



AULT HUCKNALL PARISH NEWSLETTER

Welcome

Welcome to our first parish magazine this year. Covid has disrupted our usual activities, as it has for everybody, but although we're still being careful to keep Covid free, we're looking forward to returning to something like normal.

The council has continued to get business done, although meetings had to be by zoom for a time, and the centre's programmes have survived.

There have been some stops and starts but it's now fully open like it used to be. Staff and volunteers were able to keep on with the Wednesday lunches during school holidays too and I know that's been a big help to many families.

More than ever people need somewhere to meet safely as our recent Live & Local events have shown.

We wish everyone a happier and healthier year than the last one!



Our grateful thanks to the local talented **Willy Lane** whose beautiful photographs you will find throughout this publication.

Hardwick and Devonshire Charities



Cash for students. Deadline—14th March

Did you know that if you are still studying you can get a grant from the Hardwick and Devonshire charities to help you out? To qualify you have to be between 16 and 25 years old, still studying or training, and have your

home in Ault Hucknall parish. The grant can cover any expenses connected with your course including travel.

Don't delay because the next meeting is on the 14th of March so you need to get your details in by then. All the trustees need to know are your name, age and address, what and where you are studying and a teacher's signature.

You can get an application from Steve Poole steve@yellowspadedesign.com or ring 07972 080529

The Charity only meets twice a year so don't miss out!

If you've applied before you'll be surprised by the change of contact.

Mrs Hitch has decided to give up wrestling with zoom meetings and emails and enjoy a bit of peace instead. When she joined us, she only came to help us out for a couple of years - but that was 20 odd years ago! So a big thank you from the grateful Trustees who wish her a happy retirement.

All Lit Up

You may have noticed some people in hi-vis jackets digging around the Doe Lea Dancing Flowers sculpture. That's because the new lighting design for the sculpture is finally being installed. Meanwhile the talented young artists, Tonkin Liu, who worked with the community and designed the award-winning Dancing Flowers are in the news again. This time it's for the Tower of Light built for Manchester City council as part of their Civic Quarter Heat Network. It's a sparkling white filigree tower 40m high which hides the dispersion flue for the low carbon heat & light power station. Light shines through it and is reflected off it and at night it's spotlit, as our artwork soon will be. What with the pandemic things got a little delayed but they're right back on track now.



To celebrate this final completion of the Dancing Flowers, there's going to be a special celebration and mini-arts festival involving Bramley Vale School, Music in the Round and Orchestras Live this spring. Orchestras Live bring some top-notch musicians with them so this is going to be a very, very classy event. But then we expect only the best for Ault Hucknall! When's it likely to happen? Exact dates to be confirmed but around Mid-March - bring it on!

A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



The parish continues to work on the new Neighbourhood Plan getting down what they think are all the obvious ideas for how the parish might be improved or protected in the future.

It involves marking up things like key buildings, landmarks, views to be protected, trails, and amenities and protecting them for our community's benefit.

Once this is all down on maps and displays with the specialist planners who are helping develop the plan, we get to the important bit: what you think!

The draft working maps will be on display in the Doe Lea Centre from now on and you can pop in to see how the plan's developing at any stage.



If you've got any ideas you'd like considered you can drop by and post them up on the boards.

Later there'll be some public meetings and presentations to review what's been worked up and lots of opportunity to have your say about what's proposed.

This is a plan for all of us.



HS2, You Win Some...



One of the brighter moments of the last few months was when we heard that HS2 has been put on hold – at least for the near future. The route planned would have carved its way through both housing and commercial development. It would have run alongside the M1 on the west side past Hardwick and split the parish even more than the M1 does already. For us it would also have meant all the traffic to Hardwick Hall going through Doe Lea and the field behind, as well as a big redevelopment of the J29 roundabout at Heath.

For the moment it's all been put back, perhaps permanently, and we won't have all the mess, noise and disturbance of a major project (to say nothing of the traffic jams!). No development is to be allowed on the land already earmarked, so as to leave any future option open, but it'll also protect it from unwanted development by anybody else

... You lose some. Stainsby School

The Parish Council would like to thank everybody who supported them in their recent efforts to get Stainsby School back into public use. We're very grateful for everything, whether it was a donation, professional advice or simple encouragement, all of which helped us plan a sustainable future for the school.



