

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17th March 2014
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman], Phil Allen, Bob Barnes, Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Dorry Hudson, Stewart Newell, Malcolm Prince, Kerstin Reiners and Martin Taylor.

WCC: Cllr Jane Rutter

Clerks: Adrian Reeves
Chris Read

Public: 2

PC/14/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Mandy Hallisey, Steventon Baker and Welstead.

PC/14/26 Stagecoach

The new Operations Manager (Winchester) has confirmed that he will be attending the Parish Council meeting on 28th April.

PC/14/27 Public Question Time

None.

PC/14/28 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors

- **Police** – Report requested but not received.
- **County Councillor** – the monthly report from Jackie Porter was received [copy attached];
- **City Councillor** - [copy attached]. Church Lane footpath widening was highlighted as HCC's engineers have been asked to investigate what can be done to improve the situation. Cllr Gordon reported that Parish Council have requested a blue sign to indicate a lorry ban.
- School Governor – Cllr Gordon's report [copy attached].

- **South Downs National Park Local Plan & CIL Consultation** – Cllr Taylor reported that the proposed Community Infrastructure Levy rate is £200 per square metre, compared to £80 per square metre in Winchester. This could potentially drive local people out of the South Downs National Park area.
- **Older Persons Survey** – Cllr Steventon Baker gave a briefing on Hampshire County Council's survey.

PC/14/29 Flooding

1. Cllr Rutter reported that WCC's Cabinet are discussing a massive flood relief scheme. Grants up to a maximum of £5000 could be made available for individual households and, if an individual household doesn't need the maximum amount then the balance could be available for community schemes. See attached copy of Cllr Rutter's Report.
2. Councillors Allen and Gordon attended a meeting regarding flooding with representatives from Winchester City Council, Environment Agency, Highways Agency, Southern Water, Cllr Jane Rutter, Cllr Jackie Porter, Cllr Whorwood from Headbourne Worthy Parish Council and chaired by Steve Brine MP. Both Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy presented the issues they were facing due to flooding. Cllr Allen stated that the flow of water along Springvale Road varied depending where in Springvale Road the water was. The flow rate by the Kings Charles Public House was 0.17 m/second whereas by Tesco's the flow was 0.34m/second. It was reported that drains at the top of the road, with half flow, couldn't take the flow of water. Peter Eade from Highways stated that approximately 700 metres of Springvale Road from the Kings Charles Public House will need resurfacing. It was agreed that a co-ordinated bid was needed to stand a chance at receiving assistance from the Government.

It was agreed that two things need to be done regarding flooding in Kings Worthy. Firstly to gather information from those directly affected by the flooding, so the Parish Council can piece together what happened during the flooding. It was noted that Headbourne Worthy Parish Council are using Survey Monkey to gather information and the Parish Council need something similar. Secondly an action plan needs to be developed to include flooding but also other issues, such as train derailment. It was noted that the plan needs to include information on self-help so people aren't relying solely on agencies and government bodies. Any self-help advice will need to include guidance on what is safe for parishioners to do themselves. It was suggested that markers should be provided on the springs to give advance warning of potential flooding. Kings Worthy and Headbourne Worthy Parish Councils to get help from the Environment Agency, and other applicable bodies, on the recovery phase. It was noted that Springvale Road from the Kings Charles Public House and Tesco store will need completely resurfacing.

3. It was agreed that an electronic version of the flooding leaflet be sent to Cllr Newell. **Action – Clerk.** It was noted that Lisa Davis (Highways Engineer),

Royal Signals (delivering sandbags) and Amey were all incredibly helpful and hard working.

It was noted that weekly reports regarding Springvale Road be requested from Lisa Davis. It was also mentioned that Facebook had been well utilised during the flooding and Cllr Reiners was thanked for her help in setting this up.

4. A plan for gathering responses for flooding was formalised to include the following
 - Creation of an online survey utilising the website Survey Monkey.
 - To promote the above survey on the Parish notice boards.
 - A comments box at Tesco and Springvale Stores.

