



## Playground Enhancements

The Amenities Committee is pleased with progress on a current project to enhance the Children's Playground and car park area at the Warren Recreation Ground.

Multi-coloured metal fencing has now been erected around the playground which should prove more durable than the previous wooden fencing. The fencing has also been straightened at the eastern end to expand the playground to take an extra piece of equipment. The Amenities Committee is still considering a suitable piece of equipment for the additional space but it is hoped a decision will be made at its September meeting.

## Parking changes in Worthing Road

Hopefully some good news for the residents of the western part of Worthing Road.

At the 30th June meeting of the West Sussex County Council Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee (JEAAC) a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was agreed upon and will come into force in the coming months.

For a long time, residents of Worthing Road have complained about rail users parking at the western end of the road. Some just park there for the day whilst others for weeks when going on holiday.

This can cause problems for residents trying to exit their driveways, can delay bus services as two buses cannot pass whilst vehicles are parked, and can create dangerous situations for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

Two public consultations have been held following publication of the proposals, and local views have been taken into consideration before a decision was made.

## So what is going to happen?

On the southern side of Worthing Road almost to the western side of Copse View there will be No Waiting between 10:00 - 11:00 am and 2:00 - 3:00 pm from Monday to Saturday inclusive.

On the northern side and around both sides of Copse View No Waiting at any Time will come in force.

The southern side of the T-crossing with The Street and Worthing Road also will be a No Waiting zone at any time.

We realise that the current parking problem will move to other areas as many people do not want to pay to use the car-park at Angmering Station. At a later stage there will be a review of parking issues in a much wider context between Rustington, Angmering and East Preston.

## Pro gym equipment without the fees

The outdoor gym equipment installed on the Warren Recreation Ground is now in use and being enjoyed by people of all abilities.

The equipment has been donated by the East Preston Film Society, which bolstered its own fundraising work with grants from West Sussex County Council and One Stop Stores. The equipment is recommended for use by those over 11, and usage instructions are attached to each piece of kit. Chairman of the Film Society, Paul Amoo, said, "We are delighted to have been able to donate this equipment to the village and

thank the Parish Council for its co-operation. The society is currently having a summer break, and films will start again on 10th October, again sponsored by Cooper Adams."



In the photograph, courtesy of Lesley at Sea Inside, Chairman of the Council, Joop Duijf is seen with Tim Jackson of Rascals Childcare.

## East Preston Parish Councillors 2015-2016

Following the election on 7th May and a co-option exercise, the following have been selected to serve on East Preston Parish Council:

|                              |                    |
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| Joop Duijf (Chairman).....   | Normandy Drive     |
| Rob Ellis.....               | Sea Road           |
| Barbara Gale .....           | Sea Road           |
| Pat Gander .....             | The Street         |
| Paul Kelly .....             | Hazelmead Drive    |
| David Moore .....            | Willowhayne Avenue |
| Lisa Peters.....             | North Lane         |
| Elizabeth Linton .....       | Madehurst Close    |
| Glyn Mathias.....            | Tamarisk Way       |
| Rick McElroy.....            | North Lane         |
| Hazel Tester (Vice-Chairman) | Orchard Road       |
| Steve Toney .....            | North Lane         |

Members of the public are asked to direct enquiries for individual councillors through the Council Office. All named correspondence will be passed on to the appropriate councillor(s).

## East Preston - a great place for doing business!

The East Preston Business Community is a group of East Preston businesses that have joined forces to raise awareness of just what a great place East Preston is for doing business. There are over 160 businesses in our village and we formed the East Preston Business Community to let more people know more about more local businesses.

After discussing a number of ways of promoting East Preston as a great place to do business, it was felt local people were not fully aware of the huge range of trades, professions and products are available on their doorsteps. With that in mind, we set about devising a method of letting folks know exactly how convenient East Preston is. We felt a positive way of promoting ourselves was to have a dedicated website [www.ep-bc.org](http://www.ep-bc.org) where you can view information about a particular business, see the proprietor and get useful contact details and links too. In such a diverse village not everyone has access to the internet so we felt a printed directory was an essential part in making ourselves known; this has proved very popular.



The directory and website are run on an annual basis so businesses get the opportunity to showcase their products or services on a long-term platform which again has been popular with businesses and residents alike. Thanks to East Preston Parish Council's much-valued involvement in the project right from the start, the printed directories are delivered to all in the village; additionally, you may pick up a copy in the Council Office in Sea Road. You are encouraged to keep the directory in a handy place and make it your first port of call when looking for a particular product or service. You can be sure as East Preston businesses we work very hard to be as competitive as possible.

We love our village and really appreciate the support of local people so we encourage you to try to keep it local and use local East Preston businesses wherever possible.

