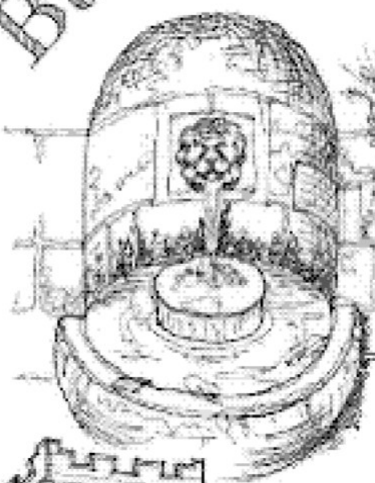


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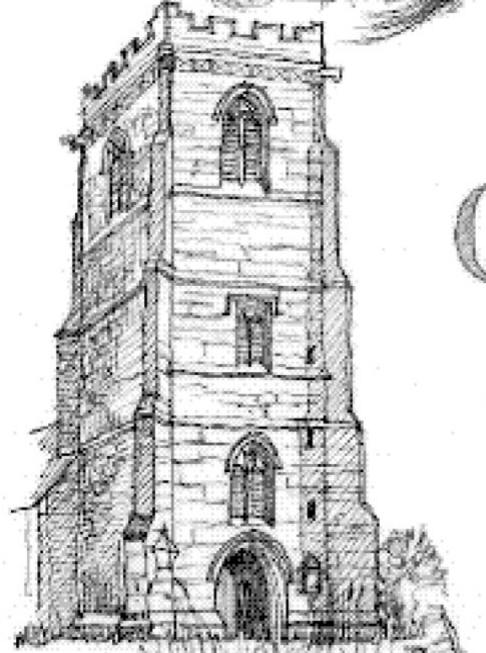


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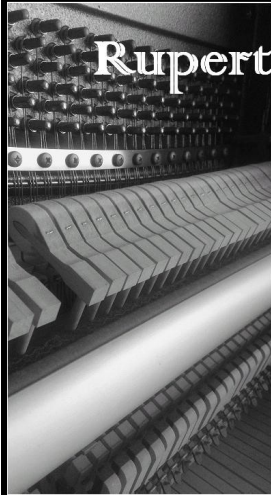
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Dear All,

It seems we in the UK are now past the worst of the Coronavirus pandemic. The daily totals of new confirmed cases and deaths continue to fall and we've seen some relaxation of restrictions although you, along with millions of others may be facing the coming months with a good deal of uncertainty or even fear as huge sectors of our economy struggle to recover.

One of my hopes for the future is that, as the pandemic recedes, we don't lose those unexpected benefits it has brought with it. We're all aware that Coronavirus has brought out the very best in many, many people from NHS and care home workers to volunteers who have delivered food to the elderly and vulnerable or people who regularly phoned those who live alone to check they are well and have all they need. It has been suggested that this was the spirit that helped people to survive the Blitz in World War 2. People have certainly been brought closer together. In my own street in Barrow the Thursday evening clapping for the NHS led to a whole day VE Day celebration during which we had games and quizzes and engaged in socially distanced chatting – as other on-street gatherings have been arranged. I've now had conversations with many people who were previously almost complete strangers. We have become a community rather than people living in isolation. Perhaps many of you have had similar positive experiences. On Whit Sunday at the end of May Christians remembered the event six weeks after Jesus' resurrection when the disciples received the promised Holy Spirit which filled them with confidence and God's power. These events are described in chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles. I decided to continue to read through the book of 'Acts' which describes the early growth of the Christian church.

Thousands of people in Jerusalem believed what Peter and the other disciples told them about Jesus' death and resurrection and were baptised. This group of new believers formed a close-knit community:

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul; everything they owned was held in common. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet and it was distributed to each as any had need. (Acts 4 verses 32-35) Later when the demands of food distribution were taking up increasing amounts of the apostles' time, a special group were appointed to oversee this very important aspect of the lives of the Christians as they tried to follow Jesus' example of care and compassion for those in need. These were not

only community workers but fully committed Christians, one of whom was Stephen who became the first Christian martyr.