It was agreed that a paper copy of the survey be distributed to Springvale Road residents and affected offshoots. A question, to ascertain whether or not a meeting to discuss flooding needs to be held, should be put on the questionnaire to gather public interest in such a meeting. It was also agreed to put a link to this questionnaire on Parish Council's Facebook page. It was agreed with the Parish Council and Charlotte Neal (HCC reporter) that the Hampshire Chronicle will publicise the survey.

It was also agreed that Survey Monkey will be prepared by the Clerk by the 21st March 2014. **Action – Clerk.** Cllr Allen is also to make contact with Lisa Davis. **Action – Cllr Allen.** It was agreed that the emergency plan be brought up in 2 months' time. Cllr Reiners to liaise with the Clerk to create a short URL for the survey monkey questionnaire. **Action – Cllr Reiners.** Cllr Rutter is giving the Clerk a copy of a flow chart and cabinet report to be held with the information sheet and questionnaire. At this point Cllr Gordon noted that Southern Water are charging every household £19 for surface water off of the roads but the network is only designed to handle foul water. It is in fact the soakaways which are dealing with surface water run-off from the roads. This fee equates to approximately ~£35,000 based on an estimated ~1800 homes in Kings Worthy.

PC/14/30 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17 February 2014

(Cllr Rutter left the meeting)

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

PC/14/31 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17 February 2014

- **PC/14/16 Springvale Road (TRO)** – HCC are to leaflet houses on the proposals and it was noted that they wish to carry out their own speed survey again but this has been put on hold until after the floods have all gone. Parish Council have requested a meeting with Andy Smith (Hampshire Highways) but a response has not yet been received. It was agreed to challenge the need for another speed survey and to chase up the meeting, to be held with 2/3 councillors. **Action – Clerk**

- **PC/14/16 Tesco's Parking** – on hold until the flooding problems sorted.
- **PC/14/16 Worthies Sports and Social Club Picnic Area** – this proposed work comprises a set of steps and a fenced picnic area. Dave Woolford has agreed to carry out the survey which will be formally signed off by both WSSC and Parish Council.
- **PC/14/17 Local Plan Part 2** – details are to be discussed with site owners on 2nd April. A final meeting will be held with Steve Opacic and Elizabeth Dee to finalise views; this will then go to April Parish Council as a recommendation.
- **Springvale Stores Parking** – Cllr Gordon has spoken to the landlord (WCC) who is to speak to the owners of the vehicles of concern. Cllr Gordon suggested that the shopkeepers should put their concerns to the landlord direct.
- **PC/14/21 Redecoration of the Office and Meeting Room** – notices had been posted asking for expressions of interest in carrying out this work. It was agreed that white woodwork and magnolia walls would be the colour scheme.

PC/14/32 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

Planning and Highways Committee – 25 February 2014

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- **13/02759/FUL Half Acre** – issues still ongoing.
- **Cart and Horses Junction** – a proposal has been put to HCC by a local resident which has suggested amended markings in the central reservation to give stronger priority to traffic coming from the right. There is also a proposal to reduce the speed limit to 40mph. HCC will be issuing a consultation document.
- **S106 Roads Funding** – a request to be informed of the current balance is scheduled for tomorrow (Tuesday 18th).
- **Abbots Worthy House** – a discussion was held on the notices that had been put up. A plot of land is available for sale but the signs give clarity on the restrictive covenants affecting the site.
- **Dashboard** – attention was drawn to the planning responses listed on the dashboard.

Recreation and Amenities Committee – 6th March 2014

Cllr Newell presented the draft minutes and specifically highlighted;

- **There had been an issue with motorcycles using land at**– Still awaiting a reply from Drew Smith and the Police on this issue.

- **Church Green Playground Consultation** – Nothing has been received from the Solicitor regarding this issue.
- **Tree Work** – It was reported that flooding has put tree works behind schedule.
- **Project Updates:**
 1. **Bag it Bin it** – Green Smile Ltd are investigating a more temporary paint. Cllr Reiners was concerned about the style of content from Cllr Newell.

