

**G & T Inquiry Update:** We have to date had 10 ten days of inquiry at Borough Hall but there are still another two to go on 20 & 21 February. Please show your support by coming along, even for the odd hour! 10.00 start on 20 and 09.30 on 21.

**Broadband:** The Parish Council continues to try to obtain better broadband for the village but currently it is either far too expensive or is just passing us by – literally. If you would like to add your voice, please contact our MP Alistair Burt who has promised to do his best to get a better service in the rural areas.

**Village Country Fete:** Please put the date of **Saturday 21 June** in your diaries. All help will be needed on the day. More details will be sent to you during the interim.

**Dog Fouling:** this continues to be a village problem and is an offence which can be reported. Please ensure you clear up after your pooch so that we might all tread cleanly through the village.

**Take care** in Coplowe Lane, particularly those who are on foot as buses and cars have been seen travelling down the lane at some speed. Also take care at Bourne End Crossroads. The Parish Council is endeavouring to make this a safer junction and has met with the Highways representative to see if a solution can be agreed. However, in the meantime take care at this junction and beware of some very fast moving traffic.

**Bus Service:** Edward Bean continues in his efforts on behalf of the Parish Council to ensure we have a good bus service and a timetable to match. If you have comments regarding our bus service please contact him – [ebpc@bletsoe.org.uk](mailto:ebpc@bletsoe.org.uk)

**Website:** Lots of village details and news are held on our Bletsoe website – [www.bletsoe.net](http://www.bletsoe.net). You can access agendas, minutes and meeting dates for the Parish Council. Minutes of meetings are also posted on the church porch notice board for those who cannot access the internet. If you have anything you think should be included on the website please email it to [info@bletsoe.net](mailto:info@bletsoe.net)

**Bletsoe Active Recreational Club** (BARCing!!): A community group has been set up to help any villagers in need and also to tidy up areas of the village. If you are interested in taking part you will find details on the website – [www.bletsoe.net](http://www.bletsoe.net). The first activity took place on Thursday 6 February at the bottom of The Avenue when the footpath was cleared of overgrown weeds. It is intended to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month! The group is intending to have fun whilst making a difference to the village. If you would like to join the group please contact [info@bletsoe.net](mailto:info@bletsoe.net) or Ann Gibbons on 781161 for further details.

**Recent deaths:** We were saddened to hear of the deaths of Colin Foster, The Avenue; Margo McNeill, Bennetts Close; Tom Solesbury who used to live at Bourne End; David Martin former Parish Councillor, Village Hall Chair, supporter of Friends of St Marys, Fete Committee and many other village activities. Our thoughts go to their families.

**Parish Councillor Vacancy:** There is still a vacancy on the Council. Anyone interested should contact the clerk on [parishclerk@bletsoe.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bletsoe.org.uk)

**Bletsoe NDP:** A small band continues to work towards having our own Neighbourhood Development Plan. If you are interested in joining the group (we need all the expertise we can get!), please email [info@bletsoe.net](mailto:info@bletsoe.net) for further information.

**Ward Funding:** We are grateful to Ian Clifton, our Ward Councillor for his generosity last year with his funding which enabled the installation of new gates in the village field. This year the Parish Council agreed to purchase four picnic tables for use by the village hall with his funding. Thank you Mr Clifton – we hope for a good summer to enable lots of use!

**Community Speedwatch:** Would you like to enlist as a volunteer with the Community Speedwatch team? If so, please let our parish clerk know – email her on [parishclerk@bletsoe.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bletsoe.org.uk) for more details.

**Parish Council Annual Meeting** - Monday 7 April – 7.30pm in village hall.

An email received via the website recently! Can you help?

*I need your help in a project that I'm involved in. Back in 1970 - 72 there used to be a club at Haydon's Lido. It was a music venue which took place in a large barn which stood on the site where Teamsters is now situated.*

*I'm after any photos that were taken of the building, any people living in the area's memories. I understand from e-mails already received that there used to be an old railway carriage attached to the side of the building which was the entrance into it. If you can help or no anyone please contact me at [dpcrawley@btinternet.com](mailto:dpcrawley@btinternet.com).*

*Many thanks*

*Dave Crawley*

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