



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Diamond Jubilee is almost upon us and excitement is mounting. The Parish Council and a group of residents have been working hard to provide you with an entertaining weekend to commemorate

this once in a life time opportunity.

Saturday 2nd June 2012 celebrations commence on the playing field at 4pm with a Flag raising ceremony and a variety of games for parents and children on the field including the slowest bicycle race and the bike slalom! Alternatively if this is too energetic there is a photographic exhibition in the village hall of the parish through the ages along with refreshments and an old fashion sweet shop.

From 7.30pm dust of your dancing boots for a Ceilidh Dance at the village hall with the Kingfisher Ceilidh Band and a Fish and Chip Supper (vegetarian option available). Tickets are £9.00 per adult and £5.00 per child.

Sunday 3rd June 2012 - hopefully you are busy organising your street party, if you are not aware of a party in your road speak to your neighbours there is lots useful information available on www.northmundham.org

Monday 4th June 2012 from 7pm there will be a 8ft x 6ft screen to watch the Buckingham place concert in the village hall. A hog roast with a vegetarian option will be available (but there are limited tickets for the roast—so get your tickets quickly!). Tickets are £8.00 per adult and £4.00 per child (under 5's free). Prizes available if you come in 1950/60's costume.

Please see the Parish Council website and the notice boards for further information on how to get your tickets. Any remaining tickets will be on sale at Annual Meeting of the Electorates .

Annual Parish Meeting of the Electors

The Chairman of North Mundham Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to invite you the Annual Parish Meeting of Electorates on 15th May 2012, commencing at 7.00pm at North Mundham Village Hall.

This is your opportunity to tell the Parish Council what you would like the Parish Council to work towards over the next year, so please take this opportunity to come and see us.

This year Jane Reeves, Water Vole Project Manager, Manhood Wildlife & Heritage Group has kindly agreed to give a presentation on this endangered species which lives alongside us in our parish.

A local resident has been carrying out historical research in the parish and has discovered at least one person who died during world war II but was not included on the War Memorial, the Parish Council would like to obtain the Parishioners views before formulating a policy on the future of the memorial. The areas for consideration are:

- Names to be added following historical research
- Inclusion of casualties from modern conflicts
- Conditions for inclusion on the war memorial
- Funding of future inscriptions
- Funding of maintenance of the war memorial

As you may be aware the group of dedicated volunteers who have diligently prepared the lunch for the senior citizens Christmas party have decided to step down and as such the Parish Council would like to seek your views on this event and the way forward.

Following the meeting the Parish Council would like to invite you to partake in refreshments and informal discussion with your Parish Councillors and this would be your ideal our opportunity to purchase tickets to the Diamond Jubilee events.

If you would like a copy of the previous minutes to read before the meeting please contact the Clerk on 01243 671628.

Denia Turnbull
Chairman North Mundham Parish Council



AFFORDABLE HOUSING EXHIBITION 15th May 2012 NORTH MUNDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Following on from the success of the Affordable Housing Exhibition

held last year.

The Parish Council and the Affordable Housing Working Group would like to invite you to attend to provide you with an update on the progress .

The Exhibition will open at 3.00 pm until 6.30 pm at North Mundham Village Hall. **Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you and hearing your views.**

YOUR COUNCIL TAX FOR 2012/13

North Mundham Parish Council each year carefully works out a budget that will assist the Parish Council in performing their duty to preserve and improve your parish.

Due to the current financial climate this year the Parish Council worked even harder to ensure that there would be no increase in the sum of money requested with no reduction of service.

The money requested is called the precept and is collected on the Parish Council's behalf by Chichester District Council; the sum is included on your council tax bill and is listed as North Mundham PC. The District Council, in return, provide the Parish Council with a payment in April and September to enable the Parish Council to carry out their functions during the year.

The Parish Council requested £30,000 for the financial year commencing 1st April 2012 and this equates to £48.93 per year for a band D household.



