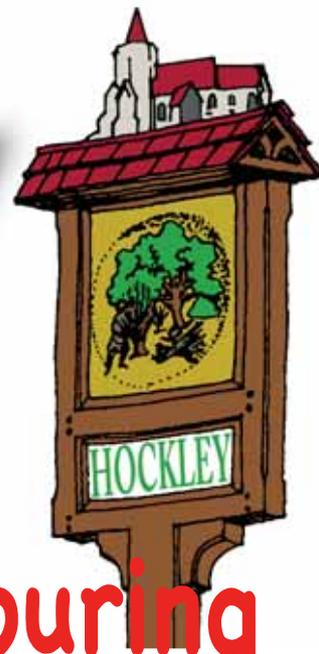


# HOCKLEY

March 2013

# News

Issue 59



## Children's Christmas Colouring Competition Winners 2012



### **Winners Group 8-11 Years**

Joint First: Eleanor Harrin  
Minnie Mae Harris  
Second: Phoebe-Lee Want  
Third: Joanna Rimmington

### **Winners Group 5-7 Years**

First: Vanessa Rokselä  
Second: Jools Illand  
Third: Daisy Dixon

### **Winners Pre-School Group**

First: Oliver Webster  
Second: George Dixon  
Third: Sienna Vitney

A delighted group of winners from our Christmas Colouring Competition with Cllr Roy Martin and Jeff Stanton from Hockley Chamber of Trade. We had a record 152 excellent entries this year and the talented youngsters were presented with prize vouchers and had the opportunity to switch on the lights. The Chamber of Trade kindly donated £1 to local charities for each entry received.



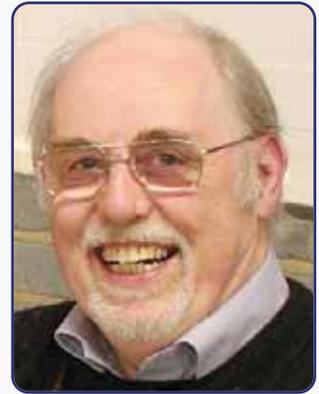
A big thank you goes to all the local businesses who kindly donated funds to enable Paul Newman and his team to put on Hockley's Grand Firework Display at Christmas. We are also grateful to Taylor Developments (Hockley) Ltd and F. Withrington & Sons Ltd for providing the barriers so visitors could safely watch the event.

**Stibbards; Elegance Nail Parlour; Twinkle; Sunrise Health Shop; Castle Opticians; Harrisons Restaurant; Danielle's Dance Shop; Seemore Glass; Venn's Real Ale Shop; Blue Meringue; Spa Newsagency; First Choice Kitchens; CAD Flooring; Hockley Dental Practice; Fribbins Dental Practice; Christine's Florist; Elmwood Chemist; Terence Guy Accountants; C K Blinds; Salmon's Shoe Shop; Williams & Donovan; Sweet Little Memories; Chemicrest Pharmacy; Andy's Computers; 365 Security Systems; Alpine Taxis.**

  
QUALITY  
PARISH  
COUNCIL

## Chairman's Corner

We received a lot of favourable comments on the 2012 Festive Lights in Hockley and hope everyone enjoyed the switch-on event. Over 2000 people turned out, despite the wet weather, and photos have been posted on our website. In January, Rochford District Council submitted the Hockley Area Action Plan to the Planning Inspector to determine whether it is both sound and lawful and we await the decision in due course. Although we understand and accept the need for a Plan to be in place, there are real concerns amongst all affected Parish Councils regarding increased traffic flow in our District. In view of the proposed major changes for Hockley and other developments in the surrounding areas; Councils are working together, and alongside their respective Residents Associations and the business communities, to urge Essex County Council to conduct a Traffic Assessment for the Rochford area. Our Precept and Budget for 2013/14 has been finalised and all Councillors were in agreement to maintain it at the same level as last year with no increase. A dedicated Finance Committee has been formed this year that will be responsible for ensuring all our methods are updated and compliant, with funds being used to best effect for the benefit of the community. Funds are allocated each year for a Grants & Awards Programme and so far this year we are pleased to have been able to agree grant applications for the benefit of five local organisations, clubs and societies. On the 31st January 2013 it was a privilege to represent Hockley, together with other Essex Councillors, at a Service in Chelmsford Cathedral, held by Essex County Council to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Great Floods in 1953 when the coastal regions of Britain, in particular Canvey Island, the Netherlands and Belgium suffered loss of life and devastation. This, together with the survivors' memories, and the selfless dedication of everyone involved made a huge impression that will remain with me for a very long while. February saw the start of our Farmer's Market which is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month (except January) in The Old Fire Station, and we are pleased to be able to offer some new stalls this year. Councillors make themselves available during the morning and you are invited to come along, as this is an opportunity for you to let us have your views on any issues you may wish to discuss.



