



Colwich Parish Council

INCORPORATING WOLSELEY BRIDGE, COLWICH, GREAT HAYWOOD & LITTLE HAYWOOD

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2019

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Christmas LIGHTS 2019

After months of planning the Christmas tree lights were turned on for the first time on Saturday 30th November. Building on the success of last year's event, organised by Jim Sarjant, we now have three trees.

We again lit the trees in Great Haywood and Little Haywood and added a new tree in Colwich, provided by John Meakin at Far Coley Farm. A big thank you to Mrs Clay at Colwich primary school for allowing us to erect the tree in the front garden of the school. We have also erected two wall mounted trees on the building at the Jubilee Playing Field. A huge thank you goes out to Jamie Latham, of JP Electrical Installations, and Sam Ranu, of Sam's Electrical Services Limited, for connecting up the lights.

This year's main event took place at the Little Haywood tree outside the Parish Office where entertainment was provided by choirs from our three primary schools commencing with St John's then Colwich and culminating with the choir from Anson school.

wall mounted trees on the building and the string lights in the trees along St Marys Road.

We were then entertained by a selection of carols from the Haywood Community Choir.

In a new venture we arranged refreshments this year which went down a treat with all four stalls reporting that they sold out. We had lovely fresh pizzas from Staffordshire Woodfired Pizzas; hot chips, wraps and chilli as well as drinks from 2Chefs; mulled wine provided by Mr Bridger's Bubbles and festive beer and gin from Vine Inn Brewery. All stalls holders have very kindly made donations towards the charity of the year: Little Laura

The Youth Council also helped out by running a tombola; wheel of fortune and lolly lottery with all funds going to the charity of the year: Little Laura.

The Council would like to say a massive thank you to Joanna McDonald who once again persuaded so many of our local businesses and individuals to so generously make contributions totalling over £1,300 towards the lights including:

Ady Beaty, Haywood Hair Studio, Astral Fire and Security Ltd, Canalside Farm, Cath Birt, Chell Aircraft, Corrosion Prevention, Great Haywood Dental Practice, Haywood Brickwork and Building, Haywood Gardening Services, Haywood Heating Services, Nicky Snazell Clinic, Rooted Ltd, Sam's Electrical Services Ltd, Shimla Palace, Victoria Sweeps, The Village Retreat

Last but not most definitely not least, the Council would like to say a THANK YOU to each and every person who came out to support the switch on event. Together we raised over £280 for Little Laura. This will be added to the monies raised by the Youth Council's Arts Festival in April, the Music Showcase and Festival in July and the Youth



Council's Fete as part of the Flower and Vegetable show in September bringing the total to a fantastic £940 in 2019.

By the time you receive this Newsletter judging for our inaugural Christmas Lights competition will be in full swing to determine the best-dressed house and best-dressed business premises. Again, the entry donation of £5 per house and £10 per business has been added to the Little Laura monies. The final 2019 total is being calculated and we will announce the amount in the Spring 2020 Newsletter when we hand over the cheque to Lisa Thomas as well as announce the winners of the competition.

Finally, all that remains is for us to wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

NEW ARRIVALS

The Parish Council would like to announce the recent arrivals for: Parish Councillor Ben Walters and his partner;

Parish Councillor Neil Whitfield and his wife who have each welcomed a baby daughter; and Borough Councillor Alex Brown and his partner on the birth of their baby son.

Many congratulations and we welcome the babies to the Haywoods.



The winners of our school poster competition, Didee from St John's; Abigail from Colwich and Katelyn from Anson, did a wonderful job of pushing down the plunger to turn on the tree lights as well as the new

SCHOOL Christmas POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS...

Katelyn from Anson



Didee from St. John's



Abigail from Colwich

Quotes about the Christmas switch-on...

Lucy L: We had a lovely time (smiley face) thank you for everyone's hard work

Mr Bridger's Bubbles and Staffordshire Woodfired Pizza: We had a fantastic time, the organisers and spectators were all amazingly friendly and made it a lovely event to work at! Thank you to you all for having us!

Linda F: From an onlooker. It was a lovely evening with a real community feel about it. The lights were / still are pretty and it

was great to have participation from the stallholders who served beer and hot dogs etc. Many thanks to all the people who worked hard to make it a very special event.

Denise H: Thanks to all those involved in organising a great community evening. The choirs were all fab. Delicious food and drink too.

