



Colwich Parish Council

INCORPORATING WOLSELEY BRIDGE, COLWICH, GREAT HAYWOOD & LITTLE HAYWOOD

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2023 No. 114

FLOWER & VEG SHOW 2023

2023 will go down as one of the busiest and most colourful Shows we've had! The number of entries was up, the number of people entering for the first time was way up, and the Children's Section was so big we had to put up another table!

The Committee would like to say a big thank you to everyone who entered, visited, and supported the Show. We hope you all enjoyed the day, picked up some ideas for next year or even got fired up to go for a trophy in 2024. If you would like to join the team, or have any ideas for future Shows please let us know via email at haywoodsflowerandvegshow@outlook.com

THE WINNERS:

- Earl of Lichfield Challenge Cup** (Overall Winner) – J. Tabernor
- Peter Handy Perpetual Challenge Cup** (First overall runner up) – S. Jones
- Alan Fuller Perpetual Challenge Cup** (Second overall runner up) – J. Cross
- Francis Hill Cup** (most successful New Entrant) – J. Beveridge
- Clendon Vase** (Flowers) – J. Tabernor
- Sydney Rawlings Rose Bowl** (Roses) – S. Morrall
- Rosern Trophy** (Best Rose in Show) – J. Cross
- Cys Dyble Cup** (Pot Plants) – J. Fletcher

HW Hunt Company Cup (Vegetables) – S. Jones

Stan Hopper Memorial Plate (Best Vegetable in Show) – R. Stanley (for whopping onions!)

MORRALL PLATE (Longest Runner Bean) – S. Morrall

Canalside Salver (Fruit) – E. Owen

Great Haywood Memorial Hall Challenge Cup (Preserves) – J. Tabernor

Great Haywood WI Trophy (Baking) – J. Minton

Little Haywood Ladies Club Cup (Bread) – A. Hurley

Davies Floral Art Challenge Cup (Flower Arranging) – J. Pearce

Marjorie Chiltern Trophy (Best Floral Art Exhibit) – A. Clendon

Burbridge Tray (Handicraft) – M. Walford

Jan Pugh Art Cup (Art and Photography) – L. Hurley

Alison Mayo Junior Trophy (Children 5-7 years) - H. Tabernor

Bishton Hall Cup (Children 8-11 years) – M. Tabernor

Flower and Vegetable Show Trophy (Children 12-16 years) – K. Hurley

Broome Junior Baking Cup (Junior Baking) – J. Nevin

Well done to all! See you in 2024!



SCARECROW COMPETITION

The Council was delighted to receive so many wonderful entries in this year's competition. We were also pleased to have received a record number of votes for the scarecrows. Cllr Wendy Plant (Chairman of the Council) announced the winners at the Full Council meeting held on 6th September 2023.

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Cllr Amyas Stafford Northcote Trophy (street display) went to The Residents of Billington Avenue.



Ivy & Harry receiving the shield



Cllr Barrie Birt Trophy (Individual) was won by Mrs Mary Roe, 27 Marlborough Close for her Ruby Wedding Anniversary couple.



2nd Place Joel

Second place went to last year's winner Joel with third place going to Ava, Paul and family.



3rd Place Ava, Paul and family

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

Members of the Katharine House Hospice Colwich & Haywoods Support Group are a hard-working group of volunteers dedicated to providing financial help to the Stafford-based Hospice. We are immensely proud to have generated funds of more than £70,000 since our Group was formed in 1999.

Our main source of income is the July Open Gardens Day which this year raised an incredible £3,100. Additionally, we received a cheque for over £600 from the Colwich Allotments Association following their very successful Open Day.

This year there were lots of gardens to enjoy – including several new ones – as well as the Colwich Rail Crash Memorial Garden on Crossheads Lane, the Allotments in Coley Lane, and the Queen's Sapphire Jubilee Community Orchard on Cliff Road. Both St Stephen's Church in Great Haywood, and St Michael and All Angels Church in Colwich opened to support us.

We also hold several other fund-raising events each year (which usually involve food!). In May we were entertained by the fabulous Lola Lamour with an Evening of Nostalgia and Vintage Music from the 1940s to the 1960s, and in November we have something completely different – an Evening of 50s Classic Rock 'N' Roll with "Ignition" Rockabilly Band (sold out).

Our Group members also support other local events, particularly helping with the water stations for the Stafford 10K and Half Marathon organised by Freedom Leisure.

