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DONNA LOUISE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

The Children's Hospice is a registered charity and was opened in August 2003. It provides day care, overnight stays, community support in many ways, End of Life care, specialist activities for siblings, parents and carers support for children with life-limiting conditions across Staffordshire and Cheshire. Children attend until they are 19 years old. The Hospice has now gained planning permission to build another unit for 19 + years. The Hospice needs to raise a minimum of £4.5m to be viable. To find out more about the Hospice go onto the website www.donnalouisetrust.org

The Colwich Friends of The Donna Louise Children's Hospice was formed in 2011 with five members. After a slow start we grew in strength and numbers. We currently have twelve committee members and would welcome more. So far we have raised over £25,000 for the Hospice. This year we have raised nearly £1200 from

holding a Fashion Show, Afternoon Cream Tea by kind permission of Mary and Gill and a produce stall at Great Haywood's Craft Fayre.

Brother and sister duo, Dan and Charlie, from the Haywoods, will perform in Little Haywood Village Hall on Saturday 14th October 7:30pm until 11:00pm in aid of the Hospice. "Hog roast" available from about 8:30pm. Soft drinks and tea/coffee will be available but you will need to bring your own alcohol.

Dan and Charlie have a large repertoire of songs by Adele, Ed Sheeran and Johnny Cash to name but a few.

Tickets: £10 per person, further details available from Jean Tabernor on 07870 815309 or Gill Amies 07968 033459

Jean Tabernor, Chairman
Colwich Friends of the
Donna Louise Children's Hospice

Heart of England in Bloom

Hear of England in Bloom judge Robin Russell visited the parish on Thursday 13th July and was welcomed by the Best Kept Village/Colwich & Little Haywood in Bloom Chairman Cllr Amyas Stafford-Northcote, as well as members of the committee.

Little Haywood was judged first, and after lunch Robin was taken round Great Haywood. I am delighted to announce that both villages won GOLD at the awards event held at Warwick Castle on the 14th September.



Royal Horticultural Society judges, Donna Lowsby and Roger Tait, came to the parish on 19th July and visited six "It's your Neighbourhood" areas. The results for these areas are to be announced on 21st September at Coventry and will be published in the Winter Newsletter.

Anne Clendon B.E.M.,
Hon Secretary, the BKV Committees.

DAA Dementia Action Alliance DEMENTIA DID YOU KNOW?

- There are over 100 known types of dementia?
- There are over 14,000 people in Staffordshire diagnosed as having dementia?
- Stafford and the surrounding areas is aiming for "Dementia Friendly" accreditation?

Unfortunately programmes on TV, such as the soaps, may be good at raising awareness of dementia through their story lines, but often portray a very poor image. According to Diane Wallace of the Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) this is far from the reality of the situation. Many people with the condition live very full and active lives. So – when someone is diagnosed with dementia, the message is DON'T PANIC. There is a large, though at the moment disjointed, network of support groups available. The more of us who are 'dementia aware' the better for all – especially those with the condition.

Diane Wallace would like to come and give her fun, relaxed and informative talks to as many groups of people in our Parish as possible in order to help raise awareness. These groups can include schools (she gives talks to children as young as 5), Doctors surgeries, voluntary organisations – and indeed anyone interested.

We could all take pride in seeing our Parish become registered as "Dementia Friendly" so if you are interested or have a suggestion on how to use this opportunity, please contact the Parish Clerk or email me at andy.cooper@colwichparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Andy Cooper

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

The 2017 Haywoods Flower and Vegetable Show was held on Sunday 10th September in the Colwich & Little Haywood Village Hall. The Committee would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who took the time to enter exhibits, to all those who came along, to the Judges and to the local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes. Without all of these people we wouldn't have a show. We are especially grateful at a time when other village shows are folding due to a lack of support.

We were pleased to welcome so many first time entrants and hope they will come again next year! The Handicraft Section was certainly vibrant with a broad spectrum of talents. Our new classes got off the ground with a steady start, and we hope they will build to be key parts of the day. We were wowed by entries in the Junior Baking Section, and there are certainly some talented young photographers in our midst! With new adult and junior classes it's a great opportunity to get some family competition going!

The Committee welcomes new members, volunteers and ideas for items we could include next year. You can email us at: haywoodsflowerandvegshow@outlook.com

Don't forget to keep an eye out, next spring, for news of the 2018 show. haywoodsflowerandvegshow.com and [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HaywoodsFlowerandVegetableShow). Haywoods Flower and Vegetable Show

The trophy winners were:

The Clendon Vase
Sydney Rawlings Rose Bowl
Rosern Trophy
Cys Dyble Cup
WH Hunt Company cup
Stan Hopper Memorial Plate
Morrall Plate
Canalside Salver
GH Memorial Hall Challenge Cup
GH WI Trophy
LH Ladies Club Cup
Davies Floral Art Challenge Cup
Marjorie Clinton Trophy
Burbridge Tray
Jan Pugh Cup
Alison Mayo Junior Trophy
Bishton Hall Cup
Flower & Vegetable Show Trophy
Junior Baking Prize
Alan Fuller Perpetual
Challenge Cup - lady runner up:
Peter Hardy Perpetual
Challenge Cup - gentleman runner up:
The Earl of Lichfield
Challenge Cup - overall winner:

