

# NEWS UPDATE

24 January 2012

## BURTON ROAD FOOTBRIDGE REPLACEMENT - A35 CHRISTCHURCH BY-PASS

Just to confirm that works on the above project will commence 30/01/12 and last for 5 months.

We anticipate that the contractor Raymond Brown Construction Ltd will start the traffic management on 06/02/12 with inside lane closures, between the hours of 9.00a.m. and 3.00p.m. Consequently this will involve "No Left Turn" into either Burton Road or Salisbury Road during those hours. A speed limit of 40 mph will apply during those hours. Normal working days will be Monday to Friday inclusive.

Subsequently full night time closures will also be required for 5 nights commencing 28/05/12 between the hours of 10.00p.m. and 6.00 a.m

Contact for the project is Brendan Carroll, Dorset Highways, Dorset County Council        b.carroll@dorsetcc.gov.uk..

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## CHRISTMAS SHOP WINDOW COMPETITION WINNERS

A little late I know, but several have been asking "who won the competition?" The judges had a hrd time but awarded the overall winner to THOMAS & LUCIA in Bargates. Well done, Sue. Runners-up were Howie & Tickner in Lymington and Mr Simms Olde Sweet Shoppe in the High Street. All will be our guests at the Dinner Dance on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>.

16 January 2012

## TUCKTON BRIDGE

Just back from a meeting on Tuckton bridge. The good news is that it's not falling down and that it won't be closed for three months. However it is an old bridge, built in 1904 and does need some waterproofing work. Bournemouth engineers intend to replace the metal kerb with an alternative that will provide better drainage across the bridge. Depending on the weather the work will start

on the 5th of March and continue until about the 5th of April. During this time, one side of the bridge will be closed and a contra-flow controlled by traffic lights will be in place on the other side. A temporary road surface will be applied and the work paused over Easter. After Easter, the bridge will be completely closed for four days whilst the complete carriageway is resurfaced (it's too narrow to do one side at a time). Alternative diversions will be signposted. It is anticipated that pedestrians and cycle traffic will be able to cross the bridge even when it is closed.

**30 November 2011**

### **CHRISTMAS SHOP WINDOW COMPETITION**

The judging of the shop windows in this year's competition will be on or around December 12<sup>th</sup>. Winners and runners up will receive invitations to the Annual Dinner at the Captains Club worth £90.

### **CHRISTMAS FREE PARKING**

Following representations from the Chamber that more should be done to help struggling retailers, the Council have agreed to 8 days free parking instead of the usual 7. It will be from Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec to Sat 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **NETWORKING LUNCH SUCCESS**

Networking Lunch on 23<sup>rd</sup> November attracted over 60 attendees from across many business sectors. Feedback showed event was very well received and general feeling was that event should be repeated every quarter.

### **OLYMPIC TORCH**

The Olympic torch will visit Christchurch on the 14th July, 2012

**15 November 2011**

### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Next meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> December (Monday) at Priory House, 7.30 pm. All welcome.

**9 November 2011**

### **PRESIDENT'S DINNER DANCE**

President's Dinner Dance will be held at the Captains Club on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012. Dancing to 'Rick Rock and the Rowdies'. Tickets cost £45 pp; tables seat 10.

**5 November 2011**

### **FREE NETWORKING LUNCH**

To encourage stronger links among businesses in Christchurch & Highcliffe, the Chamber is holding an occasional series of events across the Borough with the aims of:

- Fostering a sense of community
- Welcoming new businesses
- Encouraging cross-trading
- Sharing our common interests

The next of these is a NETWORKING LUNCH at the Kings Priory, Christchurch on 23rd November 2011, 12.30 til 14.00

All members and potential members welcome.

- Bar
- FREE Buffet lunch
- Meet & mingle
- No speeches!

Please confirm your attendance by email to

[office@christchurchbusiness.co.uk](mailto:office@christchurchbusiness.co.uk)

### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Next meeting will be on 7<sup>th</sup> November (Monday) at Priory House, 7.30 pm.

Expect discussion of the plans for a new Morrisons and perhaps an ASDA!. All welcome.

24 August 2011

### CHRISTCHURCH BUSINESS GUIDE

A new version of the Guide is now available to read online at...

[http://issuu.com/christchurchguide/docs/full\\_2011\\_guide?viewMode=magazine](http://issuu.com/christchurchguide/docs/full_2011_guide?viewMode=magazine)

The Executive Committee decided not to distribute this version to all households, but we have printed a limited number for the Tourist Information Centre and hotels etc. If you would like one or a few copies to read or hand out, please let me know (Terry 01202 475626).

