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Community Hall – Trustees Required

Do you have experience of working as a trustee?

We are looking for enthusiastic, local people who want to get involved with the running / management of the community hall for the long term to help make it a community success.

Any experience as a trustee / governor or work with a community group would be beneficial.

If you are interested in becoming a trustee of the Community Hall then we would like to hear from you

See Page 10.

Great War Centenary Trees Proposal

A proposal for a tree lined walk to honour those that lost their lives. See page 7.

Parish boundary petition

The proposed review has started. RBC has made their recommendations. We need your support and RBC needs to know what you want. See page 4.

Other items in this issue

New Website, SuperFast Broadband, Home Composting and Road Adoption.

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Chairman's Message

Hi,
Hope you all had a great Christmas and that the start of the New Year has been a good one for you and your families.

We have three important updates in this edition of the Parish News.

- a) The Community Hall detailed design is continuing, and now we need to start thinking about the trustee board that will govern the hall.
- b) The Parish Boundary Review that we have asked Rugby Borough Council to conduct has passed its initial review – now RBC need to hear from you in terms of your support.
- c) Centenary Trees proposal. We are proposing to work with local interested groups and RBC to establish a tree lined walk of 100 trees to remember those that lost their lives in the First World War. This year being the centenary of its beginning.

Please read on, and as ever if you have comments to make or views on any of the proposals please feel free to contact any of the Councillors.

Regards
Pete Venner,
Chair Cawston Parish Council

Website

We try to use the website as one of the main conduits for the Parish Council to give Cawston residents information about events in and around the Cawston area.

All of the old editions of the Parish News are available to download from the web site, as are the archives of Parish Council meeting minutes (should you be interested!).

If any local businesses would like to advertise on the Web site we can offer a very economically priced advert linked to your own web site.

This is a community web site built by a Cawston resident for the community.

Please explore the site and sign up to the community database in the top right hand corner of the web pages. www.cawstonpc.org .

Parish Boundary Review (Community Governance Review)

As we explained in earlier editions of the Parish News, Cawston Parish Council have asked Rugby Borough Council to carry out a review of our parish boundaries, with particular reference to the area of land known as the Cawston Extension at the end of Trussell Way (presently in Dunchurch Parish) and a small area of land off Whitefriars Drive (presently in Rugby Borough).

The petition that many of you signed was declared valid, RBC have considered our proposal and produced a set of DRAFT recommendations.

These can be viewed on our three notice boards, on our website or by going to the Borough Council website www.rugby.gov.uk and searching for 'Cawston Community Governance Review'

A big thank you to all that signed the petition. **Now we need your help again.**

RBC has considered our initial proposal and has recommended that all of the houses in the Cawston Extension and those that currently face onto the Coventry Road should become part of Cawston Parish. They have also taken the opportunity to tidy up some of the other boundaries. They have also proposed that land on the other side of the relief road should move from Cawston Parish into Long Lawford Parish.

All of the changes would appear to make logical sense when you see them on a map, as the boundaries will line up with clearly defined features such as the main roads.

What happens next?

We would like YOU to email or write to the team at RBC lending your continued support to the proposal.

You should also be aware that Dunchurch Parish Council has objected to the original proposal citing a number of reasons, all of which can be viewed on the Borough Council website.

Anyone wishing to make a submission should send it to one of the addresses below so it is received by Rugby Borough Council **no later than midday on Friday 30th April 2014.**

Email
CGR@rugby.gov.uk

Or Write to.
Peter Aughton
Improvement and Elections Project Officer
Rugby Borough Council
Town Hall
Evreux Way
Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 2RR

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Mysterious Plea

Is there a couple on the estate Christian names Alice and Nigel with an elderly uncle called 'John' or 'Del Boy' and another relative called Linda, if so please could you get in touch with Sue Wilbraham on 812536 or sue@wilbrahamassociates.co.uk.

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SuperFast Broadband – If you're lucky!

It appears that the CSW Superfast broadband project is slowly moving forwards but BT have beaten them to it in Cawston as they have got fibre optic cable to the cabinet and are providing some homes with approx 80mbps speeds.

