

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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COUNCILLORS

As a reminder the names, addresses and telephone numbers of our Parish Councillors are as follows:-

Barry Quinn (Chairman), Wistaria Cottage	Tel 462623
Simon Cross (Vice Chair) Bindon Lane	Tel 462232
Tib Axon, Stockford	Tel 463793
Adrian Cullinane, Binnegar Farm	Tel 462371
Neill Child, Holly Bank,	Tel 462770
Sara Grayson, 4 Manor Farm Barns	Tel 463207
Andy Saunders, Holmebridge House	Tel 550599
Sue Barrett (Clerk, Whiteway Farm Steeple, Wareham, Dorset BH20 5NX	

HAWKINS TRUST

As usual at this time of year the questionnaire concerning annual gifts by the Trust at Christmas and Easter is overleaf. If you are eligible by age for either of these gifts please complete the form and return to Sue Barrett (Clerk) before 29th November. The Trustees are again providing the option of a bottle or hamper for each eligible person for the Christmas distribution. To ensure that we are able to order and deliver on time we can only provide gifts to the people who fill in the form and return by due date.

RUINS OF OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH

A site meeting was held in August and the Conservation Ranger Team intends to start work in early November to lay a hedge around the perimeter using existing materials and they will install a gate. The cost of this work and the gate will come from what has been allocated to this site from the 2004/05 Dorset Management Scheme. This allocation may also go part way towards the cost of the more permanent and stock-proof fence around the new hedge. It is hoped to fund the remainder of the fences cost from other sources. Malcolm Barnes has agreed to bring in sheep to graze the site when the hedge and fence are in place. Meanwhile a species survey has been conducted.

BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Boundary Committee has advised us that our appeal against being moved into Purbeck Hills electoral district was not upheld. The Parish Council feels this does not provide proper representation of the residents of East Stoke at County level and are now looking into taking the appeal to Europe.

WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial is in need of repair having been damaged over the years by the effects of the weather. We are currently obtaining quotes for repairs and should be in a position shortly

to decide who will be undertaking this work. It is hoped to obtain a grant from the Dorset County Council Community Funding Scheme Second Phase. We have submitted our claim and will know the outcome soon. **There will be a wreath laying service at the Memorial on Remembrance Sunday and anyone wishing to attend will be welcome.**

X53 BUS SERVICE – Jurassic Coast

You may have noticed that official bus stop signs have been placed on either side of the A352 at Middlefield. This bus service runs from Poole to Exeter along the coast road and has been well supported over the summer. The winter timetable is at present compiled and will be placed on the notice board at Middlefield

ILLEGAL RAVES

In June another illegal rave took place on the land belonging to SITA on the Puddletown Road. The Parish Council were in communication with both the Police and SITA and steps were taken to make sure security was adequate. However a few weeks later another rave took place in a different location at Hansons Quarry. This was louder and more intrusive than the previous one. Many people within the Parish telephoned the Police to complain and the Environmental Health Officer at PDC was also contacted. This rave consisted of about 150 people. Our Chairman met with Hansons to suggest improving their security including quality of the locks and gates. He also met with the Local Police Inspector and PDC but was informed that it was almost impossible to break up an event such as this once it had started. A meeting also took place with Paul Croft, Chief Executive PDC, to discuss the position of District Council with regard to raves and their liaison with the Police. Further discussions are planned to put a procedure in place to tackle the problem of any future raves. There is a new Community Beat Officer for this area and it is hoped she will be attending one of our meetings to discuss this and other policing issues.

THE OLD POUND

As part of the Parish Plan it is hoped we may be able to tidy up and appropriately mark the site of the old Pound on the A352.

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