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Chairman's Message

Hi,

In this edition of the Parish News we would first like to extend our thanks and best wishes to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second on this the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee.

We hope the rain did not dampen your enthusiasm for the many parties and events that were scheduled around the Borough. We hope you enjoyed the many celebrations.

We also look forward to Olympics coming to London, and the Olympic torch coming through Rugby on the 2nd July – more on that in the centre pages.

Locally we are bringing you updates in relation to the many activities including road adoption, the community hall and Jubilee tree planting amongst others.

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

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

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The Jubilee Tree

As part of the pack provided by the Woodland Trust for our recent community trees planting project there was a very special sapling grown from a seed collected from one of the royal household estates.

To ensure the sapling can be protected in its early years of growth and offer a lasting reminder of our diamond jubilee celebrations to future generations, the flourishing sapling was planted by our young people within the Cawston Grange

Primary School grounds during the June celebrations. Our thanks are extended to the head, Ms McGonagle, the staff and children for supporting the planting project and taking on the responsibility for caring for our **The** Royal Tree.

Jubilee Bench

The Parish Council have decided to purchase another bench to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It will be situated on the grassy area to the east of Cawston Grange Drive and will have a commemorative plaque. We hope it will be in place early this summer.

Once the play area is complete and the remaining park areas have been adopted, we shall provide more benches so the whole of the development is covered.

Cawston Runners

I have been trying to set up a social running club for what seems like ages and really need some help.

The idea is a weekly 5k run on a set weekday evening, meeting at the same place and everyone running to their own ability. It's not a race, just a social run to get a little bit active and fit.

The original time and meeting point was the play area in Turchil Road on a Wednesday at 6:30pm.

The difficulty for me is that I work shifts so I cannot commit to be there every week, so really need a group of people who are interested in making it work and encouraging other people who would like to get active, but don't quite know where to start.

If you are interested then please feel free to get in touch via
paul.hart@cawstonpc.org

or find the group page on facebook called Cawston Runners.

Cawston Grange Brown Bears Jubilee Planting

The Year 2 children at Cawston Grange Primary School – known as the 'Brown Bears' - devoted a full afternoon of their Forest Schools curriculum to each individually prepare a plot to plant a sapling supplied to the Parish by the Woodland Trust and donated by the Parish Council to the school to support their learning.

Aided by their class teacher, support staff and parents who regularly volunteer to support this part of their learning, they enthusiastically went about their digging, planting, stake placement and addition of protective covers. After some hard work on a very chilly day it was a job well done for them to see thirty, healthy, young trees settled in the soil. The Parish Council would like to extend our thanks to the Brown Bears, their class teacher and support staff and the wider Cawston Grange volunteers who supported the children with this work.

We would also like to thank all the other Parish residents who have worked so hard to try and protect the children's efforts; vandalism of the protective covers and stakes, dog soiling around the base of trees and the very obvious removal of the fence provided at no cost by the developers of the retail area have given the saplings a very hard start – but there are still 50% of the original plants remaining and we urge everyone to look out for them as they continue to develop in the coming months.

Pictorial Beds

This is the name that the Borough Council gives to the seed beds that they planted last year near the Christmas tree and by the play area off Cawston Grange Drive. The poppies and cornflowers were especially beautiful.

This year they asked us to help them prepare and seed the beds; we didn't have much notice, but managed to get together a small group and the beds were seeded in mid May. We're now hoping for perfect weather, sun with the occasional shower, and hopefully the beds will be lovely again come August.



Many thanks to those who helped.

If you are passing by and see thistles or large weeds growing, we would be very grateful if you could help us by removing them before they get out of hand.

Inconsiderate Parking

We have received further complaints regarding inconsiderate parking where drivers are blocking footpaths so that mothers cannot safely pass with young children and pushchairs.

We are also aware of the continued issues surrounding the parking of cars around the school during drop off and home time.

A resident from Francis Drive writes "residents of Judith Way would appreciate it if the parents of Cawston Primary School children would stop using Judith Way as a car park / drop off point"

Many children at the school live on the estate so we would urge parents to leave their cars at home and walk the children to school.

