

### The Old School

We are pleased to report that we are close to being granted planning permission to erect a splendid new sign outside of The Old School and hope to have it in place in the coming weeks.

As we enter Phase 3 of the roadmap out of lockdown, the Large Hall at The Old School is now open for hire, and we are delighted that there are a number of activities already under way. On Monday mornings and evenings, Jo Stephens is running HIIT classes, Slimmers' World are holding their sessions on Tuesday afternoons, Sofiactive have fitness classes on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and there is an Art Class on Wednesday afternoons, Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. For further details of these classes, please check the notices outside of The Old School.

**Joan Rose**  
*HRA Director*

### Anti Social Behaviour problems

**S**adly there has been a large increase in anti-social behaviour in the village with garages being broken into and problems at night in the Cliff top car park. We have been working hard to contact BCP council to ask that the gates are closed earlier, and that the CCTV is restored. We have held meetings with the police to stop these problems getting any worse. There has been a lot of liaison between residents and ourselves but it has been very difficult to get much action from BCP council. Until earlier this year the Cliffhanger held the spare keys and used to lock the car park, but council changed the locks to the gates and subsequently these problems got worse. These problems were raised at the recent Parish Council annual meeting with Clive Farrant the Chief Executive of BCP council and I am now pleased to report that we have been assured that the CCTV is to be replaced with a more extensive system.

**Mary Reader**  
*Public Affairs*

### Welcome from HRA Chairman Ian Hartnell



**A**s I write this it feels like we are getting back to some form of normality although the Indian variant of the virus remains a concern. It is very reassuring to see the Old School re-opening with our bookings calendar filling up well. There is still a great deal of work to be done on the building and the additional revenue from lettings will certainly help.

The issues over parking in the village have involved several meetings including with Friars Cliff Residents Association. We have been disturbed by the lack of willingness to meet us by cabinet members and officers from BCP. Anti-social behaviour has also created a lot of concern from residents too and we are doing all we can to help.

We are resuming quarterly meetings and I do hope you will join us on Wednesday 23 June at 6.45pm in the Old School. In the meantime I would like to thank my committee for their hard work since I last wrote.

**Ian Hartnell**  
*Chairman*

### Our next Quarterly Meeting

**O**ur first public meeting for over a year will be the Quarterly Members' Meeting to be held at The Old School on Wednesday 23 June 2021, arrival at 6.30 commencing at 6.45pm. Please note that this date was changed from that printed in the Highcliffe Eye which stated the Thursday 24 June.

More details will follow, as we await HM Government's guidelines on public meetings a little nearer the time, but it is hoped that the restrictions will allow unlimited attendance. Any changes will be placed on our notice boards and website. Overdue subscriptions can also be paid at that meeting.

## Zonal Parking issues - a note by Richard Reader

**H**RA received expressions of extreme concern from several residents following newspaper reports about proposals from BCP to introduce a Zonal Parking Scheme in roads near the Highcliffe coastline.

We all agree that something needs to be done urgently to deal with the problem of dangerous and inconsiderate parking in many of these roads, especially in Summertime. However, the proposed Zonal Parking Scheme would involve the creation of on-road chargeable parking bays near the coast, which would significantly restrict the passage of cars in our relatively narrow roads, and - in the proposals that we have seen - are in many cases dangerously near

blind bends and road junctions.

Previously, Cllr Nigel Brooks had been working with BCP officers to meet residents' concerns by extending to the Eastern area of coastal Highcliffe the Summertime parking control system based on time-limited single yellow lines that already operates successfully in the central coastal area of the village. This scheme was overtaken by the Zonal Parking proposals, and we therefore wrote to BCP to seek an opportunity for discussion in order to find the best way forward.

The response from BCP stated that extending the single yellow line system would simply displace the parking problem to other roads near the coast, but

that their preferred option of Zonal Parking would not be introduced if Ward Councillors advised that residents did not want it. The scheme could be "tweaked" to deal with concerns about the location of specific parking bays, but this was the only approach that would be acceptable to BCP.

This "take it or leave it" response means that either the Eastern coastal roads in Highcliffe have no measures to control inconsiderate or dangerous parking, or that they - and other coastal roads in Highcliffe - have chargeable parking bays introduced. We are therefore continuing to press for a site meeting to show BCP Councillors and officers what the problems are in Highcliffe's coastal roads.

