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## Chairman's report

### Summer Fair

The Fair on Hound Green went off well and I believe everyone had a good time. Some months ago Leonard Crane came to the Parish Council asking us to sponsor the event, and we gladly agreed. It was suggested that he should organise it with the help of a Committee but in the event Leonard did virtually everything himself. Well done Leonard and many thanks.

### War memorial

This is a contentious issue I know. I had thought that the suggestion of re-siting it would have provoked a bigger response but we have had virtually none so far. We are not thinking of moving it far and the only site we can think of is on the left hand side as you approach the Church. There is a strip of land which is owned by the County Council - effectively publicly owned land, which at the moment is thick with weeds and not very attractive. Of course we would need to get various permissions and that would not be easy but I do think if it could be organised it would resolve the problems we have over safety and at the same time enhance the site which is central to the Parish. I know there are many who say "why bother?" and "why not simply hold the Act of Remembrance in the Church after the service?", but the short service we have at the Memorial is non denominational and I know that there are quite a few who attend that but would not attend a service within the Church. After all, the Memorial is a registered War Memorial, and not just a bus shelter as some people think of it, and I would not like that to be forgotten and the Memorial to be neglected again as it was in the past. The Memorial dedication was led by Lord Alanbrooke in 1951. I would also like to make the point that the Act of Remembrance is not just for those that gave their lives in the two World Wars but for all those who forfeit their lives for the nation up to today.

### Millennium Wood

I have recently heard comments regarding the poor state of the Millennium Wood and the woodland walk at Hound Green. I gather it is in a mess. This is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. The site is owned and managed by the Woodland Trust and the Parish Council can do no more than lobby the Trust on

your behalf. We have done so before but with little effect. If there are any problems please write to them yourselves. The last Woodland Officer from whom the Parish Council had any correspondence was Gordon Pfetscher at The Woodland Trust, Little Magpie, Rayners Avenue, Loudwater, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 9SZ.

I must say it is a mystery to me why this site which had been a football ground was handed to the Woodland Trust and not the Parish Council. I guess it was the same malaise that prevented the Parish Council from taking on Mattingley Green when they had the chance. Now we have two sites that are a mess and not fit for purpose! Or maybe I am being a little unkind. After all, the Parish Council did buy Hound Green.

### Village 30

As I reported in the last newsletter, we have had problems with the Police objecting to our bid to have the minor roads through the built up parts of the Parish subject to a 30 mph speed limit. At one point I had thought that all our proposals had been rejected, but I gather after protracted discussions between the Police, the County Council and Mott Clifford, who have been commissioned by the County Council to process the Village 30 project throughout the County, that the proposals for most of the side roads except for Mattingley Green will go ahead and that the B3349 is to be subject to a 40 mph speed limit between The Leather Bottle public house and Kiln Farm just north of the Nursery entrance, together with the side road to Mattingley Green. Unfortunately our bid to get the speed reduced on the B3011 has failed and the 50 mph speed limit will stay. I think this is a great shame as I do think that the stretch from the junction with Plough Lane should be reduced to 40 mph and I think this limit should extend as far as Hartley Wintney due to the bad sight lines and the danger of deer crossing on the section that runs through Hazeley Heath.

### Missing steer

I must report that the steer was captured and is no longer roaming the Heath, much to the sadness of those to whom he had become a familiar sight.

Chris Abbott

## Crime Levels Down

At the Parish Council Meeting of May 19th 2008, PC Martin Bowman reported that the crime figures for Mattingley for the period of 2007-2008 were once again low. He thanked the residents of Mattingley for their support over the past year, and also for their vigilance, as he feels that it is for this reason, that the crime levels have been kept at such reduced levels.



## Care is changing

Many people along with their family and friends don't know what care is available or how much it is going to cost until they really need it.

Hampshire County Council would like to hear from anyone about their views, stories and experiences of adult social care. It has begun a Commission of Inquiry and throughout a series of public hearings is gathering evidence from local people, carers and national experts about their experiences and the challenges facing care services. Your views and opinions will help inform this process and all the evidence gathered will help shape the future of adult social care in Hampshire and across the country.

Write to: The Commission team,  
Adult Services,  
FREPOST S02077,  
Winchester,

SO23 8BR Tel: 01962 845295

Email: [personalisation.commission@hants.gov.uk](mailto:personalisation.commission@hants.gov.uk)

Please quote COMMFLY on all correspondence.

## 'Hart Brake'

Over the early summer a magazine entitled 'Hart Brake' from the Hart Road Safety Council will be circulated to every household in Hart. This is aimed across the family and in particular to the young drivers in our community who appear to be at the most risk of losing their lives. It contains not just road safety advice but also real stories about how real people living in Hart have survived terrible car crashes to tell their tale. Sadly too many have not survived! Please take the trouble to read this when it arrives and share it with all of your family. It might just save one of their lives.



## Summer Music Picnic Ellington @ Wellington



After the hugely successful first Ellington @ Wellington concert for Macmillan Cancer Support last year, 2008 sees a follow-up with an even more spectacular array of artistes, all keen to help this wonderful cause – on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 5.30 to 10.30 p.m.

Not only that but families are really being catered for this

time, with children's activities and a special children's ticket price of £5. Adults pay £18 and groups of 8 attract a one-person-free offer.

Gates open at 4.30 p.m. and the venue, Wellington Riding, Heckfield, Hook is easy to find. Parking, a bar, coffee and ice cream stalls, a hog roast, children's area, everything for a brilliant evening – with a fantastic selection of music for all tastes capped by stunning fireworks.

