



**Westham and Stone Cross
Community Council
(incorporating Hankham)**

Newsletter June 2011



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WESTHAM AND STONE CROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

NEW HOMES IN OUR COMMUNITY

DETAILS OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AT KETCHAM CLOSE (BOTTOM OF GALLOWES LANE AND PEELINGS LANE WESTHAM)

There are 14 houses in total:

2 x 2 beds, 4 person shared ownership

2 x 3 beds, 4 person shared ownership

8 x 2 beds, 4 person rented

2 x 3 beds, 4 person rented

They will all have a private garden, gas central heating and an allocated parking space.

The rented properties will be advertised in the local edition of Homemove in mid June. The short listing will be done by Wealden District Council who will forward the shortlist to Sanctuary.

Prospective residents will need to bid for these properties, so they **must** be registered on the Council's housing register. They will also need to have confirmed to Wealden District Council that they have a local connection with Westham Parish or an adjoining Parish, in order to comply with the Council's rural allocations policy.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk to Westham and Stone Cross Community Council 01323 461299

PROPOSED ROAD WORKS - EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

1.

Location: Westham
Activity: Carriageway surfacing
Proposed Dates: 1 July 2011
Contact: Paul Dartnell, Engineer (Construction), 01323 415244

Road closure at St Johns Drive

2.

Location: Westham
Activity: Parapet repainting to bridleway structure
Proposed Dates: 15 July to 29 July 2011
Contact: Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald, 0203 433 2107

Two way temporary traffic lights at C708 Hankham Hall Road

Expected before September: A planning application for a wind farm at Shepham Lane.

Planning applications can be viewed on line from Wealden District Council website - Wealden.gov.uk

Westham, Stone Cross and Hankham need good neighbours!

PCSOs in Polegate were very concerned when they saw a number of milk bottles on the door step of a resident. They called the milk delivery company and quickly realised something was wrong. The PCSOs broke into the property and found the elderly resident who had collapsed on the floor. Their quick thinking saved the resident as she had not had any food or water for nearly a week.

Please keep an eye on our elderly or vulnerable neighbours.

Please act if you see uncollected milk bottles outside your neighbour's door.

Please do not be afraid to report anything untoward to our PCSO Ali Shadbolt 0845 60 70 999 alison.shadbolt@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Volunteers Required.

The Community Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Society covers the whole of Sussex. She is based in Horsham and is promoting volunteering opportunities in this area.

If you can spare some time, please contact Kylie Prankerd.

She can be contacted thus:

Kylie Prankerd
Community Fundraiser (Sussex)
Alzheimer's Society
South East Area Office
Barclays House
51 Bishopric
Horsham
West Sussex
RH12 1QJ

Phone: 01403 276208 or 07703 716658

Email: kylie.prankerd@alzheimers.org.uk

Thank you.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

Foxes Hollow Residents' Association.

Congratulations to the Community Council on their new newsletter. We will take the opportunities given to us to update the estate on membership and general activities but still keep specific details and advice for our members' newsletters which we distribute to members on a regular basis.

Our current membership is 92 of the 178 households on the estate. Funds raised give us the ability to take on additional activities we think the estate may find beneficial in addition to the services operated by the Community Council or East Sussex County Council.

We also operate the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which covers all the households on the estate and we are thankful to Reg Jones for co-ordinating this and his team of volunteers who copy and distribute to their share of the estate.

We would like to take this opportunity to alert residents to the danger of failing smoke alarms. This has happened to a household on the estate recently who discovered their mains powered smoke alarms had failed. The Fire brigade was contacted and they will call, check and offer advice and depending on the principal householder's age, as in this case, replace the alarms for free. They were also advised to keep all internal doors closed at night. The service is free to everyone for home safety visits but targeted at the elderly and those with young children. All calls are welcomed but not everyone will qualify for free fire alarm installation. The Fire Dept help line number to call is 01323 462 824.

