



Wolvey Parish Council Newsletter

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New Chairman for Wolvey Parish Council

At its Annual Meeting in May the Parish Council must elect its chairman for the coming year.

After three years in the chair, Councillor Hawkins decided not to stand again for election as chairman this time. Subsequently, the Council elected Councillor Bozena Kuncewicz to stand as Chairman and Councillor Ruth Buswell was elected to be Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

The Council would like to thank Cllr Hawkins very much for all his efforts as chair during the last three years, presiding over many changes and often in difficult circumstances.

He is remaining as a member of the council.

Open Weekend at Wolvey Wetland Reserve Saturday 6th June & Sunday 7th June 10am - 3pm

As part of the BBC Springwatch 'Do One Thing for Nature' campaign, we are holding an Open Weekend at the Wolvey Wetland Reserve.

We would like all residents to come along and have fun.



There will be something for every member of the family to enjoy. You can help the Environment Group record species in residence there, spot different types of wild flowers, reeds and trees and net insects. Children can colour and complete puzzles on their activity table and prizes and stickers will be awarded for the best efforts.



You will also be able to see how to make birdfeeders and bird boxes, get involved in building log piles and discover why they are so important to wild life.



Guided tours will inform visitors of the history and significance of the wetland whereas displays and leaflets will explain how the boardwalk was built and how the numerous challenges were met.

Do come along and see some of the work that the Environment Group does, we will look forward to meeting you.



Addressing the Travellers Issue

As part of the Government's Core Strategy Options Paper, Rugby Borough Council has identified Wolvey as being one of the locations in the borough which fulfills the criteria for the location of a Gypsy and Travellers site.

At present this is only a proposal, no specific site has been mentioned and no further information is available.

Following discussion the Parish Council unanimously resolved to compile supporting evidence and ask Rugby Council to reconsider this proposal.

A working group of Parish Councillors, acting in conjunction with our Borough and County Councillors has been formed to draw up a carefully considered response to the proposal which will also take into account of the views of the community.

Walking in Warwickshire

More than 90 Warwickshire walks to download and print FREE!

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It's good for your heart, it's good for your lungs, it's good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking – it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Studies show that walking can:

- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce high cholesterol
- Reduce body fat
- Enhance mental well being



Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children.

It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that were going on in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for – he had better create it! So www.walkinginwarwickshire.co.uk came into being.

www.walkinginwarwickshire.co.uk gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County.

Details of more than 90 walks to download and print free, details of all the Warwickshire walking groups, maps and walk books – plus loads more information. So check out the website and get walking!

Wolvey Police Safer Neighbourhoods

Mobile Police Station Visits

Location: The Square, Wolvey.

Time: 1.45pm to 3.30pm

Tuesday 9th June 2009

Tuesday 30th June 2009

Tuesday 21st July 2009



Police Surgeries

Location: Safer Neighbourhoods Office, The Village Hall, The Square, Wolvey.

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Tuesday 23rd June 2009

Tuesday 14th July 2009

Tuesday 4th August 2009

Tuesday 25th August 2009

Please check notice boards for additional dates and times.

Wolvey Neighbourhood Watch

The most recent meeting on Thursday May 21st was a great success and was very well attended.

We now have over 15 people registered within the village as



with SmartWater.

If you would like to find out more about this growing community group and help to prevent crime in our village please come along to the next meeting which will be held in the Millennium Building on Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm.

If you would like to find out more or have any questions about Neighbourhood Watch then please call:

Jon Wiggins on 221212.



Rugby Rural Link Minibus Scheme



A new minibus scheme to help elderly and disabled rural residents access Rugby town centre started at the beginning of May Called Rugby Rural Link. The service is being operated by Warwickshire CAVA volunteer centre, subsidised by Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council. The community minibus scheme is intended for residents with transport difficulties, to provide a weekly service to and from shopping areas mainly in Rugby. The service for Wolvey will operate on Mondays.

To use the service, residents must contact Warwickshire CAVA volunteer centre to register and a form will be sent to them. Once they are registered, residents will be able to pre-book the service, up to the day beforehand. The borough has been split into five separate zones, and the service will operate in a zone on a particular weekday. The disabled-friendly service, which also has a tail-lift for wheelchair users will collect residents from 9.30am and bring them into Rugby or a nearby supermarket, for up to two hours. They will then be taken back and dropped off before 2.30pm.

Payment will be by vouchers, which are obtained from Warwickshire CAVA volunteer centre, in packs of 10, costing £10 a pack. Each journey 'costs' one voucher for people with concessionary bus passes - so a return journey would cost two vouchers. Warwickshire CAVA Volunteer centre is based at 60 Regent Street, Rugby, CV21 2PS.