County Councillor Andrew Smith

Andrew has been the County Councillor for North Mundham parish for the last seven years.

For the last three years Andrew has also been one of the nine councillors from across Sussex who sit on the Police Authority. This takes up about one day a week. "I was fascinated to have a behind the scenes view of the Labour Party conference in Brighton in 2009 – when Sussex Police had to organise a security operation for the Government of the day.

Both The County Council and the Police face the significant challenge of absorbing reductions in their grants from central government over the lifetime of this Parliament. The County has to find £79m, the Police £50m. Wherever possible both organisations are seeking genuine efficiency savings before cuts to services.

The County Council, having had poor grant settlements for many years, probably faces the greater challenge with huge pressures on its adult social services budgets on account of an increasingly ageing population.

Nevertheless, the lack of progress – despite specific promises from County Highways – on providing improved pedestrian safety at the Walnut Tree roundabout and re-instating the 30mph speed limit signs on the B2166, is immensely frustrating and unacceptable."

NORTH MUNDHAM YOUTH CLUB ... An Update

Background

The club is based at the North Mundham village hall and is now in its fourth year of operation. The club runs for two hours every Thursday evening during term time. Young people aged 11 to 16 can attend, with teenagers up to age 19 able to become senior members.

The club offers an important facility to the local community. Although the number of attendees is very modest, their age range is a critical group for investment. There is no doubt that a youth club gives these young people a valuable focus in the week, and offers a safe and secure outlet for their energies. Without this opportunity, there is the risk that bored young people, loitering around in the evening, would get into trouble, causing vandalism and nuisance to residents. Investing in facilities for these youngsters is therefore essential.

The club also has a valuable role in reinforcing friendships and unity amongst the young people of the two Parishes once they leave the cosy hub of the village school and are dissipated throughout the various senior schools of the area.

Attendances have been growing over the past few months, with an average of around twenty attending. There is scope to further increase attendance, subject to adequate supervision levels. Attendees come from North and South Mundham, Runcton and Hunston, with a fairly even divide between the two Parishes.

Funding

About a year ago it became clear that West Sussex County Council, as part of austerity measures arising from cuts to funding, would be unable to continue funding the staffing costs of village youth

club operations such as ours. The Localism and Big Society agendas were also drivers for County authorities to reconsider their spending on community facilities with a view to pushing responsibilities to a more local community level.

Management Committee negotiations with West Sussex County Council resulted in continued funding through to March 2012. We are grateful to our local Parish, District and County Councillors for their support, and for the assistance of West Sussex County Council officers. The Management Committee then approached both North Mundham and Hunston Parish Councils with a proposal for local community funding. Staffing costs were first reduced, by the successful recruit of a volunteer youth leader. Both Parish Councils have agreed to make funding contributions and the club is now preparing for 2012/13 operations.

Latest news

Emma Martin and Dan Atherton have set up an excellent youth worker team, attendance levels are growing towards a maximum level and some great activities, events and community help projects are being planned. Membership cards are shortly to be issued and a strict behaviour reward scheme has been put in place.

Please see the www.northmundham.org for more news shortly at our forthcoming AGM and in the first club newsletter.

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Broadband: West Sussex Better Connected

Getting better, faster broadband in all of West Sussex means proving to technology suppliers that there is a demand for it. They need to know it is worth investing in the County.

Help to make sure your area is included in suppliers plans by signing up for better broadband. You can do this in the following ways:

- Sign up online at http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/your_council/have_your_say/broadband_west_sussex_-
- Sign up by completing the paper form (download a copy of the form or call 01243 642119 or collect a form from your local West Sussex Library or Help Point).

Signing your support does not commit you to any form of contract for a new broadband service.

SAFER CROSSING AT THE WALNUT TREE

Thanks to the hard work of some dedicated residents and all the people who took the time to sign the petitions, work will be carried out on the roundabout at the junction of Mill Lane, Lagness Road and Vinnetrow Road to improve the safety for pedestrians.