Sandra B: Thank you to all those involved in organising. Lovely to see the village come together x

PLASTIC FREE COLWICH & THE HAYWOODS

Invite all in the community to start the New Year with an Eco perspective at Green Drinks on Tuesday 7th January at 7:30pm - 9.00 pm in the Sports & Social Club. Contribute your pledges for 2020 towards a more sustainable community.

Explore our connection in Nature through the life and work of Scottish born naturalist John Muir who was known as 'Father of the National Parks' - presented by Roger Oldfield, a local passionate environmental advocate.

Green Drinks meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month.

Plastic Free Social coffee + chat on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Lamb & Flag 11.00 am - 12:30 pm

Enquiries - plasticfree@colwichparishcouncil.gov.uk

Sally Collins: 07711 649175

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Facebook - Plastic Free Colwich

VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEME

We are a small group of drivers and co-ordinators desperately in need of additional volunteer drivers and co-ordinators to help meet the needs of our 68 clients. If our numbers deplete further then we may not be able provide drivers and the scheme may have to close.

Our clients are very grateful for the service we offer as it is difficult for those without their own transport to manage appointments. We take people without their own transport to hospitals as far apart as Stoke; Stafford; Cannock; Wolverhampton and Burton, as well as to the GP; opticians; chiropodists; shopping; hairdressers etc.

Unfortunately, not everyone has a good neighbour; friend or family member to help them get to these far away hospitals. And, we all know that buses and trains are not the easiest mode of transport in our village.

We are therefore appealing to YOU, yes YOU and asking if you would deeply and seriously consider how you can make a difference to the Voluntary Transport Scheme.

Drivers

You don't need any qualifications other than a current driving licence.

You can choose which drives are convenient for you.

A mileage allowance is given

Co-ordinators

Take telephone calls from their own home, on a dedicated mobile phone number, a week at a time. You will be asked to listen to the recorded messages and liaise with the drivers.

Now that you have read about us, please consider becoming a driver or a co-ordinator. By joining us you will feel a great satisfaction knowing you are helping others.

VTS number: 07938 725066 • Linda, Secretary 801962

PRIVATE GARDEN COMPETITION

Every year, Colwich Parish in Bloom runs a competition for residents to show off their horticultural skills. With the long winter nights, now is the perfect time to plan an entry for next year. The criteria used by the judges are broken down into 9 criteria, as follows:

General garden design – broadly, the overall impression of the garden! This includes structures, furniture, paths, and covers how all the elements of your garden work together.

Range of plants, plant condition and maintenance – how varied is your garden, and is it a 'year-round' garden? The judges are looking for balance between trees, shrubs and types of plants – perennials, annuals, etc.

Colour and form – whether your garden is a riot of colour or carefully planted with a one or two colours only, the judges are looking for an impressive show.

Use of space – a garden isn't just for plants – whether you use your outdoor spaces for relaxation, socialising or a space for children to play, points are available for how you use the available space.

Vegetables / range grown – whether it's strawberries in pots or a full-scale vegetable patch in your garden, the judges will award points for productive use of space.

Wildlife support – gardens are a great way to support local biodiversity – from birds, to hedgehogs to insects, the more the garden supports wildlife the more points will be awarded.

Conservation awareness – reclaimed materials, recycled planters... the judges will be looking for re-use and recycling in the garden and awarding points accordingly!

Composting and recycling – this follows on from conservation awareness; does the garden have composting facilities? Do you have any clever uses to keep things out of landfill?

Container gardening – perhaps you don't have much space for flower beds, but good use of pots and containers can be extremely attractive – points are available for not just variety but the health of the plants as well.

The judges can also award points for the overall impression from all the elements above; next year, judging will be separated for small and large gardens, so even if you have a smaller space you still have a good chance! Entry forms will be available in the spring, with judging in the summer, and we look forward to seeing your entries.

Cllr Neil Whitfield



CLLR ELLIE UPTON-LOACH

I've lived in Little Haywood since 2003. I am a leader at 1st Colwich Rainbows and I was a founding member of the Parish

Youth Council. I thoroughly enjoy being able to contribute to the local community and hope to continue to do so through being a member of the Parish Council.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Full Council:

6th February, 5th March & 2nd April 2020

Youth Council:

15th January, 12th February and 11th March 2020

Skip Visit:

18th January & 17th March 2020

Youth Council Arts Festival:

5th April 2020

Colwich and Haywoods Twinning Association

Future Fund Raising events

Following the very successful visit during the summer of our Rimbach twinning partners, we are now planning fund raising events to support our visit to Germany in October 2020. These are, briefly, as follows:

New Year Dinner

10th January, 2020, 7:00 for 7:30pm, to be held in the Great Haywood Memorial Hall.

