

Hanslope Parish Council

June 2009 Newsletter

List of Councillors

Chairman	- Mr. J. Geary
Vice Chairman	- Mr. G. Lancaster
Councillor	- Mr. D. Cook
Councillor	- Mrs. D. Courtman
Councillor	- Mr. E. Dodworth
Councillor	- Mrs. L. Hetherington
Councillor	- Mrs. S. Mobley
Councillor	- Mr. K. Reynolds
Clerk	- Mr. A. McDonald
Ward Councillor	- Mr. A. Geary

Obituary – Margaret Adams

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Councillor Margaret Adams, on the 29th of April. Margaret joined the council on the 3rd of September 2004. We have been impressed with her enormous courage and bravery, as she battled with the illness which overshadowed her recent life. Margaret was forthright and enthusiastic in all she did and The Parish Council has lost a champion for all the many causes she supported. We count it as a privilege to have known and worked with her. We send our deepest sympathy to all members of her family.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP.

The Steering Group is pleased to announce that the Parish Plan is now published. Each household should receive a complimentary Summary with this Newsletter. This, however, is only a taster of the full Plan booklet which contains much more detail and photographs. You can obtain a copy by either downloading free of charge from the village website at www.hanslope.org.uk/parishplan.htm or alternatively hard copies are available from either Hanslope News or Hanslope Wines. We ask for £2 towards printing costs. Complimentary copies will be given to interested parties such as MKBC, Mark Lancaster M.P., Hanslope Park, and of course our own Parish Council.

The Steering Group is grateful to the Parish Councillors for delivering the Summaries. Our task to produce the Plan is now complete. It is now for the Village, led by the Parish Council, to drive forward the implementation.



YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU! Look out for further information, and an opportunity to ask us any questions, at the **VILLAGE GARDEN PARTY** on Sunday 28th June at The Watts Arms.

Rural West Neighbourhood Action Group (N.A.G.)

(Villages of Hanslope, Castlethorpe and Haversham).

Welcome to our new PCSO.

We have a new local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). Her name is Michelle Morgan. Michelle started work in the area on the 1st of June and has already introduced herself to a number of parishioners in Eastfield Drive whilst carrying out a survey on local issues. Within the next few months, in addition to carrying out her other duties, she hopes to canvas the whole village.

Recreation Ground Vandalism: - In order to minimise vandalism in the Recreation Ground, if you see a crime or disturbance in progress, please dial 999. If crimes go unreported, Thames Valley Police find it difficult to deal with such incidents.

Rights of Way

Now that the summer months are upon us, many residents will wish to enjoy the countryside by using the many footpaths and bridleways around the village.

Please keep to the waymarked paths only, as the "Environmental Strips" are there to protect and encourage wildlife.

Footpaths – on foot only.

Bridleways – on foot, horseback and bicycle. Please keep dogs under close control at all times. Dogs must not be allowed to run free in the farmers' fields. They too, must remain on the

designated paths. It is advisable to keep them on a lead near livestock.

For the sake of all walkers and users please continue to "scoop the poop".

HANSLOPE SURGERY, 1 WESTERN DRIVE

OPENING HOURS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

0800-1230 AND 1430-1830

ALTERNATE THURSDAYS;

LATE NIGHT SURGERY 1830-2030
(PRE BOOKABLE APPOINTMENTS)

ONE WEEK IN FOUR;

SATURDAY SURGERY 0830-1030
(PRE BOOKABLE APPOINTMENTS)

SURGERY TELEPHONE NUMBERS;

01908-510230 AND 01908-510914

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS;

SNOWDOC 01327-702215

NHS DIRECT 0845 4647

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALLOW THE FULL 48 HOURS FOR REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Village Sign

On behalf of all Parishioners, we would like to say a sincere thankyou to Mr. and Mrs. Richards and all other helpers, for maintaining the flower beds and grass round our new Village Sign. The colourful floral displays and neatly cut grass are much appreciated.

Allotments

There are still allotments available.

If interested in "growing green", please contact the Clerk of the Council.

Bank Holiday – Waste Collection

Please remember, because of the bank holiday on the 31st of August, the collection will take place on Saturday the 5th of September. If refuse is put out a day early it is unsightly and likely to attract vermin. Please help us to keep our village tidy.

Roadside Hedges

Would all homeowners and landowners with roadside hedges, please ensure that their hedges:

- a) do not obscure road signs.
- b) do not overhang pavements and footpaths.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Heritage Open Days

Milton Keynes Council Heritage Unit and its partners are bringing you a wide variety of walks, talks, visits, exhibitions and activities, taking place over four days from 10th to 13th of September. Every event is free and open to all. Some events have special activities for children and young people. To find out what is going on in your area, please see the special website:

www.mkheritageopendays.com

From the National Energy Centre

How smart is your driving?

Most car drivers could be travelling a lot further on a tank of fuel. No new car is required – just a change to smarter driving. Try these tips. Shift up the gears earlier (between 2000-2500rpm). Cruising comfortably in 5th gear is the best place to be.

Cut your top speed. Wind resistance increases significantly with speed. The optimum speed for fuel efficiency is 45 – 50mph.

Avoid unnecessary braking by anticipating the traffic ahead. Fluid motion is better than stop start. When slowing down, stay in gear and take your foot off the accelerator as early as possible. This reduces fuel consumption to near zero.

Plan your route to avoid congestion or getting lost. Contact the Energy Saving Trust on 0800512012.

Open Meeting

The next Open Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 12th October.

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend.

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