The County Council will continue to investigate the possibility of installing pedestrian crossings.

The Parish Council would like to thank County Councillor Andrew Smith for his support in this important road safety improvement.

The Parish Council continues to chase up the County Council to have this work completed.



INTRODUCING YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR....

Following Claire Boffee's move to Canada on the 3rd April 2012 the Parish Council co-opted Anne Maclean of South Mundham onto the Parish Council.

Anne is married to David and has three children and have lived in South Mundham since February 2011.



Olympic Torch

Monday 16th July 2012

Although the Olympic Torch Relay will be travelling along the edge of the boundary of the Parish on the A259 it will be travelling along this stretch in a vehicle.

Therefore, it is recommended that if you wish to see the Olympic Torch you go to one of the community start or finish points.

Chichester: start 11.50 am on the Lavant Road going through Chichester town centre finishing near Sainsbury's where it will get into a vehicle.

North Bersted: start 13.58 pm on the Chichester Road it will travel through to South Bersted where it will commence its next section at 14.14pm, the torch will then leave Bognor at 14.25 pm heading towards Woodgate.

For further information please look at: <http://www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay-map> and keep your eye out for information in the local press.

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West Sussex Mobile Library

Coming soon to a stop near you!



If you have difficulty getting to your nearest library, why not let the library come to you?

West Sussex has two mobile library vehicles which deliver a library service on wheels to towns and villages across West Sussex. All West Sussex residents are invited to come along and explore what their mobile library van has to offer.

The vehicle can be easily accessed, and has a lift to help you get on if you would struggle with the steps, The mobile library is a just like a normal library and users will be able to enjoy a wide range of adult and children's books, audio titles, large print and a selection of DVDs. Mobile's also offer a request service, so if they don't have the book you are looking for it can be ordered and you can collect it at your next visit.

It is easy to join, simply take along something with your name and address on and you can be signed you up and take items straight away, all the family can join and have their own library card.

Your Mobile Library Stops at :

Fletcher Place North Mundham 11.30 –12.05

April 13 and 27, May 11 and 25, June 8 and 22, July 6 and 20, August 3, 17 and 31, September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26, November 9 and 23 and December 7 and 21 2012

Pavilion Project News

The Playing Field Trustees are confident that 2012 will see the opening of the Pavilion Classroom Extension. Indeed the Extension must be built this year to ensure the grants which have been offered are received within their timetable. The grants include a European Union grant, which shows how far and wide the Trustees and enthusiastic Fundraising Committee have searched to gain funding. However, the main financial contributions have come from the Parish, a fantastic 67.5% so far, so thank you all for your support. The Trustees have also taken up the offer of a £20,000 loan. All of this demonstrates the support and viability of the urgently needed facility. The Architect advises us that Building Regulations will be passed in March. The builders quote can then be confirmed and agreed.

Since the project was started a survey has shown that the existing roof will need replacing in the near future. It will be much cheaper to do this work at the same time as the other building work. The Trustees are talking to people who have offered to help financially towards the completion of the Pavilion roofing, porch and club room at the same time as the extension.

Are you able to help? If the further £17,000 required can be raised now, then the Trust will save the considerable future expense of carrying out this work as a separate project. The whole project will enhance the activities open to villagers of all ages, who will benefit sooner from the completed unit and future club room.

If you, as an individual or a business, wish to donate or request further information please contact:

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Please note, we will respect anonymity if requested.

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

8th May 2012, 12th June 2012, 3rd July 2012, 4th September 2012, 2nd October 2012, 6th November 2012, 4th December 2012 and 8th January 2013

All meetings will commence at 7.15pm at North Mundham Village Hall unless advertised to the contrary. Planning application papers are available for inspection in the Village Hall from 7pm.

The first ten minutes of the meeting is available to the public to make representations to the Parish Council—Please come and make the Parish Council aware of your concerns or appreciation!