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Next meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> September (Monday) at Priory House, 7.30 pm. Expect feedback from the Working With Businesses meeting, progress with Waterloo Bridge closure (**will be the following week!**) and plans for the Christmas Festival. All welcome.

24 July 2011

### WORKING WITH BUSINESSES

Breakfast Meeting 23rd August 2011 Civic Offices  
7.45am to 10am

Christchurch Council are holding a meeting to explore better ways of engaging with local businesses and schools.

Currently the Agenda includes:

- o Supply of space and employment land
- o Public sector procurement
- o Travel issues
- o Improving links between businesses and schools
- o Improving the vitality of the town centres
- o Other suggestions? Please let us know

Please advise Paul Riley at the Council if you can attend.

**21 July 2011**

### **PIZZA EXPRESS**

Christchurch Council's Planning Committee tonight agreed to proposals to develop one side of the Arcade into a 2-floor Pizza Express Restaurant. Planning officers had recommended refusal, but Councillors thought the scheme would be beneficial to the town.

**18 July 2011**

### **REVVO CASTOR SITE TO HOUSE PENTON CITROEN**

Plans have been submitted to develop the Revvo Castor site in Somerford to include a new Penton Citroen dealership and business starter units.

**24 June 2011**

### **TRAVELODGE SAXON SQUARE PLANS**

Plans have been lodged to change the old unused Health Centre in Saxon Square into a 68 room **Travelodge** hotel. Hotel will not have its own restaurant (rely on local eateries) or parking. Parking will have to be in Saxon Square Pay and Display. Good news perhaps for pubs and restaurants - not so good for local B&Bs (with Travelodges low prices).

**23 June 2011**

### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Next meeting will be on 4<sup>th</sup> July (Monday) at Priory House, 7.30 pm. Plans, see below, will be on the agenda, especially the impact of the Pizza Express proposal. Also discussion on how to support the Fair Trade Town Christchurch initiative (launch date 6<sup>th</sup> July). All welcome.

22 June 2011

## NEW PLANS

Plans have been submitted to CBC by agents for...

**Pizza Express** who wish to build a two-floor restaurant on the corner of Wick Lane by the Arcade. This would mean the loss of Crickle Wood and the vacant Temptation Fudge, Greetings and the temporary Community Partnership Give 'n Gain shop. It would mean a change of use from A1 (retail) to A3 which could be a problem given the Council's policy on the proportion of A1/A3 mix in the town centre.

Revvo Casters who have sold part of their Somerford Road site to **Penton Citroen**. Penton wish to move from Tucton and are planning a brand new car showroom and service facilities. Revvo, who have not used all the site for years, will remain in a smaller unit. Comments due in by 6<sup>th</sup> July.

## SCHOOL RETAIL GROUP

Christchurch branch of the students' shop will open on Monday 4th July. They have set up in the old Dorothy Perkins unit in Saxon Square. The opening ceremony will be at 8.30 am - arrival is advised by 8.15. This unit is being run by Twynham and Ferndown students.

The unit will be open to the public until Friday 15th July (including the Saturday 9th) and the opening times will be 9.30 to 4.30 each day.

7 June 2011

## ROADWORKS

Dorset County Council are planning significant road works over the summer...

Resurfacing works along the B3073 Hurn Road/Fairmile Road and Bargates during June and July 2011. In order to avoid congestion throughout Christchurch, these works will be carried out between the 6th June until the 15th July and all works will take place between 18:30hrs and 06:00hrs, however, it will be necessary for a number of temporary road closures to take place between these times.

The temporary road closures are planned as follows:

The Grove - section between Apple Grove and Fairmile Road/Hurn Road - 14/15/16th June 2011 - 18:30hrs - 06:00hrs  
Fairmile Road/Bargates - section between Clarendon Road and Stour Road - 3 evenings between 4th and 15th

**July - 18:30hrs - 06:00hrs (exact dates currently awaiting to be confirmed with Network Rail) Bargates - between access road to rear of Waitrose and Fountain Way Roundabout - 5th and 6th July - 18:30hrs - 06:00hrs**

**All diversion routes will be signed accordingly and all residents/traders adjacent the roadworks and road closures are in the process of being written to informing them of the proposed works.**

### **ADVANCE WARNING!**

**Waterloo Bridge (Bridge Street) will be completely closed to vehicles from September 12<sup>th</sup> until November 7<sup>th</sup>. The bridge is structurally weakened by water damage and will be refitted with a concrete plinth and waterproofed. To do this, all the services which cross the bridge have to be replaced - some are very old and fragile.**