Whether it be at the school gates or right outside your front door please let's be considerate of other road users and home owners – Thank You.



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Jubilee Plant a tree

As many of you know 400 trees were planted on the "Big field" last February with several more being planted by some of the pupils from Cawston Grange School a few days later. Despite an unfortunate mowing error, many of the trees are doing well. Those that have been, shall we say, well pruned, will be replaced this autumn

The choice of trees "Wild harvest" consisted of the following, Hazel, Blackthorn, Crab Apple, Elder and Dog Rose.

The link will give you more information regarding some of the participant planters. <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/jubilee-woods/happening-near-me/Pages/TheJubileeWoodsMap.aspx?plantingID=340#.T3XK1NUf63a>

Following that success, it is hoped to replicate the planting this autumn. The choice this time being, "Year round Colour" this pack contains, Hawthorn, Hazel, Silver Birch, Rowan, Wild Cherry and Dogwood.

The intention is to plant in the vicinity of the future play area thus supplementing the existing screen of hedges and trees.
 Details of the event will be published on the website or blog nearer the time.

For more info Email: Michael.cool@cawstonpc.org

Cawston Parish Blog

Some of you may have noticed that we have a blog. This is like a virtual notice-board that just lets residents know what is going on in and around Cawston.

www.cawstonparish.wordpress.com

So far, over 1,100 people have visited the blog, since it started in August 2011, which is encouraging.

The idea is to share what is going on in our local community and help people to engage with things that they are interested in, or maybe have a concern about, and want to see if there is a wider audience out there.

If you want to start a club or group, hold a charitable event or have questions about any aspect of Cawston, then the blog is as good a place to reach out and find like minded people. All updates appear on our facebook and twitter pages too.

Please use the blog and if you have anything that you want put in, or suggestions to make it better, just let me know via email at paul.hart@cawstonpc.org

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Cawston Greenway

Cawston Greenway is the disused railway-line that runs alongside the Western Relief Road. If you use the greenway for walking or cycling you will have noticed the work being done to create an open space, by local volunteers.

We are trying to push back the shade so that sunlight can hit the ground and encourage wild flowers to grow; this will attract more wildlife and make the greenway much more interesting. ~~delete the first 'Needs'~~
The path needs down the middle needs to be wider so that it can accommodate all users without becoming so muddy in wet weather.

The work that has been done over the last three years has already paid dividends, with wider spaces and different wild flowers starting to grow in areas where there was just bare earth covered by scrub.

We are not trying to chop all the trees down, but what we do need to do is to create a V shape profile of the greenway with a flat bottom. So trees that encroach onto the path need to be trimmed back, and the mature trees on the edges left to flourish.

At some point we hope to be in a position to apply for funding or a grant to have a shingle path put down, but firstly we need to carry on clearing back the overgrown areas and making the greenway a really usable amenity for Cawston.

If you would like to join us as a volunteer then please feel free to come along to our workdays. We are a very informal group of local residents who are very much learning as we go. The work is as light or heavy as you want to make it, and is an excellent way to keep fit and meet new people with a like minded interest.

You can see what we do at our blog www.cawstongreenway.wordpress.com or get in touch with me at paul.hart@cawstonpc.org

Planters

Rugby Borough Council is taking over the planting and occasional watering of the planters from now on. Hopefully by the time you read this they will have been re done.

Could you please still keep an eye on them, and let us know if any damage is done. So far we've had no problems, apart from four of the conifers being stolen early on.

The Borough Council will compost the remaining plants, so we have removed the other conifers and are keeping them until we find a suitable home, maybe by the shops or the community hall. We have also removed the daffodils and are planting them around the estate.

Dogs

We have had a number of residents express concern around the increasing levels of inconsiderate dog owners.

This appears to be on two fronts; owners allowing aggressive dogs to be off the lead around other smaller animals and owners not picking up after their dogs!

