



Colwich Parish Council

INCORPORATING WOLSELEY BRIDGE, COLWICH, GREAT HAYWOOD & LITTLE HAYWOOD

NEWSLETTER

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Left We Forget

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year the Annual Civic Parish Service of Remembrance will be held at on Sunday 13th November at St Stephen's church in Great Haywood. All are welcome to join the service.

We now commemorate with poppies and services but how did it all begin?

The Peace Treaty or Armistice was signed to end World War I at 11 a.m on the 11 November 1918.

In 1920 the Cenotaph was built as a permanent memorial for all Armistice commemorations.

In 1921, the Royal British Legion began to sell poppies to raise support for ex-servicemen.

Armistice day fell on a Sunday in 1945, the year World War II ended. It was agreed to continue the commemorations to mark remembrance of both wars. Remembrance Sunday, the second Sunday of November, marks the bravery of the British and Commonwealth personnel who fought in the two World Wars and other conflicts since.

Remembrance Sunday is marked at the Cenotaph in Whitehall. The national ceremony begins at 11am with a two-minute silence followed by prayers, laying of wreaths, music and a parade.

The emblem of the poppy is used because poppies bloomed on many battlefields after World War I.

In 1952, the Festival of Remembrance was officially marked by the Royal British Legion and is held at the Albert Hall in London.

Remembrance Sunday is held in the U.K.

We celebrate world peace which was restored by the action of these soldiers who performed acts of bravery and courage which we will never forget.

Christmas lights 2022

After careful consideration, Colwich Parish Council will not be hosting a formal Christmas Lights competition this year. Whilst we all enjoy seeing houses lit up during the long dark winter months, in the current financial situation, it is only sensible not to put pressure on anyone to light up their houses any more than absolutely necessary. We will, however, be hosting an informal competition with winners announced on 12th January 2022.

We hope that in future years, we may be able to host this popular event again as part of our Charity fundraising efforts.

SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Christmas Light Switch On will be held on Saturday 26th November 2022, at the Jubilee Playing Fields in Great Haywood. The evening will begin at 6pm with the official light switch on at 7pm, and the celebrations will continue until 8pm.

The switch-on will, once again, be undertaken by one pupil from each of our three parish primary schools

There will be food stalls, a bar, live music from our school choirs, Sounds Familiar and Matt Rose as well as a performance from a local children's drama group.

Following the evening, the lights on the four trees in Colwich, the Parish Office in Little Haywood, the Jubilee Playing Field and in Great Haywood will be lit on restricted hours in order to manage electricity costs. The trees will be lit between 3:15pm – 4:15pm and then 6pm – 9pm until 18th December and then between 5pm – 9pm until twelfth night.

If you have any ideas of how our community events, including the King's coronation in 2023 and the Christmas Light Switch On, might evolve in future years, or would like to help organise future events, please do get in touch. You can email:

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Christmas Tree "Baubles"

The Parish Council will be decorating its Christmas trees during November. Taking a leaf from other parish councils, we would like to add decorations promoting the rich diversity of community groups and local small businesses we have in our villages. It doesn't have to be costly. A laminated logo would suffice and we can use it again in future years. We are even happy to print and laminate these for you, if you send it through to the Clerk. We will need either your own baubles or your logo by 13th November 2022.



GREAT HAYWOOD MEMORIAL HALL

*Celebration of Great Haywood Memorial Hall Centenary
2nd and 3rd July 2022*

100 years of service to the community is certainly something to celebrate and Great Haywood Hall did it in style with a superb exhibition put together by the Hall committee with contributions from a number of community groups and individuals, and from Anson and St John's schools.



Anson School did excellent work, interviewing people who had been at the school many years ago and comparing life in 1922 with today. Toys had particularly changed. St John's made lovely clay models of the hall and wrote about what the fun they have going to groups and events in the hall today.

Having Lord Lichfield and his family with us for the Sunday service in St Stephen's and then in the Hall afterwards made the occasion very special as the present Earl's great grandfather had given the land for the hall to the people of Great Haywood. With Viscount Anson and his brother and sister unveiling the commemorative plaque, we echoed Viscount Anson laying the foundation stone in July 1922.

The concert put on by the children from the 2 schools, with a sketch and 1920s songs, completed the celebration.

