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July 2015



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Welcome to the OGAFCA Summer newsletter...



...Fifield Fun Day 1 August...



...celebrating the Magna Carta 800 years on...



... commemorative benches...



...Love your forest...



...more animal tales with Ben the Puppy...



...Please report damaged stiles ...



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From the Chairman

As I write the heatwave is just about to start and we can look forward to a Summer packed with many sporting occasions and local Fetes and Fairs - all good fun and all in aid of good local causes.

Planning matters are still on our radar as our precious Green Belt is under threat and it is important that you express your views in local Consultation Processes that are taking place over the next few months.

Since our last Newsletter at the end of April, we have had a General Election, Borough Council Elections and Parish Council Elections on May 7. At the Parish Council, no Candidates came forward to represent the Oakley Green and Fifield Ward, so unfortunately we had nobody to Vote for! But since then, The Parish Council launched a Co-Option process in which 8 local Residents came forward for consideration to fill two vacant Posts in our Ward and one in the Alexander Ward. On June 24, at an Extraordinary General Meeting, the Parish Council Approved the Co-Option of Chris Yates and Nicola Marsh to represent the Oakley Green and Fifield Ward and Julie Glover to represent the Alexander Ward. We thank them for stepping forward and wish Cllrs Chris, Nicola and Julie all the best.

We had our last General Meeting in Braywood Memorial Hall on **Thursday May 14**. The meetings are very relaxed and are an opportunity to find out about the work of the Community Association, meet other Residents and Volunteers and have chat over a cup of tea. The notes from the Meeting are on our Website as usual.

The next scheduled Meeting is our **AGM which will take place on September 17**. A Formal Notice appears in this Newsletter. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be provided.

Grenville Annetts

Dates for your Diary for 2015

- **Fifield Fun Day - Saturday August 1**
- British Legion Events at local War Memorials marking 70th Anniversary of VJ Day - Saturday August 15
- Littlewick Show - Monday August 31
- Bray Fete - Sunday September 6
- Holyport Village Show - Saturday September 12
- **OGAFCA AGM - Thursday September 17 at 7:30 pm**
- **Deadline for OGAFCA Autumn Newsletter contributions – Friday September 25**

Benches commemorate those who lost their lives

Braywood CE First School's Parent and Teacher Association have donated two solid teak benches to commemorate all who lost their lives during recent wars including WW1. We have had them engraved to remind ourselves of all the men who lost their lives to allow our freedom. A big thank you to Mr Embery who has been watering the flowers for our school.

Also we are working towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award which involves building closer relationships between the children, parents and local community. Playing an active role within the local area has helped children to see their role in the wider community and given them opportunities to participate that they may not have had access to previously. Learning to be a neighbour and responsible member of our community and encourage both parents and children to build new experiences and learn together.

We now have four neighbours participating in school ranging from hearing readers to providing art classes. If you have any feedback on our role within the local area or suggestions on how we, through our teachers, parents and children could continue to build a positive relationship with you, do feel free to contact us on braywood@rbwm.org.uk or 01628 623660.

Charlotte Scotchmere and Emma Hedley (Parent Governors)

70th Anniversary of VJ Day - Saturday August 15

Members of Holyport and District Branch of The Royal British Legion will be laying a wreath at each of the three Parish War Memorials, Bray, Holyport and the new Memorial installed at Braywood Cemetery, in memory of those from Bray Parish who made the ultimate sacrifice during WW2 for the freedom we all enjoy today.

The VJ (Victory Japan) Day wreath - laying will take place on Saturday August 15. The Act of Remembrance will take the form of an opening Prayer, The Exhortation followed by the Last Post, The Silence then Reveille, the Kohima Inscription, a Prayer, The Lords Prayer, laying of the Wreath, the National Anthem and The Blessing bringing the Service to a conclusion. We shall have the Branch Standard to dip during The Silence. We welcome attendance by relatives and residents. The time of the Act of Remembrance will be 4.00pm. The Service will be available to be printed from the OGAFCA website.

Geoff Hayes

Help to keep our footpaths safe

I met a lady recently who had fallen over a damaged stile and broken her arm. The Rights of Way department at the Royal Borough have been advised and steps have been taken to repair the stile but it is such a shame that someone had to get hurt before the problem was highlighted.

Can I just urge everyone, if you see a stile that is damaged in any way, or generally unsteady please do advise the Borough, either via their website or by letting us know and we will pass on the information.

Barbara Frame - Environment Group

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Magna Carta

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In June 1215 the Magna Carta was sealed on the banks of the River Thames at Runnymede. It is acknowledged as one of the most important documents in our history and its values have been adopted around the world in national constitutions.

