

## Village Green Events

Here's a round up of what is happening on the Village Green over the coming months:

10th & 11th November: Remembrance Services

6th December: Carols on the Green @5.45

If you would like to book the Village Green and/ or Phone Box for your event, contact the Parish Office.

## Dog Bags Available From Parish Office

We are sad to report that dog fouling continues to be blight our lovely village. This anti-social behaviour causes disease and is generally horrid. We know that the majority of dog owners are responsible and as usual it is the few who spoil it for everybody. Dog bags are available to



purchase from the Parish Office at the very reasonable rate of £1 per pack of 50. Once used, the bags can now be placed in ANY PUBLIC BIN in the village (not just the red dog waste bins). Bag it and bin it and keep Milford-on-Sea special!

## How to Report a Pothole or Fallen Tree

It's the time of year when potholes seem to appear overnight and trees can be blown down in the windy autumn weather. There is a quick and easy way of reporting these issues to the County Council – just visit their website: [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) and click on the "Report a road problem". You can then select from a variety of issues including potholes, flooding or fallen trees.



Enter in a few quick details and the County Council will investigate and act accordingly.

## Grants Available for Groups

The Parish Council has a small community support budget to provide small one-off grants to help support community organisations.

The priority is to assist groups who have only a limited fundraising capacity of maybe starting a new community activity. There is still some funding available for this financial year but requests have to be made by March 2020. If you would like to apply, please contact the Parish Office.



## Memorial Bench Sponsorship

The Parish Council has a number of pre-sponsored Memorial Benches at various locations around the village which are now available to new sponsors. Prices include a 20 year insurance and maintenance contract and a new plaque to sit alongside the original plaque. For more details contact the parish office.



## Next Meetings

**Planning** - Mon 7th Oct, 4th Nov.

**Parish Council** - Mon 21st Oct, 18th Nov.

**Joint Planning & Parish Council meeting:** 9th December.

All at the Village Hall, Park Road at 6.30pm. Agendas are available 5 working days in advance on the web: [milfordonsea.org.uk](http://milfordonsea.org.uk) or at the Parish Office.

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## September/ October 2019

### Hurst Road Toddler Playpark Upgrade

As reported in the last edition, the Parish Council is upgrading the existing toddler facilities sited at the original toddler playpark at Hurst Road. There will be three new pieces of equipment—a cockerel rocker, spinner and a spooky pairs game, as pictured. The new equipment is scheduled to



be installed over the coming months. In



this took a little longer than anticipated due to supply issues). However, the toddler area will be looking good and providing a safe space for our young residents and visitors alike to enjoy themselves.

### Grazing Rota Changed

Following a meeting with the grazier, the Parish Council has agreed the Dexter Cattle which graze on Parish Council managed land under the 10 year HLS (Higher Level Stewardship) agreement, will change as follows:



- October—January: Studland Common
- February—March: Studland Meadow
- July—October: Baskets' Field.

The changes are to maximise wildflower growth on Studland Common.

### Beach Clean—Saturday 21st September

The Parish Council's "Plastic Free Milford-on-Sea" initiative will see another beach clean held on Saturday 21st September at 10.30am—12 noon. The meeting point is by the Needles Eye Café and everyone is welcome to come along and help out. All equipment will be provided, thanks to NFDC and Surfers Against Sewage, but it advisable to wear sturdy footwear. The

Clean follows a very successful event in April which launched the initiative. Over 45 people turned up and collected lots of rubbish from beach, including food wrapper, plastic bottles and even an old rusty saw.

Working with local business and



organisations, we are tackling avoidable, throwaway plastic, from our beach, rivers and green spaces. It is hoped that the parish will achieve "Plastic Free" status in the coming months. For more information contact the parish office or visit our Facebook page: Plastic Free Milford on Sea.

We will let you know how we get on in the next edition.

### Sea Road Toilets Rebuild

We are pleased to report that the go-ahead has been given for the rebuild of the Sea Road toilets. NFDC has told us that work is scheduled to begin in late September and the new facility is scheduled to open in the Spring. During that time, a builders' compound will be established in the car park. Alternative facilities are situated at the seafront at Hurst Road (near the Bowls' Club).

The new block will feature 4 unisex toilets, 2 family cubicles and a new "changing places" disabled cubicle. The exterior will be similar to the toilets at Keyhaven and other locations around the district.



### Milford's Magical Christmas

The Christmas Lights Group has received a good number of donations to the "Make Milford More Magical This Christmas" campaign and would like to thank everyone who has contributed. The group is now busy planning the decorations. Supported by the Parish Council, the group is working hard with a number of organisations to enhance the Christmas displays around the village centre, all based on a natural theme. Don't forget to come along to the Carols on the Green event on Friday 6th December to celebrate the start of the festive season in style. It's still not too late to get involved— just contact Sarah at Parish Office:

sarah.milfordpc@btconnect.com.



### War Memorial Hospital Plans

Two representatives from Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) attended August's Parish Council meeting to report that following the last consultation the NHS has been working with various interested groups including the League of Friends and British Legion to explore the local health care needs required in Milford-on-Sea. These needs were based on the older demographic within the village and the hospital based in Lymington as well as the feedback generated from local people.

The current proposals are to keep a range of clinical services on the site as well as the pharmacy, but no beds are planned to include a step-down facility for those needing care after hospital treatment or to provide respite care.

The CCG explained that the NHS were trying to reduce the need for step down care by formulating a care package to enable individuals to receive care in their own homes.

This, the NHS considers, produced better outcomes as a patient's surroundings were more familiar.



The CCG representatives were unable to comment on any proposals to develop the site for housing as this was the responsibility of NHS Property Services who own the land. They were also unable to comment on how the status of the War Memorial hospital would be maintained but that this would be considered in the next stage of the process. This will take the form of re-engaging in local public and stakeholder meetings from October to December this year. Following this process, a full business plan and any planning permission would be submitted in early 2020.

### Hedge Cutting On Parish Council Land

As reported in the last edition, work to reduce all parish Council-owned hedges to 4 feet in height has commenced and will continue throughout the autumn. This will make the hedges more manageable to maintain going forward, whilst at the same time preserving these habitats which are vital for a good number of species.

### Community Meadow Update

The Community Meadow has recently undergone a hay cut and is proving a pleasant place to sit for local residents. The Parish Council is waiting to hear the outcome of a planned sale of the land to

the north of the meadow by Friends of Christchurch Priory. We will let you know the outcome in due course. For those who are unsure where the meadow is, we hope this map will be helpful. A copy is also available to download from the Parish Council website.



### Community Orchard Update

Several more fruit trees are being planted in the Community Orchard this autumn in memory of loved ones or to commemorate a significant event in residents' lives. If you would like to sponsor a fruit tree (next planting will take place soon) in the orchard, which is situated near Studland Common, please contact the Parish Office. A choice of tree is available and costs £160 which includes a plaque with the wording of your choice.