Cllr Roy Martin

Regards



Cllr Roy Martin  
Chairman of the Council

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS ROUNDUP

**Hockley Area Action Plan** – Rochford District Council were asked to attend a forum to explain the implications and progress of the HAAP to the Parish Council. The Plan sets out the District's vision for the future development of Hockley centre, identifying areas for regeneration and improvement and needs to be in place to provide a framework for future development. RDC conducted a public consultation on the proposals and the document, together with responses, has now been submitted to the Planning Inspector. The next stage will be advised in due course. Full details are available from Rochford District Council.

**New Footpath** – Essex County Council are creating a new public footpath at Plumberow Mount Ancient Monument. As tenants, the Parish Council has been consulted and has been pleased to give approval to this proposal.

**Bus Service** – Following approaches by residents, the Council had discussions with Wyvern Community Transport. We are pleased to report that Wyvern is considering a variation in their SB72 route to include Plumberow Avenue, Orchard Avenue, Tonbridge Road and Harrogate Road. Residents would receive two return journeys to Hockley, Rayleigh Town Centre and Sainsbury's every Wednesday and Friday. Transport will be a 'hail and ride' system and bus passes will be accepted. If agreed, it is proposed this new service will be available from March.

**Parking in Spa Road** – In response to ongoing concerns from residents regarding parking in Spa Road, the Council have been in discussion with businesses, Highways and the police in an effort to find a mutually acceptable solution to the problem. In the meantime the matter is being dealt with by the police as necessary.

**Southend Road Car Park** – Rochford District Council is improving the surface of the Car Park behind the Library. Due to bad weather, the work was delayed but should be started in February, and will involve new drainage and re-lining of bays. It is intended to keep the car park open during the work but spaces may be temporarily restricted.

**Potholes** – Damage to our roads and pavements have got worse again over the winter. Please report anything that needs maintenance direct to the Highways Authority at Essex County Council or to our Clerk who will be pleased to pass the details over on your behalf. The system may be a bit slow but it does work!

## NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

### Hello, hello, hello, what's going on in Hockley then!!

I am really pleased to say dwelling burglaries have reduced considerably. Keep up the good work everyone and keep those homes secure. If you need any advice please call us or check our website. Report anything suspicious!

One worry we do have is that we have suffered a number of thefts from motor vehicles in the streets between Plumberow Avenue and Greensward Lane. These happened in the early hours of Monday 11th February, so Sunday night if you like, and all vehicles appear to have been left insecure on driveways. I urge you to check your cars are secure and please do not leave any valuable items in your car and especially not on display. Perhaps everyone could glance out of their window before going to bed and at any time they get up during the night or even if the dog barks unexpectedly and we might just start interrupting these peoples activities and run them out of the area. Just a thought, but please do not approach anyone or put yourselves at risk. Dial 999 if you see someone trying door handles or similar. If you have any information even if you think it trivial please do make contact with us, you never know when it's a piece of information we have been waiting for to fit our jigsaw puzzle!! Please pass this on.

Another area that is still of concern is the zebra crossing at Spa Road. The police are enforcing the zig-zags and have issued a number of endorsable fixed penalty notices which carry 3 points on a licence and a £60 fine. The Neighbourhood Action Panel have been working hard to raise awareness of the health and safety concerns with Essex County Highways and have made significant progress. I hope you will see some improvements to the location shortly.

One of the suspects involved in the Poppy Box thefts at the end of last year has been charged and sentenced at court so thank you to the community for all the information and CCTV we received which enabled us to make a positive identification and bring them to justice. We know who the other suspect is and are awaiting their apprehension.

Retail crime is also featuring high on our agenda at present as we have seen an increase in shoplifting right across the district.

