

SHALFLEETPARISH NEWS

NEW YEAR 2010

Written by John Whitney Clerk to the Council.

As I write these words I can see out of the office window a heavy carpet of snow which the local News confirmed this morning to be the heaviest fall experienced in the Island for 20 years with local farmers providing valuable assistance last evening by rescuing stranded vehicles with their tractors.

A few days before Christmas the Parish Council accompanied by many friends entertained diners at the Horse & Groom (Ningwood) and New Inn (Shalfleet) by singing carols, a big thank you to the landlords & staff of both pubs for making this annual charity event possible. Also importantly a thank you to our honorary musical director and organist Prue Osborne for her attempts to keep us in tune! The event raised £122.13 for Island Hospice funding.

Working in partnership with IOW Police there is a small stock of household electric time switches available for local residents, please call at our Newbridge Office/Help Centre if you want one of these **free** timers to boost your home security arrangements. Also available during office hours throughout 2010 will be **free** internet access (we now have 5 screens on stream) and the Council hopes that local residents will continue to use this rural access to IT facilities as it proved very popular in 2009.

Dates, times, and venues for Shalfleet Parish Council meetings in 2010 will shortly be posted on the Parish Council website www.shalfleetiow.org.uk and the Council **welcomes public attendance** at its meeting with allotted space on every agenda for public questions.

In conclusion I take this opportunity on behalf of the Council to wish all our readers a very Happy New Year.

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