We very much appreciate the help we receive from everyone, including other organisations and businesses in the villages. With their support and generosity, and that of our community, we will be able to ensure that hospice care continues to be available in mid-Staffordshire in the future. Everything we raise goes to help Katharine House support patients and their families, and continue to provide care for people with advanced life limiting conditions.

In December we will be making a presentation to Richard Soulsby, CEO of Katharine House Hospice, of the monies you have enabled us to raise in 2023 – thank you all for your continued support.



The garden was created as a Memorial to British Rail Driver Eric Goode, who lost his life in the Colwich Railway Crash on 19th September 1986. The garden was established by local railwayman, Alf Taylor, who organised for the erection of a Memorial Plinth. Either side of the plinth were erected scale replica nameplates of loco 86211 'City of Milton Keynes', which was the loco Driver Goode was at the controls of at the time of the accident.

Alf maintained the garden until his own death in 1997 after which, the garden became overgrown, only receiving occasional maintenance from Railtrack then Network Rail. Around 2005, new palisade fencing was realigned around the Garden providing access from Crossheads. Volunteers cleared and redesigned the Garden, planting snowdrops, daffodils and 'Remember Me' roses.

Alf's widow Edna regularly visited the garden, and a bench was bought for her on which to sit and remember Alf. In readiness for Edna's 95th Birthday in 2020, volunteers ensured that the garden was at its best. Edna managed to visit the Garden on her birthday.

Sadly, Edna passed away earlier this year, and one of her wishes was for her ashes to



be scattered so that she could join Alf in the Garden. In the company of relatives, friends, and members of Driver Goode's family, the Railway Chaplain came and officiated at a short service on a hot Sunday in April.

Regular maintenance includes replanting, weeding, and pruning as well as watering. However, a lot of additional work has gone on



in recent months. New signage giving a range of up-to-date information about the Garden has been installed on the fence. The wooden edging to the path has been replaced with long life plastic edging, and the replica locomotive nameplates have had several years of paint removed and been repainted. An additional memorial plaque to Edna has also been erected.

Volunteers are down at the garden at some point most days and we always appreciate having a chat to folk passing by, either villagers with memories themselves of the train crash, visitors, or folk newer to the area. If you haven't visited the Memorial Garden for a while, then please do pay us a visit.

Christmas lights SWITCH-ON EVENT

This year's event will take place on Saturday 25th November at the JPF. The evening will commence at 4pm with the tree lit at 7pm. There will be entertainment, including our three school choirs, as well as food and drink trucks.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As you read this, the evenings will be drawing in and summer holidays will be a distant memory.

Our community has many thriving groups of different types, voluntary groups, social groups and those covering many different hobbies and interests. If you are part of a group which has not featured in the Parish Newsletter, please let us know. This newsletter is delivered through every letterbox in the parish, which is around 2000, so it reaches a lot of people. Anyone looking for new member or just to tell us what you are doing, tell us.

If you have recently moved into the village or have changed your lifestyle, and you are looking for a new interest for the Autumn, look at the website, the noticeboards and watch out on social media. We try to cover as many ways of connecting with you, as we can.

DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

Sunday 12th November 2023

St John' church for the Annual Civic Remembrance service.

All are welcome. If you are not a regular church goer, please feel welcome to join us for this special event.

Thursday 6th June 2024

National Commemoration of D-Day. Beacon Lighting on the JPF.

Saturday 8th June 2024

Village Fete to mark the anniversary of D-Day.

Our village fete is now a popular event and plans are underway. If you would like a stall at our fete, please contact me.

To help you keep warm this winter, the Parish Office meeting room will again be open between 10am and 3pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday up until the end of March, as part of the Warm Spaces initiative.

YOUTH COUNCIL

The Council established a Young Person's Committee in 2015 to consider how it might better engage with the young people of the parish. This led, in 2016, to the launch of The Colwich Youth Council. The Youth Council decided that membership should be open to anyone in school groups Year 6 (age 10/11) to Year 13 (age 17/18) living within the parish boundary. The Youth Council agreed its own terms of Constitution and Standing Orders (available on the Council website) and negotiated a budget from the Full Council.

Unfortunately, with the Covid lockdowns, the Youth Council was suspended, along with much of the main Council's activities. The Council is eager to reinvigorate the Youth Council and would invite any interested young person from Year 6 to Year 13 to join the Youth Council at its meeting of 27th November 2023.

Cllr Ellie Upton-Loach, one of the founder members of the Youth Council and a member of the Full Council since June 2019, will be the link Councillor between the Youth Council and the Full Council. Her contact details are on the council's website.

