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North and South Wheatley Parish Council



Newsletter

Greetings from the Chair

Hello and welcome to this 'new look' Parish Council newsletter for which we have to thank Dawn Cartwright. I won't repeat what is contained in the following articles but would just like to keep you abreast of a few issues.

Firstly, I'd like to welcome our new Parish Councillor, Sue Hayden. Whilst a relative newcomer to the village, Sue has thrown herself into the role and already joined working parties for the community garden and the children's play park. At this point I'd also like

to thank David Cooke, Vicki Wilson and Clare Page for their work on the community garden project.

To answer a couple of points that various people have asked me recently; the ground above the new water supply pipe to the pavilion will be fully restored in due course but we first have to wait for the ground to settle. We have also been told that external funding is available to cover some of the cost of stabilising the beck bank behind the

pavilion and our contribution will be no more than £12,000. All being well work should start in the autumn.

We have a lovely village and as we all head out to enjoy the summer weather I have a plea to all dog owners, please keep our footpaths, grass verges and the village green areas clear of dog poo. It takes seconds to 'scoop the poop' so please do your bit for the village.

Finally, Parish Councillor Vicki Wilson has asked if anyone has any old pictures of Wheatley they would like to share on the website, please let us know using the contacts on page 2.

Mike Newby Chair North and South Wheatley Parish Council

The Children's Play Park

Work has started on tidying up the play park.



Councillor Sue Hayden reports....

"Five of us had a productive but slightly damp morning at the playground, scraping the moss off the play ground and jet washing and wiping down the apparatus. Some of the older members of the group found the climbing frame more challenging than the children seem to but with the help of ladders we managed to do the top to the bottom. At the end of the session we agreed we needn't have bothered to shower that morning! Thanks to the volunteers; Kimberley, Kirsty and Dave, who turned up to help."

Please take a look at the newly resurfaced playpark which is now be ready for the children to enjoy throughout the summer. Look out for more opportunities to volunteer on tidying up the park by visiting the PC website. **Next step is painting the fence.**



Your Village Needs You !

Keeping a clean, tidy and well maintained village is an ongoing activity for the Parish Council and some of the budget is spent doing this every month .

However, every now and then things need an extra spring clean

The Parish Council has identified a number of small maintenance jobs that we feel could be carried out easily by volunteers from our Parish. This would not only help save some money but more than that, it will give us a chance to catch up with or meet members of our village community.

The following are jobs that when completed could make the village sparkle !

- **Painting the bridges that cross into the playing field from low pasture lane near the play park and near the tennis court**
- **Cleaning and painting the bench near the tennis court**
- **Painting the fence around the play park**
- **Refurbishing the flowerbed in the community garden**
- **Washing the road signs and village signs throughout the village**

How Can You Help?

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the DIY jobs, look out for posts on our **Facebook page** and the **Parish Council website** for updates on when and where work will be carried out and how you can help.

www.northandsouthwheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/news

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Update on the Community Garden

You may have noticed developments in the community garden over the last couple of months.

The shelter has been painted, a fence has been erected around the area to make it a safe place to sit with young children. An old green bench has been removed, concrete bases have been laid and we now have 3 new picnic benches and 2 other benches. The



concrete base has also been laid for the table tennis table which should arrive shortly.

Many thanks to Judith Goacher for sponsoring a bench and Julia Newby for sponsoring the purchase of some trees.

Thank you also to Roy Bennett for kindly donating bird boxes and bird feeders and Kimberley and Simon Jones and Neil Booth for offering to construct and run a small book exchange in the Community Garden.



Look out on the Facebook page for opportunities to donate plants, gardening tips and /or time to help with developing the garden .

When the work has been done we would like to formally reopen the gardens with a celebration.

Maybe with a Table Tennis Competition?

Ideas welcome

For up to date information on the Parish Council please visit the website at <https://www.northandsouthwheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Our Community Thanks You

*.As we start to return to some sort of normality one thing that won't be re-appearing after lock-down will be the long running parish magazine 'Clays Contact'. I know that this is not 'news' but one thing that we, as a community, have to do is to express our most sincere thanks to **Brian Shead** in particular, but also his whole team of helpers, for their many years of dedication and hard work in producing what was a very popular and useful news source. It was a truly superb effort and a first class example of true community spirit.*

*Another retiree is **Steve Rockcliffe** who for many years has managed and maintained the Sturton Ward website. Steve retired last year but again it is my privilege to offer the village's thanks for a job well done. However, unlike Clays Contact, I am pleased to say that our online presence is being maintained and Vicki Wilson has stepped up to the plate as the new Parish Council 'Web Master'.*

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Next year the May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will



see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - the first time any British monarch has reached this historic milestone of 70 years on the throne.