Tickets from McCarthy Holden, Tel: 01252 842100

E:mail: Nicola Strong at [nstrong@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:nstrong@macmillan.org.uk) or on-line at [www.ellingtonatwellington.co.uk](http://www.ellingtonatwellington.co.uk).



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For further information contact: Living Paintings, Unit 8 Kingsclere Park, Kingsclere, Newbury, Berkshire, RG204SW. website: [www.livingpaintings.org](http://www.livingpaintings.org)

## Fleet's Centenary Day

Fleet's centenary day celebrations on 9<sup>th</sup> August, is looking to be full of activities, with many stalls, attractions and fun, with restaurants moving out into the street in the evening.

Balloons are on sale now at WC Baker and Son for their Charity Balloon Race. Balloons being sold for just £1 each with great prizes for the one that goes the furthest. All monies will go to Naomi House and Phyllis Tuckwell. Tickets will also be on sale at other places on the day itself.

A guide book which is promoting the Centenary Day, has been produced for Fleet and the surrounding area showing it both today and how it was 100 years ago. 5000 of these guide books are available free of charge from many local shops and businesses.

### Mattingley Summer Fair

The rain held off for an afternoon of fun at Hound Green, Mattingley, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

The Fair organised by Mr Leonard Crane, and sponsored by Mattingley Parish Council was a fun packed afternoon, with various events in the arena and an array of different stall holders. The tea tent proved to be a central meeting point to catch up with friends.



This was the first Parish event of its kind for many years to be held on Hound Green,

drawing people in from across the surrounding Parishes.

Mattingley Parish Council would like to thank Mr Crane and his sub-committee for all their hard work in putting together this fun village event.



Whilst this wasn't a fund raising event the sum of money collected after costs came to £26.65 which the Parish Council will put to a charity of their choice.



### Heroes Welcomed Safely Home



The village streets of our neighbouring parish of Odiham, rang out with cheers of pleasure and excitement on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June, as officers and men and women of the Royal Air Force Odiham, who were returning from the conflict in Afghanistan, marched to the beat of the band, through the centre of this ancient historic village in what was truly a Heroes Parade.

A crowd of over 4,000 people were lining the main street, waving their banners and cheering the squads of RAF personnel, as they marched passed. Group Captain A M Turner OBE took the salute. The fly pass of Chinook Helicopters under the control of Squadron Leader 'Morris' Oxford, together with the land vehicles, used in the overseas conflict, added much drama to the glorious event. After the parade, many people joined the RAF boys and girls and retired to the "Blues and Booze" Jazz festival at The Bury.

In a letter of thanks to the chairman of Odiham Parish Council, Group Captain Turner wrote, "Saturday was one of the most inspiring, moving, rewarding and memorable occasions that I recall." He went on to say, "The blatant public display of appreciation, warmth and complete benevolence was so truly overwhelming that I do not know where to begin to say thank you"

Whilst everyone was welcome to join the celebrations of this well publicised parade, members of your Mattingley Parish Council were invited to represent you and take part in this special event, which included the presentation of a heroes dedicated scroll.

**George Steele**

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### What a Goalkeeper!!!!



It was a very exciting event on Hound Green when a helicopter, flown by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance service landed, bringing a doctor and a paramedic crew member, to deal with an emergency call for one of our local parishioners.

The aircraft put down between the goal posts and was on the ground for about half an hour, whilst the doctor dashed to the home of the invalid and did his duty. He then accompanied the invalid to hospital in a standard ambulance.

In discussion with the pilot, whilst he was waiting on the ground, I discovered that he had served at RAF Odiham in the past and indeed had served with a pilot, now retired, who is one of our parishioners, and local resident whose home is overlooking Hound Green. It's a small world.

The pilot and his paramedic crew-member took off and proceeded to Basingstoke Hospital to collect the emergency doctor, ready for his next assignment.

This Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance is a charitable service that relies largely on voluntary donations to ensure that this vital life saving service continues.

It costs £65,000 per month to run this wonderful operation and all donations are gratefully received. This service operating out of Thrupton Airfield, was formed just a year ago on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 and has already attended well over 700 missions, many of them life saving.

I am sure you would like to know how the patient is, well, at the time of reporting, she is home and much better but still receiving special treatment and care.

**George Steele**

### Starting school in September 2009

Was your child born between 1st September 2004 and 31st August 2005? If so, it is important that you apply for a school place by midday on **Friday 21 November 2008**.

To do this you should collect a brochure and an application form (CR2) from your local primary or infant school from September 2008 or apply on-line, at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)

### A new transport service for the parishes of Bramshill, Hartley Wespall, Rotherwick, Heckfield and Mattingley.

A new Carshare service is launching in August in Mattingley and the surrounding parishes of Bramshill, Heckfield, Rotherwick and Hartley Wespall.

A Carshare is similar to a bus service only it uses a 'taxi' to pick passengers up instead of a bus. It is a bookable service, which means to be able to travel passengers must first book their seat in the 'taxi'.

The Carshare will operate every Wednesday morning and passengers can be dropped either at Basingstoke town centre or at the hospital. The service will pick passengers up and drop them back to their homes, the cost to passengers will be around the same as a bus fare. This service has been running in Hartley Wespall for a number of years and is seen as invaluable to those who use it.

Once an operator has been appointed the service will be publicised around the parish. In the meantime, for further information on this service please call Hampshire County Council's Community Transport Team on 01962 846785.

### Parish Council Meetings

Monday 21st July 2008

Monday 29th September 2008

Monday 24th November 2008

At 7.30 pm in Mattingley Church Hall

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