

SOME DATES FOR DIARIES

- ✓ Beetle Drive Thursday 19 March with licensed bar and supper
- ✓ Vintage Afternoon Tea Friday 8 May – to celebrate Victory in Europe Day, or VE Day, and commemorate the 75th anniversary of the formal end of World War II.
- ✓ Summer Garden Fete at Town Head Farm Sunday 19 July
- ✓ Summer Social August/September – details to be confirmed
- ✓ Village Quiz – who can win the trophy?? Thursday 15 October
- ✓ Christmas Charity Coffee Morning Saturday 5 December
- ✓ Christmas Village Social – December - details to be confirmed

Any ideas for socials/fundraisers? Let us know. Want to get the Community Forum up and running again? Let us know.

Contact Jill Matthews, 01773 550877, for any further information or to offer help in any way.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a scheme to allow trained volunteers to address speed concerns in their communities - and we certainly have concerns about speeding traffic along the B5023 through the village. We have tried on several occasions to get approval from Derbyshire County Council to get speed activated signs, but we do not meet their criteria and have been turned down. We are taking part in the CSW scheme therefore to keep highlighting the



problem and provide data for any future initiatives. Our team of trained volunteers were out one Saturday in January to complete their training (see photo). You have been warned!!! The Parish Council has purchased the equipment to share with Hazelwood Parish Council and will be producing a rota of dates and times when the team will be out on the road.

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Welcome to the Winter 2020 Newsletter. At the time of writing the weather has finally turned cold with some crisp and sunny winter's days. Inside we have an update on the Community Speed Watch scheme, other news as well as dates for next year's Christmas Social events!

IAA PC MEETINGS

Items for inclusion on the council's Agenda should be submitted to the Clerk at least 7 days before the meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend the council's meeting. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March in the Village Corn Store starting at 7pm. The Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings will be held at St James' Church on Wednesday 13 May.

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SNOW PATROL

The Snow Wardens are ready for action and grit supplies restocked in case of snow and icy conditions. Please remember that the grit is for use on public areas only. For more information during extreme weather/snow conditions go to <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/road-maintenance/snow-info/latest-update/latest-snow-update.aspx>



FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE

Under the County Council's Minor Maintenance Scheme, the Parish Council carries out work to keep the local network of footpaths and bridleways accessible. If you are aware of any paths that need work such as undergrowth removal, please contact the Parish Clerk with details.



BLOCKED DRAINS & POTHOLES

Please report these and pavement problems, overgrown hedges restricting traffic, etc to <https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/do-it-now> where you can pinpoint on a map for DCC to put right.

FLY TIPPING

Sadly this is happening too often. Please report any to AVBC on 01773 841335 or by email to landscapeservices@ambervalley.gov.uk



CHURCH NEWS

Services at St James are usually held at 11.00am on the second and fourth Sunday in the month. Refreshments are served afterwards, and everyone is welcome. We've had some special services during 2019 including Candlemas, Mothering Sunday, Easter Sunday, Harvest Service and lunch, Remembrance Service and Carol Service. It's lovely to see so many people coming to these services and to see new regular members of our congregation. The Church is at the centre of the village community and keeping it open remains a priority for us all on the Parochial Church Council. It serves us for weddings (we've had 2 in 2019), Baptisms and funerals. It's a community room for the village and surrounding areas. We've held charity events and fundraisers and we act as the local polling station. To do all this we rely on an amazing group of volunteers who do what they can when they can, and any help we get is very much appreciated. Our volunteers help keep the churchyard tidy, the church clean, set up for events, sort out the flowers and generally are brilliant and we have a laugh as we work – a real community effort. Thank you. If you have any time to spare, please come and join us.

The Alton Room is available for hire at £10 per hour. We have a kitchen, toilet and heating! Thanks to these facilities we are able to hold monthly Coffee Mornings (first Wednesday in the month 10.15 – 11.45 am) with a chance to meet and chat. For anyone wishing to donate to a local food bank there is a basket for collections in church.

A request as well – we have now produced some information on 'The Roll of the Fallen in two

World Wars, Idridgehay' listed on the Memorial Stones. Leaflets are available in church and these are still being developed. If you have any family connections, photographs and village history that can contribute to this please let us know.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

So, to name some of our events last year – A Beetle Drive, Village Quiz night, Christmas Charity Coffee Morning, the Summer Garden Fete held again in the wonderful setting of Town Head Farm. Thanks to all the support from Ann and Alan at the Corn Store for hosting the Games Evening and Whisky evening. Funds raised help support the upkeep of the building of St James. And we have many building needs. We currently have plans for an accessible church path, better heating, lighting and connectivity, roof and spire repairs. It's a very long list!! St James was built by local craftsmen using locally quarried stone and was consecrated in 1845. The Victorians built it to last, or so they thought. Alas time, over 170 years, and the weather, has taken its toll. The support of our Friends of St James Scheme is vital in providing income to run the building and continue its maintenance to a satisfactory level. Please join the scheme. Any donation is welcome either as a one-off donation or regular yearly or monthly donations. Any amount is welcome. We are a very small congregation trying to keep open an historic building for the community. The scheme is open to all villagers and those who have connections to the church and want to see the building maintained for now and for future generations.

