

SHALFLEET PARISH NEWS

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CHAIRMANS COLUMN

We are nearly at the end of an eventful year where a number of projects have been started which, when completed, should significantly benefit the parish. In this newsletter you will hear about two long term projects , road safety at our School and new recreation facilities planned for Newbridge. Last month another initiative was achieved with the council being presented with its “Quality Council Status” certificate, this is in effect a charter mark demonstrating the effectiveness and competence of Shalfleet as a 1st tier local council. At present out of 27 Island Parish & Town Councils only five have achieved this seal of approval. It is interesting to note that we share our Clerk with two other “Quality” councils Rookley & Chale which is bringing significant savings and shared resources.

SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL

At last months council meeting members received a proposal from Helen Stichbury, the IWC School Travel Plan Advisor which may improve the current congestion and road safety hazard that is blighting the school entrance in Station Road. Your Parish Council is currently studying the proposals which to implement would require strong co-operation between the parish council, the owners of the Horse & Groom public house, and the Isle of Wight Council. **WATCH THIS SPACE**

THE NEWBRIDGE PLAYGROUND

Unfortunately a recent health & safety inspection condemned the remaining children’s swings on safety grounds, your council is aware of the current influx of children to the Newbridge area and is determined to provide upgraded and safe recreation facilities. Urgent funding is being sought to finance a project that will provide a modern play area designed to meet all safety requirements and perhaps most important of all, provide an **exciting new play facility**. The Parish Council is working towards a target project completion date of early Summer 2006.

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE YET?

www.shalfleetiow.org.uk

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS Shalfleet Councillors accompanied by the Clerk and friends will once again be singing carols at the **NEW INN** in aid of the Earl Mountbatten Hospice funds, former parish councillor Pru Osborne will be providing musical accompaniment, the date for your diary is **Thursday 22nd Dec.at 7pm**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING The council thanks all residents of the civil parish who returned the recent housing needs survey questionnaire, these are currently being analysed by the Rural Community Council and the results plus any proposals will be published in our next *SHALFLEET PARISH NEWS*.

BOULDNOR SOAP BOX DERBY At the last council meeting Cllr Pam Broadhead reported that the highly successful soap box challenge event will be repeated in 2006 but unfortunately due to circumstances beyond the organisers control it will have to be staged at Pan in Newport. The date for the event has been set for 6th May and those who are interested may contact Pam on 760781 or alternatively visit the events web-site **WWW.thebouldnorchallenge.org.uk**

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COUNCIL MEETINGS 2006

11th January Shalfleet School.7-15pm	8 th February Wellow Institute 7-15pm
8 th March Newbridge Social Club 7-15pm	12 th April Shalfleet School 7-15pm
10 th May Wellow Institute 7-15 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING May date, time, and venue to be fixed.	
14th June Newbridge Social Club7-15pm	12 th July Shalfleet School 7-15pm
13 th Sept. Shalfleet Village Hall 7-15pm	11 th Oct Wellow Institute 7-15pm
8 th Nov.Newbridge Social Club7-15pm	13 th Dec Shalfleet School 7-15pm

DO YOU KNOW? Most meetings of the parish council are open to the press and public, public attendance is welcomed by your council and there is an opportunity at every meeting for public questions at a certain point in the agenda, general participation when the council is in session is however prohibited unless the Chairman suspends the meeting. why don't you come along and witness your council working on local issues that could **be important to you.**

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