

SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL NEWS MARCH 2008

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I am pleased to report the annual carol singing at two local pubs produced £103.25 towards Hospice funds, the council sincerely thanks all who took part with special thanks going to our musical director Prue Osborne for providing accompaniment and discipline to the singing!

As I write these words Spring is beginning to manifest itself in and around our parish highways and byways, the bulbs planted last Autumn are beginning to show themselves.

A new year brings new challenges and projects, proposed changes to our Island education system are understandably causing great concern to all Island residents, Shalfleet Parish Council debated the proposals at its December 2007 meeting with the outcome being the passing of the following resolution ***This council supports a two tier education system that encompasses children aged 11 to 18 years of age.***

Two picnic benches (funded by European grant aid) have been installed at Newbridge and Bouldnor playing fields, also adjacent to both fields dog waste bins have been installed which hopefully will provide a significant improvement to hygiene and cleanliness which is particularly important close to areas where children play.

Tree planting as part of the *one million blooms* project has now been completed at Bouldnor

Currently Shalfleet Parish Council is working on two new projects (1) The possible provision of affordable housing at Shalfleet and (2) A community partnership project to provide special decorative signs at both entrances to Newbridge village designed and partly funded by local residents

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