
SMISBY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

November 2022

Parish Council News

Sarah Rushman

It is a long time since we met to celebrate our late queen's platinum jubilee and much has changed since then. It was a great pleasure to have a meeting on the 8th of November at which all our parish councillors, county councillor and district councillors were present.

Highways

Many of the highways issues which we have discussed around signage and speeding on the B5008 have been sorted out and bar a few visibility issues with greenery it is now obvious what the limits for weight and speed are approaching and in the village. Our community speed-watch continues to run regularly and we have had some official speed watch cameras occasionally. We continue discussions around the reinstatement of the footpath up to the church. Potholes are a recurrent problem – please report them if possible as the more input the council get the more they need to take notice. The link to report can be found on the parish council section of smisby.org.

Fly tipping continues to be a problem – please do report incidents as the council clean team are always very quick to respond.

Smisby Lock-up

Renovation and maintenance work on the lock-up has been almost completed and we are very grateful to East Midlands Airport for giving us a grant towards the costs

Airport News

East Midlands Airport is in the process of reviewing flight paths. Councillor Cuming is attending the consultation meetings and keeping a close eye on developments. The first phase is in progress and should have some initial proposals in the Spring.

Following discussion with parishioners about airport noise we have requested a portable noise abatement monitor be installed so that we can collect evidence. In the meantime if you are disturbed by noise from flights please report events to the airport. They will then keep a log of complaints which will help our case for review as noise levels are being investigated.

24-hour noise complaint voicemail box number: 0845 108 8540

Email: community@eastmidlandsairport.com

County Councillor Muller

There is consultation on the new Mayoral area proposals for Derby and Nottingham city and county. If approved there would be levelling-up monies to go with the proposals although it is likely that an extra level of management will have some costs associated with it too.

There are grants available for local communities to help set up warm hubs and it may be possible to set up something similar for the village hall and local communities

District Councillors Haines and Churchill.

The local plan for Derbyshire and surrounding areas is now nearing the end of its consultation period and final comments are required prior to the 5th December. Please do have a look and comment on the current proposals as location of house-building projects and road changes may impact us in Smisby.

<http://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/issuesandoptions>

local.plan@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Smisby Parish Council Vacancies

There are local council elections next May and as there are councillors who are not standing for re appointment to council there will be vacancies to fill. 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. The normal term is 4 years. If less than 6 people stand they will be automatically elected.

The Parochial Charity is in the process of converting its current charitable status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This is now the norm for Charities such as the Parochial Charity and Village Halls. It means that the Charity becomes a legal entity in its own right - as opposed to the legal responsibility falling on the Trustees. That does not mean that the Trustees have an easy ride. They must comply with additional regulations and can be held legally responsible for ensuring that the running of the Charity is carried out in accordance with Charity Law and must act in the interests of the Charity at all times. A CIO has more exposure than our current Trust status as we are akin to a company, albeit we are not registered with companies house, but we are legally obliged to submit accounts to the Charity Commission on an annual basis. As a CIO can own land, enter into contracts and can control substantial funds or assets it is a much preferred status than currently exists, whereby the Trustees currently have to undertake that responsibility individually or collectively.

Other news - firstly, we have now completed the project for a Memorial Bench in memory of Jeff Barnes. It is situated in St James' Churchyard for everyone to enjoy and remember the substantial contribution that Jeff made towards the good of the Parish. Secondly, the Trustees have agreed to fully fund the Christmas Party in the Village Hall and again will be distributing Christmas Hampers to everyone over our newly entitled age of 60 (for every gender). Please remember that to receive one, you **MUST** have provided the Clerk to the Parochial Charity, prior to 30th September, with the appropriate form downloaded from the website. You may submit a form at any time during the year if you will be eligible next year. Those already receiving a hamper need not apply.

Thirdly, the transfer of the Charity's investments has now been completed to Rathbones and we are pleased with the relationship we have formed with that company. Despite being a very difficult time for the investment market, the Trustees are satisfied that Rathbones are obtaining the best possible return that is available across a wide spectrum of opportunities. As a reminder, the rules of the Parochial Charity only allow 50% of the investment income to be spent on support for the local Parish and Parishioners, the other 50% supports St James' Church. None of the capital can be spent and must be invested to generate the best possible return - hence the need to use experts such as Rathbones.

Fourthly, if anyone wishes to purchase additional whisky glasses, that we purchased as gifts for the Parish for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, please contact Parochial Charity's Clerk, as we still have a few available.

Finally, the Parochial Charity was set up to help with charitable causes and projects beneficial to the Parish. If you know of any such opportunities, please get in touch with us, discretion is our promise.

SMISBY WOMENS INSTITUTE

Parish Council Report October 2022

Smisby village and the Women's Institute celebrated seventy years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth the 11, I know the village certainly had a fabulous party in Main Street with every household receiving commemorative gifts. The WI held their celebrations a week later with The Baroness of Bolsover telling us about the etiquette of the afternoon tea which originated during the reign of Queen Victoria. The Baroness told us that you had to have China teacups, finger size sandwiches, and Battenburg cake, thank goodness we had all three of the items that made up an afternoon tea. The members were asked to dress up in their best frocks and hats, and they certainly looked the part sipping tea with their little finger sticking out and of course enjoying the superb food put on by the committee.