For much of last year the council were negotiating with National Trust to either lease or buy the school. This was to replace the original plans we had for St Peter's which fell through when the National Trust changed its policy. Unfortunately, the National Trust decided to go to auction with several properties, Stainsby School among them, and the parish was unable to match the price it eventually went for.

This is disappointing but we're continuing to look for somewhere that people on the west side of the parish can meet.



It's that time of the year when decisions are being made about the amount of council tax we will all pay this year.

As your bill will tell you, the largest part goes to pay for the major expenses of the County Council and the Police. The next biggest bill is to pay for all the services you receive from the District Council – and then finally comes a small amount for the Parish precept.

This doesn't come to very much on your bill but it's still important to keep the costs down as much as possible. Last year we kept it the same, with no increase at all. We're almost doing that again this time with the extra amount on a Band D property going up by £1.45 for a whole year. Most properties in Ault Hucknall are in Band D so for most households that works out at less than 3p per week

But however much it is, it's important that it's spent wisely and gives good value. On this small amount, Ault Hucknall supports the Doe Lea Centre – an important place for our community to meet, with lots on offer - as well as many other local facilities.



The allotments, Doe Lea Valley Partnership, the recreation ground, the children's playground, Extreme Wheels, the Christmas Trees and the flower tubs are just a few examples.

We also give out grants to worthy causes like Bramley Vale School, and the Parish Council continues to develop the Neighbourhood

Plan, which we hope will keep Ault Hucknall green for another generation.

A spot-light on bat roosts in Ault Hucknall Parish

General Bat Info

In the UK there are 18 species of bat, of which 17 are known to breed in the UK. Within Derbyshire twelve of these species have been recorded and specifically within Ault Hucknall there are records of up to 7 species (brown long-eared bat, common pipistrelle, Pipistrelle species, Daubenton's bat, noctule, Whiskered bat and Brandts bat).

You can see bats flying in an evening mainly in the active season April – October, during this period they will emerge from hibernation, begin feeding, give birth, rear their young then begin to mate and feed to build up fat reserves for survive the winter during which they hibernate. This means bats use a wide range of roosts, so they could be there one day and not the next and only return again next year. Bats also move roosts regularly for a number of reasons which include to avoid predation and reduce the impacts of parasites.

A Bat Roost - Stainsby School



In Ault Hucknall there a range of known bat roosts, an important one is the brown long-eared maternity roost at Stainsby School. Back in 2012 there was estimated to be around 60 bats breeding within the roof void. A more recent inspection during the winter of 2021 identified a small number of dead bats in the building which confirms that the roost is still utilised.

The number of brown long-eared bats usually found within a maternity roosts ranges from around 10 – 30 individuals but some colonies of up to 200 have been recorded.

Bats give birth during the period May – August (depending on the weather conditions), brown long-eared bats are also known to stay in their roosts longer into the season than other species so are likely to still be present / using the roost during September.

Brown long-eared bats forage on insects (mainly moths) and are a woodland specialist, foraging using a method known as gleaning (picking insects off leaves). This species can live up to 30 years.

Importance of Bats

Bats love them or hate them form an important role in our ecosystem. In the UK they are indicator species and any changes to their populations show a direct change in our environment e.g., decline in the population as a result of less food availability (insects) due to loss of habitats / pesticides etc.

In other countries bats are also important for pollinating plants, for example without these we wouldn't have mangos, and bananas! They also spread seeds and control pests



What can you do to help your local bat population?

There are lots of things you can do to help: install a bat box on your house, plant species to attract moths e.g., honeysuckle and evening primrose, mow your lawn less and allow species to flower.

Also don't forget to turn off your outside lights during April - October!

If you would like to get more involved in activities with bats you can also join your local bat group such as Derbyshire or Nottingham Bat Group or for further information see The Bat Conservation Trust.



Thank you to our parish councillor—Becs Hill-Harmsworth—for this and the following article. Becs has a very special interest in environmental issues and has brought valuable knowledge and expertise to discussions and decisions on parish matters

Native Tree Planting

Ault Hucknall Parish Council have secured a grant from The Tree Council to undertake native tree species planting around the Doe Lea playing field. The aims of the planting are to:

Increase species diversity;

Improve connectivity for wildlife;

Provide additional foraging habitat for birds and bats; and

Improve the overall biodiversity value of habitats surrounding the football pitch.



