

Walford Parish Newsletter

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Walford World War One Memorial

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As we welcome Spring, we can look back on an active winter when we were again tested to the extreme by the elements. Our resilience plans worked, in the main, as intended and thanks go to Councillor Dave Berry, our Resilience Coordinator and to those who helped him. Thanks also to Councillor John Daniels who, with the help of the Lengthsman, pursued a programme of keeping gullies unblocked, wherever possible.

The placing of sandbags around the Parish helped but we were of course defeated in many places by the deluge. Our sympathies go to the residents of Daycroft Lane, who had a particularly difficult time this year. We are liaising with Balfour Beatty, the new contractor, who is now looking after our highways to see what, if anything, can be done to alleviate future problems in this part of the village.



As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, the Parish Council have taken up responsibility for the public toilets adjacent to



Bishopswood Village Hall. Significant thanks must go to EC Drummond and Sons who have stepped in to take responsibility for the ongoing cleaning, a truly public spirited gesture, which also saves money for the Parish Council.

We have also made good progress on some of our projects. The long awaited cycle route has progressed thanks to the usual dedication of Councillor Philip Heath, ably assisted by new Councillor Shane Carlson, who has taken a keen and active interest in the project.

I have continued the negotiations with Herefordshire Council about the Canoe Launch project and these look to be heading towards a positive conclusion.

As the news is full of comment about the forthcoming elections on 22nd May, we are all reminded that we are elected to serve you and to make informed decisions on your behalf. With this in mind, please engage with us, share ideas and actively participate in what we do. We are lucky to live in a wonderful part of the world, please join with us in making it even better.

At the very least please register your email address with the Clerk so that we can consult with you and keep you informed.

Change of policy – Council Tax on second homes:

Recently there has been a change in policy regarding council tax charged on second properties; this change has given rise to several complaints which I am working on at the moment.

If you own a second property and it is not in use, then you will be charged 150%.

The difficulty comes when the property becomes part of an inheritance and requires work to make it habitable. The property is not liable for the tax until probate is granted so if you find yourself in such a position please get in touch with me and I can help you contact the appropriate officer and be able to help.

Landslide near Kerne Bridge:

I promised at the APM to give you an update on the landslide near Kerne Bridge.



I took Balfour Beatty officers to the site and asked for an update. To date I have not received any response, but as soon as I do, I will inform the Parish Clerk.

I will be out of the Country for 2 weeks but I will be receiving e mails on jjarvis@herefordshire.gov.uk

Regards

John Jarvis - Kerne Bridge Ward Councillor

Neighbourhood Plan

*Councillor Dave Berry
Chairman of The Steering Group*

Just before Christmas we sent out a questionnaire to everybody in the Parish. We received back a healthy 317 responses that will enable us to progress to the next stage of drafting the policies and neighbourhood plan.

The Steering group will during the course of the next few months, work towards producing the draft Neighbourhood Plan for presentation and discussion with Parish residents.

Our Plan has to align with the Herefordshire Core Strategy that has yet

to be adopted and which is anticipated to occur later this year.

The questionnaire was independently reviewed by Hoople Ltd and the result of the analysis can be viewed on the Parish Council Website: www.walford-pc.org.uk Look under Projects / Neighbourhood Plan / Overall Data.

If anybody would like to help with the tasks involved in putting our Plan together, please contact either the Clerk or the undersigned.

European Parliamentary Elections – 22nd May

Don't forget to take the opportunity to cast your vote. A Polling Station will be

located at Walford Village Hall and will be open from **06.30 – 22.30.**

Information on The Precept

*Councillor Marc Thomas
Finance Committee Chairman*

The Parish Council is principally funded from the Precept on your Council Tax, which was £16,000 in 2013/14, and which accounts for around 80% of its normal annual expenditure.

In addition to this Herefordshire Council contributes a further £4,000 that is specifically earmarked for two schemes that the Parish Council administers - the Lengthsman and P3. (Parish Paths Partnership).

Under the Lengthsman scheme the Parish Council does the minor maintenance on the local roads, such as keeping on top of vegetation and ensuring drainage is kept clear. **The P3 scheme** is concerned with maintenance of public rights of way, such as footpaths and bridleways. While the scheme funds must be used for their allotted purpose, the Parish Council can choose to spend more from its precept funding, if the need arises.

