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**HURN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**

**Spring 2017**

**DON'T MISS THIS PRESENTATION**

**CHRISTCHURCH RAILWAY STATION 1868 TO 2017**



**Join us at the Parish Annual Assembly  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 7.30pm  
Hurn Bridge Sports Club**

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome The Friends of Christchurch Station to our Annual Assembly. They will be doing a presentation about the life of Christchurch Railway Station from its beginning in 1868 to the present day.

There will be a slide show of wonderful photos from their heritage folder, which will include photos of the track which went through Hurn to Ringwood, as well as information about the old Station, which is now the site of the Avon Causeway Pub.

The Role of the Friends of Christchurch Station will be explained, covering their work over the last 10 years, the awards won for their floral displays, and also how the volunteers work at the Station.

The presenters will be Jo Hensman, who is an accomplished artist and their Lead on the Floral Display Team, and Cllr Fred Neale, ex-Mayor and Heritage Champion for Christchurch who is also the Chairman of the Friends.

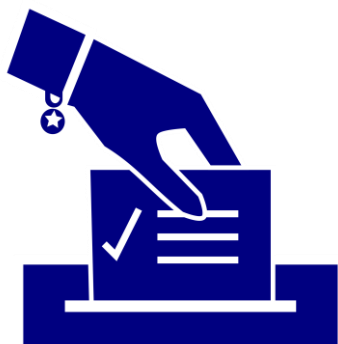


**Please do join us for this interesting informal evening**

Light refreshments available

**With an opportunity to chat with your Parish Councillors**

# CHRISTCHURCH REFERENDUM ON WHETHER TO MERGE WITH BOURNEMOUTH AND POOLE



At a Christchurch Council meeting in March, Councillors agreed to hold a poll in May as to whether Christchurch should remain a Sovereign Authority or merge with Bournemouth and Poole to form a huge Unitary Authority. The majority of Councillors voted for residents to have their say in a democratic vote on this very important matter.

It has been suggested by some, that the consultation which was carried out last summer across Dorset, was unfair because it posed leading questions. In Christchurch, the result of the consultation Open Survey was “against” a merger. However, of the 2000 surveys sent to specific households, 459 were returned with a majority “for” a merger, and Councillors were told that these were more “representative” of public opinion. This has been disputed by some Councillors, who now feel the only way to find out beyond doubt what the people of Christchurch think, is to hold a postal referendum.

Information sheets with the cases for and against a merger, will be sent out to households in May with polling cards.

## Hurn Parish Council Contact Details

If you have any queries regarding any of the items in this Newsletter, or want to contact your Parish Councillors, their contact details are as follows:

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## Hurn Parish Council - Meeting Dates

Monday 10 April 2017 – Annual Assembly

Monday 8 May 2017 – AGM

Monday 12 June 2017

Monday 10 July 2017

Monday 14 August 2017

Monday 11 September 2017

Monday 9 October 2017

Monday 13 November 2017

Monday 11 December 2017

All meetings are held at Hurn Bridge Sports Club, starting at 7.30 pm.