(Cllr Gordon left the meeting)

2. **Rights of Way Cutting List** – Cllr Allen is in the process of auctioning this.
3. **Fat Sam's Ice Cream Van** - They have agreed to come in the Easter holidays as a trial.
4. **Eversley Car Park** – It was noted that the car park is full on Saturday mornings and often overflows into Loader Close.

(2 Members of the Public left at this point)

It was suggested the car park could be extended to provide additional capacity. It was agreed to wait for the tenders to ascertain the cost for the existing specification.

- **Burial Ground Cremation Area Extension** – The works to extend and create the new cremation area has been completed.
- **General Maintenance/ Equipment repairs** –
 1. **Potholes in Eversley Park**- The potholes in Eversley Park Car Park have been repaired temporarily.
 2. **Sundial**- The repairs to the sundial have been completed and we are awaiting for it to be reinstalled.
- **Grass Outside Tubbs Hall Around Plaque** – It has been agreed that a quote from Green Smile Ltd will be sought to grass seed the area whilst incorporating the poppy seeds being received from WCC.
- **Litter Pick** – National campaign runs from the 1st – 8th June 2014. It was agreed for the Parish Council to hold a litter pick on Saturday 7th June 2014.
- **Bouncy Castle** – A request for a bouncy castle on the green outside Tubbs Hall has been received. We have received no booking for this yet and no approval for it to go ahead will be given until we are shown proof of appropriate insurance.
- **Communications** – Cllr Reiners is to do a presentation on Twitter and Facebook at the next Parish Council meeting.

Finance Committee – 14 February 2014

Cllr Prince noted that Finance committee was not quorate and Cllr White will countersign the Finance minutes if all decisions are agreed.

Cllr Prince presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

The City Council precept was released on the 17th March 2014 and showed a 1.9% increase to cover expenditure on trees and the reduction in grant from WCC.

- **Dog Bin Emptying** – It was reported that the annual cost for emptying the dog bins was £3250. It was agreed to go ahead with the contract with the Landscape Group.
- **S106 Balance** – It was reported that the Parish Council are still awaiting confirmation of whether any funds from Headbourne Worthy have been included in Kings Worthy's S106 balance

It was reported that the Parish Council will have a £5,398 surplus due to planned tree works not taking place and it was agreed to create a tree reserve of £10,000 for the next financial year.

- **Risk Assessment-** A copy of the amended risk register had been circulated to all Parish Councillors and it was unanimously adopted.
- **Grants –**
 1. **Citizens Advice Bureau-** A grant application has been received from the Winchester branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau. It was reported that they had helped 160 people from Kings Worthy in the last year. An amount of £5 per person helped was agreed, giving a total amount of £800. This grant was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council
 2. **St Marys Church –** A grant application from St Mary's Church and Village Fete was received for the sum of £580 to cover bed and breakfast costs of an overseas choir. Cllr White looked at the website for the Latoto choir. They are to perform at the church and the fete. At this point it was noted that the Parish Council will be doing a Pimms stall the fete. A vote on the grant was held with no one in favour. It was agreed to go back to Paul Young to suggest that the grant will be reconsidered if for something more general relating to the fete. It was noted that funds given to the Parish Council from the tax payers are not for use for political or religious purposes. **Action - Clerk**
- **Internal Auditor** – It was agreed that, due to time constraints it had not proved possible to compile a list of potential auditors, that the Parish Council continue with current supplier for this year's audit. It was also agreed that proposals for auditors for 2015 will be brought to the September Finance Committee meeting.
- **Flooding Costs** – It was reported that a Winchester City Council had requested a claim from the Parish Council regarding any costs incurred due to the recent flooding. It was agreed to make a claim for 40 hours staff time, due to time spent on support of the public and distribution of literature.

The full parish council unanimously agreed the decision made by the Finance Committee.

PC/14/33 Parish Plan

Cllr White went through the appropriate items from the current Parish Plan.

(The reporter from Hampshire Chronicle left at this point)

It was agreed that cycle paths be placed on the Recreation and Amenities agenda and that road cycle paths be placed on the Planning & Highways agenda for June.