Jean Tabernor
Jane Cross
Jane Cross
Kate Souster
Ted Minton
Martyn Tabernor
Dean Cottam
Yvette Lycett
Hilly Burns
Joyce Minton
Andy Broome
Jean Tabernor
Jean Tabernor
Gerry Freeman
Julia Smith
Ava Lycett
Lily Hurley
Kate Souster
Chloe Broome

Hilly Burns

Ted Minton

Jean Tabernor



COLWICH AND LITTLE HAYWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The Hall, which is a registered charity, was built to serve the communities of Colwich and Little Haywood. The well-maintained and well-equipped Hall has extensive grounds that include a large car park, grassed areas and a safely fenced perimeter.

It is used by local clubs and organisations, on most days and evenings, but it is also an excellent venue for parties, weddings and social events. The kitchen facilities include large cooker, crockery, glasses and cutlery for 100 guests, and

tables/seating for a similar number. A stage is also available

The independent clubs provide a wide range of social and sporting facilities including:

- Phoenix Club for over 55's
- Karate
- Yoga
- Indoor Bowls
- Table Tennis and Pickleball
- Bellydancing
- Circuit Training

- Brownies and Guides
- Dog Training

Anything take your fancy? Give me a call and I will put you in touch with the organisers. If your interests are not covered then why not consider setting up your own club. Hire charges are very reasonable.

We also need people to help on the management committee which ensures the smooth running of the hall and protects its long-term viability.

This is your village, this is your hall.

Colin Birchenough 01889 882887

HS2 continues to be a major concern to all of us as residents. As frustrating as it is, there's nothing within the power of the Parish Council to oppose this project – and indeed to do so may be seen as illegal for a local authority to directly oppose Government legislation! Therefore, we are maintaining a dialogue with the HS2 management team to try and ensure that our Parish gets the best benefits it can under the circumstances. We are also supporting individual residents who have direct concerns when dealing with HS2. When we have more information, we will advise you via future editions of this Newsletter, our website and our Facebook page.

The Parish Council has decided to repeat the monthly **surgery programme** as last year, alternating between Great Haywood (held in the Memorial Hall) and Little Haywood/Colwich (in the Parish Office). This is an opportunity to come and chat with Parish Councillors face to face over any concerns or ideas you may have. Dates and times will be advertised on our website and Parish Notice boards.

By now, you may well have noticed the fantastic difference our two **Lengthsmen** (Ian & Phil) are making around the Parish. Our Parish covers a large area, so if you see somewhere that needs attention, please contact the Parish Clerk to get the work scheduled in.

I'm also pleased to announce that members of the **Great Haywood FC** have agreed to be co-opted onto the Parish Council's Working Party for the JPF. This will enable the team to understand and contribute directly to the work that the Parish Council is planning, to improve the changing rooms and pitch facilities.

The Council has been informed that SBC has rejected the planning application to develop a large block of flats in the garden of **Trubshaw House**, Little Haywood. Here again, our Neighbourhood Plan was used as a reason for rejection as well as other issues such as the impact on roadside parking (as high-lighted by neighbouring residents).

The consultation document entitled "*Cannock Chase – Shaping the future*" was presented to the Parish Council, which it subsequently agreed to support. In essence, the project (which is sponsored by

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Andy Cooper

Staffordshire County Council, Natural England and the RSPB) is looking at managing grazing cattle in specific areas to control the local flora etc. This will be done in a safe manner with containment designed to be as inconspicuous as possible. This 'natural' method is historically correct for the area and is already successfully used by several other major parks and AONBs around the country.

The Parish Council has also supported the County Council's subsidised **bus service review** noting that proposed changes do not impact on existing services in our Parish.

As Chairman and on behalf of the Parish Council, I'd like to offer my congratulations to the **Open Gardens** team and contributors to their efforts which saw them breaking previous fund raising records and raising £4,400 which is used to support the Katherine House Hospice.

In the absence of a local branch of the British Legion, the Parish Council takes on the task of instigating the **annual remembrance service** which is hosted in turn by one of our 3 churches. This year the service is at St Michael and All Angels in Little Haywood. In preparation for the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 next year, the Council is working with our clergy and the independent WW1 commemoration committee in the Parish (headed by Dave Robbie) to reformat the service. As well as commemorating all of those known to have been lost in the Parish as a result of conflicts, we will be listening to the stories of a number of those service men – where and how they lived in the Parish, and what they left behind. I look forward to seeing as many as possible at this service in November.

The Parish Council has also registered its intension with the Queen's Pageantmaster to be part of the National beacon lighting commemoration on **Sunday 11 November 2018**. More news on this in the future.

