual home safety project visiting homes of elderly and vulnerable residents with an electrician and a fire safety officer. The electrician PAT tests any small appliances in the property to check whether they are safe to use and the fire officer checks that smoke alarms are installed and are in good working order. The fire officer also provides advice and tips on what to do to avoid causing a fire and what to do in the event of a fire. They receive funding to enable dangerous items to be replaced free of charge to the homeowner and the fire service provides and installs smoke alarms for free.

If you or anyone you know would benefit from a home safety visit from an electrician please contact us (tel 03454 040506). To arrange a free home fire safety visit call Essex County Fire and Rescue Service on 0300 303 0088 or email webmaster@essex-fire.gov.uk.

DOOR CHAIN PROJECT – The elderly and vulnerable residents from anywhere in the Borough can complete a very simple application form, they will then be contacted with a view to the CSP supplying and fitting, free of charge, a door chain, door mirror and magnifier to check I.D.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – We have seen a few facebook posts recently where local residents are concerned about speeding, particularly on Station Road and Thorndon Avenue. The Police will organise training sessions for Community Speedwatch groups if enough people are interested (usually 3 or 4 people are needed) If you are concerned about speeding and would like to take a pro-active step towards preventing speeding please contact Daniel Cannon, Community Safety Assistant 01277 312692 daniel.cannon@brentwood.gov.uk for more information please see www.saferbrentwood.com

STAY SAFE ONLINE – If you think you have been a victim of fraud you should report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud reporting centre by calling 0300 123 20 40 or by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk For further advice on how to stay safe online go to www.GetSafeOnline.org

About Get Safe Online (www.getsafeonline.org) is the UK's national internet security awareness initiative. A joint partnership between the Government, Ofcom and private sector sponsors from the worlds of technology, communications, retail and finance, the initiative continues to educate, inform and raise awareness of internet security issues to encourage confident, safe use of the internet. getsafeonline.org is supported by the Cabinet Office, Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS), Home Office, Action Fraud, Ofcom, HSBC, Barclays, Microsoft, Gumtree, Symantec, Kaspersky Lab, Bob's Business, Creative Virtual and PayPal.

About Action Fraud (www.actionfraud.police.uk) Action Fraud is the national reporting centre for fraud and internet crime, and provides a central point of contact for information and advice. Action Fraud works with partners in law enforcement - the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau, run by the City of London Police which is the national policing lead for fraud - to make sure fraud reports reach the right place. All confirmed reports of fraud from Action Fraud are passed on to the NFIB. Members of the public, the police, businesses and charities can report to Action Fraud online or on the phone. If a crime is established, victims will be provided with a crime reference number. Visit www.actionfraud.police.uk or call the contact centre on 0300 123 2040 to speak to a specially trained advisor.

Come and speak to your local policing team regarding any local area problems you wish to raise with the police, who will be happy to assist you with any inquiries you may have regarding your neighbourhood.

PCSO DEBBIE POWIS's STREET MEETS: Venue: St. Francis Church Centre, Thorndon Avenue. Time: 10:30am

Dates: 9 September, 7 October, 24 October, 11 November, 21 November.

CONTACTS: Police – 101 (please try first for all enquiries). This is a non-emergency manned telephone number available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This does not replace the emergency 999 number – For a serious crime, incident, serious risk of injury or damage 999.

PCSO Debbie Powis/Neighbourhood Policing Team – direct dial 01277 266896 – mobile 07896871008.

You can also e-mail PCSO Deborah Powis on: deborah.powis@essex.pnn.police.uk

Brentwood Police Station: 01277 262212 or dial 101 and ask for Brentwood. Real emergencies only 999.

YOUR POLICE SERVICE YOUR VOICE



Your Police and Crime Commissioner is responsible for holding the police service in Essex to account on your behalf. Nick Alston wants to hear about the policing, crime and community safety issues affecting you.

Make sure your voice is heard - come and speak with him at:

Event:	BRENTWOOD PUBLIC MEETING
Date:	WEDNESDAY 2 ND SEPTEMBER
Time:	18:30 – 20:30
Venue:	BRENTWOOD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, SEVEN ARCHES ROAD, SHENFIELD COMMON, CM14 4JF

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The next addition will be published in December. If you have any item you would like included please send to either the parish clerk at whpc.pariahclerk@gmail.com or Anthony Crowley, whpc.cllr.anthonycrowley@gmail.com by the end of November. Items can only be accepted in electronic format. Thank you