## A259 Improvements

Major improvements are planned for the A259 between the Tesco roundabout in Littlehampton and the Goring roundabout.

In a nutshell this part of our main artery will become a dual carriageway within the next two to three years if everything goes to plan.

West Sussex County Council commissioned experts to study traffic flow on this section of the A259 and to suggest improvements. The county council's Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee (JEAAC) and its Highways and Transport subcommittee have been heavily involved in the study. The proposal has been discussed and commented on several times and the results of the study are almost finalised.

Original estimated costs were about £12million, but the final version is now about £22 million. Most of the funding is in place and work may start towards the end of 2016.

The works will be phased and the projected first stretch will be that between the junction with Station Road and the junction with the Angmering by-pass as this is recognised as the largest bottleneck. These works are not expected to cause too many disruptions for traffic as where possible, the current lane will stay in place and the new dual option will be built alongside.

For the time being, West Sussex County Council has put our Roundstone Level Crossing study on hold, as it believes most of the current traffic flow in that area will change dramatically following the improvement above.

The impact of the proposed and partly-approved new homes schemes around our area is only partly integrated into the proposal. Hopefully the proposed A27 Arundel improvement will have a positive effect in conjunction with the Lyminster bypass.

## Blooming Marvellous

Earlier this year the Friends of Langmeads, supported by Arun District Council and with help from pupils of both East Preston Infant School and East Preston Junior School planted a poppy meadow in Langmeads Field "to commemorate the millions of people who lost their lives in the First World War."

Thanks to Bob Billingham of Refined Images for this evocative photograph of the poppy meadow in early July.

The poppies have now died back and their place taken by a lovely range of other wild flowers. Well worth a visit if you can.





# East Preston Untouchables 6-a-side football team crowned Champions

An East Preston-based 6-a-side football team recently won the Worthing Sunday Leisure Leagues Division 1. The Untouchables were crowned champions after winning eleven of their fourteen games, drawing once and only losing twice. One of their players - Eli Amoo - won the accolade of Player of the Season.

The Untouchables captain, Isaiah Amoo said, "We are all so happy with our achievements as a team. We are now promoted to the Premiership Division after our first season which will be a challenge but with the squad we have I have high hopes for us."

The Untouchables was founded in 2009 by Isaiah along with other young local East Preston residents Eli Amoo and Nick Jones. Isaiah said "Before this year we were just playing tournaments every now and again but we wanted a regular challenge". The team was created to allow a group of boys who played regularly on the Village Green to test their abilities against others. On reaching the minimum age allowed for participation in the Worthing Sunday Leisure Leagues, the search began to find a kit sponsor as the cost to them of kitting out the team and match fees was prohibited.

"It was just by chance that whilst reading up on grants, I came across the East Preston Parish Council Grant Aid application and wondered if we were eligible. The application was successful and a £500 grant was received which has been used to buy football



kit for over twenty members of the Untouchables." When asked about the quality of the kit, players responded enthusiastically with comments such as, "the best kit in the league" and "it makes us feel more professional." Isaiah and Nick both said they are very grateful for the generosity shown by the East Preston Parish Council. "It was a great help" said Nick while Isaiah said that the Untouchables would love to return the generosity shown by the parish council in the future.

At the time of writing the Untouchables are poised to finish in the top two of the Premiership Division - a great achievement for such a new team.

## Christmas Celebrations 21st November 2015

Following the success of last year's Christmas Celebrations event, we are very happy to say much work is taking place already to ensure an even bigger and better event than last year. Timings have shifted slightly as the event will now start at midday. There will still need to be a few roads closed before then, and we will publicise that information nearer the time.

Some of the events planned include: Stalls and garage sales in Sea Road, the ever-popular Craft Fair in and around one end of the Village Hall, Father Christmas at the other end of the Village Hall, a fashion show in the Conservative Hall, fairground rides in Sea Road, a French Market in The Street. More attractions are being added each week and a full programme of events will be published in this newsletter at the beginning of November.

Throughout the day there will be live music at several venues including a performance area by the northern shops.

We would always welcome helpers, either to organise the event or just for an hour 'on the day' to help set up or clear up afterwards. If you would like to know more, please contact the Council Office.



