

**NEWSLETTER Autumn 2018**  
**HAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**WORKING FOR OUR LOCAL**  
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## Bank Vale—Over by Christmas?

### Bank Vale Playing Field Lease has been Signed.

At long last, the saga of Bank Vale Lease appears to be in the very final stage and we may well be able to secure the lease before Christmas. All the main parties have now signed the necessary documentation, which means that the Football Club will be able to go into 2019 able to explore an exciting future for the club itself and for our wider Hayfield community. Well done to the Church Parochial Council, the Football Club Committee and the Parish Council for working together to bring this long and difficult process of negotiation to a successful conclusion



**Councillor Peter Easter** has announced that because of work commitments which mean he is often away from the village, he will no longer remain on the Parish Council. Over his many years as a Parish Councillor, he has shown immense commitment to the village and served as an extremely effective Chair of the council for three years, often arriving at meetings straight from a long working day. His contribution to the village as a councillor will be greatly missed, though he remains our representative as a councillor on High Peak Borough council, where he will continue to actively look after the best interests of Hayfield.

**It is extremely sad to report that Anthony Bairdsley**, our council Maintenance Assistant, has been seriously injured in a road traffic accident. He was knocked off his motorcycle in New Mills and has since had a series of operations to repair breaks and fractures. Most recently, while recovering from these, he has had to be readmitted to hospital for a further operation owing to complications with his hip injury. Anthony was a very popular figure in the village—extremely hard working and someone for whom nothing was too much trouble. On behalf of the whole village, we wish him all our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**HAYFIELD ALLOTMENT SOCIETY** held their third annual Summer Show this year.

Although there have been produce shows in the past, in recent years the scope of the new shows has been widened to include a wider definition of 'village produce'. So, in addition to the main part of the show – displays of fruit and vegetables grown on the allotments – there was also a photographic competition, paintings, home made cakes and a children's section. It is now becoming a major event on Hayfield's already rich and diverse calendar and this year there were queues forming early in the morning of people wanting to contribute to the show. Many thanks to all those in the Allotments Society who gave up their time to help organise and run the show.



## **Community Orchard Update**

This year we had a good crop of apples and thanks go to everyone who helped us collect them. As well as individual use of the apples, we also took some of them to Moss Cider in New Mills, a cooperative originally located in Moss Side. They produce apple juice and cider in exchange for apples, which were donated to the Apple Day event in October. Hopefully Moss Cider will be up and running again next autumn.



## **APPLE DAY 13th October 2018**

Yet another vibrant village occasion, this year's Apple Day was a great success. Despite a bad weather forecast meaning many events were restricted to inside, the day was extremely well attended. Thanks go to Laurie James and Sustainable Hayfield for organising the whole day and to everyone who contributed to the stalls, refreshments, talks and live music—another great day for our village.



## **Hayfield Library Campaign Group**

As you are probably aware, Derbyshire County Council have recently made proposals which throw the future of our Library and the building which houses it into question. The Parish Council held a very well attended meeting in The Royal earlier in the year to discuss a way forward for the village. Out of this meeting came the creation of the Hayfield Library Campaign Group, which has members representing significant groups within the village such as the Civic Trust, the Hayfield Kinder Trespass Group, the Cricket Club and the St Matthews church – as well as individual residents. It has met three times, chaired by Roy Lyon and has produced a set of proposals for DCC which would enhance our library provision by developing the premises as a village 'hub'. DCC, however, have yet to finalise their own proposals and report back so everyone is now awaiting further information from them.

## Traffic Updates

Problems with cars and larger vehicles in the village is always a frustrating issue for us all. **One thing that many villagers don't realise is that the Parish Council has no legal control over these problems. Derbyshire County Council Highways department are the legal authority which controls our roads, including signage and parking.** Consequently, all the Parish Council can do is to work with DCC to try and assert our influence to improve safety and quality of living in the village. We are at present waiting on the implementation by DCC of two important initiatives supported by the council.