It was, in essence, a peace treaty between King John and his Barons. After the death of his brother, Richard the Lionheart, King John came to the throne in 1199 and began to alienate his subjects by his tyrannical rule. He imposed a very harsh tax system and was merciless to his enemies. He quarrelled with the Church and plundered their resources. By 1215 the Barons had had enough and were determined to see the King's powers limited. They met with him at Runnymede and entered into a series of negotiations. John was not to be trusted, but finally, with the threat of civil war looming he reluctantly applied the Royal Seal.

Some of the key clauses of the Magna Carta are as follows;

- ◆ **Clause 1:** The English Church shall be free.
- ◆ **Clause 12:** No scutage or aid (i.e. tax) shall be levied except by common counsel (consent).
- ◆ **Clause 33:** All fish weirs shall be removed from the Thames and the Medway and throughout all England, except on the coast.
- ◆ **Clause 38:** No bailiff shall put anyone on trial by his own unsupported allegation, without bringing credible witnesses to the charge.
- ◆ **Clause 39:** No free man shall be taken or imprisoned except by the lawful judgement of his peers or by the law of the land.
- ◆ **Clause 40:** To no one shall we sell, delay or deny right or justice.
- ◆ **Clause 45:** We will not make justices, constable, sheriffs or bailiffs who do not know the law of the land and mean to observe it well.



To commemorate this great occasion a river relay, carrying a replica of the Grand Charter, took place between Hurley and Runnymede. A number of charter bearers were nominated by community organisations within the boroughs of Windsor & Maidenhead, Spelthorne and Runnymede and a flotilla of

boats, similar to the vessels in use at the time, were gathered for the two day event. The procession was led by the Queen's barge, Gloriana.



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Local Planning matters

RBWM Local Plan

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Planning Department continues to work on the **Local Plan**. As reported in our Spring Newsletter, we understand that it will say in relation to our precious Green Belt that house building can only take place on **previously developed land** in the Royal Borough. It will also say that 21 of the 23 Sites that were in the previous Consultation have been rejected for development. The exceptions are the two Garden Centre Sites (Squires and Wyevale which are in Bray Parish), but only if the Owners wish for development to go ahead. In previous Polls we helped conduct during the last Consultation in our area in early 2014, 93% and 89% respectively of local Residents objected to Housing being built there. So there will be another Public Consultation soon.

Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan (BPNP)

The BPNP Steering Group published a first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan and launched a six week Public Consultation Period on May 18, 2015. They arranged to deliver a copy of the Draft Plan to every Household in Bray Parish, asking Residents for comments and feedback by July 3, 2015. Unfortunately there were delivery problems and in our area in particular. OGAFCA along with other local Associations made representations to the Steering Group and they agreed to re-deliver in our area and extend the Closing Date for comments by 3 weeks to Friday July 24. Hopefully by the time you receive this Newsletter, you will have responded. Updates on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan are always available on their Website at <http://brayplan.com/>

2 Gypsy Sites at Brayfield Stables

Opposite the BP Garage on the A308. Not much to report since last Newsletter. The 4 year Temporary Planning Permission granted after a Public Enquiry to allow the two Sites ran out at the beginning of February. The Owners applied to retain the two static caravans and two utility buildings under Application 15/00522/Full. Bray Parish Council recommended for Refusal and RBWM then Refused the Application on April 10. An Appeal may be likely.

Water Oakley Site

The Owners Farmglade, who received Outline Planning Permission to build

44 Houses in April 2014, continue with Demolition and Asbestos Removal Works.

Bray Studios Site – as reported before, Farmglade have now also acquired this Site immediately adjacent to the Water Oakley Site. The previous Owner was granted Planning Permission in 2011 to build 7 detached dwellings and a detached two storey office building after knocking down everything apart from Down Place House which is Listed and was to be completely renovated. Farmglade have started consulting about their proposals to change the previously Approved Plans to now include 11 Detached Dwellings, a Terrace of 4 Dwellings and to convert the Listed Building into 10 Dwellings - 25 Dwellings in all! Expect a formal Planning Application soon.

We will keep you informed about these important Planning matters.

Do you like home-made cakes?



Did you know that every Sunday morning between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm from the end of April through until the end of August, Braywood Cricket Club hold cricket coaching sessions for local youngsters aged between 6 to 16 years old? I think the answer to that is probably yes, as you can hardly fail to notice the crowded car park and the budding

cricketers on the pitch, but did you know that a team of volunteers serves tea, coffee and delicious home-made cakes in the Clubhouse each Sunday morning. These refreshments raise much needed funds to maintain the juniors section of Braywood Cricket Club but also create a welcoming and friendly atmosphere for parents, carers, friends and extended families.

The members of Braywood would like to see our friends from the Village enjoying these benefits too and would be very pleased to welcome you on a Sunday morning. Our Clubhouse is open from 10.00 am weather permitting, but please note that we do not hold coaching sessions if it is raining or if the ground is waterlogged.

