



NEWSLETTER

Your Community Connection

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Wolvey Lights Up For Christmas

The annual switch on ceremony of the village's Christmas tree lights took place on Sunday 6th December heralding the start of the Christmas season in Wolvey. Budget constraints, and a big increase in the price of mature trees, meant that this year's tree had to be a little smaller than usual. However, once lit it looked fantastic and will be a splendid and attractive sight at the centre of the village over the festive period.



Catherine Goffin was given the honour of switching on the lights. Catherine has made an immense contribution to village life. For the past twenty years she has

run the Baby and Toddler sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Village Hall.

Local residents turned out in large numbers and were treated to Christmas music and carols by the Bulkington Silver Band and the combined Church and WI



Choir. The recent heavy rain and strong winds abated in time to leave a cool clear evening for the ceremony.

Inside the Village Hall tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies were served and children pulled presents from the bran tub. A children's fairground ride and a number of stalls and displays all added to the festive fun.

Over £160 was raised in donations towards this year's nominated charity – The British Red Cross Society. So, it's a big thank you to all residents and volunteers involved in making this now traditional event such a success.



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Council Meetings

To facilitate our Youth Club, Council meetings will be held at 7.30pm in the:

Wolvey Bowling Club

Monday	21st December 2015
Monday	18th January 2016
Monday	15th February 2016
Monday	21st March 2016

Wolvey Baptist Chapel

Monday	18th April 2016
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Wolvey Village Hall

Annual Parish Meeting

(NB. this is not a meeting of the Parish Council, but is a meeting of the electors of the Parish)

Wednesday	27th April 2016
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**Wolvey Parish Council
wishes you all a very
merry Christmas
and a happy and
peaceful 2016**



For the minutes of our meetings and more information, please visit our website

www.wolvey.org

YC On Track For Another Great Year

Members continue to suggest activities and exciting opportunities. For example, Matthew Spann's idea to try an off-road experience driving the Range Rover 'Evoque' at Henley-in-Arden was a great success.



Our off-roader team of young people and volunteers with family members who were the passengers

This activity was funded by a Play Grant from Rugby Borough Council and was mainly for the older members who help us. Matthew said, "I thoroughly enjoyed the off-road experience and would definitely do it again if I had the chance. Everyone else enjoyed it too. It turned out that the

young people on this trip were better at the course than the older ones. Matt Myers, our new volunteer leader, got stuck! The instructors were really friendly. They had a laugh with us while telling us when to slow down and what to do in certain situations.

It was an amazing experience".

The Youth Club is on a steady course with a growing membership, fantastic volunteers and young leaders and great parent support.

Our recent Open Evening involved young people and their

families in activities like henna with Ted Buswell, cake-making with Caitlin, crafts from recycled materials with Phoebe and sports and games with Kate, Steve and Stuart. Beetle games were played and prizes won, followed by our AGM which saw new parents, Amanda Ebdon and

Sam Boyd and members, Max Ebdon and Freddie Boyd joining our Management Committee. Thanks to those parents retiring from the Committee, Nickie Boyle and Jenny Haughian, both of them supported us brilliantly to get the Club going.

An ice-skating trip with Wolvey Scout Group is planned for December and on the 18th January there will be a New Year party.

We have also welcomed our new volunteer youth worker Matt Myers who has lots of experience working with young people and many skills to offer (but may need more practice at off-roading!).

Youth Club welcomes new members (aged 11 this school term). We usually meet every third Monday in the month, 7.15-9pm at the Village Hall. Contact: Barbara Jones, Volunteer Club Organiser tel: 01455 220081 Email: bjones.design@virgin.net

Cash Could Help Build a Healthier Community



A funding opportunity!

Warwickshire County Council has funding available through parish councils and other agencies for projects which will help to deliver one or more of the following priorities; using and improving green spaces for exercise and/or health benefits, reducing loneliness and social isolation, and reducing the harm caused by drugs and alcohol.

Organisations can bid for up to **£5,000**. These could be walking groups, lunch clubs, befriending schemes or any group that gets people together and supports healthy lifestyles.