Non members are encouraged to join and new residents should receive a welcome pack through the door - if we can spot the sold signs have gone up! Some of last year's members still inform us they have membership forms to drop in so now is an ideal time to get it done. To all our current members many thanks for your support and suggestions and if you have further ideas for us to look at then please contact any of the committee members or use the phone numbers below.

Further information from Alf Lovell, Chairman on 760 452,

or Stuart McMillan, treasurer on 764 350.



Adur Park off Tillingham Way



Contractors planting new trees in Adur Park

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

Red Dyke Residents' Association.

'WHATS IN A WORD?'

You will have noticed that the Council has changed its title from Parish to Community Council, and maybe wondered what difference this will make to the services it supplies us with. In fact its duties remain the same, but we still welcome the change in title, because, in our view, this heralds a much needed change from what was seen by many as a body concerned solely with parochial matters and also narrow in its outlook.

This comes at a pivotal time in our society where local government will mean just that, and in our view organizations which do not truly reflect this will be in danger of losing credibility and respect. By changing this one word we feel the council now reflects what we will need in the years to come, a body which leads and is part of the community we all live and work in.

We are also pleased that Stone Cross has been added to the council's title, which now gives a truer picture of the area the council covers.

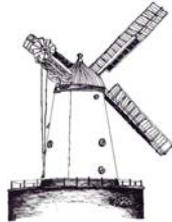
David Gay

Chairman RDRA



The Basketball Court

STONE CROSS WINDMILL



How is Stone Cross Windmill Funded?

The Mill Trust is often asked how we manage to survive and carry out all the work when there is no charge for entry. With no guaranteed grants, the Trust relies on Friends of the Mill rejoining each year, the 100 Club and donations from visitors. Sales of souvenirs and flour, coffee mornings, tombolas and raffles help ease the burden too.

On Fridays, The Mill has a stall at the Friday Market at St Luke's Church in Stone Cross and members of the Trust give regular talks to outside groups. Both bring in additional revenue.

Applying for grants is a full time job and this task becomes increasingly difficult in the current economic climate but Westham and Stone Cross Community Council has been very supportive.

Like everywhere the Mill suffers from ever increasing insurance costs and utility bills but trustees and helpers give their time free of charge.

Work on Mill

Work is progressing on the refurbishment of the Mill Cap and its associated mechanisms. To date, the two stocks have been stripped and are now under cover and they are now waiting to be refitted. The same is true of the sweeps (sails), and a number of the shutters still need replacing. Hopefully sandblasting and repainting the Mill tower will take place later this year to ensure the Mill looks its best.

How can you help?

It's easy to help, please renew your membership, become a member of the Mill or join the 100 Club. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to visit the Mill, or maybe even request a talk for your organisation?

If you have any spare time, please can you help on some Sunday afternoons by serving refreshments and selling souvenirs or by guiding visitors around the Mill? If you fancy something more adventurous, maybe even help our maintenance team?

Any help is very welcome and well received.

Thank you.

Dave Picton
Chairman of Stone Cross Windmill Trust

COUNCILLORS SURGERIES OTHER EVENTS

There will be an opportunity for all residents to meet with Wealden District Councillor, Bill Tooley and East Sussex County Councillor, Tony Freebody to discuss any issues or concerns they may have.

A Surgery will be held on Saturday July 2nd between 10.30am and 12.00pm at St Luke's Church, Stone Cross.

Refreshments will be available.

If you would like to know more please contact **Councillor Bill Tooley on 01323 743012** or cllr.bill.tooley@wealden.gov.uk or **Councillor Tony Freebody on 01323 769591** or Cllr.Tony.Freebody@eastsussex.gov.uk

The local police also hope to attend the meeting

Council Meetings

The Finance and General Purposes Committee, the Parks and Open Spaces Committee and the Environment and Planning Committee Meetings are held in the Amenity Hall at Stone Cross Primary School on the following Mondays:

11th July 2011
12th September 2011
10th October 2011
14th November 2011
12th December 2011

The Full Council Meetings are held on the following Mondays:

18 th July 2011	Westham Village Hall
19 th September 2011	Stone Cross School
17 th October 2011	Stone Cross School
21 st November 2011	Westham Village Hall

At the Full Council Meetings residents have the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the work of the Council, all Agendas and Minutes are available on the website, notice boards and at the meetings.