## Village Life

### September

|      |   |
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| 3rd  | Business Breakfast (8am)                        |
| 7th  | Full Council                                    |
| 14th | Planning Committee (6pm)                        |
| 16th | Amenities Committee                             |
| 21st | Finance & General Purposes Committee (7pm)      |
| 24th | Councillor Surgery (Council Office, 10:30am)    |
| 27th | Beach Clean 6 (11am to 1pm, bottom of Sea Road) |
|      | Classic Car Show (times tbc, Village Green)     |
| 28th | Planning Committee (6pm)                        |
|      | Community Engagement Committee (7pm)            |

### October

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|------|---|
| 5th  | Full Council  |
| 7th  | Business Breakfast (8am)  |
| 12th | Planning Committee (6pm)  |
|      | Personnel Committee   |
| 20th | East Preston Festival Committee Annual General Meeting (Conservative Hall, 7pm) |
| 26th | Planning Committee (6pm)  |

### November

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| 2nd  | Full Council                                 |
| 4th  | Business Breakfast (8am)                     |
| 9th  | Planning Committee (6pm)                     |
| 14th | Councillor Surgery (Council Office, 10:30am) |
| 16th | Finance & General Purposes Committee         |
| 18th | Amenities Committee                          |
| 21st | East Preston Christmas Celebrations 2015     |
| 23rd | Planning Committee (6pm)                     |
|      | Community Engagement Committee               |

All council meetings begin at 7pm at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road unless otherwise noted. For all meetings, please consult the Noticeboards and website a few days before the meeting for the Agenda.

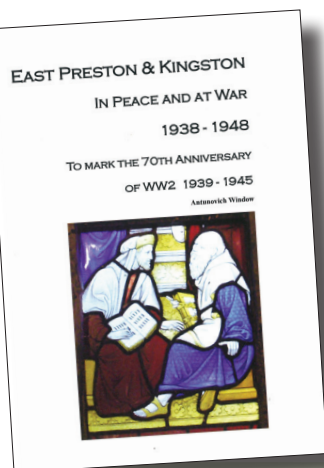
# World War II Book

Many of you may already know we are working with local historian and author Richard Standing to publish his book *East Preston & Kingston in Peace and at War, 1938-1948*. This book aims to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, and will be fascinating for anyone interested in the history of the village or interested in how the Second World War affected a typical rural community.

Any profits from sales of the book will be donated to Help for Heroes, to add to the £300+ donated from sales of last year's *East Preston & Kingston in the Great War, 1914-1918*. The book is now available at a cost of £7.

A generous donation from the Royal British Legion has helped with this publication.

If you would like a copy please contact the Council Office, details below.



## Dogs Update

One of residents' biggest concerns in the village-wide survey we carried out in 2012 was irresponsible dog ownership manifesting itself through dog mess not being cleared up.

Over the summer, the council has again purchased Dog Warden resource through Arun District Council, and probably many dog owners will either have seen the warden or spoken to him. We know the problem tends not to happen during the day so we have also asked for late-night and early-morning visits.

This, in conjunction with the fluorescent-spraying of dog mess around the village, will hopefully have a positive impact upon this problem.

The Littlehampton Gazette recently reported on a case where an irresponsible dog owner, aged 80, was heavily fined for not clearing up after their dog – a sobering thought for those of all ages responsible for dogs.

## Correspondence Corner

From this issue, we are asking residents with a particular gripe to write for us and have something about their gripe published. We cannot publish anything we receive anonymously, and if you are unwilling to have your full name published we will publish with your initials. If you would like to have something considered for publication please write in or email us, marking your envelope or email, Correspondence Corner.

Our first entry in Correspondence Corner is:

### ENGINE IDLING AT LEVEL CROSSINGS MAKES ME FUME! ....AND MIGHT MEAN A FINE FOR CULPRITS

If you wait in your car at either of the village's level crossings, do you keep your engine running? Did you know that if you do, you might be breaking the law?

Despite the signs telling drivers to switch off engines if waiting when the gates are down, many don't. I have seen some drivers sit there, with their cars and vans spewing exhaust fumes for 10 minutes.

Stationary idling is an offence under section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. The Act enforces rule 123 of the Highway Code which states: 'You must not leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road.' Doing so can incur a £20 fixed-penalty fine.

And if that's not reason enough, spare a thought for the children walking or cycling to and from the local schools - they often have to wait at these crossings. Let's not "reward" their decision to go to school in a "green" manner by subjecting them to unnecessary fumes.

The environment will benefit and you will save money - research shows that just 10 seconds of engine idling uses more fuel than restarting.

It takes just a couple of seconds to start a car engine, so it begs the question: **Why on earth would you leave the engine running while you wait?!**

**Please don't be idle about engine idling - heed the signs and switch it off!** (AB)

## Community Speedwatch

In the past, the council has been very supportive of the Community Speedwatch initiative which allows groups of people across the country to be active in monitoring traffic speeds in their communities.

The Parish Council is organising a meeting for anyone who may be interested in finding out more about the scheme.

Details of the meeting will be published soon. If you are interested, please contact the Council Office.

Please contact the office if you would like a large print version of this newsletter.



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