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Parish Council News

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Updates on Parish Council work

Election news

Graham Knaggs has been re-elected Chairman of the Parish Council and Andy Smith as Vice Chairman. Thanks to both for the work they put in throughout the year (along with the rest of the councillors) to ensure Hailey continues to be the vibrant and well-maintained place that it is.

Proposal for development at Giernalls Triangle

Sovereign, who manage Towns End, are proposing to seek planning permission to build 22 affordable homes on land at the end of Giernalls Road. Construction is planned for 2022 with occupation in 2023. Draft plans and a description of the proposal have been published on their web site - <https://www.sovereign.org.uk/developing-homes/giernalls-road>. They aim to submit a planning application by the middle of the year.

The PC have re-iterated previously made comments (when planning permission was first granted):

- the development should be constructed as a Close with no access to the neighbouring field.
- the PC is concerned about the state of Giernalls Rd and asks that it is made good after the construction traffic has left.
- the bridleway is maintained as it is.
- the PC is disappointed that there are no affordable houses and believes there are too many large houses.
- there should be a speed limit of 20mph during construction

Other PC comments include:

- The number of affordable houses proposed is welcome but it was disappointed that there are no social houses.
- Footpaths should link the development to the bridleway running across the end of the Recreation Ground. There is an opportunity to create a footpath from the Towns End entry to the development, along the rear of the gardens of 6 -16 Towns End properties into and through the copse.

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Items for the next Hailey Herald should be e-mailed to thehaileyherald@gmail.com by **20th June** or delivered to Hayesfield, Middletown, Hailey (next to school car park).

St John's Church

Team Vicar: The Rev. Ness Brunner Ellis

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It has been so good to have services in the church once more, and despite being socially distanced it does feel that we are a worshipping community again. We may not be able to sing yet, but we have had great organ music to hum along to, and it seems that we feel refreshed when we leave the building.

We have services in Hailey at 9.15am on Sunday June 6th, and Sunday June 20th. Details of all other services will be on the website, and we will send out weekly emails together with the Benefice News, to those on the church email group. If anyone wants to be added to that open email group just let Robin or Elpie know.

It will still be necessary to register with the Parish Office to attend services (01993 779492), and to follow all the Covid secure requirements.

The benefice zoom services will continue every Sunday at 10.30am and midweek on Thursdays at 12 noon. The same zoom connection for these, each week, is: 890 739 081, password: 020375. Everyone is welcome to join these services.

All the details for parish activities are on the website: <https://www.witneyparish.org.uk>

Looking ahead, in an ever-optimistic manner, we are thinking about holding a:

Village Tea Picnic
in Breach Wood Hailey from 3 – 5pm on Sunday July 11th
with a back-up option, in case of bad weather, on Sunday July 18th.

Very informal; Bring your own picnic; Bring chairs, rugs and games; Lifts can be arranged.

This would provide us all with an opportunity to meet and say hello to people we have not seen for ages; to greet and introduce ourselves to people new to the village over the last 18 months; and to say thank you to everyone who has helped us over the last weeks and months. It would also be a chance to remember those who have died in the last year or so, be they from the village or further afield. In doing this, we thought we would have a huge bag of fir cones available, which people could take and put in a special place of their choosing, around the woodland, and in the following weeks could visit that spot, and think of special memories and thoughts.

It may mean that in 100 years there is a pine forest in Hailey, but that would be fun!

So, please start collecting fir cones, and bring them along on the day.

For enquiries about the Village Hall email HaileyVillageHall@gmail.com

To book online go to www.haileywestoxon.org/villagehall and follow the link

- The PC would like to submit a S106 request for a contribution towards the cost of a new Village Hall.
- The copse at the eastern end of the site offers a sensible route to the bridleway but will require some tree maintenance and ground work. This would provide a safe direct route to the school and the centre of the village. As far as possible the blackthorn hedge between the site and the recreation ground should be preserved.
- Hailey is a Dark Skies area so there should be no bright street lights.

This development is still at the proposal stage and Sovereign will be consulting with the parish before a formal planning application is submitted.