Do you have superfast broadband yet?

Some people on the estate do but there does not currently seem to be any rhyme or reason as to who can get it or not.

The fibre cabinet has been installed near the junction of Turchil Rd / Cawston Grange Drive, people in the Durrell Drive, Cave Close area have it, Brudenell Close has it, Cavendish Close has it, my neighbour on Alicia close has it but I can't get it?

Our Chair who also lives in Alicia Close was told repeatedly by four providers that he couldn't have it – so he gave up. Then last Sunday he checked the BT Openreach website which now said he could have up to 56mbps!

I would be interested to know if you have Superfast BB or have tried and can't get it. So that I can try and build up a picture of what is happening, please drop me a line with your success or failures. matt.emery@cawstonpc.org

Road Adoption

The adoption of the sewers has continued with the transfer of legal documents between Severn Trent Water and the Consortium.

We are now at the next hurdle of trying to get the remedial works on the lights conducted and then signed off by Warwickshire County Council.

I believe that once the lights are accepted by WCC then we can start pushing the Consortium and WCC to begin the road adoption process.

It is painfully slow progress but I will try to keep you updated via the website and through future issues of the Parish News.

What can you do to help I hear you ask? At this stage write to your Borough and County Councillors (contact details on the inside back cover), and ask them to apply pressure to the Consortium, STW and at this stage Warwickshire CC.

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Home Composting

Warwickshire County Council is keen to promote home composting. It is a great way for gardeners to make their own compost and it diverts garden and food waste from the waste stream saving Council tax money.

To encourage residents of Warwickshire to either start composting or help existing home composters improve their knowledge, the County Council's waste management team are running a series of free home composting workshops across Warwickshire. Each resident attending the workshop will receive a **free 330 litre compost bin**. (Limited to one free bin per household)

Each workshop will last approximately 45 minutes consisting of a 30 minute presentation by two County Council officers with an expertise in home composting and waste management plus a question and answer session.

The workshops will take place as follows:

Rugby - Saturday 10th May

Rugby Library, Little Elborow Street, Rugby, CV21 3BZ
10.00am - 10.45am

To book on to a course either:

- Book a place online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/composting
- Email the Waste Management Team at composting@warwickshire.gov.uk
- Telephone 01926 412593

Kindest regards

Katey Stoneman
Waste Projects Officer
Waste Management
Warwickshire County Council

Nearly stepping in other peoples Dog Mess

A number of residents have written recently to complain about the increasing levels of dog mess around the estate.

"A week or so ago I went to play football with my son at the new goal posts at the end of Trussell Way, naively when we got there we just started to kick about straight away. It was by chance that I didn't step straight in to a huge pile of dog mess in the middle of the pitch. I then had to use the carrier bag we had bought the ball along in to clear up several piles from the area we were playing in (this was nearly vomit inducing). Please if you walk dogs around the estate pick up after them not only is it most unpleasant to step in it but there are real health dangers for children and dog mess that can result in blindness."

"The dog fouling is just intolerable I have approached 3 people about picking up after their dog and it wasn't well received as you can imagine and only 1 did eventually. Children learning to ride their bikes and toddlers walking with their parents can't do so in a safe clean environment and I am really concerned about it."

"I couldn't believe the walk to school the other morning. Both the bridleway and the footpath by the school were covered with dog mess. It was like trying to walk the children through a minefield."

Also we have had complaints from parents when their children have been using the play areas – not only in terms of dog mess but also that owners are allowing their dogs off the lead to run through the play areas frightening the smaller children.

"Whenever I visit my daughter in Cawston we always take the grandchildren to the play area and we generally have to forcefully remove them. I regret to inform you that during most visits and especially our latest visit, I noticed a number of dog walkers who walked in the vicinity with their dogs off the lead. One rather large dog was attracted by something in the middle of the play area and he sprinted at least half way through, before another person managed to stop him. Fortunately for my grandchildren, who are scared of dogs, we were some distance away. I am really surprised that dogs are allowed to be let off the lead in an area which is supposed to be a safe area for children; not everybody is a dog lover; not every dog can be trusted as recent news releases have shown"

Please keep your dogs on a lead near the play areas. Thanks.