If you would like to drop in for a cuppa and a chat, even watch a bit of junior cricket, then you will be made very welcome. Perhaps some budding cake makers amongst you can swap recipes with our superb bakers.

Fifield Fun Day just around the corner!



Saturday 1 August 2015

Gates open 1.30pm

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Everything is coming together for this year's event.

We have all the usual attractions – Train Rides, Punch & Judy, Hog Roast, BBQ, Beer Tent, Bouncy Castles, Craft Stalls, Dog Show, Tombola, Raffle, Auction, Bottle Stall, Coconut Shy, Face Painting and lots of games for all the family.

And this year we have lots more to see and do (but you will have to come along to find out what!), the Fun Day is open from 1.30 - 5.30 pm.

We still need raffle prizes, bottles of wine (which can be left in the porch at Sandy's house - 1 Stewart Close, on the Fifield Road - first house next to the footpath) for the bottle stall, tombola prizes and **most importantly volunteers to help run the stalls on the day:**

- The BBQ
- Egg Hunt
- Play your Cards Right
- Hook a Duck
- The Stocks,
- Splat the Rat
- Dog Show Registration
- Stall Holders Tombola to name but a few!



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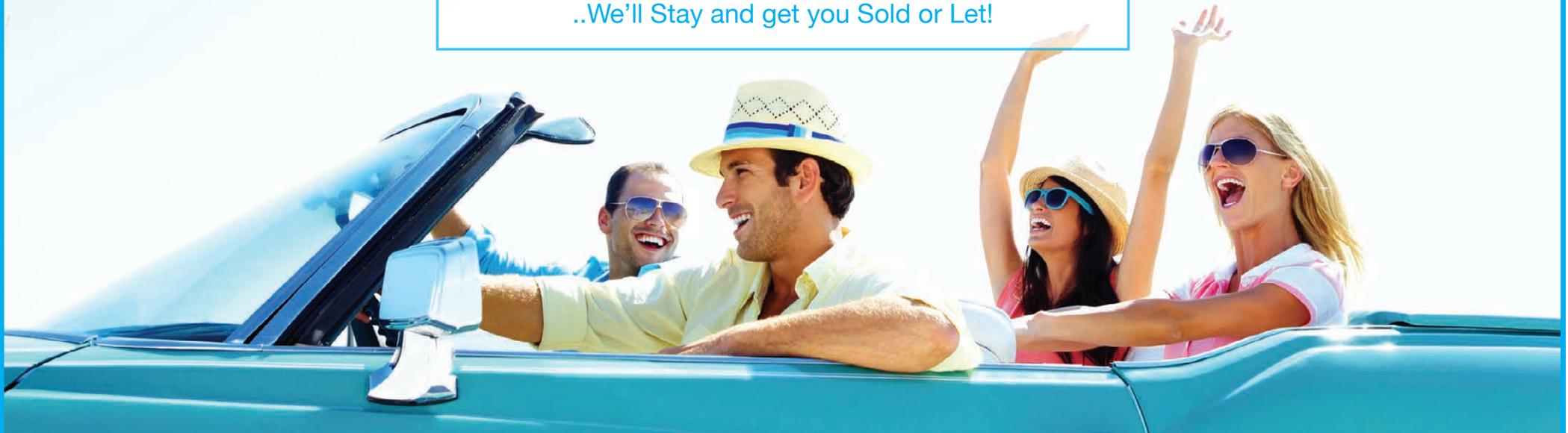


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Plans are afoot to use significant parts of this conservation area for seven months of the year for pheasant penning and shooting, thus barring access for walkers and riders as well as threatening the landscape and environment – and most especially the wildlife. There has been no public consultation about this.

If you love your forest and don't want to lose it, please write to the Crown Estate with your objections. Ask them to be transparent about their plans.

John Deakin, Chief Forester at The Crown Estate Office, The Great Park Windsor SL4 2HT john.deakin@thecrownestate.co.uk 01753 860 222

And write to our local Land Management Lead Advisor with Natural England, **Des Sussex:** des.sussex@naturalengland.org.uk

It is Natural England that have to give consent for this to go ahead.

Matthew and Sarah Stubblefield

(Oakley Green residents)

Local artists work on display at Fifield Fun Day

The art class is continuing to produce very good work, some of which will be on display at the Fifield Fun Day on August 1 with some items for sale.

There are vacancies in both the Monday class 3pm till 5pm and the Tuesday class 7pm till 9pm. Both classes cost only £5 and all the materials are provided along with free tea and coffee. We welcome anyone who is either an absolute beginner or if you are proficient in your art and anywhere in between.

This term the last Monday class will be July 27 returning on August 31 and the Tuesday class breaks up on July 28 returning on September 1.

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Drainage issues still in pause mode!