For the past few years the Parish Council has maintained general reserves of around £12,000, principally to enable the Council to support initiatives arising from the Parish Plan, without needing to wait for a subsequent year and new budget. It can also be used to spread the cost of one off expenditure over a number of years. It has been used in the past to support the Walford Links project in a timely fashion, and ensure that we would not be the cause of delay of this project.

In 2012/13 £3,500 was added to reserves to support the Village Agent scheme.



Unfortunately this project then stalled, however there are once again signs of life and so the Council decided to maintain the reserve this year and offer its support for the scheme.

Funding from Herefordshire Council for the Lengthsman and Rights of Way maintenance are put under review each year, and at the same time there is the possibility of further services being devolved to the Parish Council. In this climate we concluded that we should maintain reserves at the current level, and as our costs have risen slightly, we have raised the precept this year by £500, roughly in line with inflation.

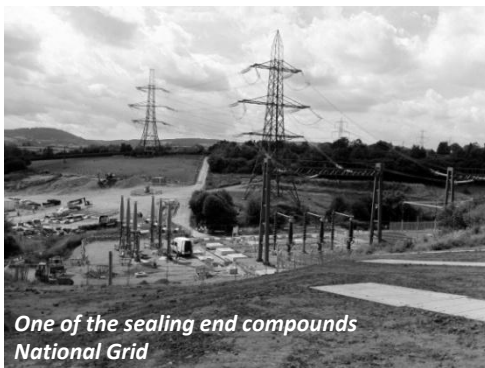
The Parish Council does much of its work using volunteer time, and as the part of government closest to its community we are keenly aware of keeping costs down and providing value. At the same time we are also here to support the community and we always welcome feedback and constructive input into what we should do.

*Councillor Marc Thomas
Chairman of the Finance Committee*

Work to connect the new underground cable is now complete and the cable has been made live.

Robbie Griggs Project Engineer at National Grid, said:

"We are pleased that the main construction work is finished and are now in the process of finalising the required work to return the land to its former condition. This will include replanting vegetation and removing the three site compounds. We expect to start this work in early summer and anticipate that the work will take several months to complete."



*One of the sealing end compounds
National Grid*

If you have any questions about the work, please contact the community relations team on 0800 0731047. The team is available from 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.

Matthew Thompson MPRCA Consultant JBP PR & Parliamentary Affairs

Borders Broadband Update

*Councillor Dave Berry
Broadband Champion*

The only update available to us at this time, is the following information from Herefordshire Council:

'BT are working on installation in the Walford area, but there is no confirmation of when their work will be complete.'

Walford Links Update

*Councillor Philip Heath
Walford Links Project Leader*

Since the last report there have been several meetings with landowners and other stakeholders and a viable way ahead is emerging. Sustrans has committed to finding the bulk of the funding.

In addition to the triple use way itself we are also looking at the possibility of providing a safer pedestrian way along the narrowest parts of the B4234.

The triple use way will have to be elevated in one section and it is the costing of this that will form the main effort of the next phase.

In addition, since the last report, Councillors Frank Myers and Shane Carlson have joined me on the Steering Group, to assist in delivering this important Parish project.

*Councillor Philip Heath
Walford Links Project Leader*

A Friend when in need

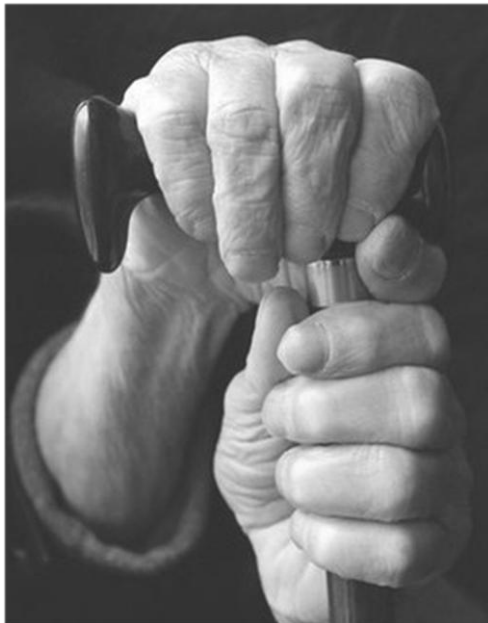
Your Parish Council is setting up a service which is about being aware of people who may on occasions have a problem where a friendly neighbour may be in a position to help. For the elderly in particular, incapacity or an accident which disrupts their normal routine, be it shopping, fulfilling an appointment at the dentist or doctors because of transport problems, even putting out recycling bins is where a helpful neighbour would be welcome.