Species to be planted include cherry, oak, silver birch, rowan and goat willow.

If you would like to get involved in the tree planting this is to take place over the **4th, 5th and 6th March**. For further details please see the Doe Lea Facebook page and / or notice boards in the local area.

Additionally, if you have any ideas for areas in which you would like to see habitat improvements such as tree planting, a reduction in mowing to increase wildflowers, areas in which a wildflower meadows or a pond could be created or suitable locations for the installation of bat and bird boxes or log piles please get in touch with Ault Hucknall Parish Council.



Parish Council New Members

Following the publication of vacancies on the parish council, there was no call for an election and we were therefore able to co-opt new members. In June 2021 we were delighted to welcome two new co-opted members Rebecca Hill-Harmsworth and Jason Wright. Here is what they have to say about their experiences so far !

Hi everyone I am Rebecca (aka Becx). I was excited to hear I had been selected for the parish council and in all honesty I didn't really know what to expect. I'm grateful to have met lots of ovely new people that are also passionate about our local area. Overall it's been a really interesting experience so far learning about our local area and I love trying to have a positive impact and improve our local environment.



Hello my name is Jason and I've enjoyed joining the parish council. I must admit I was surprised when I was selected ! I have found it interesting understanding the size of the Ault Hucknall parish, and all the different areas it covers. I enjoy getting to know the area better, being out and about on my bike or for a walk on the local trails and seeing all the green spaces we have available. I am also one of the instructors of the ju-jitsu club that runs out of the Doe Lea centre on a Friday.



If you'd like to put anything into a future edition of the magazine please contact Ruth, our Parish Clerk

—you will find all her contact details on the back page of the Newsletter

**Lent and Easter at
Ault Hucknall
Church**



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for six weeks ending at Easter. Anyone is welcome to join with us to mark this special time.

Ash Wednesday 2nd March Service at Ault Hucknall Church beginning at 6pm. (We remember our wrong doing and have ash put on our foreheads as we ask for God's forgiveness.)

Lent Discussion on Tuesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March and 5th April 10.30-11.30am at the Glapwell Community Café, Glapwell Centre. (join us to discuss issues relating to the Church and the world in our times. Everyone is welcome. We are grateful to the community café for a warm venue with refreshments available).

Mothering Sunday 27th March (Everyone receives a flower during the Holy Communion Service)

The week leading up to Easter is Holy Week.

Services in Holy Week:

Sunday 10th April 10.30am Palm Sunday. (Everyone receives a palm cross during the Holy Communion Service).

Good Friday 15th April 6pm Service of readings and hymns.

Easter Sunday 17th April 9am Holy Communion to celebrate Easter.

Services are every fortnight at the Church, see the notice board or a Church Near You website for the current dates, or contact Reverend Judy Henderson Smith on revjudyhs@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you this Easter time.

Christmas lights...

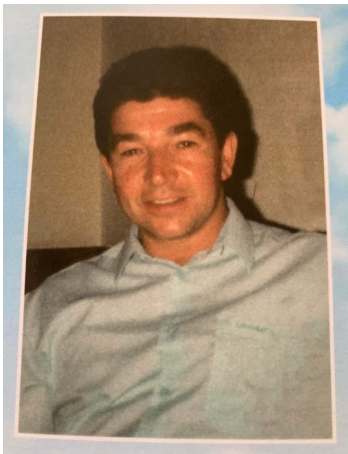
It takes a lot of people power and machinery to install and light the parish Christmas trees—and this year there were 2. !!

We managed to find the funding to provide another tree this year, in addition to the one at Doe Lea, following a number of requests from the local residents. This was installed next to the colliery wheels at Bramley Vale



Both the trees at Doe Lea and Bramley Vale are lit by solar power with battery back up and hopefully they provided a little light and joy at the end of yet another challenging year.

David Howell



It was with immense sadness that , during the challenging times of 2021, the parish council learned of the death of David Howell. David had cared for and managed the parish council allotments for too many years to count. He was fiercely protective of the allotments, and those who worked their allotments had a great deal of respect for him. David was also a long serving and valued past member of the parish council and his local knowledge and enthusiasm contributed on many occasions to the discussions and decisions taken on local issues. David will be very sadly missed and our thoughts and condolences go to his friends and family.

