

SMISBY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

June 2022



Thank You to Everyone Involved in The Celebrations

It was so lovely to see so many of you at our various celebrations at the Platinum Jubilee weekend. As you know these events do not happen without a lot of work behind the scenes.

Big thanks to;

- Carol and Mark Parnham for providing the amazing location for the beacon and their work in setting up – it was fantastic to be able to see other Beacons on the horizon.
- Ron and Karen Walker who have organised the planning and purchasing before, during and after!
- The Parochial Charity for their financial support
- To everyone who helped with decorating, setting up tents and tables, barbecuing and food prep, clearing up, cleaning up, cake making, judging and being
- Most of all - to all of you who gave your support by joining in on the day and providing a joyful atmosphere for everyone to enjoy

Sarah Rushman

Jubilee Grounds Volunteers

As many of you will remember the recreation field in Smisby was renamed the Jubilee Grounds in honour of the last Jubilee. The Parochial Charity have funds available and have already had some suggestions about changes at the Jubilee Grounds. We think now would be a fitting time to make some changes in honour of this Platinum Jubilee.

We would like to set up a working group with members of the parish and parish councillors.

- to assess how the field currently gets used
- to discuss the longer-term uses of the field
- to look at how we might change and improve the current facilities
- whether we should look at making areas more accessible by, for example, levelling or terracing the ground or improving the access approach

If you are interested in being part of this exciting group, then please contact one of the councillors or the parish clerk or come along to our next meeting on the 12th of July.

Road closure notification

Forties Lane Smisby will be closed for drainage works from 4th July 2022 to 15th July 2022 Between 07:30 and 17:00 each day

Smisby Village Hall.

Ron Walker

The Trustees do hope that everyone enjoying the Jubilee celebrations took the opportunity to pop in and look at our wonderful new kitchen - something that most hirers and prospective hirers are commenting on.

The hall is slowly returning to normal with bookings and we are able to view the future with increasing confidence.

SMISBY WOMENS INSTITUTE

Parish AGM Report 2022

During the First World War, the Women's institute was introduced to Britain from Canada in 1915 to encourage country women to grow and preserve food to help feed people during WW1 Llanfair PG on Anglesey, North Wales was the first WI to be formed on September 16th, 1915, with the National Federation of Women's Institutes as the governing body.

Smisby WI held its inaugural meeting in November 1934 with the first general meeting held here which was known as the Church Room at 6.30.p.m. on the 17th of December 1934 where it was proposed and seconded that a Women's Institute should be formed in the village and known as The Smisby Women's Institute, Miss Hewitt was elected and served as President for the next 48 years.

Many events have taken place since the first meeting held on January 17th, 1935, where twenty-four members were present, notably the second world war, when many WI's up and down the country did their bit for the war effort. There were no emails Wi-Fi and instant communications like there is now but WIs pulled together like Smisby WI making jam, taking in evacuees, and raising money for the Red Cross. Meetings and gatherings could still take place and if food was available they could certainly have Christmas parties.

How different the last two years have been, we were all told to stay at home & not to meet anyone outside our family circle, work from home and certainly no mixing or having Christmas parties. We all did our bit even if only in a small way, shopping for some of our members who were classed as vulnerable, making phone calls to stay connected and of course sending out emails every day with jokes, recipes, and poems sent in by members to share with others. Zoom was the next thing to tackle and some of us did but oh how lovely that from May 2021 we were able to have our meetings once again here in Smisby Village Hall. We celebrated our belated 85th birthday in July with Lesley Smith giving an inspiring talk about Peggy Knight an SOE spy in the second world war who was parachuted into France to help the resistance fighters. We continue with our monthly meetings and speakers plus additional event for members to enjoy, we have a thriving membership of sixty with a waiting list of ladies wishing to join.

I will close my report now and hope you have enjoyed this potted history of Smisby Women's Institute.

Written and presented by Suzanne Jones Secretary

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Drains, Flooding and Highways

Several drainage gullies have been exposed & cleared in Forties Lane and the plan is to now put skirts around them, to mitigate the risk of further blockage. This work is scheduled to be accomplished between the 4th and 15th of July (between 07:30 and 17:00 each day), during which time the road will be closed.

Councillor Taft is continuing his dialogue with DCC Highways about 'reinstating' the pavement, adjacent to The Poplars. If anyone has **evidence** that a **pavement** previously existed, along this stretch of Main Street, please share it with SPC Councillors because DCC Highways have taken the view that this is a new pavement, which they are not in a position to approve.

Please continue to support your community by reporting road faults (e.g. potholes, blocked drains, fly-tipping, etc), via: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/report-a-road-fault/report-a-road-fault.aspx>

Community Speed Watch

Ongoing speed watch activities are taking place and statistics remain very steady. Three hundred letters have gone out and 4500 cars surveyed. There is ongoing communication with CREST about where they are surveying, Councillor Cuming is to chase this up with them. SIDS - the Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed for temporary trial, Councillor Cuming has started the application process and County Councillor Muller has agreed to approve it. Councillor Cuming has attended an event at Melbourne and we have suggested applying for two, one each way as you are not meant to move the equipment due to being on a public highway. He advised that the Council need to look at finances and what happens after the 12-month trial.

