

MUSCLIFF FUNDAY

The Muscliff Funday was a great success with fine but very windy weather all day! 19th July 2009 saw hundreds of families enjoying the free event and many more charities/clubs took part.

The Mayor of Bournemouth Cllr Mrs Beryl Baxter opened the event accompanied by Cllr Ted Taylor and all three Ward members were in attendance and working!!!

We would like to thank all the members of the Funday committee including the Managers of Muscliff and Townsend Youth centres and some of their staff, Amanda Nicholls from Safer and Stronger Communities, Lawrence Robson from Parks & Countryside team and Jillian Kinsley from the Muscliff Community Centre, also not forgetting her husband Steve who was on duty with St. John's Ambulance.

A big thank you also goes to the young people from the Youth Centre who worked hard all day helping with the food etc and to the many volunteers who were stewards on the day directing traffic etc and keeping us all safe.

Lots of people gave up their time, including our local Police Officer Damian May and our PCSO Anna Maher, and we would also like to thank them for all their support and hard work for the Throop and Muscliff Ward during the year.

The events licence was permitted for Muscliff Park which means that we don't have to apply every year and pay out every year for an event to be staged in the park. There is a limit of up to 6 events per year and we as Councillors assure you that at the moment we are only planning a Funday for next year on Muscliff Park but there may be a smaller event which either the Youth Centre or the Community Centre may organise. Advance notice will always be the order of the day!

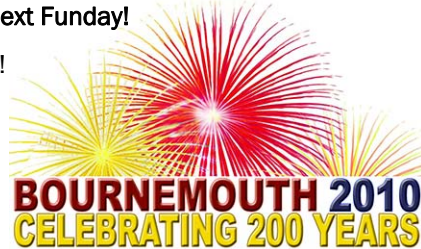
Next year Bournemouth celebrates it's 200th birthday so our Funday will be extra special please make a note of Sunday 18th July 2010 our next Funday!

Bournemouth Carnival committee needs your help!!!

Let's make 2010

(Bournemouth's 200th birthday) a special year!

If you would like to enter a float or help in any way for next year's Carnival on **Sunday 8th August** please contact: **Pat Fail - 01202 510198**



Cllr Anne organises the **Town Centre Poppy Appeal** each year and if any one could give an hour or so between the 31st October and the 7th November please let Anne know. If you would rather help in the local area Anne can give you the details of the local organiser.

Cllr Anne is also organising the following, please contact her on **01202 538068** for more details.

**Motown Magic night
and 70's & 80's music
Saturday 12th December
The Littledown Centre**

in aid of the Mayor of Bournemouth's charities

**Glastonbury Carnival
Saturday, 14th November
Leaving Castlepoint at 12.30pm
and returning approx 12.30am**

it's a super trip

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We are once again pleased to send you our 3rd Newsletter for this year, our aim is to keep you informed on the ward of Throop and Muscliff and other local issues with 3 Newsletters a year.

We also send out letters when there is a very local issue.

We offer a 24/7 service to you, we are available to come and discuss local issues with you.

Residents, the following items are just a few of the very many issues that ward members have been heavily involved in over the past months.

BERRY HILL

Many residents are aware of the endless problems that have been caused by large 12-wheeled tankers travelling to and from Berry Hill treatment works, and the issues of strong odours and other related matters on site. Berry Hill receives sludge from as far away as Weymouth and other Dorset locations. With the help of Environmental Health we have secured a number of improvements on site.

At the Council meeting on 15th September, Cllr. Ron detailed a motion which was carried UNANIMOUSLY as follows:-

“That the Council supports Wessex Water’s business plan for a pipeline to Berry Hill Sludge Treatment Centre and requests OFWAT to reconsider the cost/benefit analysis of this investment with the additional evidence now put forward by Wessex Water as presented on the 1st September. This would bring enhanced service to customers through the cessation of imported liquid sludge tanker movements daily through the local road network, and the traffic reduction arising from the proposed investment would clearly bring environmental benefits to local residents from reduced vehicle emissions, noise and subsequent reduced impact on human health and amenities.”

*** Any residents wishing to receive more details on the business case and issues around the Berry Hill matter, please e-mail or contact Cllr. Ron for copies. ***

GREEN BELT

At the present time due to challenges made by Hertfordshire County Council to the High Court over housing numbers, and resulting from this with some 35,000 objections within the South West, it seems that no decision is yet being made by the new Secretary of State to the issues within the South West and this includes North Bournemouth.