ITS YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD IN BLOOM 2023



Friends of Crossheads - Level 4 (Thriving)

Friends of Shugborough Terrace - Level 4

Friends of Mill Lane - Level 5 (Outstanding)

The Queen's Sapphire Jubilee Community Orchard -Level 5.

Level 5 is the highest level in the Heart of England In Bloom award.

A huge thank you and massive congratulations to everyone who helped.

Peter Rothwell-Jackson

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St. Michael & All Angels' Church, Colwich extends an invitation to their Christmas Tree Festival to be held on—**Saturday 25th November (11am. to 6pm) and Sunday 26th November (11am. to 5pm).**

Admission by Programme (£2) available at the door, or in advance.
Refreshments (inc. cakes) in the side aisle.

Tel. 01889 882710

HEART OF ENGLAND IN BLOOM 2023



The Heart of England Awards go across seven regions: West Midlands; Worcestershire; Staffordshire; Gloucestershire; Warwickshire; Shropshire and Herefordshire.

I am incredibly pleased to announce that Great Haywood, Colwich Parish in Bloom not only achieved the Gold status award for 2023 but was also awarded the large village Category WINNER. We are the best in seven counties!



CLLR CHRISTINE HILL- I

have lived in the Parish since I was a child and have been involved in village life and community activities for many years. As well as being involved in farming, I had a secretarial career until I retired, and am a keen member of several village organisations. I believe that the breadth of local knowledge I have gained from the length of time I have lived in the Haywoods will be of benefit in my role as a Parish Councillor and enable me to make a valuable contribution.



CLLR BEVERLY FORSTER- I

was born and bred in Stafford and for the last 30 years have lived in Great Haywood. Until I retired, I was a partner in a local firm of Solicitors. I now volunteer for the National Trust and do some consultancy work for Hansons Auctioneers at Bishton Hall.



I am passionate about the area in which I live and have the added privilege of inhabiting, with my husband Mark, one of the oldest properties in the village. I look forward to continuing to ensure that Colwich and the Haywoods remain the beautiful places they are.

CLLR MARK FORSTER- A native of Stoke-on-Trent, I moved, with my wife Beverly, from Hixon to our present address in Great Haywood in 1993.

I have worked in the legal profession for the last forty years, firstly as a partner in a Stafford and Potteries based legal practice and then as a civil service solicitor.



Having been brought, by my parents, to visit the canals at Great Haywood, as a child, it had always been my wish to live in our beautiful and historic villages. Though I joined the Haywood Society when we moved, work precluded me from further contributing to the community in which I am privileged to live.

Having retired I am now able to devote myself to serving our local community, helping to not only preserve what we have but hopefully to improve the facilities available to us all."

TWINNING

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter between Colwich and Rimbach in the Odenwald region of Germany. The Charter was first signed in Germany at Easter 1983 and then signed in England at Shugborough Hall in October 1983 by the Mayor of Rimbach, Herr Eric Nauth and the then Chairman of Colwich Parish Council, Mrs Monica Moreton. Over the years since then there have been annual visits between the two communities, taking it in turns to visit each other, and also Youth camps & school exchanges. In recent years numbers have dwindled on both sides as members became older & less able to travel and as enthusiasm for Twinning has declined. Nevertheless, many long-standing friendships have been made & even one marriage has ensued from those visits & exchanges.

As the 40th Anniversary approached, our friends in Germany expressed a strong wish to come to Colwich to celebrate the event and consequently a group of 17 visitors will arrive here on 24th October for a 5 day stay. The event will not be as grand as 40 years ago, but our visitors will be well entertained by visiting the Dorothy Clive Gardens & Trentham Gardens and also a day out to Carsington Water and Cromford Mill. To mark the 40th Anniversary, a tree will be planted on the field in Coley Lane that has been purchased by the Parish Council to be a Memorial Garden. At the same event Councillor Christine Hill (a committed Twinner who was present at the original Charter singing) will plant another tree in memory of her late husband, Francis who farmed the Coley Lane field. The grand finale of the visit will be a celebratory dinner held in the Memorial Hall where the food will be provided by 'Let's Cook Ukraine' which emphasizes the international nature of the spirit of Twinning.

