

NEWSLETTER Autumn 2017

HAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Fishers Bridge

Anyone entering the village from the south cannot help but notice the beautiful garden area on Fishers Bridge. It has been designed, weeded, dug over, replanted, cared for and nurtured by volunteer gardener, Anne Fox.



She has completely transformed it into a riot of colourful flowers and trees which has drawn admiring comments from visitors and locals alike. Hayfield Parish Council would like to thank her for the amazing job she's done in making this area into a really uplifting visual welcome to our village—and this is in addition to her work on maintaining the gardens around the cenotaph. So on behalf of the whole village—

Well done Anne and all our thanks!

Progress on two major Parish Council led projects

BMX Pump Track

Hayfield Parish Council are delighted that we are now able to sign a contract with the firm Bike Track to build the long proposed BMX pump track. Following a successful bid to secure a Big Lottery grant of nearly £10,000 towards the cost of the track on the play area next to the skate park, funds were generously gifted to the council to ensure that the project could take place in addition to nearly £4,000 from Hayfield Educational Trust and a grant from Awards for All. Hayfield Quarry have very kindly offered to provide the materials to build up the track.

There will be a bench and seating area included in the park to commemorate Charlie Craig, who was instrumental in getting this project off ground originally.

The work will cause some disruption to the use of the existing playground for perhaps two weeks and will include propping the bridge in the park near the cricket club wall. that they will make good the site afterwards.

Bank Vale playing field



Hayfield Parish Council are finally in a position to announce, that the signing of the 30-year lease for Bank Vale playing field is imminent. This will mean that the Council can officially lease the ground to the Hayfield Community Sports and Football Club, which in turn will enable them to raise funds and build the changing rooms and facilities they have long needed to further develop the club.





The 2017 Hayfield Summer Show

Organised by the Hayfield Allotment Society (HAS) and sponsored by HAS and the Parish Council, the show was held on the 2nd of September in the village hall. It was a well supported and social gathering, with 138 entries and a large number of visitors. Overall winners of the sections were Ella Davies - Fruit and Vegetables, Barbara Barlow - Flowers, Suzanne Lawten – Cakes, Gill Soulsby - Crafts, Home Produce was a tie between Sue Gaffney and Sian Hill, and Lucy Farren won the Children's prize.

May Queen

The annual May Queen event is one of the oldest and most important village celebrations and is great fun for adults and children alike. The organising committee have recently met to begin planning for 2018 and would welcome volunteers to help them over the coming months. **Please contact Councillor Bevins: lisa.bevins@hayfield-pc.gov.uk**

Phone box - Bargain of the Year!

Hayfield Parish Council have adopted the telephone boxes on Kinder Road and outside the Council Office at Dungeon Brow on Market Street for just £1. We plan to install defibrillators in them both.

Welcome to Anthony

You may have seen our new Maintenance Assistant, Anthony Bardsley, in the village over the last few months. He has been employed by the Council to empty litter bins and ensure the village is clean and tidy. He's also responsible for weeding some areas of the village, and has already done a great job of painting all the village railings and bollards.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The village celebrations will begin with the Christmas Lights Switch On, on Friday 1st of December at 7pm on the bridge in Hayfield. On Friday 15th, Little Hayfield will host their Christmas event at 7pm on the Clough - complete with carols and refreshments afterwards in the Lantern Pike.

Wright Turner Party

Councillor Eva Lawson has again organised a very successful annual Wright Turner party, something she has done for over 20 years.

In the mid 19th 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!

The annual party still takes place but focusses on residents of Primrose Court. It is sponsored by the Parish Council and was attended by over 35 people as well as by the Chair of the Parish Council, the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of High Peak Borough, the vicar of St Matthew's Church, the minister of St John's Chapel, DCC Councillor Beth Atkins and our very own May Queen and May King. It was a very enjoyable meal, rounded off with speeches by David Toft, Chair of the Parish Council and Revd John Hudghton, the vicar of St Matthew's. Those residents of Primrose Court who were too unwell to attend were taken meals in boxes.

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, especially the guests from Primrose Court. The Parish Council thanks all involved in organising and helping on the day.

Event notice etiquette

We're delighted that there is so much going on in our village, and we want all Hayfield events to be successful. But we'd like to make an appeal to event organisers: **if you put up a poster to advertise an event please remove them after the event has taken place.** Thanks.

