

## **SHALFLEET PARISH NEWS**

Xmas 2011 edition written by John Whitney.

In the September 2011 newsletter I advised of the imminent resignation of the Chairman Cllr Colin Hedgley, Colin resigned at the October meeting and he and his wife Jean are now well settled in their new home in Suffolk. Colin leaving the council caused a casual vacancy which following due process has been filled by the co-option of a new councillor Mrs Jane Jacobs a resident of the Hamstead Road area of our parish. Jane is no stranger to the council having been a volunteer helper for a number of years active within the West Wight as a volunteer and a regular attendee of council meetings. Cllr Brenda Baxandall has been elected as Chairman and Cllr Pam Broadhead elected as Vice Chairman.

Another new face at our meetings will be the recently elected Isle of Wight Ward Councillor Stuart Hutchinson, Stuart will I am sure be carrying on and extending the excellent liaison and service we enjoyed from the late Stuart Dyer.

By the time you receive this edition the council will have continued with the tradition of carol singing at the New Inn and the Horse & Groom, these annual events have become a regular fixture in the council calendar and always produce generous donations from pub customers and festive diners towards IOW Hospice funding.

In November thanks to a generous donation from a member of the public the oak tree sapling within the Lord Ross memorial seat on Shalfleet Fleetway green has been replaced. Responding to concern expressed regarding the failure of two other trees at this site special measures including a bark guard have been initiated and monitoring will take place.

The opening hours of the parish council Office /Help Centre will remain 0930-1300 Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays and the free public internet access facility will continue to be available in 2012. Please do visit our parish website [www.shalfleetiow.org.uk](http://www.shalfleetiow.org.uk) for details of future meetings, minutes and other community information.