



# NEWSLETTER

Your Community Connection

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## Newsletter's Makeover

You'll have noticed the newsletter has a new look. It has been redesigned to correspond with the colours and themes represented within the Council's new logo. This has been adopted for use on all its documents, publications, displays and its website.

The Council is grateful to Simon Myers ([www.prettyfunky.com](http://www.prettyfunky.com)) – a Wolvey resident – who donated his time and talent to provide a selection of designs.

From these, the Council selected a contemporary design based on aspects of The Square.

## Your Views Needed on Housing Needs

You will find an independent Housing Needs Survey in this newsletter. This means that every household in Wolvey has the opportunity to express a view. A high level of response will ensure a true reflection of our need for a range of housing tenures in the village.

So, please remember to complete and return your Housing Needs Survey and help maintain and protect our village by ensuring local needs are accurately identified.

## Complement of Councillors Complete

The Council now has its full complement of seven Councillors having co-opted two new members: John Hardman and Dee Kenrick.

The Council is really pleased to welcome both of them. Between them they have a host of relevant skills and experience that will be of great benefit to the people of Wolvey.

John has had family links with Wolvey since the early 1970s and moved to the village from Burbage in 2005. He is a qualified Environmental Health Officer, although in recent years he has concentrated on housing matters. Retiring from his position with Nuneaton and Bedworth Council in 2010, he is keen to use his experience on behalf of the whole community.



He sees a great strength of the village in the community spirit represented by the range of activities and societies offered to residents. Many of these are of course

organised by volunteers, and John feels the support and encouragement for such groups is of the utmost importance. Particular concerns he is interested in are maintaining services and dealing with the increasing traffic affecting the village.

Dee moved to Wolvey two years ago from North Wiltshire where she was previously a Parish Councillor for six years. She is therefore already well versed in the ways of Parish Councils and has experience in delivering projects for the community.



Dee also has experience as an employer and business owner and has worked as a volunteer on projects linked with elderly care and community transport. As a seasoned Councillor, Dee is looking forward to participating and promoting the Council's aspirations to improve facilities. She has a particular interest in elderly care and looks forward to assisting the Council in achieving its objectives.

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[www.wolvey.org](http://www.wolvey.org)

## Mobile Police Van

The Mobile Police Station is currently under review, so unfortunately, it is not possible to issue dates for the Mobile Police van in this newsletter.

The best thing that can be offered is for people to check the notice boards for visits, as visits will probably not be on a regular date and time after October.

## Syndicate Savings

Last month our members saved £58.80 per 1000 litres against the average market price for heating oil, paying just 55.75 pence per litre. How does your current supplier compare?

If you would like to find out more about reducing the cost of your heating oil or LPG this winter, please,

**email [oil@wrccrural.org.uk](mailto:oil@wrccrural.org.uk)  
or call Sarah on 01789 472611.**

### Advice from the Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Lock your front door—even if you are at home.

If you're not expecting a visitor, ask for ID.

Keep downstairs windows closed at night.

## Police Priorities in Place

### Fosse Community Forum

At meetings of the Fosse Community Forum, held in different locations every three months - the Police Safer Neighbourhood team set some priorities for actions across the Fosse area.

### Traffic speeds

At the June meeting, one priority established was, 'To carry out a minimum of five speed detection operations with a view to deterring and detecting offences of speeding on Temple Hill and Church Hill, Wolvey'. Following this, more than fifty warning letters were sent and four fixed penalty notices with three penalty points were issued. The full results of this initiative can be viewed on [www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/rnn](http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/rnn).

### Wolvey burglaries

The Parish Council raised questions about the recent increase in burglaries in the Wolvey area. As a result at the meeting on September 5th, the Safer Neighbourhood Team pledged, 'To carry out a minimum of fifteen high visibility patrols in the area of Wolvey with a view to detecting and deterring offences of burglary dwellings'.



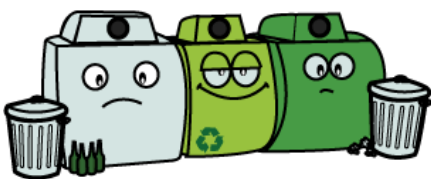
## Mayor to Light Up The Square

The Parish Council is again planning to erect a Christmas tree in The Square this year. We will also be holding the annual big switch on ceremony on Sunday 1st December. This event is always extremely popular with the whole community and is enjoyed by villagers of all ages. The Mayor of Rugby, Councillor Tony Gillias has been invited to switch on the Christmas lights this year. This means that nominations to perform the honours will not be required.

This special night is only possible due to the efforts of a group of volunteers. However, new recruits would be very welcome. We particularly need younger volunteers to help decorate the tree, but also people to help on the evening with setting up the room, serving refreshments, acting as marshals, etc.

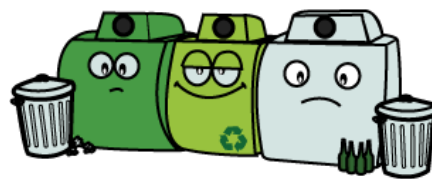
If you are willing to lend a hand, please contact one of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk.