Liz Harris - GHMH Chairman

SCARECROW COMPETITION

The Annual Scarecrow Competition once again took place in September this year. However, due to the sad death of HM Queen Elizabeth II we had to suspend judging for a while. Nevertheless, we have had a record number of votes cast for the fantastic entries received. We had HM The Queen, accompanied by the erstwhile Prince of Wales and Princess Royal against Boris Johnson. In the individual category we had, amongst others, a fisherman, a gardener and an unfortunate bell ringer.

The winners were announced on Thursday 6th October by Cllr Wendy Plant, Chairman of Colwich Parish Council.

Thank you to all those who took part and congratulations to our winners. We raised a fantastic £120 for Little Laura.

We look forward to next year's event which will be take place slightly earlier in the year.



CLLR BARRIE BIRT SHIELD
Joel Benson, 5 Crompton Close 1st
1 The Ring 2nd
29 Little Tixall Lane =3rd
30 Marlborough Close =3rd
St Michael and All Angels 5th



**CLLR AMYAS STAFFORD
NORTHCOTE SHIELD**
1st Billington Avenue
2nd Top of the Hill Collective



LAMB AND FLAG ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Monday 19th September was going to be a sad day for all of us, but this was going to be worse for people who were going to have to watch this momentous occasion, the funeral of our beautiful Queen Elizabeth II, on their own.

Therefore, at the Lamb & Flag, we decided to open for anybody who wanted to join us to pay their respects, and raise some money for charity at the same time.

We asked for a donation in return for hot drinks and sausage and bacon sandwiches, managing to raise £133 for The Royal British Legion. This was the charity of choice for a pillar of the community, Ron 'Tucker' Young, who recently passed and who had served our Queen for many years.

We would like to thank everybody who donated and to Kim Young, Sally Thompson and Eileen Bennet for giving their time to help us achieve this.

Jacqui – The Lamb & Flag

IT HAS BIN TOO LONG...

As the villages continue to grow, so does the need for waste and grit bins. Miller's Croft, near the Jubilee Playing Field, finished construction over 4 years ago and has yet to be provided with any waste or grit bins. The absence of grit bins has made the winter months more hazardous, as the estate feeds directly onto Main Road. The estate roads were adopted by County Highways last year so making it eligible for grit bin installation, should residents wish to pursue it.

This is not limited to newer developments. The Parish Council would gladly pursue Staffordshire County Council Highways and Stafford Borough Council regarding the installation of new grit and waste bins. If anyone has any recommendations for areas requiring new bins (or areas requiring bin repairs or replacements) please get in touch. For example the junction of Coley Lane and Manor Farm Road might benefit from a new waste bin as the hollowed-out grit bin is frequently filled with litter
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THE HAYWOODS' FLOWER & VEG SHOW

Following our slightly stream-lined Show last year we were really pleased to bring the Haywoods Flower and Vegetable Show back to full strength this year. We had a good spread of exhibits despite a somewhat challenging growing season. Of course, the Show is about more than flowers and vegetables, and this was evident in our impressive Art and Photography and wonderful Junior Baking sections in particular, and I think we witnessed a budding master baker in the Bread section!

But the Show is also about community and celebration. We come together every year to admire and celebrate each other's achievements, whether this be in the harvest of home-grown produce, the baking of bread and cakes or the time and skill given to traditional and contemporary arts and crafts. Our hope is that in showcasing these activities we can preserve some of our heritage and knowledge and encourage new generations to carry them on.

As in previous years we were so grateful to be supported by the Great Haywood WI, Chase Young Farmers and SinCH, and new this year The Joy of Flowers, Swansmoor. We would also like to thank Colwich and the Haywoods Community Association who sponsored our table hire this year. Finally thank you to all who entered and visited the Show, and congratulations to our winners!