Seventy years was such a special occasion to celebrate, and in our lifetime, it will never occur again, so we can now look forward to King Charles 111 coronation next year with of course more celebrations in the village. I have no information how the village or the WI celebrated the Queen's coronation but for the 1937 King George VI, Col. & Mrs Mosley from Calke Abbey and Miss Hewitt from the WI planted a conifer tree next to the village war memorial (which was erected in 1920). After a morning church service sports were held in the afternoon followed by a Children's tea, where children were given Coronation souvenirs, followed by a celebration tea for adults, has anyone got one of these souvenirs it would be nice to see what was given to the children.

Smisby WI are making up for lost time, awaydays, this year so far, we have been to the Gladstone & Kath Kidson Pottery in Stoke, Kilworth Theatre to see Half a Sixpence, Kew Gardens, on an extremely hot day, a trip on the Loughborough canal, with of course lunch at a pub, an overnight stay in Norwich to see the Thursford Spectacular, plus our walking groups and craft mornings, not forgetting our monthly meeting every third Thursday in the village hall from 7.15. Our membership is sixty and we have a waiting list but of course if any ladies living in Smisby wish to come along to one of our Thursday meetings you will be made most welcome.

Suzanne Jones Secretary Smisby WI.



ST JAMES' PARISH CHURCH – OCTOBER 2022

You may have noticed that the scaffolding has at last been taken away from the east end of the church. The stone tracery in the east window of the chancel needed attention and the glass needed re-leading. It was also found that some of the surrounding stonework also needed attention. We hope that the work will soon be complete, it has taken far longer than we were anticipating.

If you walk around to the back of the church, you will notice that quite a lot of stonework on the vestry has been replaced as well. Old buildings suffer from the effects of bad weather and the church is grateful to the Parochial Church Charity for grant aiding this work.

You may also have noticed the new bench by the church porch. This was given by the Parochial Charity in memory of Jeff Barnes who did so much for the village and the church over his lifetime.

In July the church celebrated its Patronal Festival (birthday) when Bishop Malcolm, Bishop of Repton, came to preach and meet people.

Sadly, we have lost two long standing church members in the last month. Ann Mansfield's funeral was held in the church on the 26th of September, and we have heard that Ray Dennis, who had moved to a house on the Coleorton Hall Estate, also died recently. Our thoughts are with their families.

Looking forward we have a Service of Remembrance at 5.30 pm on the 13th of November; the Carol Service at 5.30 pm on the 8th of December; and Christmas Day Holy Communion at 9.00 am on the 25th of December.

Finally, there will be no service here on Sunday 1st January 2023

Smisby Village Hall Ron Walker

Our hall continues to attract very positive comments from all our users, which is very pleasing. We are currently looking forward to a very busy festive season which includes the village Christmas party. All the invitations have now been posted and Karen Walker is collating the replies. As always, your committee are working hard to ensure that the hall meets all regulatory requirements and is maintained to a high standard. If any villagers are planning parties or social gathering please bear our hall in mind and remember that parishioners receive preferential rates. I trust that everyone has noticed the wonderful cascade of poppies organised by the Smisby WI outside the hall, many thanks ladies.



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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Ashby Art Club Report Hague

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Ashby Art Club started its 2022/23 session on Monday 5th September, with the enrolment night. The club now has an Instagram account, which is proving very popular within and beyond the club, adding to our established Facebook and Twitter presence, and providing regular updates on Club activities. The first of a series of demonstrations by visiting artists took place on 10th October, with Andrew Geeson giving an excellent introduction to Loose Watercolours, thoroughly enjoyed by the Club members and another new member joining on the night! For more information on the Club, see www.ashbyartclub.org or check us out on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

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

Ashby Camera Club Update Phil Richardson

Ashby Camera Club are back up to running a full programme in Smisby Village Hall most Wednesday evenings. A number of members have not returned after the lockdowns. However, we are still one of the more active clubs in the area and remain financially strong. If anyone would like to join us for have fun with their photography, please check out our website or contact me at chairmanacc@gmail.com. Potential new members are more than welcome to come along to 2 or 3 meeting and see what we are all about"

ACC Chairman

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 10th of January

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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 Allotment Association

The allotments continue to be well supported and our last community workday saw lots of people working hard to tidy the site. Our tenancies run from the 1st of November and I am pleased to say that we have a full complement of plots taken and a few people waiting. At the moment the village is not highly represented amongst plot-holders but please do get in touch if you would like to have a look round. Sarah Rushman

Parish Councillors

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Councillor Richard Brooke
Councillor Mike Cuming
Councillor Hannah Das
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Parish Council Meetings at 7.30

(2nd Tuesday of alternate months)

10th January 2022
14th March 2022
Local elections 5th May 2022
9th May 2022

Smisby Village Web pages
www.smisby.org.uk

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