



Colwich Parish Council

INCORPORATING WOLSELEY BRIDGE, COLWICH, GREAT HAYWOOD & LITTLE HAYWOOD

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Chair's report March 2022

In February 2022, Her Majesty the Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. The national and international celebrations will be focused around her official birthday in June 2022.

Many events and activities will be happening throughout the UK and beyond to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. There are many opportunities to join in celebrating Her Majesty's historic reign.

The Parish Council is busy planning the village fete to be held on Saturday 4th June 2022 on the Jubilee Playing Field.

How can you get involved?

Are you a small business who would like a stall? Contact me. Are you in a group who would like to share with the village and perhaps enrol some new members? Contact me! Are you part of a local charity group who would like to spread the word to local residents? Contact me!! Are you a local resident looking for a great day out on Saturday 4 June? Put it in your diary!!



We know that there is wealth of talent in the villages. We want to offer you an opportunity to display your talents at the Platinum Jubilee Fete on **Saturday 4 June**. There will be two categories. One category will be the under 18 years old and the second category will be the 18 years and over.

Each act will have **3 minutes** to perform in front of the whole village. You can be a solo artist or a group.

Come and be a star!

Please contact me if you wish to enter:
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STREET PARTIES

Sunday, 5th June, 2022

The nation will continue to celebrate the Jubilee on Sunday 5 June. If you and your street are planning a street party, start planning now.

If you want to have the road closed, please apply to Stafford Borough council. There is no charge on this occasion, but they must be notified.

Go to:

<https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/news/support-available-celebrate-queens-jubilee-stafford-borough>

Let's make this celebration an occasion to create some great memories for Colwich Parish residents.





WHAT IS A JUBILEE?

In the Old Testament, a jubilee was marked every seven years. Initially jubilees simply provided a practical structure for land management as every seventh year, land was left to lie fallow. Over time though, jubilees took on a greater significance, with the belief that the jubilee year was a special one. In the Roman Catholic Church, jubilees began to be celebrated formally in 1300 AD and were seen as years of forgiveness and reconciliation. The most recent year of jubilee was 2012.



GEORGE III

The celebration of the Sovereign's jubilee years really began in the long reign of King George III. The beginning of the fiftieth year of his reign, on 25 October 1809, was marked both in Britain and the

Colonies. The King and other members of the Royal Family attended a private service in Windsor and a grand fete and firework display at Frogmore. In London the Lord Mayor and Corporation processed to St Paul's Cathedral for a service of thanksgiving before holding a dinner at the Mansion House.



QUEEN VICTORIA'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

The longest-reigning British monarch, until our present Queen surpassed her in 2015, Queen Victoria celebrated Golden and Diamond Jubilees marking 50 and 60 years of her reign. Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee was celebrated in June 1887.

She travelled by train from Windsor to Buckingham Palace for a royal banquet in the evening. Fifty foreign kings and princes, along with the governing heads of Britain's overseas colonies and dominions, attended the feast.

On the following day, Queen Victoria travelled in an open landau to Westminster Abbey, escorted by Indian cavalry. The procession through London, according to Mark Twain, "stretched to the limit of sight in both directions".

Soldiers marched past the spectators, who were accommodated on terraced benches along 10 miles of scaffolding erected for the purpose. Queen Victoria rode in the procession in her gilded State

landau, drawn by six cream-coloured horses. On return to the Palace, she appeared on the balcony, where she was cheered by huge crowds. In the Ballroom she distributed Jubilee brooches. She put on a splendid gown embroidered with silver roses, thistles and shamrocks for a banquet. She was then wheeled in her chair to sit and watch the fireworks in the garden.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Ten years later, Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee was marked by celebrations, including, on 22 June 1897, a procession to St Paul's Cathedral. There a short service of thanksgiving was held outside the building, as the Queen was too frail to manage the steps. The Queen's progress continued via the Mansion House across London Bridge and through South London, before returning over Westminster Bridge, past the Houses of Parliament to Buckingham Palace.

In her journal the Queen wrote: "*No one ever, I believe, has met with such an ovation as was given to me, passing through those six miles of streets . . . The cheering was quite deafening & every face seemed to be filled with real joy. I was much moved and gratified.*"

DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

Thursday 5th May

Annual Meeting of the Council

Thursday 2nd June - 9.15pm

Beacon to be lit on Jubilee Playing Field in line with national events

Saturday 4th June

Village Fete – Jubilee Playing Field

Sunday 5th June

Big Lunch. The day for Street parties

September

Scarecrow competition. Look out for the entry forms

Sunday 13th November

Remembrance Sunday. The Parish Service will be held at St Stephens church, Great Haywood

November

Christmas lights switch on at the Jubilee Playing Field

December

Christmas lights competition

**ACTIVITIES,
FOOD,
DRINKS,
STALLS!**

THE QUEEN'S
PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

**EVENING
ENTERTAINMENT
(6pm - 10:30pm)**

Jubilee Playing Field

Saturday 4th June 2022 from 1:30pm

Cys Dyble

1925 – 2021



Friends and family gathered in Great Haywood Memorial Hall on 12 March to commemorate the life of a very great lady – Cys Dyble.