One last thing... if you see anything suspicious involving motor vehicles... even if you do not manage to get any other details grab the registration number. Try to make a word out of it to remember it later and write it down as soon as possible or type it into your phone. This is often the most valuable piece of information we can get and we can work so quickly with it. From the moment you give it to us we can input it into the automatic number plate recall system and start tracking that vehicle within minutes.

If you have any information please contact me PC 2742 Michelle Rawson at Rayleigh Police Station on 101 ext 490535 or 07801 461653 or email me direct from the Essex Police website at [http://www.essex.police.uk/my\\_neighbourhood.aspx](http://www.essex.police.uk/my_neighbourhood.aspx). To report an incident for a police officer to attend please phone 101 and speak to our control room, or 999 if an emergency. You can always report information anonymously to Crimestoppers.



Right up

your street

**CRIMESTOPPERS**  
**0800 555 111**

Hockley  
Neighbourhood Policing Team

**0300 333 4444**  
non emergency line



### PLANTING THE DISPLAY BASKETS IN HOCKLEY

By Bo Galsworthy at RIVERSIDE NURSERY & GARDEN CENTRE

Having produced the basket displays in Hockley for many years now, we wanted to share the thought process that goes into making them successful.

The baskets contain a combination of trailing plants such as Ivy Geraniums, Begonias, Trailing Lobelia, Ipomoea, Nepeta and Plectranthus. Our experience has proven that this selection covers each plants' non-flowering time and provides a longer flowering, higher impact display. Surfunia Petunias are also included for their vibrant colours and abundance of blooms. In a commercial environment they are best mixed with other trailing plants, as if planted alone, can look untidy with heavy rain and equally suffer should we get hot sunshine. They would also suffer from reduced flowering if not regularly de-headed – a little impossible with the situation they are in!

Each basket also has a centre piece Geranium to add height and create an overall fullness, which together with the trailing plants, makes the view from the ground perfect! We can, of course, create whatever colour scheme is needed.

Soil is also an important factor – high quality compost is used incorporating water retention crystals and a slow release feed, both help to sustain the appearance and longevity of the basket. All the plants used are grown here at Riverside which ensures confidence in the quality, but unfortunately we have no control on the weather!



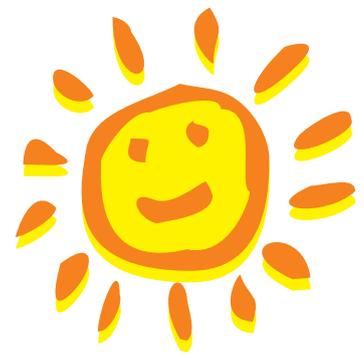
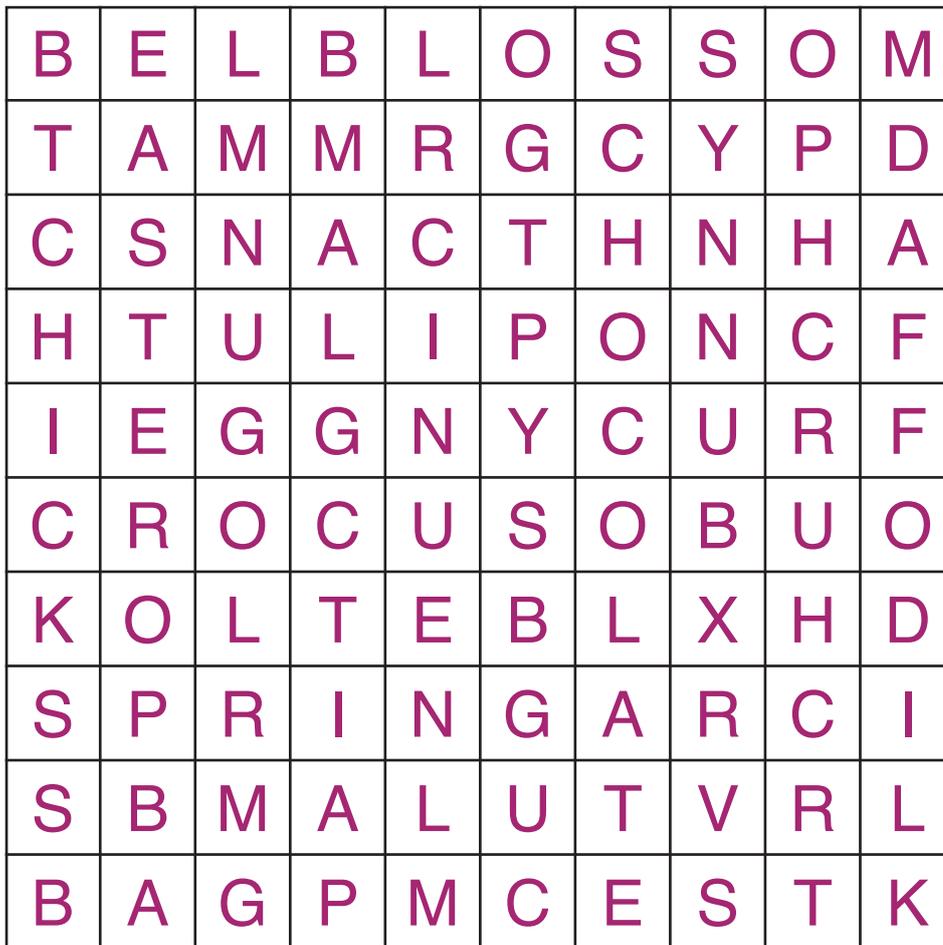
### PARISH GARDENING COMPETITION

