



# Bourn Parish Council Newsletter April '10

## **Affordable Housing Need**

A planning application for a further 9 houses at Rockery Farm was recently rejected on Appeal. The application was not supported by either parish or district councils.

Bourn parish council has published a 2-page consultation paper which is available free from the village shop, the Source café and the Willow Tree pub, or online at [www.bourn.org.uk](http://www.bourn.org.uk)

The council believes there is a requirement for additional affordable housing in the village. It is keen that any new development should be sited within walking distance of amenities such as shop, surgery and school, to minimise any increase in traffic movements in the village.

You are encouraged to read the consultation paper and come to the annual parish meeting in May to voice your opinion.

**New Affordable Housing  
Where, When, How and Why?  
Annual Parish Meeting  
Thursday 20 May  
Bourn Village Hall  
7.30pm**

## **Vandalism**

After consultation with local police, Bourn parish council voted in March to spend £750 on new CCTV equipment at the Jubilee Playing Fields (recreation ground). This action was considered necessary after a recent spate of vandalism left the council with bills for repairs to broken windows, light fittings and benches.

The new equipment will enable the police and council to identify the small group of teenagers who are responsible for recurrent damage to council property. In future Bourn Parish Council will work closely with police in taking action to recover the

cost of any damage, pursuing prosecutions where necessary

## **Elections**

Elections for the parish council are due to take place in 2010. If the General Election date is set for May 6 as expected, the local council elections will be delayed. If you want to do more for your community, spend your time productively and can think, listen and act locally then you should consider becoming a parish councillor. Contact the parish clerk, Mrs Gail Stoehr (01954 210241) for a nomination pack. Forms must be submitted to the Returning Officer at South Cambs District Council no later than noon on 8 April.

## **Street Dance**

Following the success of the free street dance classes in the village hall the sports club will extend the sessions into the summer term.

Two classes will be run on Wednesday evenings; for mixed juniors aged 8-11 years at 6pm and girls aged 11+ at 7pm. There will be a small charge for the classes, with a reduction for members of Bourn Sports Club.

For more information please contact Gill Pountain [pountain.holes@talk21.com](mailto:pountain.holes@talk21.com) (01954 719266).

## **Local Burglaries**

There has been a spate of burglaries in the area during the last week of March, mainly during daylight hours when some people are out at work. The police remind residents to check that doors and windows are closed and locked and valuable items concealed or secured as far as practicable.

The police want to hear of any suspicious activity in the area; particularly unsolicited callers or persons going door-to-door. If you are unsure as to whether such persons are genuine please call the police on 999 or 0345 456 4564 so they can attend to verify identity and authenticity.

## Neighbourhood Watch

The police are urging residents to log the serial numbers of their possessions, so any stolen items can be reunited with their owners. Immobilise helps UK police forces to identify the owners of lost and stolen goods. The system ensures thefts are immediately alerted to police, the second hand trade and the publicly checkable stolen goods database, CheckMEND. To register for the free service go to [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). To benefit from Bourn Neighbourhood Watch, contact Gill MacNamee for details. (01954 718860) [gillmacnamee@hotmail.com](mailto:gillmacnamee@hotmail.com)

## Allotments

The parish council has leased a half acre site from the district council at the end of Hall Close, abutting Bourn Hall Clinic. The site will provide 10 small plots which will be leased out by Bourn Allotment Association. It is hoped the plots will be ready for planting this spring. All 10 plots have been allocated with a waiting list already in place. The land has been cleared of brambles and scrub and neighbouring trees have been cut back. A grant for water supply has been applied for. The ground will be rotavated when suitably dry. For more information contact Len Campbell [lennox\\_campbell@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:lennox_campbell@tinyworld.co.uk) (01954 719672)

## Cambourne Bus Exit onto Broadway

As part of the Cambourne Enhancement Scheme the District Council is consulting on a proposal to provide a "bus only" road access to the Broadway. Bourn Parish Council has objected to the proposal in the strongest terms. The specific refusal of a road link from Cambourne onto the Broadway was an important concession won by the Parish Council more than a decade ago when permission was granted for a new settlement. The district council is offering the benefit of improved bus links through Bourn village as an incentive to agree to a buses-only link. The parish council remains concerned that any access could be modified in the future, greatly increasing traffic flow through the village. Ms Kate Woods from South Cambs District Council will attend the May parish council meeting to further explain the proposals.

## Wysing Arts

This summer Wysing Arts Centre is exploring the concept of the Improbable in a number of artists' residencies, projects and exhibitions, centred around a three month long **International Camp for Improbable Thinking**. Artists from the UK and abroad - Asli Çavuşoğlu, Andy Holden, Fabiano Marques, Julie Myers, Emily Rosamond, Studio Weave and Bedwyr Williams - will come together at Wysing to explore the subject of Improbability. Throughout the month of June, Bourn residents are invited to join the artists in four Weekend Camps that will be formed of workshops, talks, performances and other family activity. Share your

thoughts on the improbable with the artists, who want to include your improbable ideas in their Camps! For more information contact **Christina Green** on [christina.green@wysingartscentre.org](mailto:christina.green@wysingartscentre.org) (01954 718881).

## Litter – Clean-up Day

More than 30 volunteers turned out at the beginning of March to clear the verges, paths and hedges of litter. In just one morning they collected over 60 sacks of rubbish and made a huge difference to the appearance of the village. The parish council is very grateful for their efforts and to Robin Mellors-Bourne for organising this initiative. This will become an annual spring event.

## Bourn to Run

On Sunday 26 September the village will welcome up to 700 runners participating in two races. There will be a 3km fun run suitable for all ages, alongside a 10km multi-terrain course through our beautiful countryside for the more serious sports enthusiast. The event is generously sponsored by the Willow Tree gastro-pub with contributions from many other local companies. The run is organised by a group of local volunteers with profits going towards local youth facilities. A similar event last year raised more than £5,000 towards a new swimming pool for the primary school.

Details at [www.bournschool.co.uk/bournTORun](http://www.bournschool.co.uk/bournTORun)  
If you can volunteer to help on the day contact Jo Jenkins [jenkins.jenkins@btinternet.com](mailto:jenkins.jenkins@btinternet.com)

## Heavy Commercial Vehicles

In the parish survey, 50% of respondents wanted to see a restriction on HCVs passing through the village. However, Bourn fails to meet the legal criteria for a restriction on lorry movements. The parish council has approached local businesses for support in diverting HCVs away from the village. The response was positive; but the cost of an effective diversion is prohibitive. The parish council's traffic sub-committee is working with Cambridgeshire County Council to find a solution to this problem. .

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