## Highcliffe Charity Players summer show and pantomime

**I**t is great to see that Highcliffe Charity Players are going to be back on form with their new production of 'Treasure Island' to be held at the Regent Centre from the 29-31st July. Do support them if you can as all profits go to local causes.

## Transforming Travel Fund Grant awarded to Highcliffe School

**H**ighcliffe School is one of 21 schools in the BCP Council region that will be benefiting from a total of just over £214,000 worth of grants (up to £20,000 each) from the Council's Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) programme.

The grants, supporting the council's Transforming Travel programme, are being awarded for projects to install end of journey facilities for students and staff, who cycle, walk or scoot to school. These include facilities such as lockable bike and scooter stores, showers, lockers, bike repair stands, clothes drying facilities and electric bike charging points. The grants are being funded by the £100m + TCF programme, which forms a major part of BCP Council's Transforming Travel programme.

## Highcliffe Food & Arts Festival

**F**ollowing the cancellation of two dates last year it was decided not to go ahead with organising a festival for this year. Last year we developed amazing plans and virtually all the arrangements were in place when we had to cancel. This cost us an enormous amount of money and sadly some of our sponsors had to withdraw their support as their businesses were closed for several months. We have made several applications to BCP for some financial support and have just heard that we are to be given a grant of £2500 as the main thrust of our festival is to support small businesses. We are very grateful to the H&W Parish Council and the following companies for retaining their sponsorship with us, Hall and Woodhouse, Simpkins Solicitors, The Chewton Glen, Dixon Stewart Solicitors, The Beach House Cafe and Capstan Security. Our proposed weekend is Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 June 2022 and we are to be joined by chefs Jean Christophe Novelli and Lesley Waters together with many leading people from the food and craft world. So please put it in your diaries and support this very popular event.

Mary Reader (Co-chair)

# News from Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council

by Councillor Andy Martin, Vice Chairman

Work on the High Street revitalisation is plan proceeding. Chairman Bob Hutchings and vice chairman Andy Martin are due to meet BCP cabinet member Mike Greene and officers this month to agree proposals

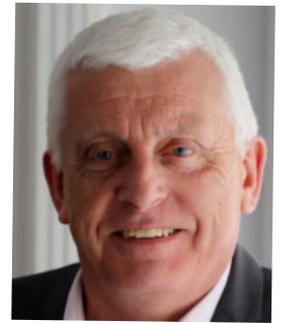
The Chairman and vice chairman have taken charge of the Neighbourhood Plan process and having been working in the past month to ensure environmental policies are as strong as possible before our submission to BCP.

Renovation of Wingfield Pavilion by Greendale

Construction on behalf of HWPC is currently in progress.

The BCP Cabinet is set to approve the transfer of the recreation ground to HWPC although some terms are still to be pinned down by HWPC.

We have been working closely with Highcliffe Action Team to reinstate the Coronation Clock and pay for the 'Welcome to Highcliffe' Flags placed throughout the village.



## News from Highcliffe Castle

Highcliffe Castle is now open for the 2021 season, Sunday-Thursday 10:00-17:00 (last admission 16:00). There is an exciting 6 months ahead, including some fantastic outdoor theatre shows which are suitable for the whole family; a brilliant exhibition calendar; and the highlight this year is the opening of the Stained Glass Conservation Studio. Visitors to the Castle will be able to learn all about our fascinating collection of stained glass and will gain an insight into the preservation process of conserving these stunning pieces.

There is also a brilliant new exhibition space; our first exhibition this year, 'Appreciating the Little Things', showcases the talented winners of our 2020 community photography competition. The headline exhibition for the summer is 'The British Wildlife Photography Awards- A 10-year Retrospective' which will be displayed inside and outside in the Castle grounds.

You are guaranteed a warm welcome to this local treasure. To plan your visit to this unique historic house, located right on your doorstep, it is essential to pre book your admission tickets, via the online booking system on our website.

Find out more by visiting the website:  
[www.highcliffecastle.co.uk](http://www.highcliffecastle.co.uk) or call: **01202 093377**

**Katie Ingram**  
*Heritage Team Leader*

## Highcliffe and Walkford in Bloom

This year judging for South and South East in Bloom will be taking place during the period 28th June to the 16th July. We will have two and a half hours to show a judge around our parish and to introduce some of the residents, employers and employees who work hard to improve our environment, including those who help to maintain our green spaces and beaches and keep them and our roads free of litter.

