

Picket Piece Resident Newsletter

Issue
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Welcome

A warm welcome to all the new residents who have moved in since the first newsletter was issued.

I have had some positive feedback following the newsletter, which is always greatly received, so thank you. Please remember that if there is anything that you would like included, you can send it to aharris@testvalley.gov.uk or drop it into the Village Hall post box.

The newsletter is to keep residents up to date with activities, events, news and other community matters surrounding the development and local area. The next newsletter is due to be published in June.

Picket Piece Questionnaire

Many thanks to everyone who completed and returned their questionnaires and **CONGRATULATIONS** to all those who won vouchers, which were kindly donated by Valley Leisure. I hope the winners have enjoyed using them!

If you haven't completed your questionnaire, then you can still do so electronically at www.surveymonkey.com/r/9SBK8XP. If you would like a paper copy to complete, then please contact me at aharris@testvalley.gov.uk or call into the Village Hall on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm.

Please note that the prize draw has now finished.

Queen's Birthday Picnic.

The Picket Piece Sports and Social Club Committee are holding a Queen's Birthday Picnic on Sunday June 12th to welcome all new and existing residents to Picket Piece. For more details see the 'Upcoming Events' page at the end of the newsletter.

Update of the new development

Figures obtained from David Wilson Homes and Barratt Homes, as of end of December 2015, show that there were 215 new properties occupied.

Work is due to start to the open space on the Ox Drove very shortly. It is anticipated that the work will take four weeks to complete. Please can we remind everyone to take care when crossing from the play area to the open space, as there are no pavements and the road is narrow. Test Valley Borough Council are currently looking at the best options to improve the crossing points between the play area and the open space.

Play area

Residents at the Barrett Homes end of the development may not be aware that the play area at the David Wilson Homes end is now open for use. Access is off Picket Road or Ox Drove.

No HGV's!

Residents on the Ox Drove have recently noticed an increase in HGV's, which is probably due to Sat Nav using it as a short cut. There has been some concern due to the size of the vehicles reversing into residents' driveways and the entry to the open space. It has therefore been decided that signs should be erected at either end of the Ox Drove to prevent access by HGV's.



Wooden Poles on the Ox Drove!

For those who are wondering what the poles and wires crossing over the top of the Ox Drove are for, a Dormouse bridge is going to be built. This is for a pair of breeding Dormice seen in Picket Piece. These are a protected species, so the bridge will enable them to cross over the road safely.

Dog Owners

Please can I remind all dog owners to clean up after their dogs. Bags can be placed into any litter bin. This will help to keep the neighbourhood clean and tidy and reduce the potential for health risks, especially for children.



Street Naming

I thought it might be interesting to find out about the street names within the new development. The information has been supplied by the GIS Manager in charge of mapping and street naming at Test Valley Borough Council.

These are just a few of the roads:

Phase 1

Locksbridge Road: This was at the request of the developer who informed me that it was referencing a stream of brook through the site.

Lapstone Crescent: The land at Picket Piece is what was part of Lapstone Farm, hence the use of the name.

Thoroton Close: Named after a property shown on the historic maps opposite 10A /10B Walworth Road called "Thoroton"

Picket Road: Named for the area "Picket Piece"

Mortimer Close: Named after a local land owner "William Mortimer"

Mundy Road: Named for a previous land owner "John Bailey Mundy"

Bailey Close: Named for the same land owner as above

Adams Road: From the designer of the steam trains that used the London South Western Railway "William Adams"

Kings Chapel Road: From reference to a Methodist Chapel on Walworth Road built by a man called "Alfred King"

We will be looking at a few more in the next newsletter.

Allotments

Some residents have enquired about allotments in Picket Piece. There has been space allocated but as yet the size and number of plots have not been established.

You can register your interest with Andover Town Council by emailing andovercallotments@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Watch

A few residents have expressed an interest in a neighbourhood watch scheme for Picket Piece.

If you are interested in becoming part of the group then please email me at aharris@testvalley.gov.uk.

I can then contact the relevant coordinator for the area and arrange a meeting.



Community Development Worker

As many of you are aware, I hold a drop in session each Thursday from 10am to 12pm. It has been lovely to meet residents that have called in so far and I would like to invite everyone to attend. It is a very informal drop in with tea, coffee and biscuits provided, as well as a few toys for children to play with.

A few residents mentioned in the questionnaire that they would like to have coffee mornings so please do use this time to come and meet other residents.

I have a variety of leaflets and information about different aspects of the community, ranging from activities running at the local children's centre to new bus timetables and what to put in your recycling bin!

Councillor John Cockaday regularly attends the drop in session and the local PCSOs attend when they can.