THE WINNERS OF OUR TROPHIES WERE:

The Clendon Vase (Flowers) –	J. Tabernor
The Sydney Rawlings Rose Bowl (Roses) –	A. Clendon
The Rosern Trophy (Best Rose in Show) –	A. Clendon
The Cys Dyble Cup (Pot Plants) –	A. Clendon
The HW Hunt Company Cup (Vegetables) –	S. Jones
The Stan Hopper Memorial Plate (Best Vegetable in Show) –	R. Stanley
The Morrall Plate (Longest Runner Bean) –	M. Sarjant
The Canalside Salver (Fruit) –	P. Broome
The Great Haywood Memorial Hall Challenge Cup (Preserves) –	P. Broome
The Great Haywood WI Trophy (Baking) –	F. Burton
The Little Haywood Ladies Club Cup (Bread) –	E. Sumner
The Davies Floral Art Challenge Cup (Flower Arranging) –	H. Clendon
The Marjorie Chiltern Trophy (Best Floral Art Exhibit) –	H. Clendon
The Burbridge Tray (Handicraft) –	M. Walford
The Jan Pugh Art Cup (Art and Photography) –	A. Moody
The Alison Mayo Junior Trophy (Children 5-7 years) -	M. Tabernor
The Bishton Hall Cup (Children 8-11 years) –	A. Keeble
The Flower and Vegetable Show Trophy (Children 12-16 years) –	K. Hurley
The Broome Junior Baking Cup (Junior Baking) –	K. Hurley
The Francis Hill Cup (most successful New Entrant) –	M. Sarjant
The Alan Fuller Perpetual Challenge Cup (2nd overall runner up) –	A. Clendon
The Peter Handy Perpetual Challenge Cup (1st overall runner up) –	T. Minton
The Earl of Lichfield Challenge Cup (Overall Winner) –	P. Broome and S. Jones

MESSAGE FROM LUTZ HIEBEL, RIMBACH

On the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, we have received the following communication from Lutz Hiebel, a founder member of the Twinning Association in Rimbach. He was anxious that his words should be shared with all the members of our community

"Dear friends in England,

Today is the end of an era. The first TV programme I ever saw was the broadcast of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth the Second in Westminster Abbey and this evening I find out that she has died.

Unfortunately, my modest knowledge of the English language means that I cannot describe the feelings which have overwhelmed me.

You have lost a great woman.

Elizabeth was a head of state the like of which any country could only wish for. I don't know the extent of her influence on politics, but cannot imagine any PM would dare to rule in opposition to her ideas.

I almost want to say that, unfortunately, the heads of state in a republic are regularly newly elected, but they don't provide continuity. The promise that Elizabeth made on her 21st birthday was a commitment that is only possible in a monarchy.

These are just a few of my unsorted thoughts that have gone through my head at the news of her death and I am sad.

Best wishes, Lutz

DEFIBRILLATORS

Defibrillators are devices that send an electric pulse or shock to the heart to restore a normal heartbeat. If the heart suddenly stops, defibrillators can help it beat again. Different types of defibrillators work in different ways. Automated external defibrillators (AEDs), which are now found in many public spaces, are used to save the lives of people experiencing cardiac arrest and can be used by untrained bystanders in an emergency.

Colwich Parish Council currently owns 2 defibrillators located at the Parish Office, St Marys Road and on the Sports and Social Club, Great Haywood. To gain access to the defibrillator in an emergency you should dial 999 and the ambulance service will provide you with the access code.

Two defibrillators have been purchased to be placed at the JPF and a site to be confirmed in Great Haywood. The Council is also open to purchasing a further two defibrillators for Little Haywood and Colwich subject to confirmation of suitable sites.

VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEME (VTS)

Nearly forty years ago, it was realised that many locals needed help getting to the doctors, hospital, or even just shopping; and so our parish Voluntary Transport Service was 'born'. The needs remain the same in 2022 and the VTS continues to serve the parish. However, it depends on a small group of Drivers and Co-ordinators. The demands are little; the satisfaction is great. So, what does it involve?"

Drivers must have a current driving licence. They choose which drives are convenient for them. A mileage allowance is given.

We currently operate with only four coordinators and would dearly love to have more people to join the team of Russell, Geraldine, Sandra and Linda. If you think you can help by volunteering, please call 07938 725066 and leave a message. Alternatively, call Linda on 01889 801962 or Geraldine on 802358, and leave a message.

Britain in Bloom

Colwich in Bloom enjoyed a successful day at the Britain in Bloom 2022 Award Presentations at Tally Ho Conference & Banqueting Centre in Birmingham at the end of September.

Pride of place goes to our Colwich and Little Haywood Group for achieving again the highest accolade in the RHS Britain in Bloom competition, the Gold Award. It was also a great day for our entrants in the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Scheme, Mill Lane; Cliff Road Community Orchard; Shugborough Terrace and Crossheads, with all of them receiving the top award of Level 5, Outstanding.



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