Think of your own weekly routine and how an accident would affect that routine. This is where the Parish Council now wishes to set up a scheme to fill a perceived gap in being helpful to anyone who may need a helping hand now and again.

The post of a Village Warden has been proposed, who will be able to set up a chain of good neighbours who can, when necessary, give a helping hand to those in need.

This is where the Council appeals to you the Walford parishioners to think of some of the people you know who are perhaps occasionally in need of help, be they elderly, infirm, temporarily out of action, out of touch, out of transport or would appreciate some thoughtful input into a personal problem, that sort of thing.

What this means is that the Village Warden scheme needs volunteers, good spirits who are willing to help those in need from time-to-time.



Obviously, this scheme requires a reasonable number of people to cover the Parish of Walford with its large population and those who can lend a hand in this manner, around their own patch, are asked to get in touch with Terry Snow, who, together with Paul Baker, are the two people who are to run this helpline service.

As soon as the numbers add up a meeting of volunteers in the Walford Village Hall will be called to discuss the detail of the operation.

In the first instance for those who wish to hear more about it and be part of this team, please get in touch with Terry Snow 01989 567639
terry.snow@dsl.pipex.com

Re-opening of public toilets at Bishopswood

At its meeting in April, Walford Parish Council heard of the significant problems which were being caused to the operation of Bishopswood Village Hall, by the closure of the nearby public toilets. At a very busy tourist location, the reasonable demands of people who wanted to enter the village hall to use the toilets inside were causing disruption and potential risk, especially to the children's and other activities.

The Parish Council decided unanimously to re-open the toilets immediately and to put in place a proper management regime as quickly as possible.

With the help of support from the Bishopswood Village Hall Committee, the toilets are now open and the Parish Council is considering the most appropriate way to fund the service in the future. In the beginning it is proposed to invite donations from users rather than to install a coin operated 'pay as you go' approach.

WPC Chairman, Councillor Frank Myers said "We are delighted to have been able to respond to the wishes of our parishioners in such a positive way. We believe that the modest expense of immediate re-opening can be met from our reserves whilst we consider the longer term implications. We already have expressions of voluntary help and support from local business which should help us minimise any financial risk in the future.

*Information from Cllr Frank Myers
Parish Council Chairman*

Image courtesy of The Ross Gazette



Cllrs Frank Myers, Shane Carlson and Dave Berry outside the re-opened public toilets at Bishopswood Village Hall

We would, of course, welcome approaches from anybody who can assist us in this ongoing project, perhaps by joining a rota of volunteers who would help to keep them clean. The last thing we want to do is add cost to our existing operating expenses as this will mean we have to then ask local people to pay."

Further information:

The toilets were closed at the end of 2013 as a result of the austerity measures introduced by Herefordshire Council. The toilets were built alongside the Bishopswood Village Hall as part of the millennium project which funded the hall. They were then leased to Herefordshire Council.

Since this report was written E C Drummond and Sons have agreed to take ongoing responsibility for the cleaning.

WYE VALLEY AONB

The River Festival 2014

Information supplied by Bridget Vine
WPC AONB Representative

The River Festival is here!!

~ 3rd to 18th May ~

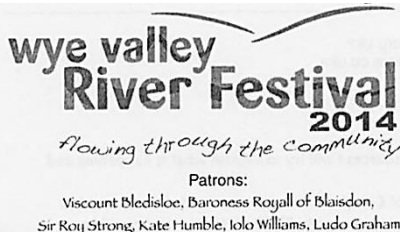
***At venues from Hereford to
Chepstow***

By the time you receive this Newsletter, and after 2 years of planning, the Inaugural River Festival will be in full swing.