If you have any information or facts about Westham, Stone Cross and Hankham that may be of interest to the residents or a community event coming up that you would like to place in the newsletter please contact the Clerk for further information

WESTHAM VILLAGE HALL

The Friendship Lunch Group, Westham Village Hall

Welcome to THE FRIENDSHIP LUNCH, Any TUESDAY.

Coffee from 10.30, Lunch at 12 **Two-course Hot Meal £ 4.50.**

The **Friendship Lunch is an occasion to meet others and have a hot meal.** You can eat and chat and help, if you like, to run the raffle, remember birthdays, take the bookings, keep the accounts and to serve and clear away. **We're always glad of some active people to lend a hand.** Washing up is done by machine, so that job is taken care of.

It's a friendly meal, one person at the table serves the main dish and others pass the plates and vegetables.

The food is supplied by Maynards of Polegate, with a different menu each week. Special diets are catered for, diabetic, low fat and vegetarian. Chef's choice of alternative can be ordered if what is on the menu is not acceptable."

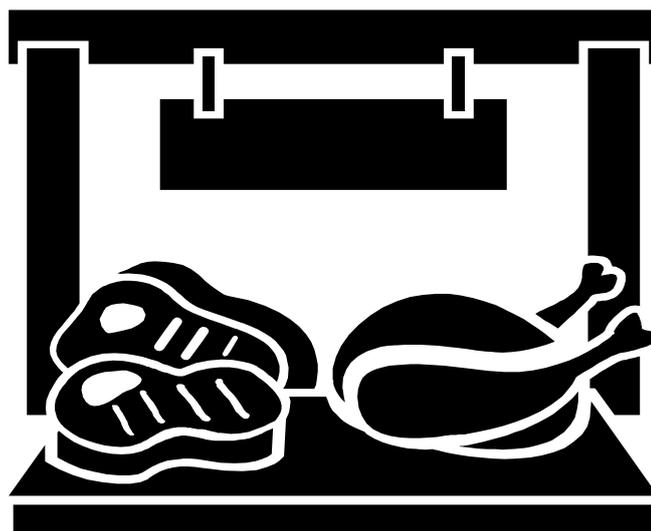
We are friendly and welcoming. Activities include conversation, a raffle, bagatelle and table quits. Occasionally we go out and there is always something to do if you like to be useful.

You are welcome to visit any Tuesday 10.30am to 12pm to find out more, but if you would like lunch please book by 9.30am the day before (ring Joyce on 763344).

We can even help with transport! Some members travel door to door by using the Rover 6 Bus, its free to over 60's with a bus pass. Please book it the day before on 0845 6066951 (local rate).

We hope to see you soon!

Joyce Richards 01323 763344



WESTHAM & PEVENSEY LOCAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Do use the Westham and Pevensey Rover 6 Community Bus!

Since 1st May 2011, WPLTP has taken over being the operator of Westham and Pevensey Rover 6 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays – Phone 0845 606 6951 the day before to book your door-to-door journeys) and the Local Shopper Service (46) which runs on Saturdays (no booking is required).

The services, timetables, friendly Drivers and Phoneyes (people who answer the phones and take bookings), and the Pevensey Castle logo remain the same.

These buses are used by the general public, and concessionary passes are accepted or fares paid as you board.

Please get involved by volunteering to join the teams of Drivers or Phoneyes - or use your experience to help with business management and legal matters. WPLTP needs you, and there are plenty of things that need to be done.

Volunteers please call 763344 or 760496 for more information or visit our website www.wpltp.co.uk.



ARE YOU SPECIAL?