We are still in pause mode while we wait for the consultants appointed by Streetcare to complete their Phase 3 involving the compilation of a report with conclusions and recommendations. It is not clear when this phase is due to complete and we have requested this information from both Streetcare and their consultants. We will update information on the web site once we have it. On May 13 we delivered to the consultants as requested a compilation map of our area with overlaid drainage details that we are aware of - ditches, pipes, areas of flooding, etc. You can view this map via the **ENVIRONMENT** page at www.ogafcap.co.uk - use the layers in Acrobat Reader to switch items off and on.

In the last Newsletter we called for information regarding flooding on the south side of Oakley Green Road leading west towards the school and the cricket ground. A local resident had pointed out that this happens during times of heavy rainfall. Unfortunately we have absolutely no information as to what happens or why. If any residents living along this stretch of road are aware of this and can describe what happens we would be very grateful if they contact us via the **ENVIRONMENT** page at www.ogafcap.co.uk or by phoning **01628 784441** to arrange a convenient time for a site visit. Until somebody offers information I'm afraid we are pretty helpless to try and suggest or achieve any remedy. The best we can hope for is to observe it happening next time.

We notice that the ditch flowing out of the manhole chamber on Fifield Road and along the boundary of Garden Cottage heading east has not yet been cleared. At the end of 2014 Streetcare requested that the landowner do this and lower the level of the ditch so as not to obstruct the outflow. They were led to believe that this would be done early in 2015. We will ask Streetcare to renew their request in the hope that it will be done by the Autumn.

A drainage summary and status of all 9 current wet spots is available via the **ENVIRONMENT** page at www.ogafcap.co.uk and is updated whenever there is a change or new information.

Finally ... and I know you must be bored with hearing this ... we urgently need someone to step forward to take on the drainage role. There is still much useful work to be done. At the 2015 AGM in September I will step down whether anyone else has come forward or not. Obviously I very much hope that someone with more youthful vigour picks up the baton before then !

Environment Work Group - Drainage

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Vacancies

OGAFCA has a number of Vacancies at the moment

- Children & Youths Work Group Spokesperson
- Drainage Spokesperson
- Communications Work Group Spokesperson
- Webmaster
- Newsletter Advertising Coordinator
- Up to 3 Directors of OGAFCA (Voted in at AGM in September)

If you would like to become more involved and help make improvements in our local area, please contact us via the Website or call Grenville Annetts on 01628 784441.

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members
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on Thursday 17 September 2015 at 7.30 pm

AGENDA

To receive the Directors' Report and a full statement of accounts
showing the receipts and expenditure for the period ending 31 March
2015 and a balance sheet as at that date.

To receive from the Committee a report of the activities of the
Association.

To elect the required number of Directors which have been duly
nominated in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

To decide on any resolution that has been duly submitted to the
meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

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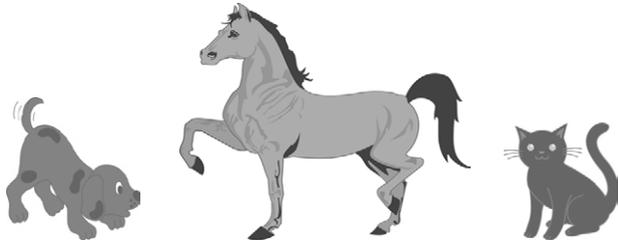
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ALL IN A SPIN



Jayne works from home and is therefore happy to keep an eye on her next door neighbour's new puppy when she has to go out. Ben is a beautiful tan and white springer spaniel but at six months old he is just full of mischief and keeps getting into scrapes. When left alone indoors his playful spirit has led him to empty waste bins, knock things off tables and chew up cushions, so, when the weather is fine Jayne's neighbour leaves him in the utility room with the door open so that he can run freely in the garden and, hopefully, be less destructive!

One warm, still, summer's afternoon Jayne was in her kitchen when she happened to notice that her neighbour's rotary washing line was spinning round at an alarming speed. She collected the key and went next door to investigate. Walking out into the garden she saw the line whirling round like a fairground ride with Ben hanging off it! He had jumped up to seize a tee-shirt, but, his light weight had not pulled it down and he was now suspended off the ground. Determined not to lose his prize he hung on tightly but, of course, as he struggled and swayed the line began to spin and the more he writhed the faster it got!

Shrieking with laughter, Jayne ran forward and caught hold of him, pulling both him and his trophy tee-shirt away from the washing line. Grateful to be rescued, Ben licked her with great enthusiasm before wriggling down and racing off to dig a hole in the flower bed.

Jayne returned to her kitchen. A couple of days went by before she had the opportunity to relay the story to her neighbour. "Good heavens!" She retorted, "I wondered how my washing had dried so quickly".

Barbara Frame

Animal Tales

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