For the majority of the present Twinning members, the marking of 40 years of our link with Rimbach will be very much the end of an era. As there are no longer sufficient members to form a working Committee the Twinning Association will be handed over to the Parish Council to caretake until such a time as another generation of Twinners can come forward to form a new Committee. We already have a small group of younger Twinners with a will to take Twinning forward. It is the ardent hope of the retiring group that in the course of time sufficient numbers of a younger generation will be able to revive the Association with new vigour and a new vision.

'CONTACT' MAGAZINE

'Contact', the monthly magazine covering Colwich, Little Haywood and Great Haywood, is looking for volunteers to help produce and manage the magazine.

If you are interested in finding out about any of the roles and becoming part of the magazine, please email contactmagazinecolwich@gmail.com, and we will get back to you

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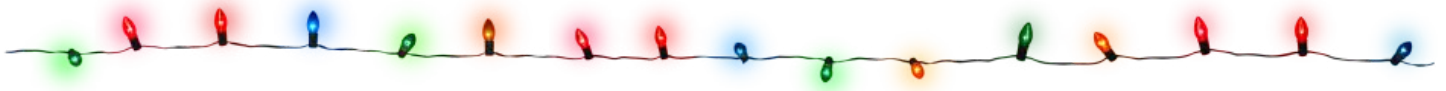
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christmas lights competition

Saturday, 9th December 2023
to Sunday, 24th December 2023

Individual / Street* Entry Form

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Address:

Postcode:

Contact Number:

Email:

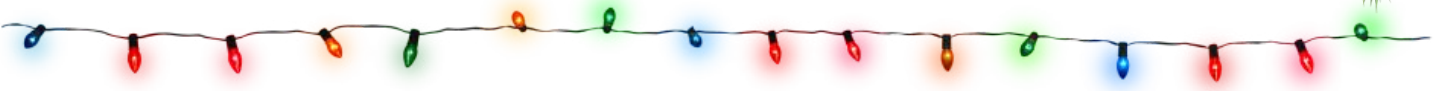
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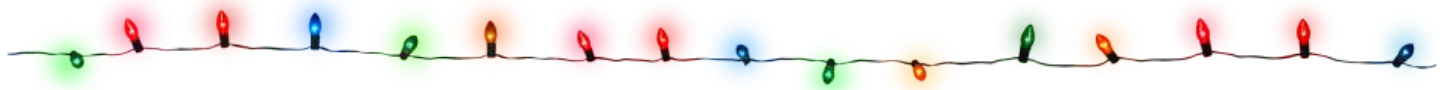
**Please submit your completed entry form
by Friday 1st December 2023**

By signing this entry form, I agree to allow Colwich Parish Council to photograph my Christmas lights display and the presentation of any awards which may be used on the Council website, social media pages and for future advertising, including in the Council's quarterly newsletter. I/We enclose a donation

(suggestion of £5.00 per household).

* Delete as appropriate





Terms and Conditions of Entry To Colwich Christmas Lights Competition 2023



This competition is open to any household and/or street within the civil Parish of Colwich.



To register please complete and return your entry form, along with the appropriate entry donation, to Colwich Parish Council, Parish Centre, St Marys Road, Little Haywood ST18 OTX by Friday 1st December 2023.



The non-refundable entry donation will be £5 .00 for a household and a suitable amount per street, taking into account the number of households participating. Participating households, for street entries, should be indicated in the space below.



All entry monies will be donated to the Council's charity of the year.

Judging, by residents, will be between Saturday 9th December to Sunday 24th December 2023.



Winners will be announced during the Council's meeting to be held on 11th January 2024.

All illuminations should be turned off by 11:00pm.



The winning trophies in the two categories will be made out to the name as on the entry form.

Entrants are reminded that it is their responsibility to comply with all safety matters and regulations relating to electrical fittings. The Council accepts no liability. If in any doubt, please contact a registered electrician.



All entries must be visible from the Highway. Residents will be asked not to enter the curtilage of properties.

Displays may be a combination of lights and decorations, with the proviso that these will need to be visible at night.



The security of displays remains the responsibility of entrants. The Council accepts no liability. Colwich Parish Council accepts no liability or responsibility for any damage, injury or theft which may occur because of entry to this Christmas Lights competition.

Colwich Parish Council accepts no liability or responsibility for any actions, incidents or injuries that occur at or near the property relating to entry in this Christmas Lights competition.



By entering the Christmas Lights competition entrants are giving Colwich Parish Council express permission to publicise their name, address, and photographs in association with the event in any reasonable manner it sees fit.

The Council's decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.



Properties within (enter name of street)
included in this entry are numbers



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