

VALLEY PARK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Queens Diamond Jubilee

To commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee the Parish Council presented Jubilee mugs to every child in Knightwood and St Francis primary schools. To mark the Jubilee, children at St Francis made kites and were flying them in the school grounds.

In the picture is retired head teacher Steve Shepherd together with the school children of St Francis School and Parish Councillors Julia Adey, Ray Bryan, Alan Dowden and Liz Farley.



At Knightwood School the children dressed as kings and queens.



In the photo the Chairman, Councillor Alan Dowden, presents the jubilee mugs to the children.

Valley Park In Bloom 2012



This year the Valley Park in Bloom event was launched by Rickie Lambert on one of the only sunny days we had in June and as a result it was an outstanding success.



Rickie was joined by children from Knightwood and St Francis Primary Schools.



In the picture below Parish Chairman Alan Dowden is welcoming Rickie to Valley Park



This year our sponsors were Taylor Wimpey (Southern) Ltd and Cooper Vision.



Open Space Near Salcombe Close

Residents will be aware of the problems encountered at this open space caused by travellers who had gained access to the land. In an attempt to secure the site from further trespass Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) dug a temporary ditch at the School Lane end. However, with all the wet weather in the early part of the summer this had become waterlogged and other issues therefore arose.

TVBC has now agreed with local Borough Councillors Beesley, Dowden and Mrs Tilling that a post and rail fence be erected along this stretch.

Traffic Lights at Knightwood Road/ Pilgrims Close

Work will start on the implementation of a right turn traffic phase at this location in September and should be completed by October. These works had been requested by Parish Councillors Julia Adey and Liz Farley on behalf of parents of school children at St Francis primary school.

Autumn Bulb Planting Event

This year the autumn bulb planting event will take place on School Lane where some 4,000 daffodils will be planted by school children from St Francis and Knightwood schools. David Gower OBE will be assisting the children and members of the Parish Council on 16th October 2012 at 10.30am.

Valley Park's Parks get green....again

Valley Park woodlands has again won a Green Flag Award for access to well-managed, high quality green spaces for health and leisure activities. This makes Valley Park a very special place in which to live.

Cllrs Andrew Beesley & Kath Tilling said :
"These national awards recognise that the parks in Valley Park are amongst the best green spaces in the country.
The Parks are judged against a set of criteria that includes being clean and well maintained, sustainability, conservation and heritage and community involvement, which reflects the hard work put in by the TVBC woodland team over the whole year."

New Picnic Benches and Litter Bins at the Knightwood Balancing Ponds

Children at the Knightwood primary school asked Cllr Dowden if picnic benches and litter bins could be provided next to the Knightwood balancing ponds. Test Valley Borough Council agreed to the request and the picture shows the Woodland officer together with teacher Katie Lincoln and the school children at the new picnic benches.



Baddesley Cycle Route

The Chairman, Councillor Alan Dowden, in his capacity as County Councillor has managed to secure an extension of the Baddesley Road Cycle route up to the Hiltingbury Road traffic lights. This should take place during 2013.



The Chairman of the Parish Council also said
"Recognition should go to Friends of the Park and all of the groups and individuals who give up their time to attend working parties, or to support the wide and varied programme of events throughout the year. They have been instrumental in helping plan, develop and improve these green spaces."