Telecom Mast Victory

In July the Parish Council led and coordinated a very effective campaign against the siting of a telecom mast which was proposed to be erected in an obtrusive and completely inappropriate site near the crossing into the village from the bus station. We worked closely with groups such as the Hayfield Civic Trust and were given excellent support by Councillor Peter Easter in his roles as High Peak Borough and Parish Council and also local Councillor and leader of High Peak Borough council, Tony Ashton. DCC Councillor Beth Atkins also supported our campaign. Chair of the Parish Council, David Toft, appeared on High Peak Radio and also addressed the full Planning Committee, supported on the day by Councillor Easter and Jo Toft representing the Civic Trust. This was a great example of how effective we can be when everyone works together for the good of our community.



WW1 centenary anniversary

Hayfield Parish Council will be working with the Royal British Legion to arrange a series of events to celebrate the centenary anniversary of the end of hostilities. If you would like to be involved with organising the commemoration events in 2018 please contact clerk@hayfield-pc.gov.uk

Himalayan Balsam

This plant, with pretty pink flowers, grows freely along river banks and damp spaces. It has attractive flowers and foliage but it poses a real threat. It is a non-native weed, which outcompetes all other vegetation. According to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, it is 'illegal to plant *or allow to grow* (Himalayan Balsam) in the wild'. The reason is that when it takes hold it spreads rapidly. Once it is in flower, it is important to try and get rid of it as soon as possible, because when the flowers turn to seed, they can scatter up to 800 seeds a distance of up to 17m. It's very easy to get rid of this plant: all you have to do is pull it up, snap it and leave it to die. It will come up very easily indeed due to its shallow roots. Alongside Sustainable Hayfield, we hope to convene a 'Balsam Bash' event next summer. **Watch this space!**

HIGHWAYS NEWS: Councillor Easter has been very active in following up widespread complaints about potholes and poor road and pavement surfacing. Resurfacing on Kinder Road is complete and the plan is to get Market Street and Church Street done as soon as possible.

Street Lighting

People have been complaining about poor street lighting in some places and in particular the fact that bulbs are not being replaced when they fail. Street lights are the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council and they have explained that they are in the process of upgrading all 68,000 street lights. New LED lights, with a life of around 25 years will replace the old orange sodium bulbs, which lasted about 4 years, saving £1.2 million per year. Unfortunately, in the short term, some old bulbs which fail are not being immediately replaced. If you have concerns, please contact DCC directly and copy in our clerk: clerk@hayfield-pc.gov.uk

Arden quarry – can you smell the quarry?

If you smell the distinctive and foul odour or have any other problems from the Arden / Birch Vale Quarry. Oven Hill. Birch Vale. SK22 1BY, please report it to the Environment Agency immediately on: **0800 807060**. If we don't complain, the quarry owners won't have to do anything about it.

Footpath closure

We have been notified by DCC that the closure of Public Footpath No 42 between Valley Road and Public Footpath No 43, has been further continued and will be closed until 30 September 2018 or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner, to facilitate public safety due to a dangerous retaining wall. Call 01629 533190 for more information.

Dial-a-Bus Shopping Service

Service available to those who cannot use public transport because of mobility or disability issues. Call 01335 300670 or email enquireis@ashbournect.org.uk



Community Orchard Update

This year's crop of apples has not been as great as the previous year. This may have been down to the heavy frost earlier in the year but it is also down to some vandalism that we experienced.



Nevertheless there was still plenty of apples for Apple Day to be juiced. Our plans for the Autumn will involve an annual pruning of the trees, staking trees that are leaning, planning new trees to replace damaged and diseased trees and fitting of guards to prevent strimmer damage.

If you are interested in helping to maintain the village's community orchard we welcome volunteers. The work will commence in Oct/Nov and will be advertised on the Parish Council website, Hayfield Community Facebook site and posters around the village.



Bonfire and Firework Display

Following the great display last year (despite the weather), the Parish Council will again be organising and funding a family evening featuring a firework display and the fire eater who proved so popular last year.

Friday 3rd November 6.30pm

On the Old School Field, off Swallow House Lane. The Scouts will be providing hot and cold food and drinks in the scout hut.

**Help us build a big bonfire – donate unwanted
WOOD ONLY
to the growing pile on the Old School Field.**