Interested parties must register on <http://www.csw-jets.co.uk/> and search under 'All Opportunities' for, "WCC - 'Wider Determinants of Health' Funding

Opportunity 2016", where you will find full details of the application process and criteria. Any queries, please contact Emily Fernandez, Commissioning and Performance Lead - Wider Determinants, Public Health, Warwickshire County Council.

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Doctor, Doctor, Give Me the News



Following an invitation from the Parish Council, partners at Burbage Surgery have responded to questions raised by residents concerned about the limited access to appointments and other services at Wolvey Surgery. The response was comprehensive and covered arrangements for appointments and personnel issues.

On appointments, the practice pointed out that *all* patients are registered with the Burbage Surgery practice which has surgeries at Burbage, Wolvey, Sapcote and Sharnford. Appointments can be made at any of these surgeries. They add that Wolvey Surgery would not be viable if

it only facilitated appointments for Wolvey residents.

The non-availability of early and late evening appointments to fit with patient's work commitments was because, when trialled three years ago, many people failed to turn up, so the service was cancelled. Some villages had enquired about prescription delivery. The practice points out that there is a service in place for those who are housebound or have a disability – delivery is on Thursday afternoon.

In addition, the practice says they hope to reinstate the phlebotomy service in the near future. Samples can still be handed in at the Wolvey Surgery before 11am on the

days that phlebotomy clinics are held at the Tilton Road surgery Burbage. On other days patients do have to make their own arrangements.

A replacement for the retired Health Care Assistant should be in place by mid-December and the practice nurse sessions have been reinstated in Wolvey on alternate Tuesday afternoons. If there is sufficient demand, these will be increased to weekly sessions.

The Council thank Burbage Surgery for their responses and appreciate that the practice is, "striving to make the best use of its resources to meet the demands of a rapidly increasing number of patients in extremely cramped premises at Burbage".

Grey? No Way, Diverse? You Bet!

The Wetland Reserve might appear to be grey and lifeless at this time of year but look a little closer and you'll find many signs of life there. The water voles are active. We feared they might have moved on disturbed by WEG members rebuilding the boardwalk, but no, they liked us enough to stay! Buzzards and sparrow



Ruth, John, Sid and Ted rebuilding the boardwalk

hawks can be spotted circling overhead, while the robin will welcome all with a cheery song.

As a special treat you might even spot hardy members of WEG, in the pond clearing reeds. This is to keep the water suitably open for the moorhens and ducks that live there.

Despite a bitter Saturday morning, WEG members braved the cold to decorate, somewhat differently this year, the Christmas tree in The Square. When the festive season is over, work will begin on constructing the long awaited return bridge over the tributary to form a circular wetland walk for all to enjoy.

Looking forward to the spring, the donated daffodil bulbs have been planted, so look out for their cheery display in and around the village.



Sid and Chris clearing weeds from the pond

The dedicated members of WEG continue to keep our village green and clean, our tasks are diverse and interesting, why not come to our January 11th meeting at 7.30pm in the Baptist Chapel for a cup of tea and a chat, or ring:

Cllr. Ruth Buswell on 01455 221324.

More First Aiders Made Ready



Eleven more residents attended the second first aid course organized by the Council. It was held in the Millennium Building on Saturday 31st October. The trainer soon put everyone at ease and before long participants were working together and confidently practicing first aid procedures on the dummies.

Vital information was given on how to respond to first aid emergencies on patients of all ages. The demonstration on how to use a defibrillator gave everyone the confidence to use the kit recently installed at Wolvey School and the village hall. Participants went away feeling very positive and all agreed that attending the course was worthwhile.

There are now 23 trained first aiders in Wolvey. On average, that's one person on every street ready to assist in an emergency.



Your Council, Your Neighbourhood, Your Plan

The Parish Council has resolved to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Wolvey and the process is now underway. Whilst guided by local and national planning policy, a Neighbourhood Plan gives parish councils the opportunity to have a real say in what sort of developments are needed and how they should be implemented (rather than having this decision made at Borough, or even Regional level). It can focus on the local built and natural environments, social and economic aspects.