It was indeed David's last wish that the responsibility of carrying on his excellent reputation on the allotments should be on his recommendation. We would therefore like to welcome and introduce Steve Donson who has taken over the day to day running of the allotments. If you are interested in working an allotment Steve can be contacted on 01246 855365

After a difficult year where we were forced to close and were unable to host all but the most necessary of projects in the Centre, 2021 saw us able to reopen our doors and rekindle the varied and exciting programme of events, workshops and sessions we ran previously as well as starting and developing new projects. Here is a round up of some of the fantastic projects we were able to deliver.

At the start of last year we took part in the Live and Local Living Room project and 32 members of the Monday Craft and Chat group along with local residents created over 200 individual leaves that formed part of the Doe Lea Community Tree which now takes pride of place in our foyer. We also hosted an official unveiling which was attended by all those involved. The tree also had a small tour to Old Bolsover Yard, The Glapwell Centre and to St John the Baptist Church at Ault Hucknall.

Throughout the year we continued to provide food parcels to families during the school holidays, around 600 food parcels in total between August 2020 and July 2021. We were also extremely excited to bring back the Holiday Wednesday Fun Days in the summer which saw us welcome around 300 children and young people to take part in craft and physical activities. We were also able to host these in October half term and during the Christmas break where thanks to some extra funding we were able to host an indoor crazy golf session too.



We completed a £6,000 project to improve the accessibility of the Centre by installing an hearing induction loop system in the main hall as well as providing two portable induction loop systems for use throughout the rest of the Centre. This funding also helped us improve our Wi-Fi infrastructure and provided us with a new PA system, screen and projector providing a better experience for all Centre users in the hall.

The Centre has hosted 4 Live and Local shows since May 2021. 2 comedy/drama performances and 2 bands and we have another 2 shows booked in March and May this year. All of performances are by national and international touring artists and we always include some food in the ticket price so check out our website for the upcoming shows.

Since reopening fully in September we've had over 700 visits to one of our regular sessions, which includes our new Doe Lea voices adult session, who so far have learned 10 songs on a Tuesday evening adding their own harmonies and parts. The children who attend our music session "Doe Lea Rocks" have written 2 songs so far this year and are working on getting them performance ready and the Craft and Chat and Crochet Club are working on yarn bombing the front of the Centre as a celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

Looking forward we have a number of projects planned for this year and next. As our winter youth provision with Extreme wheels comes to an end and thanks to a £5,000 grant from the Bolsover District Council Arts Officer, we will be starting a Youth Arts group on a Wednesday night where young people will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of different art styles including graffiti art, photography and much more with a local professional artist. We're also currently seeking funding to introduce film making and sessions for all age groups as well as making some improvements to our computer room.

We have a whole host of events planned this year too including; taking part in the Derbyshire Open Arts weekend, allowing our craft groups and local artists to showcase their work over the last weekend in May; a special celebration for the Queen's Jubilee; a showcase event for all our ongoing projects; Murder Mystery evenings; Psychic evenings, and as ever our Holiday Wednesday Fun Days will be on during every school holiday.

Finally, it's been great to see people choosing the Centre for their parties and celebrations and whilst we never make any money from these (in-fact we usually make a loss) we really do love seeing the building full of people.

For more information on what's happening at the Centre head over to our website:

