

## Shalfleet Parish Council News

**In March 2009**

By John Whitney, Clerk to the Council

Carol singing by the Council & friends at the Horse & Groom and New Inn raised £122.88 towards Hospice funds, many thanks to all supporters, Prue Osborne for her music, and the Pub Landlords for their kind hospitality.

Last year as a result of public consultation, it was decided to undertake a project in partnership with Newbridge Community Association which will ultimately provide a formal Parish Council Office and public "Help Centre" which hopefully will be opening next June. This provision will improve communication and rural access to both council and outside agency services thus reducing the need for residents to travel to the town.

Many will be aware the Isle of Wight Council in a budget cutting exercise, have withdrawn support of Parish Council grass cutting and graveyard maintenance. Shalfleet PC hopes through a precept rise to maintain its current high level of grass cutting throughout parish open spaces and graveyard upkeep at St.Michaels Shalfleet.

Local Council elections take place on June 4<sup>th</sup> this year so unusually the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors will both have to be held in June within 10 days after the elections.

May I take this opportunity to remind readers that our Parish Council Website [www.shalfleetiow.org.uk](http://www.shalfleetiow.org.uk) carries details of meeting dates, copies of minutes and has a new area for policy adopted by the Council. **Members of the public are welcome to attend** our meetings and ask questions subject to certain conditions.