We are exploring some alternatives with RBC including more bins and signage and also more frequent patrols from the dog wardens.

Please, Please, Please – if your dog fouls then pick it up and dispose of it in the bins provided. Thank You.

Community Hall

Progress on the Hall has been slow over the last few months due to Councillor's work loads', Christmas etc.

HB Architects have progressed the detailed design sufficiently, they are submitting the drawings to building control and are ready to put the project out to tender so the ball is now back in Cawstons' court to sort out our funding for the project.

The planning permission for the Cawston Extension site was granted several months back with clauses that secure money for the community called Section 106 monies; this included a sizeable chunk of money that together with our savings would see the hall built. However the timing of the release of this money is not within our control as it is bound within an agreement between Rugby Borough Council and the Developer.

Currently the construction market is picking up with some pace and we are in danger of the cost of the build advancing fast than we are able to raise the additional money.

The Parish Council are exploring the possibility of borrowing the money to build the hall from a Public loan fund to be paid back at a favourable interest rate, the whole loan would eventually be settled with the S106 money when it is eventually released.

This will require consultation and agreement from the community before we proceed. **Please feel free to air your views via the Parish Council website at www.cawstonpc.org or by email to any of your councillors.**

Community Hall: Creating a Governing Body

The Parish Council have reviewed a range of different management models for our Community Hall and have decided to create a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to run the Hall on behalf of the Cawston residents.

Every charity needs a board of trustees and a CIO is no different to any other. As it is not possible to submit an application for registration of a CIO until at least a core of trustees have been found, we are beginning a search for individuals that might be able to help.

- Are you interested in becoming a trustee?
- Do you have trustee experience you would be willing to share?
- Perhaps you are a leader of a group that might be using the Hall and have an opinion on the management constitution we will need to develop for the day to day running of the facility.

Over the coming months we will be drafting the full trustee role descriptions and Hall governing documents. If you think you could help in any capacity please contact: peter.venner@cawstonpc.org or samantha.bestwick@cawstonpc.org or matt.emery@cawstonpc.org

The Great War Centenary Trees Project

On August 5th 1914 Great Britain entered WW1 and, this so called 'Great War', went on to claim the lives of over 10 million people with 2.6 million killed or wounded in the UK alone. This decimated a generation and as a consequence affected every household in the country.

The Parish Council is delighted to respond to an approach by Rugby Borough Council to join forces to create an Arboretum Walk alongside the recently opened play area. Our vision is to create a space for quiet reflection and natural beauty that will be a permanent memorial at the heart of our community.

Rather than just plant an avenue of trees from a single species we are looking to create an Arboretum walk from a diverse range of trees – chosen to create a link to the worldwide impact of the Great War. Examples could include Scots Pine, Turkish Oak (Gallipoli) or Belgian Maple (Ypres). The RBC Environmental Services team will offer professional guidance to create an appropriate affect.

The Cawston project complements a range of RBC events in this Centenary Year. A commemoration in the Town centre, involving a parade in period costume, will conclude in Caldecott Park where there will be a range of other activities.

The Rugby Art Gallery and Museum will be starting a social history project trying to collect memories, mementos, artefacts and other material regarding Rugby being at war and record what impact this had in and upon our communities. This will help provide a personal link to the fallen, reflect the global nature of the conflict and celebrate the diversity of those that were involved.

We are very keen to hear your ideas!

The Arboretum Walk project will involve a living history project involving Cawston Grange Primary School. We would like to work with all ages, local community groups and seek nominations from Cawston residents for the names of those who could be recorded as part of the memorial.

We are still in the early stages of planning – but the Centenary timing does mean we have to move quickly. We have set up a small working group led by Parish Councillor Samantha Bestwick and Borough Councillor Dr Mark Williams, Member for Admirals and Cawston - please do drop us a line if you'd let to get involved in any way:

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Initial sketch – illustrative purposes only. Final plan will be presented and approved at a future Parish Council meeting