



THE PARISH FLYER - 51

Ferring Parish Council – Winter 2018

Village News & Views from your Council

CHAIRMAN CAROLE ROBERTSON WRITES –



Our Christmas celebrations are now only days away. It is by far the biggest event in the village with over 700 people attending to join in the festivities. The Christmas Market in the Village Hall offers an opportunity for village clubs and organisations to raise money for their activities or for charity.

Thanks to some very generous donations we will have an even bigger light display this year and a nativity scene as well. There will be a truly spectacular street entertainer performing prior to the lights being switched on. It was difficult to think of something that would rival the mummers play in 2017, but this performance is sure to light up the evening.

After such a rousing start to the festive season the Parish Council would like to wish all our residents a Happy Christmas and extend best wishes for the New Year 2019.

Carole Robertson,
Chairman Ferring Parish Council

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – Christmas comes to Ferring on **Saturday 15th December**. The celebrations start with tree dressing on the village green during the morning. The Christmas Market will open at 4.30pm in the Village Hall and Club Room and will remain open until 6.30pm, with lots of local crafts and charity stalls to browse, along with tea, coffee and cakes! At 4.45pm we welcome Poi Passion who will be giving us a very special treat, with a 'light' theme! After all the awe and wonder, the Salvation Army will be playing carols from 5.15pm – do come and sing along with our choir- and the lights will be switched on at approximately 5.30pm. If all that excitement is not enough, you can be sure that Father Christmas will be round and about to hear your Christmas wishes and Cycall will be offering toasted marshmallows! All action takes place in front of the Village Green, and for safety reasons, the road in this area will be closed from 4.00pm - 6.00pm.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there on **Saturday 15th December**.

There are a couple of tables at the Christmas Market still available, if you would like a table, please contact Ruth Sims on 01903 243 212

WW1 HISTORY - Residents will be aware of the new development by Asda formally known as Grenyers Field. The Parish Council wanted to inform residents that the road names (Bennett Gardens, Kilham Way & Winton Close) are named after three WW1 Soldiers who came from Ferring.

William Bennett was a former regular Royal Marine who had served in the Boer War. His family lived in Sea Lane. He had transferred to the Reserves in 1906, got married in 1910 and moved to Goring. He was working as a cleaner for the GPO when he was called up in 1914 at the age of 38. In August 1915 he was serving on HMS Ramsey an Armed Boarding Vessel when it encountered a German warship in the Moray Firth. His ship was sunk with all hands.

George Kilham was a 1914 volunteer, aged 23. He lived with his family in the cottages in Ferring Lane: they were all market garden labourers. He was killed at Hill 60 in the Second Battle of Ypres in April 1915.

John Winton was a regular soldier who enlisted in 1909. His family lived in Sea Lane. He served in India, returned for a short leave in England for Christmas 1914 and then his battalion was sent to France. Four months later he was 'missing, believed killed' in the same battle as George Kilham. Both their names are on the Menin Gate, along with 50,000 others who died in that sector and have no known grave.

VILLAGE HIGHWAYS ISSUES – Residents will recall that in a previous Parish Flyer, the Parish Council was exploring the possibility of erecting a traffic island as a pedestrian refuge in Rife Way at its junction with Ferring Street. This required working closely with WSCC Highways and applying for a Community Highways Scheme. Ferring Parish Council is pleased to advise that the application has scored well and was approved at WSCC Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee (JEAAC) 6th November. It is expected that the design will take place 2019, followed by a public consultation with the implementation expected 2020/2021.





PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – We are happy to inform everyone that the new Ferring Parish Council website is now live on the internet for public view at: <https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk/> The Home page gives some geographical background to the village and also the importance of its community spirit. It also provides links to a description of the Ferring Shield and more information about the village's history and heritage. The Parish Council and Meetings pages contains information about Parish Councillors, the various Committees and the associated agendas and minutes; the Planning Applications page contains links to recent planning applications specific to Ferring. The 'I want to ..' page contains links mostly to Arun District Council and West Sussex Council pages for residents to report various issues. The Community page is intended to be both a point of contact and to raise awareness of the village's community facilities, services and for some of the more prominent groups, especially for newcomers to the village. The Contact page enables residents to make comments or enquiries direct to the Parish Office. On the sidebar of each page are headings for 'Important Information', 'Recent News' and 'The Parish flyer'.



DOG BIN – Ferring Parish Council is pleased to advise that a new dog bin has been installed at the west end of Patterson's Walk. Please may we remind dog owners to pick up after your dogs and use one of the numerous dog bins located around the village.



FERRING VILLAGE GREEN – The Parish Council are currently working in conjunction with Arun District Council (ADC) to improve the appearance of the Village Green frontage. Work to clear the foliage will commence within in the next month. Updates will be provided in future editions of the parish flyer.



BIRD FEEDING – Could we respectfully ask residents not to feed the birds on the Glebelands Recreation Ground. Scattering food on the ground could invite seagulls and rodents. If residents wish to leave food for birds, hanging feeding containers are a good alternative.



OVERGROWN HEDGES & BOUNDARIES – This is a polite request to residents to ensure that their garden plants and vegetation are kept in good order and hedges are cut back to their original boundaries and not causing any danger or obstruction to other residents.



BONFIRES - This is the time of year when many people are carrying out pruning and other garden works which generate garden waste. If you do need to have a bonfire, please do be considerate of your neighbours and the environment. Before you light a bonfire, please check that no wildlife is using it for hibernation.



KEEP FERRING TIDY - The Parish Council have been made aware of an increasing problem with litter and dog fouling within various locations of the village including on the Glebelands Recreation Ground, the Village Green and the beach. There are numerous litter and dog bins located around the village. It is an offence to drop litter or allow your dog to foul.

Please 'pick up' and dispose in the correct bins provided around the village. Thank you for helping to keep Ferring tidy.



NEW DEMENTIA CARE SERVICE FROM ABBEYFIELD FERRING SOCIETY - Our new dementia care services will commence in the New Year. There will be two types of sessions available, the first one will be known as STAY ACTIVE and consists of days out, lunch and activities and will be operational on Tuesday's and Wednesday's. Our other service, STAY SOCIAL will be on Thursday's and is based in the Abbeyfield Ferring Centre. We will be offering a morning or afternoon session cognitive activities and refreshments. For more information please contact me by e mail lilian.birchall@abbeyfieldfering.org.uk or by telephone on 07889 401843.



SPEEDING REMINDER – PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SPEED LIMIT ON ALL ROADS IN THE VILLAGE IS 30 MPH



AND FINALLY:

Future Full Council Meetings: Village Hall at 7.30pm – 3rd December 2018, 14th January 2019, 4th March 2019, 15th April 2019



CONTACTING YOUR COUNCIL:

Visit our website at <https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk/>

E-mail your comments regarding any Village matters to: ferring-pc@btconnect.com

Write to the Council at **1 Elm Park, Ferring, West Sussex BN12 5RN**

Read the information on the Council's notice boards

Phone the Parish Office on **01903 249449**

Call at the Parish Office which is open **Monday to Thursday from 9.30 to 12.00**

Speak and have your say at a **Council meeting**