It has been good to hear from residents who have been emailing me with various questions and I encourage you to continue to do so. If you would like to be kept up to date by email then please let me know by contacting me on the details below:

Email: aharris@testvalley.gov.uk

Landline: **01264 368622**

Mobile: **07990 755104**

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Picket Piece now has two PCSO's covering the area. Natalie Lock and Rob Davies, a new PCSO who will concentrate on Picket Twenty and Picket Piece.

Natalie and Rob often attend the drop in sessions at the Picket Piece Village Hall on a Thursday from 10am to 12pm. They are keen to assist with monitoring of speeding vehicles in the Picket Piece area. Please see the article about speeding on page 6 which has been provided by a local resident who is a fireman.

Please do call into the hall to visit them or email Natalie at Natalie.lock@hampshire.pnn.police.uk if there is anything that you would like to discuss.

Single Parents' Support

- Are you a single parent?
- Do you feel alone?
- Do you feel like no-one understands you?
- Want to make new friends?
- Need some support and advice?

Then join this great support system!

The Single Parents' Support Group welcomes dads, mums, grandparents and anyone who is raising a child on their own.

Groups are held across the UK and offer support, advice, and signposting to groups and activities in the area. They can offer advice and support in these areas:

- Legal Advice
- McKenzie Friends
- Energy Advice
- Housing
- Benefits
- CV and Interview
- Job Centre
- Counsellors
- Employment Contracts

If you would like more information please visit www.single-parents-support.co.uk or email nicky@single-parents-support.co.uk

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/singleparentsinfo/

Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/spsguk/



Health Walks are organised to encourage people to be more active, get fit, make new friends and explore the surrounding areas.

All of the walks are alternated for interest and last approximately 1 hour. They are around 2.5 miles in length but shorter route options are available for new walkers. Please wear sensible shoes, sun protection (when necessary) and bring a drink.

At present your nearest Health Walk takes place at Picket Twenty. It is hoped that we will be able to run a similar scheme once the Picket Piece development is completed.

Please note that due to the variety of walks and routes we offer, not all routes may be wheelchair/pram friendly or have access to refreshments. Therefore, we advise you to contact the Health Walks coordinator for further information, before you join a Health Walk.

Picket Twenty Health Walks:

Every first Wednesday of each month from 10.30am to 11.30am

Meet at the Community Centre from 10am to register before the walk begins.

Call Jenny on **07876 898 079** or email jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk

Road Safety

Picket Piece has a 30mph speed restriction however the average speed on the Walworth Road within the village exceeds this limit. The number of vehicles of all sizes has risen, due to the new developments both in the village and in the Business Park. When this is multiplied with the growth in population and the other commonplace bad driving behaviours highlighted below, the likelihood of a serious road traffic collision occurring is increased significantly.

Road Traffic collisions are the biggest killer of 16-25 year olds and on average five people die on the UK's roads EVERY DAY!



**HAMPSHIRE
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Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service is on a mission to

reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the roads.

A new road safety initiative named **Project Pictogram** has been created, which will see the images below displayed on vehicles in order to highlight the nationally recognised '**Fatal Four**' causes of road collisions -

- **Inappropriate speed**
- **Driver distractions**
- **Lack of seatbelt**
- **Alcohol or drug impairment**

Rear-end shunts due to unsafe following distances are the most common type of Road Traffic Collision and so this image is also being displayed.

90% of collisions are caused by human error, so these images are aiming to 'nudge' people into making safer decisions when using the road.

Please visit www.hantsfire.gov.uk/keeping-safe/road-safety/ for more information.

'PROJECT PICTOGRAM' Driving Safer Roads



Speeding facts

- Drivers who speed are more likely to be involved in collisions.
- Higher speeds mean that drivers have less time to identify and react to what is happening around them, and it takes longer for the vehicle to stop. It removes the driver's safety margin and turns near misses into crashes.
- Around two-thirds of crashes, in which people are killed or injured, occur on roads with a speed limit of 30mph or less.
- Inappropriate speed contributes to around one in four of collisions which result in a death .
- A pedestrian hit at 30mph has an 80% chance of survival. Hit them at 40mph and there is an 80% chance they will die. <http://think.direct.gov.uk/speed.html>



Whether you're looking for information about local cycle routes to work, walking maps or links to public transport, you can access it all here from our website.

We offer advice about travel choices in your area that may result in saving you time and money. You may also benefit from improved wellbeing and reduce your carbon output at the same time. As well as providing personalised travel plans for local residents, we also work with schools, colleges and work places to deliver fun, community based travel challenges.

Visit their website where you can find information on live rail departures, a Journey Planner, travel updates and much more.

www.myjourneyhampshire.com



This January saw the opening of Andover's newest Brownie unit

based at Picket Piece Village Hall for girls aged 7 to 10 years. The group meets on Wednesdays between 6 and 7.30 pm and membership is growing.