Hinton Park was suggested as a possible place for a community orchard. It was agreed that this should be put to the June R&A meeting. **Action – The Clerk**

Kerriann McLackland is to be contacted (@hants.gov.uk) to see if any farmland is available for allotments. **Action – The Clerk**

The Conservation Volunteers are to be invited to the September R&A meeting to discuss work at Broadview. **Action – The Clerk**

It was noted that Mail Man could be used for the email cascade at £150 per annum (approx.).

PC/14/34 Communications

It was agreed to put the meeting with Peter Byford on hold for now. It was also agreed that a communications meeting be arranged with Cllrs Hudson, Reiners, Taylor and White to attend with the Trainee Clerk, at 6.30 pm on 3rd April.

PC/14/35 Clerk's Notices

- **Request for Wedding Marquee on Church Green** – It was agreed that the Parish Council seek advice on this request from the appropriate licensing body. **Action - Clerk.** It was agreed that the wedding wind down by 10:30pm and be off site by 11:00pm. It was also agreed that a fee of £50 per day, for 3 days, be charged.
- **Parent Support Link** – It was agreed that information relating to this service be placed on the website and notice boards.
- **Lasham Gliding** – No reply to be sent.
- **Trees on Hinton Fields** – This matter is to be deferred until further progress is made.
- **HCC Guide for Town and Parish Councils** – It was noted that this had been distributed to all councillors.

PC/14/36 Chairman's Notices –

- **SSE Presentation** – Chase Julian Higgins for answers.
- **Elections in May** – An idea for a social event at the end of April or early May. Cllr White suggested perhaps skittles at the Cart and Horses? Cllr White asked if Cllrs can come up with suggestions for the next Parish Council meeting. **Action – All Councillors.**

PC/14/23 Items for the Next Meeting

Twitter, Flooding and Stagecoach.

PC//14/24 The next meeting is scheduled for 7.00 pm on the 28th April 2014.

The meeting closed at 10.28pm.

County Councillor's Report for February 2014

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Water-everywhere!

The flooding across the district has been devastating- but luckily at present few homes are damaged inside. HCC is aware of the threat to homes and staff have done their best. After the flooding subsides, the campaign to stop it happening again needs to be clear.

The County has reserves which are being saved for a rainy day. These are the rainy days. Residents are being advised to call the County on 0845 603 5633 about road flooding or the Winchester Hotline 01962 848364, but also to consider how they can help themselves in this dreadful weather. Thanks to KWPC for a very helpful response to the residents- they appreciate it.

Individual homeowners who have specific threat of flooding can continue to contact me if they wish. I will do my best but can't stop it raining I'm afraid. And because of high groundwater levels, any rainfall will bring more flooding.

I have placed practical and useful links and further information on my website.

Please remember- however clear it looks, floodwater is now likely to be contaminated now and care should be taken to wash hands etc.



Roads: Potholes arriving everywhere- go to www.fixmystreet.com for the easiest way to report.

Power; SSE re supplies- please report on 08000 72 72 82. You can also reach them on www.ssepd.co.uk

A nationwide survey for disability scooter riders, <http://www.rica.org.uk/content/take-our-mobility-scooter-survey>.
Deadline 28th Feb 2014.

Health

I have met with the Chief exec of the Hampshire Hospitals, at the County Hospital this month, and talked to the Chairman and Clinical Director of the West Hants Clinical Commissioning Group. More details on my website.

Grants

Village hall grants are available through HCC. Worth applying- link to the Grants page is on my website. Grants are also available for First World War commemorations- up to the value of £2000.

Council Tax: 2015-16 cuts/efficiencies expected to be around £93million (total budget £1.8 billion) Most staff seem to be in the throes of considering voluntary redundancy. This is a difficult time for staff who are stretched to the limit with local flooding problems etc.

Lengthsman-not in Kings Worthy-but you may like to re-consider this?

This is starting to have a real impact, and parishes are encouraged to think about whether we seek further funding for future years. (or indeed to join the scheme?) I would be interested in feedback about quality of work carried out.

To Honour a Promise

You will be interested to know that the memorials (one at the site of the Morn Hill Camp, one in the courtyard of the Great Hall) have been ordered, and are due to be in place by June 2014. There is also an exhibition at the Great Hall from 23 June 2014

Funds and stories still welcome!