Details and Entry Forms can be obtained  
from Clerk of Council at The Old Fire Station



# Kids Fun Page

## WORDSEARCH



Can you find these Spring words?

Easter

Tulip

Spring

Lambs

Egg

Chicks

Crocus

Church

Blossom

Bunny

Chocolate

Daffodil



COLOUR THE EGGS AND COUNT HOW MANY YOU HAVE



### Hockley Parish Council Grant Funding Programme

Each year Hockley Parish Council allocates funds for projects to enhance the area; providing facilities and opportunities for the local community.

Parish Councils are a tier of local government and as such they can only do what the law provides that they do. The Parish Council may therefore not be able to give you a grant unless it can find a power to enable it.



#### How Can Councils Help?

- Parish Councils can assist the local community by grant funding organisations and projects
- The Parish Council will consider grants from new and existing groups.
- Groups are reminded that the Parish Council is a statutory authority and has to account for the funds it spends and expects good value from this resource.
- The Parish Council will consider the application for a grant using the process of funding that is put in place by this Council, to assure that the process is completed in an open, fair and transparent way.
- When considering applying for funding from this Council, please ensure you make it perfectly clear why you require it. Try to justify the request by saying how it will benefit the local community. You will also be wise to be able to state that there is a real need and not just a 'perceived' need.

***Application Forms, which will guide you through the process, are available from the Parish Clerk who will let you know if further information is required.***

# HOCKLEY TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Hockley Table Tennis Club was founded in the Summer of 2009 from humble beginnings, with just two people, my wife Sue and myself. The club now has a very firm foundation and opens itself to the community on a regular basis by holding 'taster' sessions which are supported by Castle Point and Rochford District Councils.

The club operates from Plumberow Junior School, with enormous support and encouragement from the Head Teacher in our mission to offer table tennis facilities to the local community whatever their playing standard, ability or age. Regular Junior Courses are held and coaching is normally available if required to all.

The club now boasts five teams in the Southend Table Tennis League from Division 1 to 3. Those who do not wish to play in the league are welcome to come and enjoy themselves at the club's weekly practice sessions on a Thursday evening, where we offer a friendly welcome.

*Anyone interested in finding out more details please contact **Trevor on 07828 175 493***

# FARMERS' MARKET

HELD ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

HOCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL host a local Farmers' Market at The Old Fire Station (opposite the library) every second Saturday of the month from 9am to 12pm. We aim to bring you locally sourced produce and are always looking to add to the choice on offer. The market is within walking distance of the village centre and proceeds go towards supporting local charities. This is also an opportunity to meet your Parish Councillors who volunteer their time should you wish to have a chat. We look forward to seeing you.

