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Chairman's Message

Hi,

In this edition we welcome a new Councillor to the team;

Samantha Bestwick has volunteered to join us,

Unfortunately a second Parishioner has been unable to take up a position on the council due to work commitments. So we do still have 1 vacancy on the Council, if anyone is interested please contact either myself or the clerk and we can discuss the role with you.

We also say a huge THANK YOU to Raj Mistry who has decided to stand down from the Council to allow himself more time to spend with his family and on other voluntary commitments. Raj has been with us from the very beginning and so we thank him for all of the work and effort he has put in over the last four years.

Don't forget if there are any points of view you would like to express then please feel free to contact any of your local councillors. (Contact information is on the back page).

Regards

Pete Venner

Chair Cawston Parish Council

Cawston Grange WI Lite

Meets on the third Thursday of the month in the Primary School Meeting starts at 7 30pm

Everyone welcome to this new and relaxed WI

September 15th - silk painting, have a go session October 20th - Dog's Trust

For more information go to www.cawstongrangewilite.co.uk

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Thefts - Advice from the Police

In a response to a parishioner question relating to thefts from the home, Sgt Daf Goddard responded "There has been a trend across the County and further afield for families to have been targeted due to the quantity and quality of jewellery that can be kept at home. However this is not a trend that has exploded nor have we seen a high number of offences in the Rugby or indeed the Cawston area.

Warwickshire Police has placed tackling burglary dwellings top of its agenda and there is a team dedicated to investigating these type of offences at Rugby Police Station. Recently there have been a number of good quality arrests in the area.

We would request all residents to be vigilant and look out for one another. It is always a positive move to start or to join an existing Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Particularly in the summer period, don't leave the house with the windows open and don't utilise your rear garden without locking your front door. Keep house and vehicle keys out of reach of the letterbox, mark your property with Smartwater, fit and use good quality locks and alarm systems."

Cawston Greenway (Dis-used railway line)

Hi, my name is Paul Hart and I have been running the Cawston Greenway project since 2010, when the project first came off the ground.

I would just like to bring you up to speed with what we have done, and where we are going. Basically the greenway was a dump when we first started clearing it. We spent the summer of 2010 clearing all the rubbish that had been dumped down there for the last 25 years or so. When the scrub clearance season started in September 2010 we started to clear back areas and fumbled our way forwards with what we thought was the right tack. However, with advice from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and Butterfly Conservation, along with quite a few other groups advising us, we kind of swung from one angle to another. This was confusing and frustrating because we were all new to this type of work and didn't really have a vision of the end result that we were working towards.

As we worked as a group we started to form our own ideas about what we wanted the greenway to look like and grew more confident as to what we were doing. Over the summer of 2011 we have seen the results of the work we did in the last clearing season. The results are promising and the cleared areas are full of wild flowers of one sort or another. However, it has become apparent that to really get the greenway buzzing with wildlife, we need to cut the path back much more vigorously. We don't want to lose the woody feel that the greenway has, but the path needs to be much wider so that sunshine can hit the ground on either side of the path and help to germinate seeds along the edges. When this happens the wildlife will move in and it will start to become a really exciting place.

The clearing season for 2011 is about to start and if you would like to help out on workdays, which are a couple of hours on various Sundays and sometimes in the week, then please feel free to join us. We are a casual friendly group and just get on with the task in hand, have a bonfire to burn off the cut down scrub and trees and basically have a good time.

It would be great to see some new people getting involved. It's therapeutic and rewarding, and you really feel like you are putting something back into our local community. Visit www.cawstongreenway.wordpress.com to check out our blog, or go to our website at www.cawstongreenway.org to see what we are all about. But more importantly, just come along and join in.

Do you want your say? - Here's your chance

The forum is an opportunity to raise issues of local concern and to find out what is happening in your community

Next meeting date and venue

Please see Parish Council Noticeboards and Website

Drop in from 6:30pm – A chance to speak to local councillors and the police regarding any issues that concern you.