Following on from the success last year of our VE day street party celebrations, it would be great if the Village was able to add to the national celebrations with some of our own.

These things need lots of organisation. If you have suggestions and/or are interested in joining a **Jubilee Planning Committee** then **please contact** the Parish Council and we can put names together to start planning.

VILLAGE CLUBS RECEIVE PC FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOLLOWING THE 2020 COVID LOCKDOWN

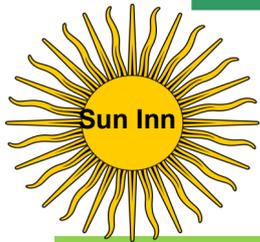
Following the tight lockdown restrictions affecting all communities in 2020 /2021 the Parish Council (PC) asked local clubs to contact them if they needed financial support to relaunch in 2021. The emphasis has been on using this money to further engage the local villagers with their clubs. So far we have had requests from the Tennis Club, hoping to offer 'walking tennis' for those of us who cannot run around the court like we used to. The Bowls Club have asked for some support to buy young people's bowls, encouraging all the family to play together and the Cricket Club have asked for support to provide children's entertainment at their President's Day. The History Society are hoping to engage new members to explore the history of their families and the local area.

These clubs offer a range of activities for all ages and interests so please contact the individual groups for more information. There are links to all these clubs on the Parish Council website

www.northandsouthwheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/community.

There is a 'What's on' page on the PC website . If organisers let us know they are planning a community event we can add that to the calendar.

If you know of any other clubs in need of financial support please contact the PC



The Sun Inn Community Survey Update

Firstly, a big thank you to all residents who have taken the time and trouble to complete and return our Questionnaire. We received 66 surveys back which represents about a 25% response rate. Here is a summary of some of the key questions asked:

98% of responders want a pub in the village

91% of responders rated having a pub as “Important” or “Very Important”

Well over 70% of responders indicated an interest in purchasing Community Shares in the pub with several indicating a willingness to provide a loan.

Food, perhaps not surprisingly, was the number one “Additional Service” followed by live music.

Coffee shop, book club, walker/cyclist stop-off and cinema club were commented on multiple times in the responses along with a host of other useful idea.

There was a lot of offers of help with fund raising and to be involved in running the pub / volunteering.

The information has provided a very valuable insight as to what people’s expectations are from a well-run Community Pub. This information will form the cornerstone of the direction that a successful bid for The Sun Inn will take, in terms of the community’s attitudes towards the range of services that the pub should offer.

Our vision for this business is firmly focused on establishing a real Community Hub where all residents and visitors feel that there is a genuine understanding and desire to service community needs. This should extend beyond simply providing quality refreshments and food to embrace social interaction needs.

It is clear from the community questionnaire that having a pub is important to the majority of responders and would have a very positive impact on their lives and the prosperity of our village.

The next step is to present the results of the survey to the Plunkett Foundation and make an application to them for support in order that we can benefit from their expertise in ventures of this kind. We will also need to establish the Community Group on a formal, legal basis.

We are still at a relatively early stage in the process although significant work has already been undertaken. The considerable level of enthusiasm in the survey responses gives us great encouragement for the success of the project.

If anyone would like to get more directly involved and has the time and energy to give to the project, please get in touch. **Ben Durham 07764627476 and Justin Goodwin 07970844820**

Finally, Please Help to Keep North and South Wheatley a Safe Place

PARKING

The Parish Council has received a number of comments both verbal and written from residents raising concerns about **parking on the roadside on both Low and Top Street**. Whilst parking on the road is not illegal, we would urge residents and their visitors to consider how their parking impacts other road users and pedestrians. Please try to park away from road junctions and avoid parking where there is restricted visibility for other road users and pedestrians passing your car.

THE BOTTLE BANK

Bassetlaw District Council are currently having problems in getting all their bottle banks emptied. They are working as hard as they can but as fast as they are emptying them, they are filling up again! Residents are advised to keep hold of their bottles until the banks are emptied