Watercress Way: Thank you for your support on this project. The route for this long distance path includes sections from the old railway lines closed by Beeching. The project is also supported by HCC, The Gratton Trust, The Watercress Line & South Downs National Park. If you are interested in joining the mailing list, please contact me or email Sara Mc Partland: sara@teltrak.com

City Councillors' Report to the meeting of Kings Worthy Parish Council Monday 17th February 2014

Flooding: Since The City Council set up the Flood emergency control centre in the Guildhall to co-ordinate flood defence efforts, things seem to have gone more smoothly. Water levels today (Saturday) seem to be going down a little, so hopefully the worst is past, although the rain from the end of this week may take a couple of days to reach the springs in Springvale. We would like to congratulate the Parish Council on its response and in delivering useful information to affected households – we also did so earlier on through the local Focus delivery network.

Riverpark Leisure Centre: The debate is continuing as to whether and how the RPLC should be replaced or rebuilt. There will be an Informal Scrutiny Group (ISG) made up of City Councillors who will look at the options in more depth, which we hope will report soon to help inform the debate. The City Council will be debating the next year's budget on Thursday of this week.

No Overall Control: WCC has now gone to no overall control, following the defection of Cllrs Derek Green and Jamie Scott from the Conservative group to the Lib Dem group. As there is such a short period of the council year left, it is unlikely that much will change – the Conservatives are running a minority administration for now.

Planning Issues: Jane has been receiving strong concerns from residents about three planning applications, and has liaised with the City officers dealing with them and with Ian Gordon of the Parish Council. She has refrained from expressing support or objecting to any and will decide on each application's merit if and when they are discussed by the Planning Committee.

Abbey House: Robert and Jane are both on a new ISG looking at the use of Abbey House (the Mayor's house next to the Guildhall), with a view to making it more accessible to the public and available for more uses, to pay for its upkeep and improvements.

There will be another Worthys Festival in 2015: the dates have been agreed by the Festival Steering Group, after careful consideration of the alternatives, as 19th – 27th September. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th April, venue to be confirmed. The Festival Steering Group is very grateful for the continuing support of the Parish Council, and has welcomed several new members, including Sarah, to our ranks. Please let Jane have any comments or observations that may be helpful to the organisers of the 2015 Festival. Particular thanks were given at the last meeting to retiring Treasurer Malcolm Prince, who has done an amazing job in ensuring the Festival is safe, insured, and solvent!

To Honour a Promise: Local resident historian Tony Dowland was instrumental in suggesting a memorial to the troops that passed through Morn Hill between 1914 and 1918. Jackie and Robert are members of the committee raising funding together with Brigadier David Harrison. They have raised funds to commission a memorial at the Castle and information boards at Morn Hill; these have been designed and produced by Sue Tinkler a local artist. The projects Patron is Dame Mary Fagan and the unveiling of the monument will take place on Armed Forces Day in June. Further information can be seen on our website <http://www.tohonourapromise.co.uk/> this was produced by the University of Winchester as part a project for a course.

Apologies that this report is later than we would have liked: delayed by a family funeral and the flooding.

Jane Rutter and Robert Johnston 15.2.14



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Newsletter no 12

13th March 2014

Dear Parents,

Staffing

Following a very rigorous recruitment process which involved very strong candidates, Miss Cassandra Fullstone from Wheatfields Infant and Nursery School in St Albans has been offered and accepted the post of Foundation Stage Leader at our school. Miss Fullstone is an experienced leader and applied for the post at Kings Worthy because she is relocating to Hampshire. She will take up the post in September. In the meantime, Miss Waite and Mrs O'Sullivan will continue to teach classes 1 and 2.

It is with mixed feelings that we will be saying farewell to Mrs Beadle, Early Years Assistant in class 2 at the end of this term. Mrs Beadle has been at Kings Worthy for two and a half years and has made a very positive impact on children in her care during that time. We will miss her, but wish her good luck as she takes the next step in her career and begins a full time job with Action for Children. We are in the process of recruiting a new Early Years Assistant for Class 20 and will inform you when an appointment has been made.