Hopefully with a pending General Election next year, any decision will not be announced before the voters have had a chance to elect a new Government.

Bournemouth Council has very firmly stated in the new Bournemouth Plan [Local Development Framework, Core Strategy]: “ANY REFERENCE TO DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE EXISTING GREEN BELT WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT IS THEREFORE PRECAUTIONARY AND BASED ON US BEING FORCED TO DO SO BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE”.

RIVER CROSSING, THROOP

Dorset County Council, after the Cabinet meeting on 15th July when Cllr. Ron was invited to attend, supported the proposals of Sustrans [Connect 2] for a bridleway river crossing. It now seems that the support is coming back to the long established argument for Pig Shoot Lane, although as many will know we had previous difficulties with the estate on the other side of the river, likewise Hurn Parish, with the lottery funding for the project. Both Dorset and Bournemouth have been asked to work towards securing a route, otherwise lottery funding will be withdrawn.

STOUR RIVER SIGNS

After representations from a number of local dog walkers and families, with the support of Gillie (the ranger) and Stour Valley Friends we were able to provide funds to pay for the present signage at the two locations. It was suggested that anglers be requested to give priority to dog walkers, children and the disabled who may wish to use this beach.

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SLUICE GATES, THROOP

As many residents would have seen from the local Daily Echo, plans were made for the repairs to the listed sluice gates at Throop Mill in September; unfortunately the works have been put back to late October. Much of the works will concentrate on the stone piers and the hatches will require cutting away corroded steel/replacement which, we have been informed, will be held to an upright position with bolts; this is in order to continue its functional use to control the flow of the river.

As residents are aware Cllr. Ron was successful in securing the listing of these ironworks by English Heritage in April 2008, and is extremely grateful to Melanie Sutton, the Conservation Officer of Christchurch Council, in securing the support of the repairs by the Environment Agency.

*** If any resident wishes to receive any details of the works, please contact Cllr. Ron. ***

MUSCLIFF FARM ESTATE

Once again, we have been having endless issues with Officers. Some three years ago it was planned to have land within the estate for allotments, as clearly from local representations a need exists in North Bournemouth for more open space allotment provision. At the same time we were concerned at the length of delays in letting to new tenants those properties that do become available. We were also concerned to ensure that within the terms of the new lease tenants maintain the land for agricultural use. Both 210/205 have now been let. With regard to Hicks Farm, plans are for using the land as a hub for the Dorset-wide grazing partnership. We hope to have more details in our next newsletter.

MUSCLIFF LANE/CASTLE LANE WEST TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Following a number of e-mails to Technical Services regarding the problems clearly associated with the phasing of these lights which, from reports, clearly show that significantly more traffic is exiting this junction than when first designed. We have been informed that adjustment of the phasing will address this problem and it is planned to undertake the phasing during November. In addition, there is a similar problem at Castlepoint where we are told that such a major piece of work will take around two weeks and is likely to commence approximately April next year. We shall see!!?

OTHER NEWS

Cllr Anne has in her role as a Bournemouth Lion managed to secure £200 for equipment for the Little Lambs play scheme at St Paul’s Church in Landford Way. The play scheme is very busy and hundreds of children attend every week from a few months old to pre school age!

The Setley Park open space proposals have now had all their public consultation meetings and we are awaiting the final draft scheme from Leisure Services - exciting times. Next in the Ward will be the public consultation for Muscliff Park, probably next year.

Chesildene Drive and the parking of large vans have been a concern for many residents living in that part of the Ward. Cllr Anne has written to the local residents on behalf of the 3 members and canvassed opinion about a gap in the restricted parking, when one comes round the Yeomans Road roundabout and into Chesildene Drive. With a minority responding, notices will now be displayed with the new road traffic order details.

A Yellow Bus (Transdev) leaves from Throop Church at 7.45am to Bournemouth & Poole College (Lansdowne and North Rd). Return journey from North Rd at 5.00pm. This bus only runs on college term dates, but anybody can use it. This is a registered bus service funded by Bournemouth & Poole College. For details of the route Tel: (01202) 636000

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