## The Bull 'Bring' Site Binned by RBC



The recycling bins located in the car park at The Bull's Head will be removed during September. Rugby Borough Council has decided to withdraw all such recycling facilities. This will mean that certain large items, small electrical appliances and clothing will have to be taken to a suitable collection site such as the household recycling centre at Hunters Lane, Rugby, CV21 1EA.

The decision to remove the so-called 'Bring' sites was made for various reasons, including the implementation of the three bin kerbside collection service introduced in 2009. This has enabled householders to recycle a wide range of materials that are



then collected directly from their homes. As a result, the tonnage of materials collected from the local sites has reduced to the point that it is no longer viable to operate. There has also been a marked increase in the amount of fly tipping and commercial waste being deposited at the sites. This in turn has led to higher contamination levels at the sorting facility where all the material is sent.

The bin lorries and their crews currently employed to collect from the 'Bring' sites will be diverted to assist kerbside collection crews which are currently stretched to full capacity.

## Council Displays at Produce Show

The Council and its associated organisations put on a fine display at the recent Wolvey Produce Show. Visitors were able to see the work of the Wolvey Environment Group - including its initiative for improving the habitats of pollinating insects; also featured in this newsletter.

Another highlight was the Youth Club stand. The club is now well established and members helped present the revealing display of its activities to visitors.

The Council's own stand focused on its role and achievements over the past twelve months.



**Council displays at the WPFT Produce Show**



## Clerk's Corner

Good news! Following the recent co-option of two new Members, the Council now has its full complement of Councillors. However, the present Council will only remain until next May when there will again be an election for a new Council. This will coincide with the European and Rugby Borough Council elections on May 22nd 2014.

In the meantime, the Council intends to continue with the updating of its Policies to ensure that they meet the standards for a Quality Parish Council and to best represent the needs and wishes of Wolvey residents.

One new initiative is to produce a Welcome Pack for new residents. There has been quite a lot of new development in the village recently so, although this is still a 'work in progress', if you are new to Wolvey and would like more information about local facilities and services, please let us know.

The Council is continuing its attempts to reduce the speed of traffic through the village. New signs will soon be erected on Wolds Lane and then regular speed monitoring can begin on Church Hill.

You may soon notice an interesting change in the centre of the village. The brick plinth around the village sign is

being reconstructed and will be covered by mosaics made by youth club members and village people who attended village events during the summer.

For any information about the Council, please contact me by email on parishclerk@wolvey.org or by telephone on 01455 246494. Please note this is a new telephone number for Parish Council calls.

However, please remember that I only work part-time. The best time to call is Monday, Tuesday or Thursday mornings between 10am -1pm. If I am not available, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

**Margaret Cartwright**

Clerk to the Council

## Winners Again!

**We are very pleased to report that, once again, Wolvey was awarded Overall Winners of the Environment Category for the Old Cricket Field Wetland Reserve in the 2013 Rugby in Bloom Awards.**

**We were also awarded a Silver in the Community Category for the Village Square.**

**Thanks go to the volunteers of the Wolvey Environment Group for all their efforts.**



## Temporary Closure of Public Footpath R12

In the last newsletter, we reported that Warwickshire County Council has had to place a temporary closure order on Public Footpath R12, between the junctions of Public Footpaths R228 and R312.

The closure of this well used footpath is required because of damage to the bridge crossing the River Anker and the likelihood of danger to the public as a result of its state of disrepair.

Since then, bridge design and costings have been obtained and negotiations have been taking place between Warwickshire County Council and the landowners.

We are still awaiting the conclusion to these talks but the Parish Council still hopes that the bridge can be replaced before the winter sets in (weather permitting).

## Diary Dates

### Council Meetings

*To facilitate our Youth Club, Council meetings will be held in various venues until further notice on:*

Monday 21st October - Bowling Club  
Monday 18th November - (on agenda)  
Monday 25th November, Budget Meeting - Village Hall  
Monday 16th December - (on agenda)

### Council Surgeries

The purpose of the surgery is to enable local residents to raise issues or concerns with Councillors informally outside of Parish Council meetings.

Surgeries are held in the back room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm on:  
Wednesday 2nd October  
Wednesday 6th November  
Wednesday 4th December

## New Community Grants Policy in Place

Wolvey Parish Council is able (under the General Power of Competence) to make grants to organizations working for the benefit of the community.

Nearly a quarter of the Council's income each year is used to support village groups. The Parish Council has recently reviewed this policy and has adopted a more robust Grants Policy which can be viewed in full on the Parish Council website [www.wolvey.org](http://www.wolvey.org). This will help ensure that Wolvey Council tax payers get value for money.

As a result, the application process has changed and the Council will need more detailed information from applicants, particularly for grants in excess of £500. This will involve providing information on the organisation's accounts, insurance,

inspection reports and policies such as those on Safeguarding and Health & Safety.

In the past, applications have been requested at this time of year for grants to be paid in the following November. The Council considered this process to be unwieldy and difficult for groups to manage particularly where funds were needed immediately for a specific project. The new policy will enable applications to be made twice a year, in May and October (although each group can only make one application each year).

This means that for this year only, applications made last October will be considered for payment this November, but no new applications will be received until May 2014.