Local news

Witney Police Station front counter provision

Following a review/consultation, it has been confirmed that the front counter provision at Witney Police Station will be closed officially from end of August 2021 (it has been closed since March 2020 due to the pandemic).

County and District Council News

Following elections on 6th May, Liam Walker has been re-elected as the County Councillor for Hailey and Colin Dingwall has been elected as a new District Councillor (along with Gill Hill who remains as District Councillor). Congratulations to them both and we look forward to working with them. We have worked closely with Cllr Walker over the last few years and intend to continue this working relationship over the next four years, for the benefit of Hailey parish.

Gigaclear

Works have started, with the green box plinth installed near Vine Farm. No further works are scheduled until June.

Joan Smith Educational Charity Meeting

This charity exists to help young people under the age of 25 who live in the Parish (or a parent does) with the costs of educational expenses or to assist with entry into a profession, trade or calling. Examples of help previously provided include contributions towards computer equipment, musical instruments, expeditions, music lessons, tools, specialised clothing, etc. Requests for grants are NOT means tested. Grants will only be awarded with proof of payment. The next meeting will take place following the Parish Council meeting on Monday 21st June. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Clerk or download an application form from the Parish Council section of www.haileywestoxon.org

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be face to face again at the village hall. This is scheduled for Monday 21st June 2021. Please note the alteration to the usual meeting schedule. Please contact the clerk if you plan to attend this as arrangements will need to be made for social distancing.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. Any items for the agenda must be received in writing by the Clerk at least seven clear days before a meeting, and a short time is allowed at the start of each meeting for comments from the public.

The Joan Smith Educational Charity meeting will also be held on the 21st of June, following the PC meeting. So please send in any applications for funding by 14th June.

Scarecrow Trail

Graham Knaggs

The increasingly popular Scarecrow Trail will run from midday on Saturday 12th June to Sunday 27th June (although many scarecrow builders leave them up for a bit longer).

This year's theme is **HEROES** and your challenge, should you decide to accept it, is to identify as many scarecrows as possible. Whoever identifies the most scarecrows will win a prize (we'll draw lots if there is a tie). You will also be asked to identify the best scarecrow so we can award the hand crafted Scarecrow Trophy to the builder.

Hailey Village Hall

www.haileywestoxon.org/village_hall

Judith Knaggs

HaileyVillageHall@gmail.com

Everything is crossed for a smooth re-opening of the village hall! We have been accepting bookings since 17 May. **The next key date will be 21st June** when we hope that conditions will still be good enough to allow more of our usual bookings and celebrations to take place. There must have been a lot of missed birthdays so now is a good time to consult our booking calendar (via the website) whilst there are still vacant slots.

Several of our regular bookers have indicated when they wish to resume their bookings, some have indicated that they will wait till later in the summer to restart.

Email the village hall if you would like clarification of what can happen and from when.

Any future bookings that have to be cancelled because of COVID-19 will be fully refunded.

One of our regular hirers, **WORCA (radio-controlled cars) will be re-starting their Saturday events from 3 July @ 5.00pm.**

We are still looking for people willing to **come and join the Management Committee.** We have had some success in recruiting a new member but still have 2 vacancies. 2021 will be a challenging year as we rebuild the business after a year's shut-down. We will also have a new facility – broadband – which we need to promote and reach a different audience. **If you fancy the challenge, get in touch with Judith on 899125.**

You will hopefully notice a fresher look to the hall when you next visit us – a new carpet for the committee room and a general paint refresh all round.

New Fly-tipping service

Residents can now report fly-tips more easily as the District Council has improved its service. A new online form will allow the user to pinpoint the fly-tip on an interactive map. This makes it easier for the Council team to locate, allowing a quicker investigation and clean-up. To report a fly-tip see <https://community.westoxon.gov.uk/s/fly-tip>

As previously announced, the village hall is hoping to hold an **in-person Annual General Meeting in the hall on Thursday 24 June at 7.30pm.** If this proves impossible, a Zoom meeting will replace it. Business will include approval of accounts, re-election of committee members, appointment of new ones and adoption of a new Constitution.