District And County Councillor Reports

District Councillor Haines, a flood liaison meeting is held regularly. Grass cutting is up and running but there is a supply issue with spares which may impact future work. They are discussing a 'no mow May.' Planning services now have three technicians manning a phone line. Area forum meetings are going back to in person, possibly in July. County Councillor Muller, Angelique Foster has been in Melbourne updating Parish Councils on SIDS (speed indicator signs). Freeport nothing significant to report. Ukrainian crisis, as a County have put a lot of money into it, and people are coming into the area. Levelling up is being talked about and joining counties together for their county and city councils. The energy crisis is causing a lot of concern. Chair advised that the level of complaints is rising on plane noise from the airport

Ashby Camera Club Update Phil Richardson

Continue to benefit from the top-class facilities provided by the Smisby Village Hall. We would like to thank the village hall committee and Karen for all their hard work coping with the pandemic and subsequent re-opening. At the end of May, we will be starting our summer programme and will be out and about until September, when we plan to restart our use of the hall. We hope the camera club adds to the diversity of activities provided for residents of Smisby and the surrounding area and are always happy to welcome new members. We wish all the other hall users' good luck with their future activities

www.ashbycameraclub.co.uk

New members always welcome contact
chairmanacc@gmail.com

Ashby Art Club Report Marie South

Ashby Art Club returned to normal with weekly meetings on Monday evenings and also running a twice monthly morning session, as shown on the Club programme of the website,

see <https://www.ashbyartclub.org/programme> .

New members are most welcome. Outdoor sketching and demonstrations have restarted and painting sessions are also reported on

Members had an extremely successful 2022 Easter Art Exhibition, which was held at Ticknall village hall.

There was a record number of sales.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ashbyartclub>

Smisby Parochial Charity Rob Hounslow

The Parochial Charity has decided to provide a separate, biannual newsletter in hard copy to distribute to all Smisby Parishioners, as well as continuing to contribute this online newsletter. The reason behind this decision was to explain to everyone how we are organised and what we do to help the community, as there are still some 'tall' stories about how we operate! Remember, it is your charity benefitting your community - all we need is plenty of great ideas. We work very closely with the Parish Council and one of our Trustees regularly attends the Council Meetings, to brief them on our work and listen to how best we can help the Parish Council with their work. A good example of this is the Parochial Charity, having been approached by the Parish Council to fund the Platinum Jubilee event in the Village Hall, readily agreed to fund up to the estimate provided. Additionally, the Parochial Charity will be providing every household in the Parish with a commemorative gift to mark this unique occasion. We think everyone will be delighted with the gift! We have continued to fund individual projects for residents in need, plus assistance for those studying and contributions towards university accommodation fees. Have a look at the website where everything is explained as to how we can help and even provides all the forms needed to help you get those funds quickly. We have also agreed to help the Parish Council in taking a fresh look at the Jubilee Field, to ensure it remains relevant to the Village needs. Once a plan is formed, that is supported by the community, then the Parochial Charity will be able to contribute towards funding the project to make it become a reality. Remember too, we also provide funds for keeping our lovely St James' Church functioning for all to enjoy.



BLUEBELL ARBORETUM AND NURSERY

Visit our tranquil nine-acre woodland garden full of unusual trees and shrubs, many of which have been planted for their superb summer flowers/ foliage! Many of the rarities on display are available for sale from our adjoining specialist plant nursery. RHS Partner Garden.

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Smisby Allotment Association

We currently have a full complement of plots rented out and the turnover of plot holders has reduced such that the plot owners are now quite a stable community. We have a waiting list of potential tenants and have been able to pay funds to the parochial charity - who own the field - for the last 3 years.

We have had a couple of communal days over the last 18 months to do maintenance and refreshment which have been well supported and very effective. We will advertise our next communal day if anyone would like to come along and see what we are doing. Sarah Rushman

SMISBY VILLAGE WEB PAGES

www.smisby.org.uk

The village website has lots of useful information from many of the groups and associations in the village including St James' Church, WI, Parochial charity, Village Hall and Parish Council.

The Parish Council agenda, minutes and contact details are all published on the site together with the accounts and audit information.

The newsletter will be available to read on the website

There are links to council sites such as highways reporting, speeding reporting and contact details for planning and accessing the council. In addition, a link to easily access the police neighbourhood alert line.

Smisby Parish Council

Smisby Parish Council consists of volunteers who have been elected or co-opted to serve as members of the council.

If you are interested in our work and how things are run or even in becoming part of the Parish Council then please come along to one of our meetings or have a chat with a current council member.

Regular elections are held in the event of having enough candidates but there is no set term of appointment. If the number of candidates applying is less than the maximum appointable all nominees can be appointed.

Parish Councillors

Chair Sarah Rushman 07974 803729
 Vice Chair Chris Taft
 Councillor Richard Brooke
 Councillor Mike Cuming
 Councillor Hannah Das
 Parish Clerk Caroline Crowder
smisbyparishclerk@gmail.com

Parish Council Meetings at 7.30 (2nd Tuesday of alternate months)

12th July 2022
 1. 3th September 2022
 8th November 2022
 10th January 2022
 14th March 2022

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