



Colwich Parish Council

INCORPORATING WOLSELEY BRIDGE, COLWICH, GREAT HAYWOOD & LITTLE HAYWOOD

NEWSLETTER

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Thank you!

Chairmans report July 2022

A Big Thank you and a Warm Welcome.

I want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to...

...The residents of our lovely community who attended the Beacon lighting on Thursday 2nd June and to those joining in the Platinum Jubilee Fete on Saturday 4th June. It was lovely to see so many of you on the Jubilee Playing Field during the afternoon, or the evening, and in for some, both! We were overwhelmed by the number of people who came and supported the event. We raised a lot of money for Charity, the final figure is not in yet but thank you to those who donated. The monies raised will go to our Parish Council nominated charity 'Little Laura' and there was also a collection for the UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees).

THANK YOU

...Our lovely stallholders. They came early and battled with the wind as their gazebos fought back. They smiled, they displayed their crafts and goods and one or two of us did some early Christmas shopping.

THANK YOU

...Our community groups. They provided a lovely reminder of the superb community spirit that we have in our villages. The charity work

that goes on, the support that they provide and the benefit that we all gain from their efforts.

THANK YOU

...To those who donated a raffle prize. All the prizes came from local business people and we appreciate your generosity. It was lovely to see the smiles on the winners faces.

THANK YOU

...Our contacts in the Food and Drink sector. They came early, they chopped onions and prepped their menus ready to feed us all. The choice was amazing, the cooking aromas wafting around the field was delightful and it was all so tasty, we were spoilt for choice.

THANK YOU

...Our Children's activities providers. The football skills were very popular as was the Archery. There were a lot of happy smiles on the faces of our young people.

THANK YOU

...Our entertainers. The quality of the music was entertaining and a delight for all. From mid-afternoon, the Haywood Choir set us off on the right track and through until 10.30pm

with the lovely Tom Vaughan who got the whole crowd up on their feet and dancing to all our favourites.

THANK YOU

...The backstage crew. The sound engineer, Adrian, who worked tirelessly all day and into the late evening to make sure that we all had a good time.

THANK YOU

...The Platinum Jubilee Fete committee. We are only a small group, but everyone worked so hard in the months leading up to June 4th especially in the last week making sure that everything was ready for the big day. It was an early start and a late finish on the Saturday followed by a litter pick and tidy up on Sunday morning so a big thank you to our Lengthsmen, Ian & Phil, our clerks, Michael, Anthony, and John who came to give us a hand for a couple of weeks, as well as the Parish Councillors who gave up so much time.

THANK YOU

I also want to give a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join the Parish Council. You have seen what we can do but with more of us, we can achieve so much more. We are a friendly bunch, a mixture of backgrounds, ages, and skills, so if you have something to give, get in contact with us.



Lighting the Beacon

LOCAL GROUPS



The Wildlife Trust



Flower & Veg Show



Cakes

FOOD

HAVING FUN



Playing with the Family

THE HAYWOODS'



FLOWER AND VEG SHOW



GHMR



Phoenix Club



Enjoying a snack



Princess Angela

Hang out the flags for more than the Jubilee this year – the Haywoods Flower and Vegetable Show is back to full strength again!

The Colwich and Little Haywood Village Hall has been booked for Sunday 11th September so we are all systems go for a full Show with some interesting new classes. The biggest development is the new trophy for those who have not entered before. If you are a new exhibitor to the Show, you are of course free to enter any and every class you like. The new entrant gaining the most points (out of all the new entrants) will be awarded The Francis Hill Cup. So why not come along and give it a whirl!

The 'Jubilee edition' schedules are being prepared and will be available very soon. As usual the schedules will then be available in local shops and will be distributed to previous entrants. You can also view and print the schedule and additional entry forms from our website at www.haywoodsflowerandvegshow.com along with all the information on how to enter, and some useful hints and tips. Please also find us on facebook at Haywoods Flower and Vegetable Show for all the latest news.

If you enjoy growing, making, baking and creating there will be a class for you, and we'd love you to join in. See you soon!

Yvette Lycett



Donna Louise Trust

Platinum Fete Pictures
PLATINUM FETE 2022



Enjoying the day



Communiity Choir

ACTIVITIES

ENTERTAINMENT



Facepainting



Archery



Matt Rose



Sounds familiar



Charity Raffle



Football & Assalt Course



Evening crowd



ST STEPHEN'S ALTAR FRONTAL

To the best of my knowledge the Altar Frontal has been in St. Stephen's Church since 1953. The material was used at the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 2nd June 1953. After the coronation, the material was sold and the then Earl of Lichfield purchased some. The Altar Frontal was made out of the material and has been used on special occasions ever since.

"St Stephen's is very honoured to have this beautiful Altar Frontal"

Claire Hunt



TWINNING IN CRISIS

In February 1983, a party of villagers, & members of Colwich Parish Council, travelled to Rimbach in the Odenwald region of Germany. A Twinning Charter, between our two villages, was signed by the Mayor of Rimbach and the Parish Council. A return journey, in October 1983, saw the Charter signed in Colwich. This was the beginning of many years of friendship, travel and fun.

Since that time, we have seen the ability to travel the world pass from being the pastime of a few to being within the grasp of the majority. The availability of air travel, at reasonable prices, and improvement in transport links have made this possible. So many of us have visited a variety of foreign destinations & enjoyed package holidays in the sun.



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SCARECROW COMPETITION

Time to call on your creative skills. Time to let your imagination run wild. Time to build you Scarecrows. Yes, it is Scarecrow Competition time.

You have plenty of time through the summer, on your own, with your family or with neighbours to stir the artistic ideas and show us your best display.

As last year we have two competitions:

Individual Households:

Can you make a more popular scarecrow than last year's winning entry from Marlborough Close?

Street:

Will Billington Avenue defend their street crown?

Entries need to be submitted by: 30th August

Judging, by residents, will be on the weekends of 3rd/4th and 10th/11th September.

Votes to be submitted by 16th September.



Winners announced at the Parish Council Meeting on 22nd September.

Voting forms will be made available on Facebook, the Council's website and in our noticeboards. Please score each entry out of 10. Yes, if you enter a scarecrow you are allowed to vote for yourself.

Twinning is different. In the process of a Twinning trip, we do, indeed, visit many beautiful and interesting places. In addition, however, we stay with families, make close friendships & experience a totally different culture at close quarters. Villagers of all ages have participated in exchange visits, hosted young people & assisted in organising Youth Camps and learnt so much from the other.

Some of those first visitors in 1983 still remain firm friends & visit those hosts who welcomed them into their homes 40 years ago. Unfortunately, these same people have also advanced in years and we now find that the Twinning Association is very much an aging Association. At its last AGM the Association wasn't able to form a committee or elect a chairman. In these circumstances it will not be possible for it to continue as a viable organisation.

Even at this late date there is a reluctance to call it a day and bid farewell to all that we have achieved. The benefits of Twinning are immense and we would dearly like to share these with anyone, especially from the younger generation, who would be interested in keeping the Association going and breathing new life into it.

The Twinning Association has given itself until the end of this year to encourage new members. If anyone feels that they have the time and energy to undertake such a task, please get in touch with the Parish Council or Councillor Annette Bloor.