Over the past two thousand years so many people who have encountered Jesus through his words and actions recorded in the Gospels have been inspired by the clear message of acceptance of all people as being of equal worth (another prominent recent universal issue) and have sought to follow his example. Father Damien, the Belgian priest who cared for Hawaiian lepers for 16 years and, of course, Mother Teresa, who spent almost 50 years working to aid the poor and suffering in Calcutta are well known examples but in addition whole areas of social care in our own country have been instigated by Christ's example such as the Sunday School movement, the first known one set up by Hannah Ball, a Methodist, in 1751 and designed to teach poor boys and girls to read and write and held on Sundays as the only day the children weren't working in the factories. And you may well have been watching 'A House through Time' historian David Olusaga's programmes about the residents of a Bristol house through the past 300 years in which he talked about Counterslip Baptist Chapel which in the 1880s was supporting the poor of that city. To be honest, Jesus makes it quite clear in Matthew 25 verses 31-46 that care for all in need is an essential part of being one of his followers – it is not something about which we have a choice!

Of course, Christianity is by no means the only religion which cares for the poor and dispossessed; I have fond memories of visiting a Sikh temple in Delhi where meals for literally thousands of people are prepared and given away daily and Sikhs in the UK follow this same tradition. And there are many people with no religious affiliation who devote their whole lives to the support of others.

I have on my mantelpiece a small wooden model made recently by one of my neighbours. It shows three houses, my own and the ones on either side. On the base it says 'In it together 2020'. Recent events have brought us together as we've faced similar problems and challenges and so many people have responded with friendship, concern and support – let us hope and pray that this sense of community continues to flourish long after other events of 2020 perhaps fade in the memory.

Richard Hudson
(Editor, Barrow & Walton Parish Magazine, Churchwarden,
Holy Trinity, Barrow upon Soar)

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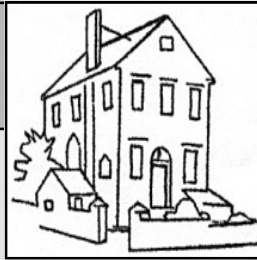
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Church News

Methodist News



I am writing this as the easing of restrictions has started, with schools, markets and some shops due to open in a phased way over the next few days and weeks.

It is also the start of Farming Fortnight, and today is World Milk Day. With more time recently to reacquaint myself with the walks around the local area, I have seen lots of wild flowers and wildlife. I feel very fortunate that we have such well cared for countryside. Many footpaths available to us cross farmland, home to cattle, sheep and crops and I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank the local farmers for allowing this access which has been so valuable in these difficult times. It is important that we remember that the fields we are crossing are key to the livelihoods for farming families and to respect the countryside.

We have also seen many local, small producers come to the aid of our local communities, going above and beyond in order to make our lives easier over the last few weeks. I hope that as we start to return to "normal" we don't fall back into old habits and I include myself in this. Let's support our farmers and producers so that we know they will be there alongside us ready and able to support us, as we have been supporting them. I believe a Farmers Market has been planned for 5th July on the Playing fields, if it does go ahead, please show your support whilst keeping to the social distancing guidelines.

The third Sunday in July is also Rural Mission Sunday. I can't be certain at this time whether by then we will be meeting together in larger groups, but I would nevertheless like to invite you to join us in celebrating the occasion. Keep looking at our noticeboard for more details, as I am sure we will think of some way to mark this event, even it is still in our homes.

This leads me nicely on to our planned Anniversary event, which was sadly cancelled. After some further research, we believe that 2021 could be an even more significant year for Methodism in Wymeswold. Some time ago one of our local Methodist Ministers did some historical research, which pointed to there being a "meeting" of Methodists in 1771, we don't believe they met in a building until at the earliest 1801. If anyone has any information to fill in some of our history and can provide information on family members who

have worshipped with us, or has researched this in the past, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Finally, as mentioned in St Mary's news in the May Link, we are looking forward to the arrival of Rev Fiona Cotton-Betteridge. Everyone at Wymeswold Methodist Church looks forward to welcoming Rev Fiona to the village and we look forward to working with her in the coming months and years.

Margaret Folwell

News from St Andrew's



As with last month, the services, up to the time of writing, are still being handled using the internet. However, today the Government has mentioned that as of the 15th June, 2020 churches can be opened for private prayer. I am sure this is good news for a great many of us. The PCC is having a "zoom" meeting during the course of this week when, amongst other things, access to the church will be discussed. By the time this Link is distributed decisions will have been made; so please access the barrowandwoldsgroup.com website for the updates.