A concerned Parishioner writes "I wish to express my disgust at the amount of dog fouling that is taking place and not being cleared up by the irresponsible owners as they walk their dogs through Cawston Greenway. As a responsible owner one consideration was the availability of fouling bins to dispose responsibly of any waste created by my dogs whilst walking. I was pleased to see there are plenty of bins so there is no excuse.

On 3 separate occasions I have asked owners to 'pick up' after their dogs and they have refused, I cannot understand why owners want to leave their mess for children and dogs to walk through as they enjoy their country walk".

Another Parishioner fears for the safety of others, she writes "I am really worried for the elderly people who live on or around the estate that enjoy their walk with their dogs. I have spoken too many and they are very nervous of people with larger dogs off the lead, as they can be intimidating and attack those that are on the lead. My family have been in this situation and it is quite frightening. The owners show no remorse or manners in controlling their dogs. I know of one elderly lady who has to walk around the fields with her walking stick as protection. She said that she prays every day that she will be safe whilst out walking with her little dog."

In terms of aggressive behaviour people can use the following link to report dogs and their owners;

http://www.rugby.gov.uk/site/scripts/documents_info.php?documentID=276

In terms of dog mess again there is a link where owners can be reported;

http://www.rugby.gov.uk/downloads/dog_control_report_form_Jan2012.pdf

or call 01788 533857

We would like to remind all owners that they can be fined up to £1000 for not clearing up after their animals.

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Please can we all think about other green space and footpath users when taking dogs for a walk?

Community Hall

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 Emery)
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?

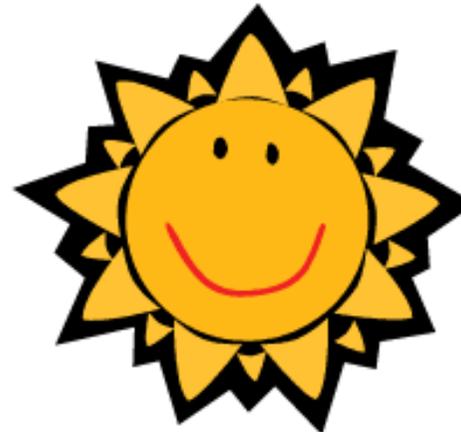
We already have members of the Community involved in the project areas outlined above and would welcome further involvement from people living in Cawston – if you have skills to bring to these groups please do contact the Councillors leading the groups directly.

Want to hear more?

You could sign up to the Cawston Parish blog, the quickest way to find out about Parish news.

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

Cawston Grange Primary School's Summer Sizzler



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3 - 6pm

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SuperFast Broadband

What is Superfast broadband?

Well living in Cawston you certainly won't have experienced it that's for sure, as it is broadband that operates at a minimum of 24Mbps. We currently can expect between 1 to 4Mbps in this area.

How frustrated do you get waiting for web pages to load at 7pm in the evening when the demand from the estate is at its highest? This estate is only around 10 years old but the technology that feeds it is so much older.

The quality and speed of connection is greatly affected by your location and distance from a) the telephone exchange and b) the green street mounted distribution box.

At a recent Coventry, Solihull & Warks Superfast BB briefing it was explained how the government along with the telecoms industry aims to increase internet speeds for rural communities (we are classed as a suburban rural community).

A grant of just over £8m has been secured by Warks CC who in partnership with a telecoms company (yet to be tendered and appointed) will look to upgrade many of the existing lines from the local exchange to the street distribution cabinets from copper to Fibre Optic cables.

However that case for Cawston is not that straight forward as currently British Telecom have no intention of upgrading the Dunchurch exchange (which we are fed from) to deal with Fibre Optic technology, so we along with the surrounding areas fed from this exchange will need to be upgraded using different methods.

Currently the best way we can all help in this project is to go on line and complete the survey at www.cswbroadband.org.uk.

This will enable the County project team to see what speed we can currently achieve and to judge the demand for an upgrade. It will be the demand for a better service that will drive the change, please complete the survey and encourage those around you to do the same.

Community Hall - Design and Build Working Party - Detailed Planning Permission

Following the completion of the gifted land transfer from the Consortium to the Parish Council last year we have been working on plans for the community hall, the preliminary plans were exhibited at the open evening that was held on the 17th January 2012.