In Ross, the only town in the WVAONB area, a River Pageant and range of festivities were held on 4th May along the Rope Walk and riverside – do hope you were there!



The theme for the festival is following the story of Ratty the Water Vole, who is being pursued by the predatory Prosecutor Mink and Judge Wild Boar. Ratty is on the run and you can follow him darting between flotillas, fire shows and festivities. After being chased through the various community and arts events happening along and on the river, Ratty is captured and brought to trial in Monmouth's 16C court room on 10th May.



The festival finale is on 18th May in Chepstow and along with a torch-lit procession there will be a fire and flame display.

Copies of the Festival programme are available in Ross library and details can also be found by looking at the Wye Valley AONB website : www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk

There are opportunities for volunteers to help at the festival events and activities, so if you're interested, please contact the WVAONB Information Officer on Tel = 01600 710486 or look at the website

Bridget Vine – WVAONB Rep to Walford Parish Council



View of the River Wye from Kerne Bridge

After a late start last spring, which became early summer due to HC withholding our grant money on a technicality, we did our best to keep as many of our public footpaths, bridleways & our byway in accessible & usable condition.

I thank those landowners who controlled their hedges & trees without prompting, & urge others to keep an eye on theirs. It is the landowners responsibility to keep their hedges cut back before they start to infringe our PRsOW, & if one of their trees falls, or leans so far as to be an obstruction, I would ask that it be cleared promptly.

We, under the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3), financed by Hereford Council RsOW Department, will endeavour to strim & generally keep ways clear at ground level, as is our responsibility.

However, as I have said in previous years, any voluntary help is welcomed,



Wye Valley Walk finger post

as parishioners enjoy our paths, I would encourage them to feel free to snip & trim wayward vegetation. If a path is impossible & impassable, or simply deteriorating fast, please let me know - via the Clerk is often easiest.

The P3 grant system is changing this year, in the light of the need to cut back spending in all areas, but we hope to be able to continue to manage our large network of RsOW in this parish as best we can again this year.

The Lengthsman report

Please send any local reports to:
lengthsman.coordinator@walford-pc.org.uk

The Lengthsman has been carrying out his usual duties.

In addition a specialist jetter was used recently, for the following work:

B4234: From Kerne bridge to U70417 junction - direction of travel Lydbrook.

On the near side of road clear grids and Clean out road gulleys. Clear side entry junction pit. On the near side of road clear grids and clean out road gulleys.

Clear side entry junction pit.

Locate and clear lead to pipe drain.

Jet out all junction pipes as required.

Jet out all road culverts.

U70417 Bishopswood House area.

Clear grids and clean out road gulleys.

Jet out connecting pipes.

Locate outfall pipe and jet.

Other location - not listed.

Clear grid and clean out road gully

Clear drainage pipe headwall pipe.

Locate outfall pipe in stream bank.

Jet connecting pipe from gully to headwall pit. Jet out fall pipe from headwall pit to stream outfall pipe.

Jet out fall pipe from headwall pit to stream outfall pipe.

Thanks to Cllr Simeon Cole who assisted with this work.

'I visited the West Mercia and Warwickshire Police Operations and Communications Centre (OCC) at Hindlip near Worcester on Friday 14th of March as a result of an invitation issued by the Police and Crime Commissioner at a previous meeting. The aim was to discuss further Parish concerns about any adverse outcomes of the recent restructuring of the West Mercia Police as a result of reduced funding; notably the basing of response Patrols out of Ledbury which has a lower crime rate than the Ross area and incurs a travel time to Ross.

Superintendent Charlie Hill met me and gave a brief on the operational approach to policing currently adopted.

In essence the West Mercia Policing Area is divided into logical operational areas based on population density, geography and topography and calls for service / numbers of crimes and other data sets . Ross is parcelled with not only Ledbury but also Malvern. Although Ledbury does indeed have a lower crime rate than Ross, Malvern has a greater crime rate than the two combined. Hence the centre of gravity for deployment is situated in Ledbury.

I was reassured that scarce resources were being efficiently managed although I reiterated my concerns that the need for patrols to come on and off shift via Ledbury still leads to unnecessary unavailability.