We had afternoon tea together in the main hall, followed by the unveiling of a memorial plaque by Cys's daughter in the meeting room. It was very fitting that we honour Cys in the Hall. Her father, Albert Horobin, was the carpenter who worked on the building of the hall and her Uncle Ernest's name is recorded on the memorial to those who died in the 1914-18



war, so Cys has been part of the Hall all her life (and her grandchildren remember having to move chairs for her when they came to meet her after school!).

Cys lived in Great Haywood all her life. Many of the people in the village have fond memories of her, from her time as a dinner lady at Anson School to organising the Wednesday Club.

What we will all remember is her care for people, especially for the



people of Great Haywood. Cys was never one to hide her feelings or let anyone get away with anything - none of us can forget her selling raffle tickets at Hall events. She would sit at the bottom of the ramp as everyone came in - raffle sales never did so well as when Cys was selling as she made sure there was no escape for anyone! Cys was part of the warp and weft of this village over 95 years and she is much missed by us all.



The In Bloom team, in conjunction with the SinCH group, have launched a new Community Gardening Club at the Little Haywood Village Hall; this serves to educate the local children in planting and maintaining fruits, vegetables and wildflowers.

Residents might have noticed that some raised beds and pots have recently appeared on the grounds (near to the existing Community Garden). These are currently being sowed with lettuce, carrots, radish, spring onions and potato seeds; the intention is to grow an even larger variety of vegetables and fruits as the season progresses. Alongside the work taking place on-site, the children were each given a biodegradable pot and sunflower seed to grow at home; this being the first of many home-based tasks to test their knowledge over the course of the spring and summer.

It was great to be present at their inaugural meeting, The Bloomers and members of SinCH should be proud of the work that they are doing to ensure that the youth of our parish learn how to self-sufficiently grow produce and care for the environment. One thing is for sure, The Haywood's Flower and Veg Show should keep an eye out for these up-and-coming Community Gardeners.

It is never too late to join, please follow the Colwich Parish in Bloom and SinCH group on Facebook for updates and meeting times.

Clr Hardwick



'In Bloomers' - Janet and Angela, SinCH group member - Simon, Community Gardeners - Isla, Ava, Olivia, Harry & Jason



JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD – FUTURE PLANS

Since the completion and return of the JPF Questionnaires, the JPF Working Group, comprising of Cllrs and residents, has met regularly to review and evaluate the returns and develop plans to improve and provide new facilities on the JPF. The aim of this article is to share these early ideas with you and encourage you to engage with the Parish Councillors to help shape these plans. The JPF has been split into a number of separate areas, each with a Cllr Lead, to help focus the work rather than tackle as a single large project. Following is a resume of the work undertaken to date and further articles will be forthcoming to keep you informed of the progress being made.

Cllr Dunn is leading on the Car Park and Buildings. Extensive ground investigations, including porosity tests, have been undertaken in and around the car park area to assist in establishing how to provide drainage for the new car park surface. The investigations are complete, and the findings are being evaluated and options prepared for the Parish Council to consider.

The Questionnaire returns indicated the importance of the toilets and work has begun to provide better and safer toilet facilities and a small office / workshop for the Lengthsmen in order to release the Changing Rooms, which they currently use. Cllr Walters is leading on the JPF field. With significant feedback seeking the reprovision of a football pitch, he is liaising with others, including the FA,



The wall at the front entrance with the railings removed for restoration and repainting

to determine what's feasible in the given space; rough measurements suggest a senior 18+ pitch, like that at Shugborough, maybe achievable. The feedback also indicated the MUGA Skate Park, and BMX track are being used and remedial work to the Skate Park's concrete surface is planned.

By far the largest request was for the provision of a new green gym facility. With limited available space on the JPF and the identified need to undertake significant repairs to the surface of the BMX Track, consideration is being given to the feasibility of replacing the BMX Track with a green gym facility.

Cllr Rattray is leading on the hedgerows and trees supported by Cllr Bloor. A local Tree Surgeon and Arboricultural Consultant was asked to prepare a report on the hedges and trees surrounding the JPF and its recommendations were considered by the JPF WG and presented at the March 22 Parish Council Meetings.

The agreed work for this, and other JPF areas, can be seen in the Minutes (available on the Parish Council's

website). This includes work to the hedge along the south side of the JPF; the planting of native species hedge adjacent to the playground area and to the opposite fence line; closing the small gap between the JPF and the adjacent public right of way; crown lifting a number of trees on the northern side of the field; removing one of the trees at the front of the car park to encourage the growth of the others, and painting the car park railings and gate. Other tasks agreed at the meetings included cutting the grass on the field and removing clippings; the purchase of new tables and benches; and maintenance to the car park area and buildings. These 'other' tasks are in response to the Questionnaire and in preparation for the Platinum Jubilee Fete which is to be held at the JPF on Saturday 4th June 22.

The JPF WG has identified a specialist to help consider the feedback and how to improve the playground facilities including the pathways within. In the meantime, arrangements are being made to clean the play equipment and safety surface and undertake repairs to the latter. Hopefully, you will see from this article that plans are progressing for the JPF, and you are encouraged to contact me or any other Parish Councillor should you wish to discuss these plans, support the JPF WG or perhaps have ideas that you wish the WG to consider. We look forward to hearing from you.

Cllr Dunn



Jubilee Playing field, grass cut... ready for the Summer



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