## LOCAL PRODUCE STALLS

Eggs and Honey  
Plants  
Preserves  
Bread and Pastries  
Meat  
Seasonal Fruit and Vegetables  
Smoked Trout

## CRAFT STALLS

Cheeses  
WI Cup Cakes  
Aromatherapy  
Handcrafted Jewellery  
Needlework  
Handcrafted Cards

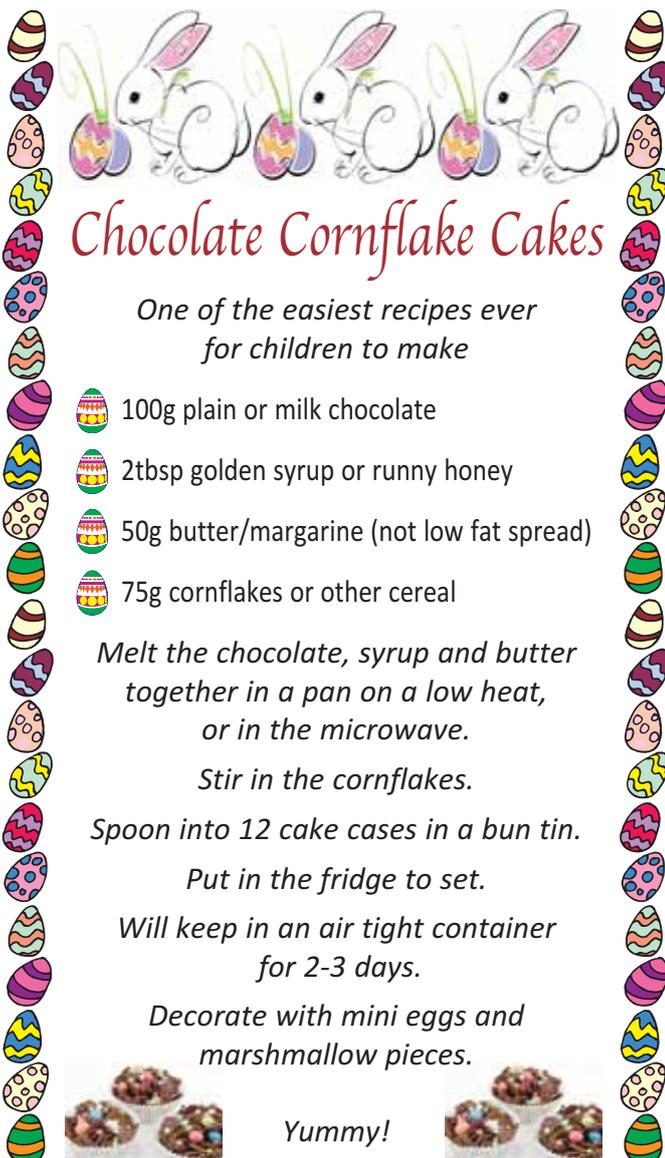


Chairman of Rochford District Council, Councillor Joan Mockford enjoyed a visit to the Christmas Farmers Market and took the opportunity to chat with Parish Councillors



Teas/coffees and cakes are available from local charities: Hockley & Hawkwell 55+ Day Centre and Massive Youth Centre

Contact: Clerk to the Council ☎ 01702 207707



## Chocolate Cornflake Cakes

*One of the easiest recipes ever for children to make*

- 100g plain or milk chocolate
- 2tbsp golden syrup or runny honey
- 50g butter/margarine (not low fat spread)
- 75g cornflakes or other cereal

*Melt the chocolate, syrup and butter together in a pan on a low heat, or in the microwave.*

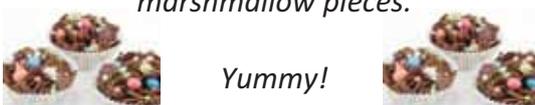
*Stir in the cornflakes.*

*Spoon into 12 cake cases in a bun tin.*

*Put in the fridge to set.*

*Will keep in an air tight container for 2-3 days.*

*Decorate with mini eggs and marshmallow pieces.*



**Yummy!**



## Hockley Bowling Club

We are a long established bowls local club (founded in 1929) located in Highams Road with one of the best greens in the area, ample free car parking and a spacious clubhouse, we have qualified coaches to provide full training and coaching.

The club participate in leagues and competitions locally as well as internally — catering for men, ladies and mixed matches. We also have a full programme of friendly matches.

During the winter short mat bowling is available within the clubhouse where various social and fun events are held throughout the year.