Intelligence led policing is conducted across force boundaries by weekly face

to face meetings and subsequent dissemination; noting that current pan-constabulary digital information management requires the relevant interfaces in order to derive any benefits from network enabled capability.

Bill Longmore is unwell and so Barrie Sheldon, the Deputy PCC, also hosted me. We discussed the closure of Ross Police Station and the candidate plan to position the Local Community Police Team in the Ryedale Centre, with the old station being sold off for development in due course.

Barrie and I also discussed a number of other topics; notably that supermarkets have a responsibility to make the theft of alcohol difficult. Given that much crime is alcohol related Barrie Sheldon agreed to investigate if certain identified trends were widespread and if so the PCC would instigate a response.

The prospect of those carrying out community sentences undertaking work that the Parish Council requires to be carried out was also discussed and noted as a distinct possibility that the PC could feed into the tasking process. It appears that there may also be scope to task those undergoing a custodial sentence for such purposes, as this precedent has already been set by the PCC in his home area.'

Regular updates on Police matters will be included in future newsletters.

Allotment Provision – Let us know your thoughts

Walford Parish Council has received an enquiry regarding the possible provision of allotments within the Parish.

At present there is no Allotment provision in Walford, but the Parish Council is asking for feedback from any local residents, who have a view that such a facility would be of benefit to parishioners, in order to establish whether there is a demand.

If your feedback suggests that this would be a welcome addition to the area, then the Parish Council will look into the process of providing Allotments.

It is important to stress that the Parish Council are not promising that it will be able to provide Allotments, but that it is willing to investigate providing such a facility, should there be evidence of a demand.

If you have a view on this, please contact the Parish Clerk:

Catherine Murray
Rose Cottage
Coughton
Ross on Wye
HR9 5SF
E MAIL: clerk@walford-pc.org.uk

‘Walford On Wye’ – Let us know your thoughts

Walford Parish Council has recently discussed the concept of adding to the name of the Parish.

The proposal is to re-name Walford as ‘Walford On Wye’, as it is understood that historically this was the Parish name.

The Parish Council has had confirmation from the legal team at Herefordshire Council that the process is a relatively straightforward one.

The majority of Parish Councillors supported the idea in principle, believing that it would be of benefit to the Parish, from a tourism perspective. Also, there is another Walford in Herefordshire, which occasionally leads to confusion.



The Parish Council agreed that the residents of Walford should be asked for their views, before the proposal is taken any further.

*Please contact the Clerk with your feedback on this proposal.
Contact details as above.*

Flooding can have a devastating effect on property especially as flood water could be contaminated with oil, silt and even sewage. **On returning to a flooded property it is important to follow some simple guidelines** to reduce the impact of what can be a very dangerous and stressful time.

The Environment Agency website contains information about:

What to do after a flood

Effective ways to clean up, dry out, restore and repair a home after flooding
Details of organisations that can offer information, support and practical help in the clean-up operation.

<https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood>

Support for communities, businesses and farmers:

The Government has announced a number of measures to help householders, businesses and farmers affected by the floods.

Business rate relief is available for flood affected businesses and covers 100 per cent business rates for three months.

Council tax rebates are available for homes that have been flooded by the winter severe weather events and cover council tax for three months.

Repair and Renew Fund: If your home or business was flooded between 1 December 2013 and 31 March 2014, you can apply for grants of up to £5,000 (including VAT) to fund additional flood resilience and/or resistance measures.

Business support scheme

This is a scheme to provide hardship funding for SME businesses that have sustained hardship and significant loss of trade as a result of the floods between 1 December 2013 and 31 March 2014.

Farming Recovery Fund

The £10m DEFRA sponsored fund is designed to support farm businesses to restore flooded agricultural land and bring it back into production as quickly as possible.

Flood Relief Fund for Sport

This is a £5 million National Lottery Fund, run by Sport England to help restore pitches and repair sports facilities, such as football, rugby and cricket pitches, water sports centres, pavilions, changing rooms and floodlights, damaged by the recent floods and storms.

Support for tourism industry

A support package is available to help firms in flood-affected parts of England which rely on tourism.

Time to pay

This is a scheme allowing affected businesses additional time to pay taxes owed to HMRC, including VAT, PAYE and corporation tax.