World Book Day

Last week we enjoyed a fantastic World Book Day, and our thanks must go to the staff, but particularly Mrs Forster, who organised and coordinated the event. She does a fabulous job running the library and I overheard a parent describing her as "the best school librarian in the

country." The KS2 children loved listening to Ali Sparkes who was very entertaining and a shining example to pupils of how important it is to persevere and never give up on your dreams. Ali said

"I had a lovely time with you. World Book Day is special and you can only hope you score with a good school on that day. I scored five stars!"

The KS1 & EYFS children were transfixed as they listened carefully to Julie Sykes reading her books, and asked her searching questions during the Q & A session. Julie said

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"I can't think of a nicer school to have been in for World Book Day. Everyone was so welcoming and it was lovely to meet such an enthusiastic bunch of book loving children (and adults!)"

There were lots of opportunities for the children to read and hear stories, and share books and it was wonderful to see the children in the school purchase a new book with their World Book Token. Thank you also to parents for buying books at the Author Event. We will now have a healthy commission to use for buying books for our new topics.

The children looked amazing when they arrived at school on Thursday dressed as characters from their favourite books, and the judges had a very tricky task choosing the best dressed character from each class. However, after much deliberating, decisions were made and the following pupils were presented with a book token:

Class 1W	Jemima S
Class 2O	Poppy C-G
Class 3J	Jack P
Class 4H	Freddie N
Class 5G	Arthur H
Class 6M	Alex C
Class 7K	Charlotte T
Class 8PW	Noah J
Class 9S	Faye H
Class 10T	Dylan C
Class 11C	Alice L
Class 12E	Liam K
Class 13F	Chelsea R

Photographs from the parade are on the school website, thank you very much for your support – we had a fun WBD together!

Mrs Forster has two valiant volunteers who put sticky-back covers on new books. If anyone else would like to volunteer to take a bag of books and sticky-back plastic home once a month to help, she would be very grateful to hear from them.

Travel to school

Since starting our WOW (Walk Once a Week) campaign, we have been very impressed with the number of children (and parents) who have taken up the challenge! Unfortunately, last week some of our children were seen playing on a road on their way to school. This behaviour is not only dangerous for the children involved, but also for other road users and pedestrians. Please take this opportunity to remind your children of the importance of crossing roads sensibly so they arrive safe and sound at school each day.

I am also aware that flood water on the roads is an issue. The Police have been very helpful, for example they have had a presence in Headbourne Worthy encouraging car drivers to use the middle of the road, give way to other traffic and drive slowly. They have said they will put

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messages on Twitter to raise public awareness of the problems. Last week some children arrived at school soaking wet due to a driver travelling at speed and without consideration. Another driver who saw the incident emailed me & included the car's registration number which I reported to the Police and they followed it up with the driver. Please encourage members of the community to be vigilant, and where I can be of help please contact me.

Parents' Evening

Appointments take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next week. Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive feedback on the on-line booking system. If you haven't made an appointment, please do so as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulties with the system, the most common error is with entering your child's class and the solution is to type, for example, "class 7" i.e. the word "class" with lower case letters and just the class number, not an initial after it.

Miss Vittle invested a lot of time getting the system up and running so I am delighted it has proved to be a great success and popular with the staff and vast majority of parents.

New Build

With the better weather last week, the contractors were able to work every day and it's great to see the roofs going on and the brick work going up on the extensions. We are eight days behind schedule, but when the buildings are water tight we may be able to catch up some lost time. Hampshire County Council are currently collating the costings for the new roof, windows and ceilings in the KS1 building. This work is due to begin in the second half of the summer term.

H & S

I am aware that there have been young people in the school grounds this weekend, including the compounds where the builders are working. This is clearly dangerous and the police have been informed. Some of whom were recognised as ex-pupils and I would ask you to please remind older siblings they should not be on school premises in the evenings and at weekends. Thank you.