Who knows, by the time this Link is distributed we may well be able to attend services on a Sunday but at present we can only live in hope and for the present access to the services is as follows -

You can join in on the Sunday services at 10.30 a.m. on Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82369549569>
Just one alteration, if you haven't already done so, in order to access the site you must update to version 5.

Or if you would prefer to download the services and read them at a suitable time to yourself, you should be able to do so from the web page on www.barrowandwoldsgroup.com and you can then use this at any other time that suits.

Alternatively, if Facebook is your preference <https://www.facebook.com/revdclive.barrowwolds>.

Melanie's decision to hold a "one woman" plant sale outside her house proved to be a brilliant idea – plants sold well thus contributing to the much needed funds required for keeping the church functioning. Thanks very much indeed for all your efforts and enthusiasm Melanie. Very much appreciated by all of us.

I am beginning to sound like a stuck record but once again Reverend Clive, thank you so much for all your care and

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attention to ensure that we can keep in contact during these very testing times. We do value your endeavours to keep us connected. The extra work involved in doing this must be considerable.

God bless and stay safe.

Adena Hecks

News from St Mary's



During the early weeks of June, the sound of swifts could once again be heard coming from the church tower as an encouragement for them to begin using the nesting boxes. Quite excitingly, two swifts were spotted flying close to the tower, so it is fingers crossed that they perhaps decide that St. Mary's church is quite a nice place to live.

You may have noticed some scaffolding around the church too. We are very pleased to report that work has now begun on the urgent repairs which were identified by the architect a few months ago. The roof along the north transept and stonework on the outside of the church and the tower are in the process of being repaired and it is hoped that this should be finished by mid-August. Our thanks go to Ken James and the fabric committee for their diligent preparation so that work could begin as soon as lockdown regulations would allow.

As this goes to press, our services are continuing on-line via Zoom and can be viewed at a later date on the Barrow and Wolds Group of churches website or via Facebook the links for both can be found here:

<http://www.barrowandwoldsgroup.com>, or
<https://www.facebook.com/revdclive.barrowwolds>

The services are proving to be very popular with each church having a role in leading the music, intercessions or reading as well as involving the lay ministry from each church.

Whilst things may not yet be back to how they once were, various groups continue to meet and exchange dialogue via various social media:

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) have met to discuss the ongoing business of the church. The prayer group meet regularly via Zoom and Bible reading continues through various outlets. There have been quizzes and a bingo session which raised money for Christian Aid.

You may also have seen on the news recently that bell ringers are using 'RingingRoom' to practise methods via their computer keyboards! Whilst none of this replaces 'real life' human interaction, it is wonderful how we have been able to use technology to stay connected as a church family.

It is important that we all take care of each other and we hope that you have felt supported at this time. If you feel that there is anything further that we can do to support you or those you love then please do get in touch. We are always willing to do all that we can.

This is the last news from us until September so until then I hope that you have a lovely summer, however it may present itself this year!

Please keep your eye on the church notice board, join the email group for St. Mary's (contact stephen.r.critchley@btinternet.com) or visit the Barrow and

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We haven't been sitting still. Your local CFR team are still active in many ways. Although most of us are 'grounded' we still have a CFR on duty from our team working on the front line. We have been returning some of our kit and drugs to the front line.

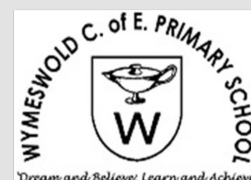
We have been doing other work for East Midlands Ambulance Service but this has been very limited to admin, stock checking, some retraining etc.

We are still maintaining the Wymeswold Defibrillators and checking them each month so that they are always ready for service.

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The staff have provided some excellent distance teaching and fun material for the children at home. We don't think many realise how much work has gone into new methods of teaching, safe working practice and care for the children.

We continue to pray for the staff, children, parents and carers and families at this time.

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We all remain positive and ready to fully open the school when it is safe to do so.

We thank Mrs Scallon and all the staff for their brilliant commitment in keeping it going.

We recognise that major disruptions are taking place and a lot of pressure is being put onto both parents and school staff.

We wish everyone well and pray that you are all safe and we look forward to a great welcome back school celebration when advised we can safely reopen.