Banking sector support

There is also a commitment by several major banks to provide financial support to business and individual customers affected by the floods.

Contact details if your home or business has been affected by flooding

If your home has been affected by the floods, please contact us:

email sthodges@herefordshire.gov.uk

phone 01432 261923.

If your business has been affected by the floods, please contact us:

email economicinvestment@herefordshire.gov.uk

phone 01432 261758.

Flooding in Daycroft Lane

Following reports from local residents, of extreme flooding problems from the stream at Daycroft Lane, the Parish Council discussed the issue and Councillor Eric Drummond kindly offered to liaise between those concerned.

He has been in touch with the land owners above and below Daycroft Lane and both are happy to meet and discuss the problems, to see what can be done about the stream.

He has also been in touch with Herefordshire Council to ask our new

Locality Inspector to attend the meeting, because it is thought that one of the main issues is that the culverts under the road both at the church and at Daycroft Lane may be insufficient to take the volume of water.

The residents concerned have been kept informed of developments.

It is hoped that the meeting will take place soon and that a solution will be found to the flooding problem.

An update will be included in the next newsletter.

Kerne Bridge Canoe Launch Site

Having previously advised the Parish Council that they would be retaining and managing the Kerne Bridge Canoe Launch Site, Herefordshire Council have since carried out a review of Countryside Services and have offered the site to the Parish Council as a Community Asset Transfer.

At the meeting held on 9th April the PC agreed to take on the site and the

original Working Group was re-appointed, in order to discuss management of the site and to negotiate with Herefordshire Council over the transfer.

The PC will initially use it's resources to maintain the site in a tidy, managed condition. The Working Group will asses plans for future development, management and funding.

Place your advertisement in the newsletter

Walford Parish Council has agreed to include paid advertisements in their newsletters in the future, as a way of helping to fund the production and postage costs and to help promote local businesses and services.

Inclusion will only be possible if space is available and will be arranged on a first come first served basis.

Any advertisement must also be considered appropriate, a price agreed in writing and the correct copy supplied, by the deadlines set.

If you wish to advertise your business or service in the newsletter, please contact the Clerk for rates.

Contact details on the back page

Walford Village Hall

Information supplied by Councillor Terry Snow

At Walford Village Hall we are now playing host to a new group the Ross-on-Wye Photographic Society who meet every Wednesday at 7.00 pm (Contact Keith Sharples 01600 716852).

A coming event to look forward to is the Play Group's MAYFAYRE party on Saturday 10 May which sounds as if it is going to be a good day, as I am told they will have the Lydney Junior Band playing, a new dance troop, plus art and craft suppliers from around Ross. The local scouts will be taking part also. I look forward to it and hope, fingers crossed, we have no dark clouds.

The children's play area is still in consideration with the re-plan area demanded by Hereford Council now giving us further thinking on its shape, final furnishing and funding.

The Hall committee will shortly be considering possibilities such as a Pudding evening and maybe some more challenging quiz variations such as a Musical Quiz as part of our fund raising for the play area!

Finally, we trust that the redecorated Hall is proving a bright venue for our Walford Village Hall regulars.

Bishopswood Village Hall

Information supplied by Chris Puzey

The highlight of the past few months for Bishopswood Village Hall has to be the Panto. Our third – “Babes in the (Bishops)Wood” – was sold out on three of the four performances. This is proving to be a fabulous community event, with local people coming together to produce a very professional looking Panto, from the advertising, sale of tickets, scenery and performances to the last curtain call. We probably shouldn't be, but are amazed at the variety of skills available within the community, and that people donate their time and expertise, for which we are extremely grateful.

The foyer of the Village Hall now hosts a very impressive art display. Originally part of the Bishopswoods Got Talent event last year, we have left it in place as a showcase for the amazing works of art being produced in the area. The exhibition changes regularly, but there is always a great variety of styles on show.

The foyer now also houses our permanent bar – the kiosk has been given a new lease of life and with the help of a local brewery has been fitted out with optics and pipe work for draught beer. “The Bar” is manned by volunteers at Village Hall functions and is proving to be a popular fundraiser.