These plans have since been tweaked and refined to allow for more storage space, more windows and Phase 2 has been drawn up also. We are now aiming to submit the plans (including the Phase 2 extension) to Rugby Borough Council for a detailed planning permission application. Once we have been granted planning permission the scheme will have reached a significant milestone as we will be able to submit applications for grants and funding to assist with the build costs.

In the mean time we will be starting to draw up detailed specifications and requirements for each of the rooms in the hall so that the Architect and Structural Engineer will be able to efficiently design the fabric of the building to our requirements.

We are currently a group of only 4 people (3 councillors, 2 of which have building and construction experience) and a parishioner who has mechanical and electrical experience. **If you think you have a relevant skill or attribute you can add to the working party and are interested in helping out please feel free to contact us.**

Email: matt.emery@cawstonpc.org

Community Hall – fundraising and business planning; the ‘money’ working party!

The sub group are reviewing the very substantial research that has been undertaken in the past to begin scheduling applications for funding. This requires clear plans for the sustainability of our hall once it opens so scenario planning different occupancy rates, realistic hiring capacities and ongoing maintenance and overhead costs are also part of the working group's current work.

If anyone has any ideas for potential sources of funding, community fundraising ideas or information on possible capital development donations please do contact us; there is no monopoly on good ideas and we are keen to explore any opportunities.

Email: samantha.bestwick@cawstonpc.org

Olympic Torch comes to Rugby



replace 'fortune' with 'fate'

Add after 'Fayes' treatment'. -
Since Mia's diagnosis with CF
both Faye and Luke have raised
several thousand pounds for the
CF Trust through various events
that include 2 London

We are very proud to have two Cawston residents who are to carry the Olympic torch in Coventry and Rugby.

FIONA WARNER lives in Gold Avenue and will be carrying the torch in Rugby on July 2nd. She was selected by Coca Cola Future Flames. They were looking for 500 Future Flames across the country who have made a major contribution to their community and changed the lives of others for the better. She was selected because of the work she has done with children and young people with mental health problems to tackle the stigma and discrimination related to children's mental health

This is her nomination story

One in four people have a mental health problem. The stigma associated with mental health makes people feel ashamed sad and alone. Let's change minds! Over the last twelve years I've been researching the effects that the stigma has on children with mental health problems. I've designed a toolkit and framework to help children, schools, and communities tackle the stigma. In 2009 the Tackling Stigma framework was piloted in six areas of the country and children and young people worked really hard to change people's minds about mental health - visit

www.chimat.org.uk/tacklingstigma.

The results have been amazing! My goal is to make sure that the message about tackling the stigma of mental health is in all of our minds. We need to break the silence and end the shame. Carrying the Olympic Flame will keep the message alive.

Olympic Torch comes to Rugby

FAYE EMERY lives in Durrell Drive with her husband Luke and two young daughters, Mia and Eva. In 2009, when she was three months pregnant with Eva, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. At four months pregnant she had surgery, and then started five sessions of chemotherapy. Eva was safely born between sessions. At the time, she had more hair than Faye! The final chemotherapy session was in March 2010. Eva did not seem very well at the time, and by a cruel stroke of fortune, on April 1st she was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. This is a genetic disorder and was in no way linked to Faye's chemotherapy. Diagnosis is from the heel prick tests that all new born babies have. Although devastated by the news, the family had great support from medical staff, relations and friends who helped them through this difficult time. Both Eva and Faye are now doing well - June 2012 marks two years from the end of Faye's treatment.

Faye works for BT, the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games official communications services provider, who were allocated a number of places for inspirational BT employees. She was chosen by a panel from hundreds of nominations to be one of the 60 BT employees to carry the torch. She will be running in Coventry on July 2nd, though she will not know exactly which part of the route until three weeks before the relay.



We wish both women all the best....

We wish them all the best for their runs. Let's hope the weather is good and lots of people turn out to watch.

We hope to have more photos of them with their torches in our next issue. If there are other torchbearers we are unaware of please get in touch so we can include you too.