Theatre Royal

A group of twelve pupils from year 4 and 5 are involved in the Theatre Royal's 100 year celebrations. They are in the process of making a short animated film based on memories of the theatre. This week an expert from a film production company came into school and worked with the children for the day to storyboard their ideas and learn some of the technical 'know how' associated with animations. Paul, from the company, was very impressed with our children's

contribution, especially their excellent descriptive vocabulary. The next step is actually making their film – watch this space!

Breakfast for Y6 SATs Week

The school kitchen is offering bacon or sausage bap and a carton of juice for £1.50 per child per day, Monday -Thursday of the week of SATs, beginning on Monday 12th May. If you think that your child would be interested in having breakfast with us, please let the school office know by 30th April so that we have an idea of numbers. Please note that this applies to Y6 only and must be ordered and paid for in advance by completing the slip at the end of this letter.

PTFA

I must mention the PTFA's Matchbox Challenge which I understand was a huge success and raised approximately £706.78 so far which is fantastic, given only about 1/3 of the school took part. Many thanks to Mrs Griffiths and her team who organised the challenge. Congratulations go to siblings Maddy H (class 7) & James (class 4) who managed to squeeze 121 different items into their matchbox. Amazing! They received a winner's certificate each, a giant Wonka chocolate bar (with their names on as we know how brothers & sisters can squabble!), plus two Milestones tickets for Maddie and two Submarine Museum tickets for James.

Charity Fundraising for the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance

Jackie Watson, the mother of an ex-pupil who is now in her first year at Henry Beaufort Secondary School is doing a fundraising challenge, climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance began operations on 1st July 2007. Since forming the service has flown nearly 5000 rescues and 66 rescues already this year! The Charity is a non-profit organisation which is funded purely by Charity Events and donations from the public. There is no government or lottery funding provided for this service at all! To keep this Emergency Service running it costs £125,000 per month which is funded by the generosity of the public. For more information about the Charity their website is www.hiow-airambulance.org.uk.

Ms Watson is aiming to raise in excess of £5000 for this amazing Charity/Emergency Service and would very much appreciate your support in this goal. Her Just Giving page is <http://www.justgiving.com/JacksyWatson> through which to donate funds, should you find that you are able to support her in this challenge. You can also access this through the school website.

The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance need our help today; we may need their help tomorrow!

Help

If anyone has any old t-shirts & men's shirts for children to use as aprons when painting we would be very grateful. Please hand them in to the office.

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A grandparent of a child at Kings Worthy thought she should alert us to something that happened last Sunday. She was walking up Hookpit Farm Lane with her grandson and three other boys - two of the boys had gone on and were out of sight. A car had passed her and when the boys came into view again, she saw that it had slowed and the driver was talking to the boys. She called out to them and they came back and the man drove off - he had said something like 'you boys look like you're having fun'. She later saw the car driving up and down the road a few times and just thought that parents should be aware.

Coffee Mornings at Kings Worthy Pre-School

Kings Worthy Pre-School Fundraising Committee are holding a coffee morning event on Monday mornings, 9am to 12 noon in the Reign and Shine Children's Centre. Parents are welcome to attend.

Girlguiding Production

Girlguiding Winchester is staging "Dr Dolittle" during the Easter holidays at St Swithun's School. Many Kings Worthy girls are in the production, which includes Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. These are Christina B, Amelie H, Kerenza M, Olivia J and Ellie C. There are also some ex-Kings Worthy pupils and the cast of 65 children is joined by two adults who play the main roles - Dr Dolittle (who speaks to the animals!) and Emma Fairfax. It promises to be an excellent show, filled with singing, dancing, a live orchestra and animal costumes. For tickets please contact Isabelle Haigh, Producer on 01962 626090.

Easter Holiday Club

St Mary's are having their annual Easter holiday club on 15th, 16th and 17th April in St Mary's Chapel, Fraser Road. This is for Years 1-6 and costs £10 per child. For more information please contact Sian Westwood, Youth and Children's Community Worker, by emailing sian.westwood@ymca-fg.org or telephoning 07799416509.

Finally, don't forget there are INSET days this Friday 14th and Monday 17th March. Please make a note in your diaries of the events in school listed below.

I look forward to seeing you next week at parents evening.

Yours sincerely,

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