A few months ago we were disturbed to find that Hereford County Council had decided to close the public toilets attached to our Village Hall, especially as the canoe launch and picnic area are so well used by visitors to the area. We are very grateful to the Parish Council for taking the initiative to re-open them.

Details of future events and hiring information can be found on our website: www.BVHonline.co.uk and you can sign up to our monthly newsletter – the Bishopswood Preview - by sending an email to info@bvhonline.co.uk

Bishopswood WI

Information supplied by Ann Jones - Chair

Fridays at 6.30pm

9th May Quiz Night.

13th June OPEN Meeting – A talk about the “Hospice Angels” and tales of fund raising for St Michaels Hospice on motor bikes.

11th July A Summer Social.

8th August Guest Speaker Penny Platt, talking of “A History of Cider” with some tastings.

All meetings are held in Bishopswood Village Hall and we give a warm welcome to any visitors who wish to attend.

St Michael and All Angels Church

*Information supplied by
Councillor Karen Chinn*

The church has seen a wonderfully busy period since the last newsletter; Christmas Eve Candlelit Service, Christmas itself, Christingle and more recently a lovely Mothering Sunday service and a busy Easter period. Special thanks to the children of Walford School who helped to decorate the font with a beautiful Easter garden. They also all enjoyed a special service which included the appearance of a real-life donkey to the delight of the children.

Our monthly Paddle and Praise, kindly hosted monthly by Wendy Alston, is an ever-growing event. The usual format is for parents and kids to have a swim and a sing in Wendy’s pool followed by snacks, a bible story and a craft activity. For the Easter session, Wendy and her helpers surpassed themselves by hosting 17 children and providing events such as “hunt the bunny”, making a woolly sheep and a wonderful musical puppet show about the Lost Sheep.

Please contact Wendy Alston for more details about upcoming Paddle and Praise activities:

wendy_alston@btinternet.com

St Michaels and All Angels churchyard



Coffee on a Tuesday (COAT) is held monthly and welcomes everyone in the community. Please contact Revd. Laurence Mathew, for more details: (laurence.mathew@rawchurch.org.uk)

We are also looking forward to an exciting summer fundraiser event at Cobrey Park over the weekend of 6th June. This will kick off with a promise auction on the Friday evening and conclude with breakfast and a service on the Sunday. So we’re all keeping our fingers crossed for good weather (though there will be a marquee on standby if we’re not so lucky) and hope to see you there. Look out for further details on times in the local press.

WEEKLY SERVICES

1st Sunday - 11.15am Sunday Praise at The Village Hall, following Breakfast (9.30 - 10.45am)

2nd Sunday - 11am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday - See below

4th Sunday - 11am Holy Communion

5th Sunday - Services move each month around the 5 churches in our Benefice

3rd Sunday Services

18th May 6pm - Service of Wholeness and Healing

15th June 3pm - Evensong Service at Hazelhurst Nursing Home

July/August No Services

21st September - Evensong Service at Hazelhurst Nursing Home

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday July 20th - Galloping Gourmet Meal. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** - 01594 861493 Monica or 01989 565533 Carol

August Bank Holiday Weekend - At Bishopswood Village Hall

Sunday 24th - 3pm Songs of Praise

Monday 25th - Duck Race and BBQ

This is our annual joint fund raising event with the Village Hall - further details to be issued, nearer the event.

All Saints Church extends a warm welcome to all at our services and events.

Wardens - Monica Edmunds 01594 860303 Carol Pimblett 01989 565533

Walford Parish Council meetings schedule

**** NB: Please note the meetings schedule has been updated ****

7.30pm Annual Council Meeting	14/05/14	Bishopswood Village Hall
6.30pm Finance Committee 7.30pm Full Council	11/06/14	Walford Village Hall
7.30pm Full Council	09/07/14	Bishopswood Village Hall
NO MEETING IN AUGUST	N/A	N/A
6.30pm Finance Committee 7.30pm Full Council	10/09/14	Walford Village Hall
7.30pm Full Council	08/10/14	Bishopswood Village Hall
7.30pm Full Council	12/11/14	Walford Village Hall
6.30pm Finance Committee 7.30pm Full Council	10/12/14	Bishopswood Village Hall

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