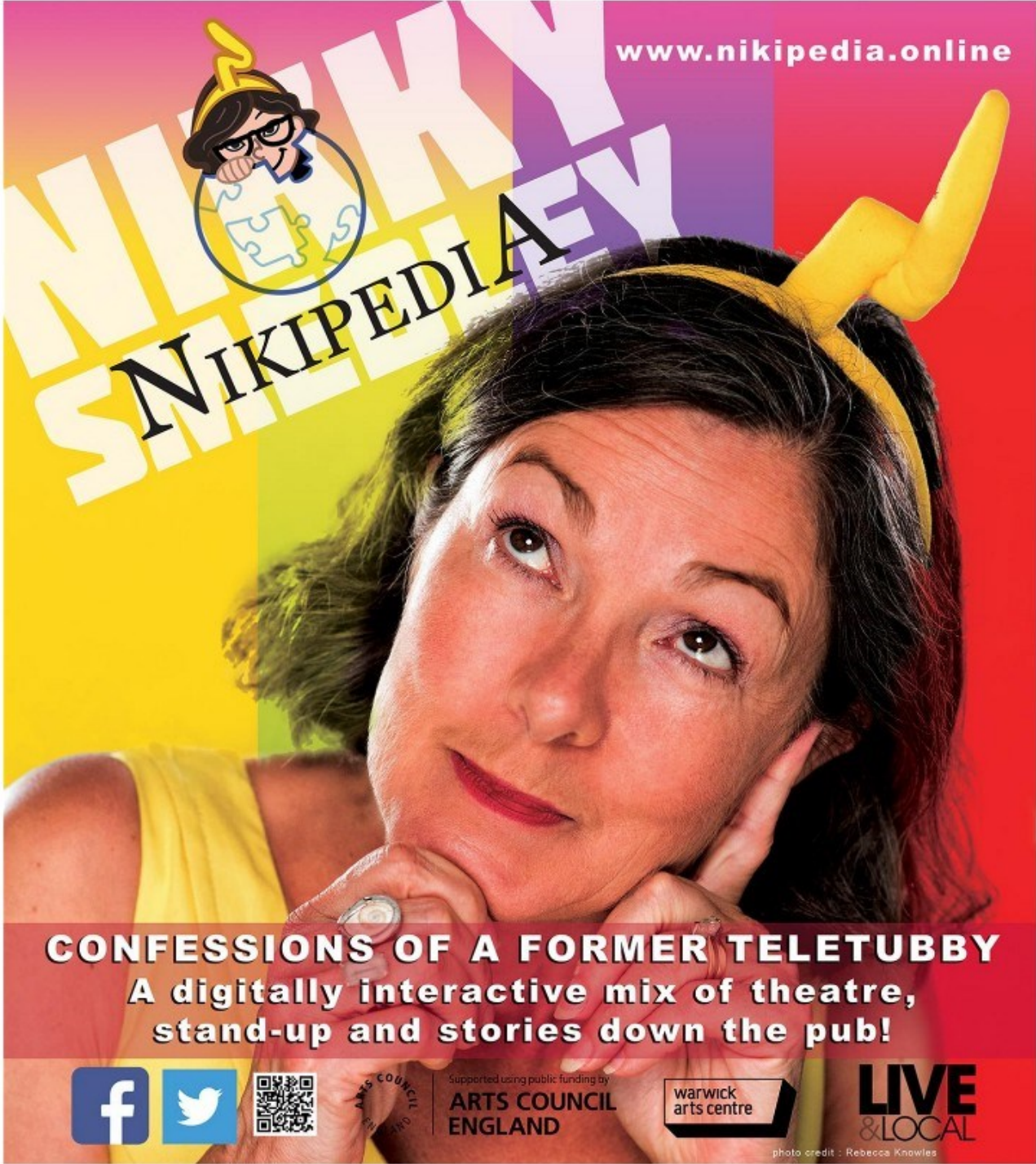
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EXTREME WHEELS ROADSHOWS

Ault Hucknall Parish Council have financed the provision of youth activities through Extreme Wheels for several years now, and they have committed to this again for 2022.

This is an exciting mix of activities, delivered by professionals from Bolsover District Council, and it runs throughout the year at Doe Lea Centre. They provide a wide range of activities based around young people's lifestyles and culture. If you want to find out more contact Rich or Tracy at Doe Lea Centre and they will be happy to let you know about the sessions.

We are always looking at ways in which we can expand and improve facilities for our young people, but this can only be achieved if we understand better what that might look like. We would love to hear from young people in the parish with any ideas. Just drop an email to the clerk, or any councillor or give Ruth, the clerk, a ring. It would be great to hear your ideas.



Stainsby Festival is straining at the leash to be running again this July after the disappointment of the last two years. So here's hoping: no Covid, no rain, no storms. On the other hand, lots of sunshine, lots of people and lots and lots of music. Not to mention dancing, singing and just a little beer to help it all along. Fingers crossed all round!

Tickets will be on sale very shortly on the festival website (with, of course, our guaranteed refund, rollover or donate option should some other Greek letter come back to haunt us all!). And don't forget, of course, that a limited number of subsidised tickets are available for residents, courtesy of Ault Hucknall Parish Council, on the Wednesday before the do at Doe Lea Centre – first come, first served.

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