Pie & Pea Supper with fun and laughter

22 February, 2020, Great Haywood Memorial Hall.

Skittles Evening with Fish Supper

25 April, 2020, Colwich & Little Haywood Village Hall.

Annual General Meeting

18 May, 2020. Great Haywood Sports & Social Club.

Afternoon Tea

with scrumptious cake

28 June, 2020, at Great Haywood Memorial Hall.

Ukulele Evening

September, 2020, Date & Details to be advised.

Visit to Rimbach

24/31 October, 2020. Visit to Rimbach, by coach, with overnight stops in Leuven (outward), and Bruges (return). German programme to be agreed.

We will also be holding another Sunday "Bacon & Butty" morning, date to be advised.

Anyone interested in any of the above events, or membership of the Association, can contact me on 881690, for further details.

Keith Butler



COLWICH PARISH IN BLOOM

Angela Hardwick was bursting with pride when the Colwich and Little Haywood group of Colwich Parish in Bloom were awarded a GOLD in the Royal Horticultural Society's Large Village section. The Presentation was made by Daren Share, Chairman of Britain In Bloom Judges on the 5th September at the Dunchurch Park Hotel, near Rugby.

Angela was also presented with two Gold medallions at the Colwich Parish in Bloom Thank You and Presentation Evening on the 27th September when everyone was invited to raise a glass (or coffee cup) to the In Bloomers! One of these medallions can be seen in the noticeboard next to the Parish Office.

Congratulations to Angela and all those who helped her to achieve this wonderful result.

**Alan Doehren
Colwich Parish in Bloom**

HEDGES

In the last Newsletter, we highlighted that the County Highways has the power under the Highways Act 1980: Section 154, to serve a formal notice, requiring occupiers to cut back trees and hedges which overgrow the highway (includes roads and pavements). Highways may, if their letter is ignored, arrange for the work to be carried out and for any associated costs, including administration and supervision, to be charged to the occupier.

The Parish Council is pleased that many households have heeded this message and have cut back their vegetation. Unfortunately, a large number have chosen not to respond and so these will now be reported to County Highways. As mentioned before, the safety of road users and pedestrians, on our already narrow pavements, is paramount.

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Two councillor vacancies

COLWICH AND LITTLE HAYWOOD WARD

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RECYCLING IN THE HAYWOODS

We are in an age when recycling is not an absent-minded act of putting an unwanted item in the bin.

We are urged to re-use, reduce or recycle. The Parish Council would encourage everyone to do their bit in any way.

The Mothers Union will recycle used ink cartridges, old jewellery, stamps and mobile phones. If you have any of these in your house or office, please contact Claire Hunt at 3 Haywood Heights, Little Haywood or ring her on 881409.

The Mothers Union are also collecting toiletries for those who have suffered abuse and are supported by the Pathway Project. There is a box in St Stephens Church if you wish to make a donation, any help is greatly appreciated.

The National Trust at Shugborough has opened a second-hand bookshop and will gladly accept donations of any books.

It has been agreed that the recycling bins at the JPF were not a beneficial asset to the villages, so they have been removed.

The nearest recycling centres are at:

- **Rugeley Recycling Centre Station Rd, Rugeley. The Centre is open Friday – Tuesday 9am - 5pm.**
- **Stafford Recycling Centre St Albans Road Stafford. The Centre is open 7 days a week, 9am – 5pm.**
- **Cannock Recycling Centre Lichfield Rd, Norton Canes, Cannock. The Centre is open 7 days a week, 9am – 5pm.**

Please ring 0300 111 8000 for enquiries

A limited recycling centre is also located at Tesco, Rugeley.

REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE

The Council has two vacancies in the Great Haywood ward and one vacancy in the Little Haywood ward. If you would like to consider being co-opted onto the Council to fill one of these vacancies then please contact the Clerk who will forward an application form.

Councillors are ordinary residents from the community who give up their time to strive to keep our parish a great place to live. You will be expected to undertake training, in various aspects of the position, which will be paid for by the Council. You should be comfortable working electronically and a Council email account will be opened for you. You must have a can-do positive attitude and enjoy working as part of a team.

You will be supported in your role by two qualified clerks.

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Clerk:

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