*Peter Blount
Co-Chair of Governors*

Wymeswold Parish Council



Due to the outbreak of Covid-19, the Parish Council were again not able to meet in person as we would usually do. However, owing to new Government legislation, we are now permitted to meet virtually. Our second virtual meeting of the Parish Council was held on the evening of Monday 1st June 2020. The next Parish Council meeting is also scheduled to take place virtually via Zoom on Monday 6th July. Details of how to attend will be posted on the village noticeboard in due course.

Covid-19 and Social Distancing Measures

During this period of lockdown, please note that the play areas and gym equipment in the village remain closed and in line with the Government advice, it is not permitted to use them under any circumstances.

The open spaces do however remain open for people to use as part of their permitted daily exercise.

Wymeswold Community Volunteers

The Wymeswold In Need group continues to operate, offering support such as the gathering urgent supplies of groceries of medicine, dog walking, posting mail, or even just a friendly chat on the phone for the vulnerable or shielding in our local community.

You can contact the group by emailing wymeswoldhelp@gmail.com or by calling **07904 518 410**. They also have a Facebook page called Wymeswold In Need which you can also use to contact them.

Police Reports

During the month of May 2020 Wymeswold had no reported instances of crime.

Covid – 19 related scams. Please be aware that there have been reports of fraudulent scams targeting the vulnerable during the pandemic. There is specific information relating to scams on the village website. Information has also been communicated via the neighbourhood watch email system. We recommend that you familiarise yourself with this information.

Please do continue to report any suspicious activity in the village on 101 or email our neighbourhood watch – garryandangie26@gmail.com.

Cemetery Trees

An arboreal inspection of all the trees the Parish Council is responsible for has now taken place. Following this, the Parish Council obtained quotes from local firms and has now appointed Jack Tindle Tree Care to carry out vital work to maintain the safety of the trees in the cemetery. We will keep you updated as this work progresses.

Flood Risk

Charnwood Borough Council are responsible for the River Mantle clearance of vegetation in early Autumn. This includes strimming & dredging; a request has been made for an additional clearance in early June if needed. As a gesture of goodwill Charnwood Borough Council has agreed to order some gel sandbags for Wymeswold which will be distributed to properties that are likely to flood.

As reported in last month's summary, a process has now been set up whereby our Neighbourhood Watch will receive alerts if the water level rises and they will intern be able to use their communication network to notify residents. If you are not already included in the network but would like to be please contact the Neighbourhood watch via email at garryandangie26@gmail.com.

News from County and Borough Councillors

Protection to grass verges: We have now been granted and have received the license for works to be progressed to install 'birds-mouth' fencing along the verges of Brook Street. We will keep you informed of any further updates!

Sports Pavilion

All recreational cricket has been suspended until further notice and it likely that this will be the case until early July at least. Again, we will keep you informed of any changes. Once social distancing measures are eased, Wymeswold Sports Pavilion on Burton Lane will once again be available to hire for smaller groups or functions. If you would like further information about booking the pavilion later in the year or indeed for events in 2021; please contact the Parish Council at wymeswoldpc@hotmail.co.uk.

Farmers Market

All being well, the farmers market is still due to take place on 5th July 2020. This is obviously subject to change so do check back here for updates.

Getting in touch...

The best way to contact the Parish Council is via email. Our email address is wymeswoldpc@hotmail.co.uk. Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Council via telephone on **07592 382114**. Our Parish Clerk is available on a Monday and a Thursday between 9am and 3pm to take your call. If you need to contact us outside of those hours, please either leave a message or send an email and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Usually within 48hrs.

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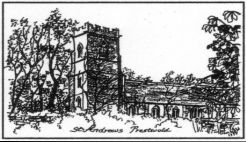
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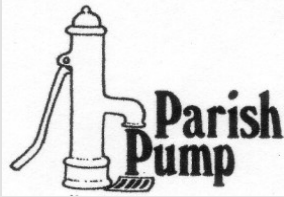
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PRESS RELEASE from the Parish Council meeting on 2nd June 2020

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Parish Council held their first virtual meeting on 2nd June 2020. We have been advised that virtual meetings will continue until further notice and almost certainly well beyond the end of national lockdown.