For further information call Rugby Borough Council Press Office on (01788) 533509 or e-mail Sian.Powell@rugby.gov.uk

To Save Lives More Responders needed

We already have 5 residents that have come forward but we still need more if we are going to get this up and running. This can be anyone who is reasonably fit and healthy and between 18 and 70 years of age and training is provided.

If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project please contact the Parish Clerk.



Summer Festival

Plans are well underway for our Summer Festival. Most of our local groups and organisations are taking part and it promises to be a fun filled celebration of our community and the activities that go on within it.

The festival will take place on Saturday 20th June. It will begin with the official opening of the Wetland boardwalk and then everyone can have a wander around Wolvey where a number of activities will be going on for all members of the family to enjoy.

The WI will be serving tea and cakes in the Village Hall surrounded by displays put on by the over 60's. The Brownies have an activities corner and children can have their faces painted. In the Village Square there will be a merry-go-round and candy floss. The Baptist Chapel is hosting displays of the Environment and History groups and you can pick up hot dogs and

burgers to munch on as you wander to the next venue.

A cricket match is on at the Playing Fields, a bouncy castle and activities put on by the Scouts. There will be stalls at Wolvey School and you can have a go at bowling in the Bowling Club and enjoy a craft display.

On the same week end from Friday to Sunday, the Church is holding a Flower Festival. There will be no doubt an amazing display of flowers to delight us and refreshments and displays in the Millenium Building and in the Church grounds.

As it gets closer to the event, programmes of times and venues of all the events will be delivered to you.

If there is any other organisation that would still like to be involved please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Environment Group

It has been another busy period for the Enviroment Group, this time we have been involved in designing new signage for the reserve, getting it printed, making two new notice boards to house information, and producing frames for varying subject matters to be displayed around the wetland, all in beautiful hardwood. The boards are now placed at both entrances to the reserve and look fabulous!!

We have also researched and ordered some wicker sculptures for the wetland, look out for them on your travels, there will be a surprise in store.

Planning has been in progress for the 'BBC do one thing for nature' week-end, on June 6th and 7th and all the informtion is on the front page of this newsletter.

More snowdrops have been planted on Temple Hill, to add to the superb display of last spring and more shrubs have been added to the village square flower beds.

The four village gateway planters are filled and ready to be returned to the boxes when the weather allows, mostly filled with home grown bedding, this has been a huge task!

The group have purchased a large three tier planter, with prize money won last year, to enhance the square and provide a focal point, and to complement the hanging baskets.

More Sunday walks are planned, the times and dates will be displayed in the notice board, do come along.

The next EWP meeting will be on June 8th at 7.30 pm in the Millenium Building, we would be pleased to see you there.

Wolvey Litter Pick

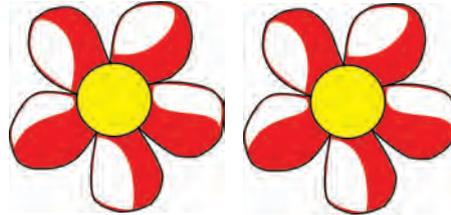
On Saturday 4th April a small but determined group of volunteers carried out a litter pick in and around the village. The group met at the Blue Pig where we were greeted with refreshments, courtesy of Isabel and Andy.

A number of cubs from the newly formed Wolvey Scouts group joined in and set off in two groups around the village. The adults paired up and collected litter from all the main roads leading to Wolvey. Fortunately, the weather was good and a lot of litter was collected, including more than 50 tyres!

Thanks to all who took part, and to the Blue Pig for all their help. It was a very successful day and made a big difference to the appearance of the roads around our village (even if only for a short time).



Rubbish collected by the volunteers waiting to be taken away by RBC.



Warwickshire's Best Village competitions and Rugby in Bloom

Wolvey is once again entering the Calor Village of the Year, Warwickshire Best Village and the Rugby in Bloom competitions.

The best village competitions are designed to celebrate the involvement of local people in their community as well as to judge the management of the environment.

Judging for the best kept village section will take place during June and for Rugby in Bloom during July.

We did extremely well in last year's competitions and were judged second best village in Warwickshire. Let's see if we can go one better this year!

Please, keep gardens and footpaths clean and tidy, pick up litter, plant flowers, baskets etc.

A very big thank you to all the residents and organisations who have given donations towards our hanging baskets and planters. We would also like to thank the Baptist Chapel for finding us space to store and plug in our new water bowser, which was purchased to make it easier for our volunteers to water the displays.