Of course you are! So we are asking you to give details that could be vital in helping fellow residents in an emergency situation, or in getting help for yourselves. If you replied to our earlier request, you don't need to reply again.

1. DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL SKILLS, MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT?

e.g. First Aid Certificate, tractor, chain saw, generator, building heated by solid fuel (up to date with health and safety requirements)

Name	Contact number (e.g. mobile phone)	Skills, equipment offered for emergency situations

For help with these forms or further explanation, PHONE the Parish Office (01323) 461299 - OR E-MAIL Michael.Nash@nash4.demon.co.uk

Please sign and date in the spaces beneath the following question

2. DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL MOBILITY NEEDS?

PLEASE LET US KNOW! **Then in a real emergency situation we can try to help you.**

WE PROMISE TO KEEP ALL DETAILS COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL.

Name	Contact number (e.g. phone/mobile phone)	Mobility or other special needs

Westham and Stone Cross Community Council undertakes not to use these details for any purpose other than for help in (the unlikely event of) an emergency situation where 999 calls haven't brought help

Please sign and date to agree these details be in the Westham Parish Emergency Plan and send them to Westham and Stone Cross Community Council, Stone Cross School or to westhamstonexcc@aol.com;

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

USEFUL NUMBERS

Schools

Hankham County Primary School

Headteacher: Mr P Round, Hankham St
Hankham Pevensey BN24 5AY
Tel: 763265 E-mail: office@hankham.e-sussex.sch.uk Web: www.hankham.e-sussex.sch.uk

Pevensey & Westham School

Headteacher: Mrs J Gott, 86 High Street,
Westham, East Sussex
Tel: 762269 E-mail: admin@pevensey-westham.e-sussex.sch.uk Web: www.pevensey-westham.e-sussex.sch.uk

Stone Cross School

Headteacher: Mrs A Allison, Adur Drive,
Stone Cross, Pevensey, East Sussex BN24
5EF Tel: 461002
E-Mail: office@stonecross.e-sussex.sch.uk
Web: www.stonecross.e-sussex.sch.uk

Churches

St Mary's Church, Westham

Services: Sundays 9.45 am Family Worship
11.00 am Morning Prayer.
6.30 pm Evening Worship.

St. Luke's Church, Stone Cross

Priest: Father J Vine
Tel: 767020
Times usually 8.00 am Sunday; 7.30 am
Monday;
7.30 pm Tuesday; 10.30 am Wednesday;
7.30 pm Friday and 10.30 am on Saturday

Medical Centres

Stone Cross Medical Centre

Mimram Road, Stone Cross
Tel: 761461

Westham Medical Centre

Church Bailey, Montague Way,
Westham,
Tel: 465120

Eastbourne District General Hospital

Kings Drive, Eastbourne, BN21 2UD
Main switchboard tel: 417400
Accident & Emergency Tel: 01323 414944

Wealden District Council

Council Offices, Pine Grove,
Crowborough, TN6 1DH
Tel: 01892 653311 e-mail:
wealden@wealden.gov.uk

- Refuse Collection

Council Offices, Vicarage Lane,
Hailsham, BN27 2AX
Tel: 442666
e-mail: env.health@wealden.gov.uk

East Sussex County Council Highways Tel: 01424 220022

Energywatch 0845 906 0708

Transco (in case of gas leak) 0800 111 999

Consumer Direct 08454 040506

Buy With Confidence 418215

Doorstopper's hotline 418228

General line 418200

East Sussex Fire Brigade (01323) 736555
emergency dial 999

Sussex Police 0845 607 0999 emergency dial
999

Westham & Hankham Women's Institute

First Tuesday of every month
Westham Village Hall, Peelings Lane.

Contact: Mrs Elsie Fox

Westham Evening Women's Institute

Meetings 7.30pm 4th Thursday each month
Westham Village Hall.

Contact Mary Unsworth, Tel 740034.

Westham Sequence Dance Club

Fridays 7.30pm - 10.00pm,
Westham Village Hall

Contact, Jack and Pip Tel 484917