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS FOR EXERCISE

When using public footpaths and bridleways for exercise, please do not stray from designated footpaths; keep the recommended distance if you encounter other users, farm workers or landowners - 2 metres (6 feet) apart; close gates behind you; stay on paths and keep dogs on a lead around livestock and away from other people or dogs; follow the **countryside code**.

DOG FOULING

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG and if the dog waste bins are full, take it home. Please do not leave or flick dog waste in the Plantation, not only is this revolting, it affects all users including the volunteers who tirelessly take care of this village asset.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME UPDATE

The Parish Council would like to set up a Speedwatch scheme and have several confirmed volunteers. We desperately need more if we are able to take this initiative forward. If you could spare a couple of hours a month, please contact the clerk.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday 7th July 2020 at 7.30 p.m. There is a 15 minute section at each Parish Council meeting where you are welcome to speak if you have any questions or comments.

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Burton Plantation Newsletter



The last Plantation newsletter was sent out back in March, when the world was a very different place, so this is to update you on what has been happening over the spring.

Sadly, we had no alternative but to cancel the remaining volunteer sessions for the 2019/20 season but fortunately we have been able to deal with any issues as they arose.

One positive of the current situation is that the local footpaths, and especially the Plantation, have had a lot more use than usual, being positively busy at times. It has been especially great to see families walking together and investigating the wildlife as they go. It has clearly been a valued resource for home schooling as well as for exercise and pleasure. However, I realise that for many of you, going out at all has not been possible, so this is particularly to update you.

If you can remember far enough back, last winter in the plantation was very wet and we had a constant struggle to keep the paths useable. The final straw was the rotting of the supports on two of the bridges to the point where they became dangerous, so they had to be removed. Plans for their replacement had been in place since the previous summer but it had not been possible to get them fixed. The committee, of course, has not met since March either and making new plans for them will be a priority when we do.

One positive about the wet winter is that the ponds are still fairly full and a family of moorhens has taken up residence. One adult and a couple of chicks have been seen several times. If you see them please let us know, or better still take a photo - that would be great for our archives. The birds in general have been singing loudly and not apparently concerned by the increased footfall, so we hope for many youngsters. It will be interesting to see how many of the nest boxes have been used when they are cleaned out in the winter.

Following on from the snowdrops, aconites, violets and bluebells, we were pleased to see that several of the plants we had introduced are now producing flowers. The primroses, wild garlic, foxgloves and wild daffodils are spreading and snowdrops are now becoming established in new locations. The red campion has been a particular success, colonising the bank by the steps and by the Springfield entrance with enthusiasm. The wildflower area at the Charnwood end has been less successful and will need re-seeding, probably with a different seed mix. We can but try! The cow parsley has been thick but not especially tall this year and is just going over now.

It was a particular pleasure to see that several of the wild cherry trees we planted a few years ago, and which we thought we had lost in the following dry summer, came into flower this year. Several of the rowans and dog roses we planted at the same time seem also to have survived. Conditions have been good for butterflies. Brimstones were seen earlier and speckled woods are quite prolific now. You can log the flora and fauna you see in the Plantation by registering on Nature Spot <https://www.naturespot.org.uk/>. This site collects natural history records for Leicestershire and feeds them into national data bases, producing distribution statistics, including for common species. It is also a great site for helping you identify what you see. Well – that's it until next season. We start our volunteer programme again in September. In the meantime, our thanks as ever for your support. Keep well and enjoy the summer.

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Burton on the Wolds Playing Field Association

In these strange times a walk to the Burton Playing Field has proved a welcome diversion in the day for many people. A combination of the lockdown and the lovely weather has meant the playing field and the adjacent community woodland are receiving more visitors than ever before. The biggest downside of the current situation for the PFA is that we had to cancel our annual general meeting in May and our 50th anniversary summer fete on the 5th July. Postponing the fete is a particular disappointment as not only was it to be a great celebration, but we were hoping it would be a successful fundraiser to enable us to make further improvements to play and exercise provision at the field. It is likely that it will take place on Sunday 4th July 2021. We can't hold the fete this year, but if the weather seems good, why not bring a picnic up to the playing field on 5th July? There is plenty of space for social distancing and that weekend coincides with Fields in Trust's 'Have a Field Day' an acknowledgement of how important open spaces are to communities.