The Plan will be developed in consultation with the community and will eventually go to a local referendum.

The Council gave a Powerpoint presentation to explain the background and what

delivering the Plan will involve. This was held on October 28th in the Millennium Building where four members of the public expressed an interest to be involved in the process.

At the November Parish Council meeting, it was resolved to establish an Advisory Committee to manage the delivery of the Wolvey Neighbourhood Plan.

The Advisory Committee members are:
Councillors: Ruth Buswell, Dee Kenrick, Clare Nixon and Adrian Warwick.
Residents: David Bates, Dianne Bates, John Hardman and Julie Warwick.

An inaugural meeting is planned for the New Year. This meeting and all future

meetings will follow the same protocol as Council meetings so residents will be able to attend.

Please engage with this process so we can develop Wolvey in a manner that you want.



Clerk's Corner

Councillor Bozena Kuncewicz has decided to step down from the Parish Council with effect from 31 December, 2015. Bozena has been a Councillor for 10 years, during this time she also served as Chairman for a year. Bozena has worked hard for the village of Wolvey and its residents and on a personal note, I would like to thank Bozena for all her help and support whilst I have settled into the role of Clerk.

Her decision has left a vacancy on the Council and we will be looking to co-opt another councillor. If you are interested in being involved in decisions affecting your community, now is your chance - please contact me for further information.

This is the time of year when the Council is busy with the process of setting its budget for the forthcoming 12 months. Most of the Council's income comes from a share of the Council Tax that is paid by every household in the village. When you receive your Council Tax bill toward the end of

March, have a look at it to see what each of the councils that provide services to you – Wolvey, Rugby and Warwickshire – are charging you for these services. If Wolvey Parish Council spends more next year, this is likely to result in an increase in the Council Tax, so councillors will always give very careful consideration to the things it might need to spend money on, and how much it should be actually spending.

If you have any views on this, or any other matter relating to the Parish Council, contact me by email clerk@wolvey.org or by telephone on 024 7601 6337. Please remember I only work part-time and it is, therefore, best to email me.

On a final note, I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Jackie Essex
Clerk to the Council



The Faces of Your Council



From l-r back row: **Clare Nixon, Adrian Warwick, Andrew Dixon (Chair), Jackie Essex (Clerk)**

Front row: **Ruth Buswell (Vice Chair), Ellie Tomlin, Dee Kenrick**



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Although its original boundaries were based on those of the church, today's Parish Council deals only with civil and not church matters. The Council is the lowest tier of local government, elected by the people of Wolvey.

Mobile Police Visits

**From 1.15pm till 2.45pm
parked in The Square**

Sunday	13th December 2015
Wednesday	20th January 2016
Sunday	21st February 2016
Wednesday	9th March 2016
Wednesday	30th March 2016

Stretton Points

Residents may recall that Development Company Brackleys obtained planning consent - on appeal - to develop the Stretton Croft site that lies opposite the Hinckley Knight Pub on the A5. The site extends to the boundary with the M69 and includes the Old Wolvey Road bringing part of the development within the Wolvey Parish Council boundary. Plans approved are for a Hotel, Leisure and Light Commercial use. Brackleys attended the November Council meeting, as they wish to amend their permission to include a home for older persons, a pub, three fast food outlets and possibly an HGV filling station along with office use.

Although the decision will be made by Rugby and Hinckley Borough Councils, Wolvey Council will be consulted. Initial concerns were raised around traffic and litter issues that this type of development would create. Councillors asked if it would be possible to look at affordable housing on this development.

The Council will monitor this application and will endeavour to make both Borough Councils aware of local concerns.

New to Wolvey?

The Parish Council has compiled a warm Welcome Pack for new residents. It has a host of useful information to help new arrivals to settle in to village life.

It has details of refuse collection days, doctor's surgery times, church services and a very user friendly village map.

So, if you know of residents moving in near you, please let the Clerk or a Councillor know and a pack will be winging its way to your new neighbour.