We are in the meantime asking people to park considerately and responsibly on Glossop Road in Little Hayfield. If you are determined to park on the footpath, please ensure that you leave adequate space for pedestrians and push chairs to pass. Little Hayfield Action Group report that a number of people have recently been hit by traffic because the path has been blocked by cars and they have had to venture onto the road.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** The village celebrations will begin with the switching on of the Christmas Lights on **Friday 7th December on the bridge in Hayfield.** On **Friday 14th December, Little Hayfield** will host their celebration complete with carols and refreshments in the Lantern Pike

**The Parish council are responsible for supporting and organising many aspects of the Christmas Celebrations. For example, we have purchased a tree to be sited near the Cenotaph and another for outside Dungeon Brow. We are also in the process of paying for new lights for the main tree in the grounds of St Matthews' Church and have booked the Thornsett Band for Hayfield and Little Hayfield lights switch on and to repair or replace any lights on the Arch or Crib display. In addition, we make a substantial contribution to the catering on offer in St Matthew's Church Hall on the 7th December.**

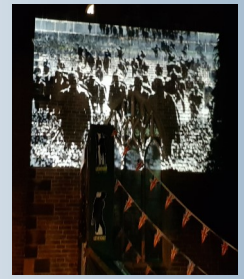
**Other aspects of the celebrations such as the fireworks are not provided by the Parish Council but organised by the Jubilee Committee.**

Defibrillator: Our defibrillators are both now fully commissioned – one in the telephone box outside the Chemist and opposite Hayfield News, the other just beyond The Sportsman Pub on Kinder Road. We hope to be in a position to offer full training in their use soon but in an emergency, you can phone 999 and you will be given full instructions on how to access and use the defibrillator –

## New Bridge Project

The Parish Council is now at a well advanced stage in providing a new, safe bridge across the river Sett, joining the Recreation / play area on Valley Road with the skateboard and bike track area. When the bike track was under construction it was discovered that the existing bridge was showing signs of its age. It is completely safe for pedestrian access but surveys revealed that it needed strengthening to carry heavy vehicles and the Council has decided that the safest and most cost effective way of is to build a new bridge. This also gives us the opportunity to build something much more attractive than the existing bridge and at the same time act as a memorial to the armistice and other 2018 centenaries such as Votes for Women.

The bridge is being constructed by Paul Hudson and his company Hudson Civil engineering in cooperation with the Parish council. We are hoping to incorporate a series of aluminium engraved plaques into the design which will reflect the life of the village and the organisations which play such an important part in its vibrant social and cultural life, such as the churches, Mountain Rescue, Cricket Club, Trespass Group and the Civic Trust.



## **WAR IS OVER! HAYFIELD marks the Centenary of the November Armistice.**

On the 11th November 2018, the whole country marked the end of the dreadful First world War that had begun in 1914. By the end, millions had been killed and even more seriously wounded, while many towns on mainland Europe had been destroyed. So, while the end of the war is something to celebrate, the commemoration is of course a sombre occasion.

As part of the British Legion Beacon project, Hayfield Parish Council commissioned a slide show projection onto the walls of St Matthew's Church. The show featured footage of the war at the front, women involved on the home front and, most poignantly, photographs of local people who fought in the trenches. The show was produced by Dave Postlethwaite and his son Daniel, who were also behind 'The Railway' production about villagers and the impact of the loss of the railway, which proved so popular earlier in the year. Thanks also go to Councillor Clarke, who organised the event.

On Sunday 11th, the commemorations continued with the annual wreath laying ceremony, which was extremely well attended. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Parish Council, the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, the British Legion and many other groups



## **Wright Turner Party**

The Parish Council has again been very proud to support the Wright Turner village party, organised for over 20 years by Councillor Eva Lawson. The story behind this annual event is fascinating—in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Wright Turner was a Hayfield resident who moved out of the village to live in Salford. He led a very successful life there and eventually become Mayor for two consecutive years. However, he never forgot his roots in the village and set up a trust to fund an annual party for the 'old folks' of the village. As health and life expectancy were much lower in those days, 'old folks' was defined as anyone over 50 years old!

The event still takes place every year and is sponsored by the Parish Council and this year was extremely well attended. The Chair of the Parish Council, the Mayor of High Peak Borough, the vicar of St Matthew's Church, , High Peak Councillor Tony Ashton and DCC Councillor Beth Atkins and our very own May Queen were also in attendance. It was a very enjoyable meal, rounded off with speeches by David Toft, Chair of the Parish Council and Beth Atkins, followed by an entertaining talk by the vicar of St Matthew's.

In addition to the meals served at the party we sent food boxes to nineteen people who could not attend the party who were ill or house bound,

In the evening there was a lively concert by the excellent Tideswell Male Voice Choir, who entertained a packed audience in St Matthew's Church to end a really great day for everyone involved . The Parish Council thanks all involved in organising and helping on the day.

## **Bonfire and Firework Display**

**Another great community firework evening was held on Friday 2nd November. The weather was cold and clear and the event was very well attended. Thanks go to all the councillors and volunteers who built the bonfire, to the scouts for letting us use their facilities and to members of the May Queen committee who provided the refreshments.**

**Above all, it was safe and great fun for all the children and adults who were there.**