At the point of writing we cannot yet open the play equipment and adult fitness equipment, but football training can start and the tennis courts have been re-opened. There has never been a better time to play tennis in Burton. To enable us to follow the present guidelines for the use of tennis courts the Tennis Club have offered to run the courts use for the benefit of everyone. There is no timetable for play. Instead, for a one-off fee of £15 per household, you can use the courts as much as you like, at any time when they are free. Please see the advertisement in this magazine. You can email the Tennis Club to join the scheme and arrange payment. On receipt of payment you will be issued with the key code and the rules to be observed for play during the pandemic and the other general rules for using the courts. This membership will be valid until 1st January 2021, it is an amazing offer and it is open to residents from the surrounding villages too.

The PFA has experienced a loss of income over last 18 months, both the cricket club and one of the football clubs did not renew their licence, the tennis club has had a complete change of management and the pandemic has meant there has been no revenue from letting the pavilion. Fortunately being such an attractive facility there is always much outside interest. We are delighted to welcome a new Football Club to the PFA. They are a junior club called Phoenix and will play on a separate smaller football pitch on Sunday mornings. They will be starting training at the field before the end of June. More information about the club and opportunities for local youngsters to join will be published on the Burton on the Wolds parish website and in the next edition of the Link.

Finally, a message to any new residents reading this. The Burton Playing Field Association is a charity dedicated to managing the field and promoting sport, exercise and leisure for the local community. It is run by volunteers. Like every voluntary organisation we always need help. You do not need to be on the committee to help, it is useful for us to have a directory of people who might be able to assist with specific projects or events. If you would like to be involved in some small way, please get in touch burtonpfa@gmail.com or phone 07887 996293. Any offer of help is much appreciated.

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Foot Health and Massage

We are exploring how and when we will be able to bring back Alison and Marion to provide the services that you have been asking for. It won't be straightforward and it is likely that the earliest either of them will be able to start again in the pharmacy will be the second half of July, depending on government and professional body guidance. It is probable that Alison will be able to start first.

Flu vaccination

We will be starting flu vaccinations in September. Arrangements will be different this year – please look out for our September post and our in-store information

Face coverings and masks

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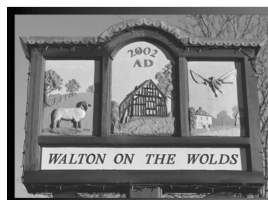
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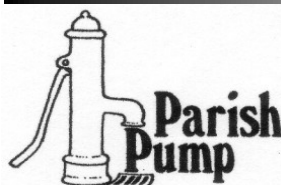
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Walton News



Walton on the Wolds Parish Council

The Parish Council held a virtual Zoom meeting on Thursday 21st May.

Present were:

Councillor Mr B Parker (Chair) (Charnwood)	Councillor J Bokor
Councillor Mr M Watson	Councillor R Shepherd (Leicestershire)
Councillor Miss C Greenall	
Councillor Mr S Foster	
Councillor D Gilmore	

Cheryl Hall, Clerk to the Council and Mr I McMillan from the Village Hall Committee also attended.

The Council discussed local issues arising from the unusual circumstances caused by the Covid-19 situation and its effect on highways work, waste collections and recycling centres

Councillor Bokor gave an overview of the statistics for Covid-19 in the local area as well as the logistics of exiting the lockdown. While the picture has some hopeful signs in low death rate for the Wolds Villages the Rate of Infection may still be quite high. Despite some medical advances being made towards antibody tests and vaccines, tests can still only show if a person has or has not got the disease. Some outdoor areas have now re-opened and it is hoped that the market in Loughborough will restart soon on a limited basis. However, events later in the year such as the annual fair and the Pantomime are still doubtful.

Following a report from Mr McMillan the council agreed to set in process the procedure for becoming the Trustee of the Village Hall.

Considerable discussion took place on the planning application from British Gypsum and the Screening Opinion Request for 1600 houses near Six Hills. The council has lodged objections to the British Gypsum application and expressed strong reservations regarding the proposed housing development.

Other items discussed included maintenance work on the Parish Burial Ground, Finance updates, Annual Audit, Financial Efficiency, Training for Councillors, Councillors' roles, Litter, Signage and Correspondence from Parishioners

The council was also pleased to report that a mower had been purchased for maintaining the Village Green and that this was now being used by volunteers to keep the Village Green regularly mowed.