When asked for their favourite things about Brownies the girls all said they really enjoy it, especially making new friends. One of the newest joiners said, "Now I'm here, it's not scary!" This term the girls have made rice crispie cakes, learnt about being a Brownie and all made their Promise and most of them have taken their first interest badge. The girls have been busy choosing their activities for next term and we are all very excited about the things planned, including a visit to Paulton's Park with the rest of Girlguiding Andover. If you'd like to join us please contact

www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus



Bus Service serving Picket Piece

Whealers Travel run the number 13 bus service from Andover bus station to Picket Piece via Tesco. Wheelers are running this service as a hail and ride service so that you do not need to be at a designated bus stop to use the service.



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ANDOVER AND DISTRICT BEE-KEEPERS ASSOCIATION



Do you have an interest in keeping your own Honey Bees?

We meet at Picket Piece Village Hall, once a month during Winter where we have some fantastic lecturers and hold a course for beginners.

During the Summer months we have outdoor apiary meetings that give you the opportunity, if you don't have your own bees, to come and play with some of our bees!

Contacts

Membership enquiries:

Becky Chadd

Email: beckysbeezzzs@gmail.com

Beginner course enquiries:

Rob Hall

Email: hallteam@icloud.com

Got a swarm of bees in your garden?

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Community Sport

Free Community Sports Sessions Pilgrims Way Open Space, Andover

10 Free sports sessions, from 2–4pm taking place every Tuesday in the school holidays, running from February to October half term.

For further information contact Community and Leisure Online:

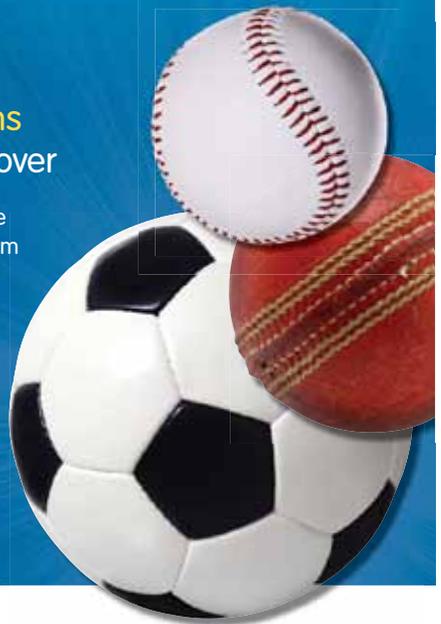
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Picket Piece Village Hall and Community Centre

Regular events

| Day | Time | Event | Contact |
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| Monday | 7.30pm | Slimming World | Zara Colwell 07519722385 |
| Tuesday | 9.45am Stage 2 10.45am Stage 1 | Sing and Sign Stage 1 (babies 6 months-14 months) Stage 2 (babies 15 months-2 years+) | Jennie Roper 01264 359224 jennieandmark@hotmail.co.uk |
| | 6pm to 7pm | Fit Camp £1 per session | Lorraine Chivers 07920101664 dancecrazytc@aol.co.uk |
| Wednesday | 6pm to 7.30pm | 3rd Andover Brownies for girls aged 7-10 years | www.girlguiding.org.uk/Joinus picketpiecebrownies@hotmail.com |
| Thursday | 10am to 12 noon | Community Development Worker drop in | Andrea Harris 07990 755104 aharris@testvalley.gov.uk |
| | 6pm to 7pm | Fit Camp | Lorraine Chivers 07920101664 dancecrazytc@aol.co.uk |
| Friday | 7pm to 11pm | Sports and Social Club Bar | |
| Last Friday of the month | 7pm (8pm start) | Irish Bingo | |
| Saturday | 9.30am Stage 1 10.30am Stage 2 | Sing and Sign Stage 1 (babies 6 months-14 months) Stage 2 (babies 15 months-2 years+) | Jennie Roper 01264 359224 jennieandmark@hotmail.co.uk |
| Sunday | 6pm to 10.30pm | Sports and Social Club Bar | |

Upcoming events

| Date | Time | Event |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--|
| Thursday 5 May | 7am to 10pm | Police Elections |
| Sunday 12 June | 1pm | <p>Queen's 90th Birthday Street Party Picnic This is a FREE event for all residents of Picket Piece, Ox Drove and members of the Sports and Social Club. You should shortly be receiving an invite for this event. (Please bring it with you on the day).</p> <p>Activities include: climbing wall, roundabout, face painting, design a royal plate, decorate four cupcakes with a Royal theme competition and much more.</p> <p>Please bring a plate of street party food and a picnic rug.</p> <p>BAR OPEN ALL DAY!</p> |
| Thursday 23 June | 7am to 10pm | EU Referendum |
| Saturday 17 December | | Christmas Party |

For more details on any of the above events visit their website or Facebook page.

www.picketpiecevillagehall.org

www.facebook.com/PicketPieceSportsandSocialClub