Clerk's Corner - Margaret Cartwright reports

Wolvey Parish Council continues to be very busy. This means that life as the parish clerk is also busy, varied and interesting. Whenever I begin to think that things might ease up a bit there is always something else that crops up to fill my time!

As usual, the end of the financial year involved the completion of the accounts and taking them for internal audit. Fortunately, everything went smoothly so the next step is the statutory procedures for the external audit.

This is also the time of year for the two annual meetings. The annual meeting of the parish council is held in May, at which the chairman of the parish council is elected for the coming year. There is also the Annual Parish Meeting which, was held on April 29th. Although this is not a parish council meeting, it is called by the council chairman and it is the clerk's job to organise and minute it.

As part of the application to become a Quality Parish Council the council agreed to arrange more training for councillors. As a result, all the councillors have recently attended three very informative training sessions in Wolvey. It should be remembered that all members of the council give their time freely and voluntarily to try to improve and enhance life for all the people of Wolvey (no expenses claims here!) Of course, there are things that the council does not have the power to change, which councillors find very frustrating. Also, parish council decisions are made for the benefit of the community as a whole. Unfortunately, this means that sometimes these decisions are

not universally popular. But, the council do work hard to keep informed and up to date with current legislation and to address local issues as best they can. The parish council has recently obtained funding from Warwickshire County Council to replace the old bus shelter at Gamecock Barracks. This is not before time as the old one really is in a dreadful state. I am now trying to arrange to have the old one demolished and removed. The parish council has agreed to pay the additional costs of removing the old shelter and the delivery and erection of the new one. The new shelter has now been ordered so, hopefully, there will soon be an attractive new shelter outside the army base.

It looks as though June is going to be a very busy and enjoyable month in Wolvey. There will be the "Dirty Weekend" on June 6th and 7th at the Old Cricket Field Wetland Reserve. This event is linked to the BBC Springwatch "Do One Thing" initiative. We have been a partner in the BBC Breathing Places scheme since we received a grant from them to build the boardwalk at the wetland reserve. The environment group is organising this open weekend and has lots of ideas to encourage people of all ages to get involved.

We are also working in partnership with Wolvey Church to arrange a Summer Festival on 20th June, to coincide with their flower festival. There are lots of things planned for the whole community to enjoy.

Then, on 30th June the Warwickshire Biodiversity conference is being held in Wolvey Village Hall. It is gratifying to know that all the efforts of our dedicated team of volunteers are being recognised across the county.

Parish Council Surgeries

Wolvey Parish Council now provides a Councillor Surgery once a month. The purpose of the surgery is to enable local residents to raise issues or concerns with Councillors informally outside of Parish Council meetings.

This will take place in the back room of the Village Hall from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month.

Dates of Councillor surgeries:

Wednesday 3rd June 2009,

Wednesday 1st July 2009

Wednesday 5th August 2009

Wednesday 2nd September 2009

Odd-Job Man

The Parish Council are pleased to have appointed Mr David Gordon to carry out some odd-jobs around Wolvey, including litter picking cleaning and simple repairs.



This position is only for a few hours a month and is not intended to replace the excellent work achieved by our band of enthusiastic volunteers. The aim is to complete tasks that the volunteers are unable to do and to further improve the appearance of the village

Future Meetings of Wolvey Parish Council

Meetings are held in the back room of the Village Hall at 7.45pm:

Monday 22nd June 2009

Monday 20th July 2009

Monday 17th August 2009

Monday 21st September 2009

Annual Parish Meeting

This year, the Annual Parish Meeting was held on 29th April in the village hall. Although this meeting is called by the chairman of the parish council it is not a meeting of the council. In law, every parish must hold a parish meeting (even if it doesn't have a parish council) to allow electors of the parish to give their views and raise any local issues that concerns them.

In an attempt to encourage more people to attend, a number of speakers were invited to talk about things that might interest Wolvey residents.

There was a talk on climate change and one giving information about what individuals and the community can do about saving energy and reducing carbon emissions. Free samples of energy saving light bulbs were available.

Also, as traffic (speed, parking, HGV's, etc) continues to be raised at parish council meetings, the road safety liaison officer from Warwickshire County Council was invited. He explained the criteria for changes to speed limits and other measures to improve danger from traffic on our roads and comments and questions were invited from the audience.

There were also excellent displays from the environment group, Neighbourhood Watch, Rugby recycling (about the new recycling scheme) and of the prizes and awards won by Wolvey during the past year.

It proved to be an interesting and informative meeting. It was just a shame that more people did not come to benefit from it. Never mind, maybe next year.

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