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Chairman's Message

Hi,

In this edition of the Parish News we will be providing an update regarding the open evening that was held in relation to the Community Hall and the Play Area. Many thanks go out to all of you that took the time to come and look at the displays and provide feedback, you're views have been passed to the relevant working party for their consideration.

In connection to the Community Hall our hard work really begins as we start to secure further funding to make the building a reality. We do have a number of working parties running in relation to the hall, so if you have particular skills that you think may help then we would really like to hear from you!

The development of the local shopping area continues at a pace, this will be a great asset to the community and we look forward to its speedy completion.

As the latest information becomes available we will continue to update the website and the blog between issues of the Parish News.

Regards

Pete Venner

Chair Cawston Parish Council

Cawston Grange WI Lite

This new WI meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Primary School starting at 7.30. We are a new group formed one year ago and are always ready to welcome new members

What's on

15th March Cheese Tasting
19th April Knit 'n Natter
17th May NFWI Resolutions
21st June Fire Brigade
19th July Cawston Greenway
16th August No meeting
20th September Victorian Whodunit
18th October Wine Tasting
15th November AGM
20th December Christmas Quiz and Party

For more information please contact us at

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Inconsiderate Parking

A number of residents have expressed concern around the increasing levels of inconsiderate parking.

Examples brought to our attention include;

- Parking too close to road junctions, obscuring the view for other road users,
- Parking opposite road junctions, making manoeuvring more risky,
- Parking opposite another vehicle reducing the road width, making access by delivery or emergency vehicles more tricky,
- Parking on footpaths.

Obstructing a public right of way is a matter of great concern and causes inconvenience to many, especially people with sight impairment, or with mobility problems, walkers with pushchairs and small children. It also reduces the line of vision for motor vehicles and bicycles as well as other road users.

Please can we all think about other road and footpath users when parking our vehicles?

www.cawstonpc.org The Website

Did you know that you can find all manner of information about your local community and what is happening in and around the estate from the Parish website?

The Site is split into 7 areas:

Home; the front page that carries head line new stories.

About the Council; All of the statutory information regarding the parish council, how it was formed and the constitution it follows.

Latest News and Meetings; find out what is happening in the area. Details of monthly council meetings can be found here, with minutes and agendas published.

People page; find out who your councilors are and how to contact them.

Our Map; this is an interactive map with pins showing the location of news stories. Click on a pin to show the related story.

Useful Information: Info such as Road closures, up to date Trading Standards alerts can be found here.

Pictures: This is a new section to the site and will be populated with photos of the local community, if you have any shots you would like to share please send them to us for publication.

Contact us: You can contact the Council with concerns or suggestions either via individual councillors email addresses or via the link at the bottom of each page.

The web site is being brought up to date by keeping the news stories fresh and relevant and removing older out of date information, this process will take a bit of time to carry out so please bear with us.

Motorbikes Being Used Off Road

There is still some misunderstanding about where off road bikes can be ridden. Here is a reminder of the advice given by Warwickshire Police.

- Only vehicles that meet the required standards and are registered with the DVLA can be used on roads, pavements and car parks. As well as being registered, they must be taxed and insured. An MOT will be required for vehicles over three years old.

- The only place where off road vehicles, (including quad bikes, monkey bikes, scooters, small machines which have a petrol engine, mini motos, and go peds with an electric motor) can be lawfully ridden is on private land with the direct permission of the land owner, or at an organised, supervised off road centre. THIS PERMISSION HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN FOR ANY OF THE LAND ON CAWSTON GRANGE NOR FOR ANY PART OF THE CAWSTON GREENWAY.

- Bikes can NOT be ridden on wasteland, the disused railway line, playing fields, parks, bridle paths, rights of way, pavements or footpaths.

For more detailed information, visit www.warwickshire.police.uk

If you do see bikes being ridden illegally, please report this to Rugby Police on 01788 541111. It is important that all incidents are logged (make sure you receive an incident number) so that the police can build up a picture of problem areas.

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Rugby Town West Community Forum

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 - Wednesday 7th March Overslade Community Centre, Buchanan Rd, Rugby, CV22 6AY

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 local developments and initiatives
- Safer Neighbourhoods Policing and Priorities
- Improvements to local Play Areas

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



Love your Mum this Mother's Day!

Come to café style church at BEC Cawston for fun, refreshments and the chance to celebrate and thank our Mums.

**Sunday March 18th ~ refreshments from 10am
Service 10:30am at Cawston Grange Primary School**

All Welcome!

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The unexpected phone calls come from people who falsely claim to represent Microsoft. Recipients are told that there is a serious problem with their computer that needs 'fixing'. These claims are entirely bogus.

Giving access to your computer to someone you don't know could lead to your PC becoming infected with viruses and other malware, or your personal or financial information being stolen and used fraudulently. Or you may have software downloaded on to your PC or 'work' done unnecessarily for which you may then be asked for payment.

- Microsoft do not make unsolicited (unexpected) phone calls to consumers.
- Never allow anyone you don't know or trust to take control of your PC.
- For more information on business and consumer scams, please visit our website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams

Trading Standards – Now on Twitter

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service has launched its own business advice twitter as a quick and simple means to help provide Warwickshire businesses with information and advice.

Twitter will help Trading Standards Officers keep in touch with small and medium sized businesses. Officers will be able to provide the business community with help and advice and promote fair trading and safety.