**Applications for membership are welcomed from beginners to experienced players. The outdoor season starts in April so if you are interested in joining us please contact RICHARD KEENE on 01702 207340 for an application form.**

## OBITUARY



### Councillor Stan Barnard

*The Parish Council were very saddened to hear of the passing of Cllr Stan Barnard. Stan was a much respected and well loved member of the Parish Council for many years, serving as chairman on three occasions. He also served as a District Councillor. We would like to send our condolences to his family.*



# THE OLD FIRE STATION CARTOON

**M**r Ken Moore contacted the Parish Council to offer us an original framed cartoon of The Old Fire Station. Ken commissioned the cartoon from a family friend for inclusion in a book he had compiled about the history of the Fire Station.

"Bravo 219" was his old call sign. He thought the Hall would be an appropriate home.

Ken was invited along to a Council Meeting where the cartoon was presented and he spoke briefly of his time when he was a fireman stationed at Hockley and its history. Councillors showed Ken

around the Hall, which he found very interesting, and was pleased to see it had not changed much over the years since he had served there. Ken was thanked for his kind thought and the cartoon

is now display-ed in the Hall alongside other photos and memorabilia of the Fire Station in its heyday.

The Fire Station in Hockley the only

Station in Essex where its history has been fully documented from beginning to end. Ken's book is available from Hockley Library and he would be happy to provide a copy on CD if anyone would like to read more.



Ken Moore with Councillors Roy Martin, Veronica Randall and Lesley Vingoe




The Parish Church of  
St Peter & St Paul  
Church Road, Hockley

**Growing from Strength to Strength...**

Over the past year St Peter & St Paul has seen twenty members of its growing congregation Confirmed, marking the point in their spiritual journey where they make a firm commitment to the Christian faith, which is good news.

And as a place of worship for over 800 years the church continues to serve the community of Hockley, caring for all aspects of family life.

If you would like to be part of this vibrant and growing church, with a very warm welcome, come along one Sunday at 10.00am to share in its celebration of Holy Communion.

Father Ken Havey from St Clements in Leigh-on-Sea, will be presiding at our Church from March.

Or for more information please contact The Revd Canon Mike Lodge  
Team Rector of Rayleigh and Rural Dean of Rochford.

telephone: 01268 742176  
email: [mike.lodge@parishofrayleigh.org.uk](mailto:mike.lodge@parishofrayleigh.org.uk)  
website: [www.parishofhockley.org.uk](http://www.parishofhockley.org.uk)




**HOCKLEY  
SCRABBLE  
CLUB**

OPEN TO ANYBODY OVER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS

We meet every Tuesday evening form 6.30pm til 10.00pm at the Methodist Church in Main Road, Hockley (opposite Costcutter). Competitions are arranged but please don't let this put you off as there are players of mixed abilities and you will be grouped as appropriate.

We also meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 2.00pm til 5.00pm at the very same venue for friendly, social games – no competitions! Again, players of all standards are very welcome and assistance can be given to beginners.

The first two visits on a Tuesday and a Saturday are FREE so why not come along and meet others who enjoy a game of Scrabble and judge whether you might like to join us on a permanent basis. Just turn up or contact Shirley who will be more than happy to answer any enquiries, either by email: [shirl63@talktalk.net](mailto:shirl63@talktalk.net) or by telephone: 01702 205910.

# HOCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Hockley Parish Councillors



**Cllr. Roy Martin**  
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*Chairman of Parish Council*  
Committees: Planning, Personnel  
Working Groups: Festive Lights (Chairman)  
Policy Procedures Finance and Hall Management  
Street Lighting and Special Events



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Environmental, Appeals Panel



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Street Lighting and Special Events



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Street Lighting and Special Events  
Environmental



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## MEETINGS FOR 2013

Meetings start at 8pm with the exception of the Annual Assembly which commences at 7.30pm prior to the Council Meeting

### MARCH 2013

Monday 25th Full Council

### JUNE 2013

Monday 24th Full Council

### APRIL 2013

Monday 29th Annual Assembly

### JULY 2013

Monday To be confirmed

### MAY 2013

Monday 20th Annual Meeting

### AUGUST 2013

Monday To be confirmed

**ALL PARISH MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE OLD FIRE STATION**

**OFFICE OPENING TIMES: 9.30am-12.30pm**

If you have any comments or enquiries, please contact Mike Letch, Clerk to the Parish Council



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