Cllr Andy Cooper

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SKIP AT JPF:

4th November 2017

COUNCIL SURGERIES:

**Little Haywood
(Parish Centre)**

**11th October
7:00pm – 8:00pm**

**13th December
7:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Great Haywood
(Memorial Hall)**

**8th November
7:00pm – 8:00pm**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

**St Michael and
All Angels, Colwich
12th November
2017 - 3:00pm**



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

As the nights draw in it is important to wear something white or fluorescent at night when out and about. Please ensure your lights, on bicycles and motor vehicles are in working order.

PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL

The Parish Youth Council was officially formed on 8th December 2016. We are a small group of 10 to 17 year olds (inclusive), whose aim is to give a voice to the youth of the parish and to bring a sense of belonging for young people in the community. We have several projects that we are planning, including an anti-bullying campaign and summer holiday activities. We will also look to be involved in the proposed Village Festival 2018. We would love to have some new members and need to hear your ideas, so we know what issues concern the youth of the community and can try to act on these. If you would like to join us or have ideas to share, please contact the Parish Clerk.

UPCOMING TWINNING VISIT

From the 12th October, we will be hosting a group of 31 guests from our twinned community in Germany - Rimbach in the Odenwald. This exchange has been a continuous feature of our twinning relationship as, on an annual basis, we alternate visits between our two communities. This year, I am pleased to announce that we will be welcoming 11 young people from Rimbach in an effort to re-kindle youth involvement in the project. Alongside the set programme, there will be a new and exciting programme, specifically aimed at the younger members of the group. The new programme will include a visit to Birmingham on Saturday 14th October to see the sites of one of our local cities, to do

some shopping and to visit the art galleries and new library! On Sunday 15th, the young people will be making a visit to Uttoxeter for an Ice Skating and Cinema day! There will also be evening activities including meals out and bowling!

The programme has been tailored so that as many young people from Colwich and the Haywoods can join the young people from Germany for their action packed, weekend programme. We would love to show our support for the Twinning Association by having as many young people as possible involved in the visit. Members of Colwich Parish Youth Council and 1st Colwich Rangers will be joining the young people



on their weekend activities. We also have a number of local young people who will be hosting friends from Germany during their visit and would love for anyone who is interested to come and enjoy the activities we have planned! It is a fantastic opportunity to make new friends, develop language and communication skills and to play a part in a brilliant, cross-generational community project.

If you would like to join us for any of the activities or would like more information, please send me an email: victoria.jenkinson08@gmail.com

RIVER OF FLOWERS

Some of you may already be familiar with the concept of a River of Flowers, which is an idea that has been accepted by Colwich Parish Council as a way of implementing some of the objectives identified in the emerging Green Infrastructure Plan (GIP), of which more in later editions of The Newsletter.

Once adopted, the GIP will represent the "Where" and the "Why" we should be putting our energies into enhancing the bio-diversity opportunities of the built-up areas within these parishes. The "How" will however need to be something highly visible, beautiful and therefore likely to capture the public's attention, interest and imagination if we are to be successful in engaging people's help in meeting our objectives.

To this end, the Parish Council is committed to supporting the creation of a River of Flowers as a way of linking the villages by providing pollination opportunities for bees and other insects by planting up banks, verges and even areas of hardstanding with the use of substantive tubs and troughs, which would be planted up with native, perennial species. The intention would be to make this the start of a long-term project that might lead on to more ambitious plans for a wildlife meadow and a substantial community orchard. We would hope to work alongside those already actively committed to enhancing the built environment through a shared vision of the future environmental needs of these villages.

We will be restricting our activities to those areas for which we have licences to plant and whilst being careful not to disturb those areas already planted, we will be concentrating firstly on areas of grass adjacent to entrances to The Haywoods from the A51, The Butts, the area of grass bordering Abbeyfields (opposite the Spar shop) and the area immediately surrounding the Parish Centre. We are looking to begin planting species crocus and wild daffodils in October/November, followed by snow drops and blue bells 'in the green' next spring. Once established, this type of planting will create late winter/early spring pollinators at a time of year when little else is in flower. This will provide a vital lifeline to early bees. Such newly planted areas will not only look stunning, but will provide a tangible and highly visible example of a green corridor within the built environment.

Part of our 'vision' is that as well as enhancing our immediate environment it is hoped that, through a process of public engagement and education, we can ensure that the next generation will have a better understanding of the simple but strategic steps that we should all be taking to prevent the further degradation of our shared environment.

If you would like to volunteer, especially with the first tranche of planting, then please contact the Parish Clerk in the usual way.

CIlr Jane Featonby



WORLD CHAMPION

Congratulations to local dentist Peter Nadin who won the 24-hour solo world mountain bike championships, M-50-54 category, in Finale Ligure, Italy on 2/3rd June. Peter completed 33 laps of the 6.9km course in 23 hours 55 minutes and 19 seconds, just one second behind Max Suttie, the winner of the M-23-29 category, to finish 17th overall.



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