Forum from 7pm - Topics include

- Update on previous actions
- Safer Neighbourhoods Policing and Priorities
- Open Public Question Time

For more info, please contact the Rugby Area Partnership Team on 01788 533656 or email: rugby@warwickshire.gov.uk. or www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums



10:00 am Refreshments
10:30 am Family Friendly Service

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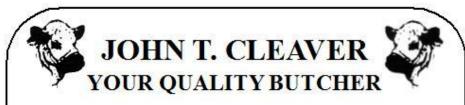
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New Cawston Blog

The Parish Council have created a blog to try and keep everyone informed about what is happening in Cawston.

The web address is http://cawstonparish.wordpress.com

and it is all about sharing good news and trying to get residents involved in things that they are passionate about. Feel free to add to the blog, or email me your ideas at paul.hart@gmx.co.uk and I will blog them. This is a real chance to get our community really pulling together to get what we want from living here.

Community Hall

The community hall project is still inching its way forward. Our solicitor is still checking out details before we exchange contracts on the land.

In the meantime, we have decided to start fund raising for the project; we hope that much of the funding will come from grant applications to various bodies, but we do need to show willing as a community and raise some money ourselves.

We have decided to start off with a Fun Run around Cawston Grange, on Sunday October 30th. (Please see the advert in the centre pages)

Cawston Runners

Cawston Runners is a very casual, very social, run around the Cawston estate every Wednesday night at six o'clock in the evening.

It's a great way to meet some of the other runners in Cawston and running in a group is so much more motivating than running on your own.

If you want to join this new group and kind of get in from the start, then just come along. We meet at Turchil Road play area and do 5k.

It's a small group at the moment and sometimes it's just me running on my own. However, it's a chance to really get a group going and meet new people with a common interest.

So if you want to run, but cannot quite find the motivation, come and join us. There are no soaps on the TV on Wednesday night, we don't race and try and compete against each other. It really is a casual run that burns a few hundred calories and makes you feel quite good.

Email me at **paul.hart@gmx.co.uk** if you want further details, but better that that, just strap on your trainers and come on.....



Road Adoption

As you may be aware we have been struggling for some time to get the relevant bodies together to allow the adoption of the main roads around the estate.

I am pleased to say that we had an on site meeting with all of the parties concerned in July where we were able to come up with a timetable to try and get the main roads under maintenance (the 12month hand over period) by the 1st October.

The Consortium along with STW and RBC are working through agreed remedial works, flushing the sewers, inspecting the sewers with CCTV and conducting road inspections to enable the sign off on the roads.

We will keep you informed as to how this progresses via the Parish News and the website.

Fly Tipping, Hedges and Horses

In the past members of the council have received complaints regarding issues such as;

Fly Tipping
Overgrown Hedgerows,
Out of control horse riders, etc

We do try to follow up on as many of these reports as possible, however we increasingly find that the information that we have been given is too general for the various authorities to be able to follow up. In future if you wish to report incidents to the Council we will need specific details of the area concerned and the people concerned if we are going to request any action by the relevant authorities.

We would request all Parishioners to have a neighbourly attitude, so please don't fly tip – use the green bins, if your hedge is overgrowing a path please cut it back, and if you are a horse rider please consider other path users particularly families with small children. Thank you.

Community Recreational Area

The working party on recreational play areas has been working hard with representatives of the Borough Council to start to draw up some proposals for the play area. We are hoping that these proposals will be presented at the October Parish Council meeting. If you are interested in coming to the meeting to view any proposals then please watch the noticeboards and website for confirmation of the agenda.

We welcome comments from all and we will ensure that there is adequate consultation at all levels throughout the planning process.

If you would like to join the working party or just express a view then please contact:

Dawn.wilson@cawstonpc.org or Philip.sharples@cawstonpc.org

You can also provide your views to Borough Councillor Mark Williams at mark.williams@rugby.gov.uk

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Cawston Grange Parish Council

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Starting at 2 pm

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