Follow us at: www.twitter.com/warkstss

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.

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Broadband Speeds

A few residents have contacted us in relation to broadband speeds on the estate. We have been in touch with the major cable supplier who informed us that there is no plan to introduce cable network to the estate in the short or medium term.

In the meantime you can have your say via the survey below released on behalf of the County Council

The public are being urged to join the regional campaign for faster broadband speeds by signing up to a survey on internet connectivity.

Warwickshire County Council, in partnership with Solihull and Coventry councils, has been allocated £4.07m by Government for better broadband in the area.

The Government grant needs to be match-funded by the local authorities, and the private sector is also expected to invest a considerably larger amount to ensure that all properties achieve speeds of at least 2Mbps and that 90 per cent of properties achieve at least 24Mbps by the end of 2015.

In order to encourage the private sector to invest in broadband, Warwickshire County Council must demonstrate that it will get a return on the money and that people will actually use the service. To achieve that aim, two questionnaires have been set up - one for businesses and one for residential use. If you work from home please complete both – just because a building does not have a sign over the door, it does not mean that there is no business activity inside! The survey can be found at www.cswbroadband.org.uk

In addition, the county council is recruiting local champions to promote the project within their own villages and to encourage others to sign up. Anyone interested in becoming a champion or requiring further information about the project, can email broadband@warwickshire.gov.uk

Road Adoption

We continue to make progress but it is still very very slow. Please see the latest updates from Rob McGuinn from the Consortium received on the 26th Jan and the 27th Feb.

“The land transfer for the pumping station is complete. The remedial works are starting today with a final handover meeting with STWA being arranged for w/c 12th March 2012.

The remedial works to the sewers as identified on the CCTV survey have been agreed with STWA last Thursday with an anticipated period on site of 2-3 weeks.

The remedial works to the foul and surface water manholes have been completed and signed off by STWA.

The highways remedial list as agreed with WCC has been issued to our contractor who will commence works immediately following completion and sign off of the sewer works.”

At this stage no actual completion date has been given.

Don't forget to continue to supply us with details of remedial works that still need doing in your area e.g. Blocked drains, broken kerbs etc.

We will keep you informed on progress via the Parish News and website.

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“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 18th May 2012

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 18th May 2012 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips

Tree Planting

BIG THANKS go out to all of those that turned out on Sunday 26th Feb in order to help out with the tree planting. A very successful and fun afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Our thanks go to Cllr Cool for arranging the event, I believe another one may be in the offing for later in the year – we'll keep you posted.

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Community Hall and Play Area Open Evening: Summary of Feedback Survey

It was good to see 47 attendees at the Open Evening in January to view the Council's plans for a Community Hall and Play Area. Alongside the valuable discussions on the night, 77% of you completed a feedback survey with the following results.

Headline data

- Why did people attend?

64% to find out about both projects
25% specifically interested in the Hall
8% specifically regarding the play area

Who attended?

72% Cawston Parish Residents
25% Other Stakeholders
(e.g. Scout/Guiding Gps)

- Will they use the new facilities?

92% would use the Cawston Community Hall 58% the Play Area

What else did people comments on?

We asked for any other comments and 26 of the 36 survey respondents offered 48 individual comments (some offered a range of different thoughts) :
21% related specifically to the Play Area, 48% the Hall and 25% were more generic in nature. We did receive 3 comments not related to the themes of the evening, but Councillors always welcome feedback from the Community and will follow up where necessary.

The nature and tone of the 48 comments

20 were positive (42%)	5 registered concern (10%)
18 offered meaningful suggestions to improve the plans on display (38%).	5 were neutral (10%)

Common themes in comments:

6	related to the benefits of the projects to the Cawston Community
6	underlined the need for adequate storage in the Community Hall
4	made requests to advance book regular slots in the Community Hall
3	related to concerns over anti social behaviour in or around the Play Area
3	suggested a review of planting would be needed around dev't areas
2	offered specific feedback on Play Area equipment
2	made a specific request for a grill or some form of physical separation of the bar area to enable use by children and youth groups.

Community Hall and Play Area Open Evening: Summary of Feedback Survey

What next?

For the play area, the Working Group is now awaiting confirmation of funding from Rugby Borough Council and the Consortium (the latter committed to a contribution as part of the planning approvals for the estate).

The Community Hall is still in the initial stages of planning; the land is now secured and the Parish Council has created a Working Group, Chaired by Cllr Venner to manage the project. Work has been divided into three areas of focus:

1. The 'build'; developing the building plans, working through the planning approval process and thinking about the physical structure.
(Led by Cllr Sharples)
2. The 'money'; creating a business plan which is financially sustainable and creating a fund raising strategy to obtain the funds to build the hall.
(Led by Cllr Ms Bestwick)
3. The 'management'; developing the financial, legal and management models and processes to create a model of Community ownership and direction
(Led by Cllr Hayward).

Want to get involved?

We already have members of the Community involved in the project areas outlined above and would welcome further involvement from people living in Cawston – if you have skills to bring to these groups please do contact the Councillors leading the groups directly.

Want to hear more?

You could sign up to the Cawston Parish blog, the quickest way to find out about Parish news. Or join the 23 people who attended the Open Evening and requested to join a new email update list. You can do this by sending Cllr Bestwick your email details.

Further updates on both projects will be provided in future editions of the newsletter.