The organ in the hall has failed its electrical inspection and we have decided it has to go. It would make a good restoration project if anyone is interested, free to a good home.

Ring Judith on 01993 899125 to arrange collection.



If you want to build a scarecrow this year, please register by sending an email before 31st May to info.haileygc@gmail.com

Please provide us with your **name, address and contact telephone number**. We will only publish your address on the Scarecrow Trail entry form.

This year's theme is **HEROES**. The hero you select can be a Superhero, Sporting Hero, Fictional Hero, Hero from History etc. etc. However, your chosen hero must be sufficiently well known for members of the public to identify.

The trail will run from midday on Saturday 12th June to Sunday 27th.

The Lamb and Flag - 01993 700694 Matt Cantwell

The Lamb and Flag has now been open for about one and a half months and it has been good to welcome back so many familiar faces along with seeing some new ones.

Now we are able to open indoors we have started our Sunday lunches between 12.00 and 4.00 pm; why not catch up with family and friends over a home cooked Sunday roast.

We are also doing food on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings between 6.00 and 9.00 pm to eat in or takeaway, please check our website and Facebook page for menus.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our customers for their support during the outdoor only opening rules when we all needed thick winter coats and woolly hats!

Wychwood Forest Fair

This year's Forest Fair will take place on Sunday 22 August at Foxburrow Wood, Hailey from 11am–5pm. More information next month.

Hailey Singers

Well, I suppose I am writing this piece to keep the seat warm!
I still can't see any certainty as to when we can safely meet as we did,
to enliven ourselves and thrill anyone within earshot with the joyfulness of our delivery.
And as I write this 45mph winds and rain keep us confined to barracks.

However, I am longing to get to know you again,
especially if we can find a sunny side to the street, send that rain to Spain I say
or at least to Ilkley Moor (Baht't), raindrops, cease falling on my head
and may Old Man river lead us serenely, accompanied by 76 trombones
to the English Channel.
Ah, people may say we're in Hove.

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Hailey Community Woodland Breach Wood AGM

Monday 5th July 7.00 p.m. In Breach Wood
Speaker: Dr Keith Kirby

Talk: Creating New Woodland: Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs

Keith Kirby is visiting researcher in the Department of Plant Sciences in Oxford,
formerly woodland ecologist with Natural England; and author of *Woodland
Flowers: Colourful past, Uncertain Future* (Bloomsbury, 2020)

All welcome:

Contact: David Musson

01993-772403 davidstmusson@gmail.com

A request..... Would anyone like to grow some squashes or pumpkins to sell at the Witney Food Festival Special on October 2nd 2021?

Plants are available if you would like some, or grow your own.

Please contact Elpie Lewis for further details - 07919 424605



Hailey Scarecrow Trail

Theme: Heroes
12th - 27th June
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Lamb and Flag

Opening Times

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 3:00pm – 9:00pm

Wednesday: 3:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday: 3:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday: 3:00pm – 10:00pm

Saturday: 12 – 10:00pm

Sunday 12 – 9:00pm

Food Times

Thursday: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturday: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Sunday: 12 - 4:00pm (Roast)

Food available to eat at location or for

Takeaway

Tel:01993 700694

Diary Dates

31st May **Scarecrow Registration** closes – contact info.haileycg@gmail.com

6th June **Church Service** St John's – 9.15am

12-27th June **Scarecrow Trail** Free maps from Lamb & Flag, Church and Bus Shelter

20th June **Church Service** St John's – 9.15am

21st June **Parish Council meeting** – Village Hall – 7.30pm

24th June **Village Hall AGM** – Village Hall – 7.30pm

5th July **Breach Wood AGM & Talk** – Breach Wood – 7.00pm

11th July **Village Tea Picnic** Breach Wood 3.00 – 5.00pm (18th July if wet)

Every Sunday at 10.30am – **Zoom church service**. Please register with Parish office on 01993 704441 or office@witneyparish.org.uk to attend church services.