The Annual Parish Meeting had been held immediately prior to this meeting but had no attendees from the public or parishioners.

Full minutes of this meeting can be found on the Parish Council Website www.waltononthewoldspc.org.uk

as well as on the Parish Noticeboard.

The date of the next meeting is 14th July 2020 at 6pm. Parishioners are invited to attend but it is not yet clear if this will be in the Village Hall or via Zoom.

Christine Greenall

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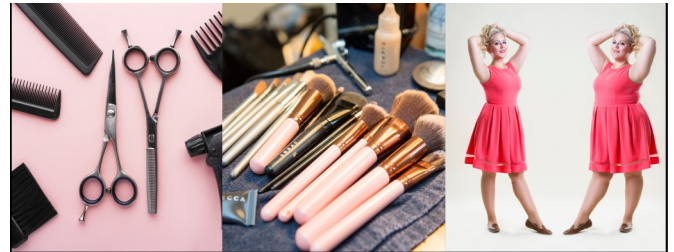
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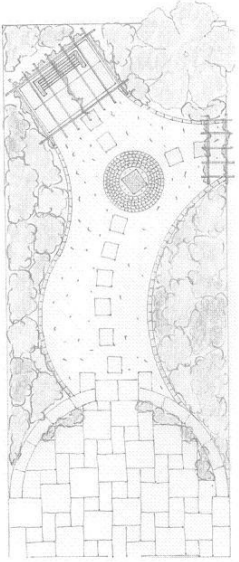
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General News



While monthly WHO meetings are in abeyance I have been uploading new discoveries and research to the WHO web site about once a fortnight.

There have been new archaeological finds from Wymeswold – a Mesolithic flint core from roughly 10,000 years ago used to make 'bladelets'; a Neolithic (or maybe later) flint scraper; and a large piece of Roman pot in what seems to be a Roman ditch.

In more recent centuries one of the seventeenth century residents in Burton might have been the notorious Sir John Wildman. Who's he? All is revealed in links from the WHO web site: www.hoap.co.uk/who/



From earlier in the seventeenth century, we now have transcripts of two of the parish constables' accounts for Wymeswold. These list the wealthier residents by name, and state how much land they own or how many animals they are rearing. If you are from a 'local family' then check if your surname is among those listed. If so, please let me know!

There used to be at least ten pubs in Wymeswold. Three, of course, still exist and we know where five of the others were located. But the Gate and the Red Lion (both in business in the mid-nineteenth century but perhaps gone by the 1890s) remain elusive. See the WHO web site for details if you have any suggestions.



More historical updates will follow over the summer. All these are in addition to the numerous articles and PDFs (plus links to videos) already on the WHO web site.

Depending on feedback from WHO members we may resume monthly lectures from Tuesday 15th September. Check the WHO web site nearer the time for details.

Bob Trubshaw
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Some of our Scouts have received their Personal Challenge badge for various successes like, courage, persistence, team leadership, fund raising, exceptional effort and overcoming difficult times.

We have also awarded some recent badge completions – Climbing, Community Impact, Local Knowledge, Emergency Aid and Hikes.

Corona has stopped us from starting back this term and our programme is on hold for a bit but we will be planning and ready for the day everything returns to 'normal'.

We have postponed our AGM and a few other things.

There are lots of activities on the Scout Association website for anyone, not just those in scouting, to use.

Proposed new Beaver Section:

The new Beaver Colony is on temporary hold but leader recruitment continues so that we will be ready to get it all going again.

Beech Party

I think at the time of writing that I may be a little over ambitious in hoping that our Beech Party on 6th July will be a celebration. Keep safe.

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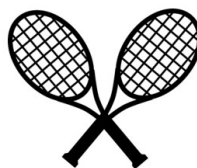
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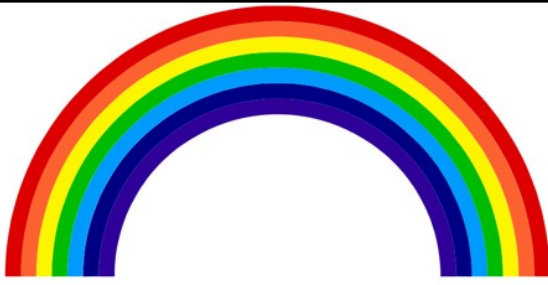
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