Judges will also be interested to hear about recycling and composting and minimising the use of resources. Support and funding, forward planning and evidence of our year round activities will also form part of the process. If you have any interesting stories to tell us about how you are helping to look after the natural environment, be it by making bird/bat boxes or having a wildlife friendly garden do let us know.

We will be trying to meet up every Sunday at 8.30am and Wednesday at 2pm outside the Co-op and will be cleaning the High Street of vegetation and leaf litter.

We were in the process of preparing the bed outside Sue Ryder's for planting when a vehicle mounted the pavement and went through the shop window. We decided to delay the work but have now gone ahead and replanted totally replanted the area. We would like to recruit more people to help with watering plants on a regular basis. Please contact me if you would be interested in joining us.

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## The Coronation Clock is in place!

A clock that was erected in the village of Highcliffe in 1911 to mark the coronation of King George V has been reinstated with a new Clock tower. This project has been co-ordinated by the Highcliffe Action Team. Constructed out of cast iron and standing at nearly 8 feet tall this now sits outside Hoburne's new development on the main Lymington Road.

The original clock had been in place for the past 110 years on Highcliffe Sea Corner, but during that period, due to wear and tear, was replaced by the local Council.

Jane Dean and Mandy Polkey from HAT have been working closely with the clock developer, BCP Council and Hoburne Development to ensure this much revered clock is reinstated in perpetuity. The newly completed Coronation Clock is accompanied by a floor plaque acknowledging 2020 as a year when time seemingly stood still for so many of us."

Commenting on the unveiling of the new Coronation Clock, Hoburne's director, Rosie Kennar said: "The clock has been a special landmark in the village of Highcliffe for many years and as a local family-run company, we are delighted by the combined effort from everyone to restore and relocate the clock to its new prominent position in front of Hoburne's new development."

Funding for the project has been generously provided by HAT, together with Highcliffe & Walkford Parish Council, Highcliffe Charity Players, the Hoburne Group, Developer Joshua Worthy and Doves Memorials (who provided the plaque).

Highcliffe Charity Players, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, has already donated more than £125,000 to local charities. Its Chair, Georgina Smith remarks: "We are delighted to be able to support HAT by contributing towards the Coronation Clock. It will prove to be a wonderful commemorative enhancement to the village we all love."

*Editors note: Well done to all concerned for the completion of this project as I know how much some of our older residents were keen to see this memorial clock put back into the village. It is certainly helping to bring the High Street back to life. Thanks to Jane Dean for all of her hard work in bringing the 'Welcome to Highcliffe' flags into the village centre and to the Parish Council for providing the funding.*



**HIGHCLIFFE'S CORONATION CLOCK**  
This clock replaces that originally provided by public subscription from the inhabitants of Highcliffe to commemorate the coronation of King George V.  
Highcliffe's replacement coronation clock was installed in 2020 when time seemed to stand still. A year that will never be forgotten.  
Sincere thanks go to HAT (Highcliffe Action Team), Highcliffe & Walkford Parish Council, Highcliffe Charity Players, Hoburne Group, Joshua & Lyndsey Worthy & Doves Memorials for their most generous donations thereby enabling this clock to be reinstated  
December 2020

### Cafe Scientifique Highcliffe upcoming events

This popular group run by Derek Chant is holding Zoom meetings as follows:

#### Thurs June 17th 2021

Carbon removal using waste to achieve net zero  
*Brian Reynolds*

#### Thurs July 15th 2021

"Why weren't we warned: preventing the next disaster"  
*Professor Brian Golding*

At some stage, we hope to resume meeting at The Castle Kitchen but for the time being, after our usual August break, we will resume on Thurs Sept 16th with a highly topical talk from Dr Geoff Haigh concerning "5G Mobile- What is it and why?" Access for our Zoom meetings can be found on our website: [www.cafescientifiquehighcliffe.org.uk](http://www.cafescientifiquehighcliffe.org.uk) - and watch this space or our website for more details of our upcoming free talks. We look forward to seeing you.

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