



AULT HUCKNALL PARISH NEWSLETTER

AULT HUCKNALL ARTS TRAIL

After the positive response to the Remembrance and Christmas arts activities we have something bigger planned for April. Keep your eyes out for a trail of decorated flowers, rabbits and Easter eggs forming a trail from Bramley Vale, through Doe Lea and off towards Stainsby . All of the shapes have been decorated by members of the local community and Centre users.

It is hoped that this project will become the first step in creating a community Arts trail throughout the parish consisting of 4 or 5 large commissioned artworks in key locations (Bramley Vale, Stainsby, Ault Hucknall, etc.) alongside 4 or 5 locations that can host temporary installations by community artists and groups.

We would love for this to be a Community led project and for as many people to get involved as possible and as such we'd love to hear from as many people as possible. When restrictions allow we're hoping to invite people along to a public meeting discussing the plans but in the meantime if you have any ideas then you can e-mail them to the Centre Manager at richfearn@doelea.org.uk

We're particularly interested to hear:

- If you're interested in joining the working group;
- Where you think the artworks should be located;
- What format the artworks should take (e.g. sculpture, interactive pieces, organic);
- If you know of any local businesses who would like to sponsor an artwork;
- If you're an artist looking to create original and innovative pieces.



Parish Council

Vacancy



Parish Councils have been in the news lately owing to the explosive meetings at Handforth. Luckily our meetings at Ault Hucknall are much more friendly and get more done. In normal times the council supports a wide range of community activities. It's about providing things that are need locally - from bus shelters and grit bins to sports and play areas, and Christmas trees. The council also makes grants to good causes like Bramley Vale School and Willow Walk.

But it's also about looking at the bigger picture. Parish Councils are consulted on District and County Council policies on HS2, 106s and on Planning. At the moment, the Parish Council is working on a Neighbourhood Plan which will protect the character of the parish and site developments where they're needed. Parish meetings are also a chance to meet the councillors who represent us at County and District and let them know what the parish needs.

Ault Hucknall Parish also support the Doe Lea Centre which in normal times offers many different activities as well as a space for parties and events. Even during lockdown staff and volunteers there have continued to organise the free children's lunches which are normally provided in holiday times.

How's this paid for? The Council raises grants for some projects but its day to day money comes out of the council tax. This year the parish council said it won't ask for any rise. It's only a very small part of the total rates but these days we know every little counts.

At the moment we have some empty places to fill owing to the retirement of long-standing members. If you're interested in doing something for the community we'd like to hear from you. Our Clerk is a mine of useful information and can fill you in with all you need to know. Contact details at the end of this Newsletter.

A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



We talked about our plans in the last Newsletter about creating a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Ault Hucknall. Our plans have now moved on and the District Council have published formal notice of the application. We are working with an experienced consultant and will be meeting with him in March to set out our plan of action. Keep an eye out for developments and if you think you'd like to be involved in developing the plan as a community volunteer, just get in touch with the Parish Clerk and we'll get you on board.

To register your interest just give us a call on 07587 107122 or drop an email to theclerk@althucknallparishcouncil.gov.uk

Bolsover District Council



Formal Notice of Application for designation of the Parish of Ault Hucknall as a Neighbourhood Area

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Notice is hereby given that Bolsover District Council has received from Ault Hucknall Parish Council an application under Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 for the District Council to designate the area comprising the whole of the Parish of Ault Hucknall as a neighbourhood area within the meaning of Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

A copy of the application and a map of the area can be viewed below or at www.bolsover.gov.uk (search for Neighbourhood Planning).

Representations on whether the area is an appropriate neighbourhood area may be made to the Council no later than 5pm on **Friday 16 April 2021** by writing to Nicola Calver, Governance Manager, Bolsover District Council, The Arc, High Street, Clowne, S43 4JY or email nicola.calver@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

Please telephone 01246 242529 if you require any further information.

Nicola Calver
Governance Manager

5th March 2021



...is well known for working with a wide range of community groups to bring subsidised performances from professional artists to community venues, including village/town halls, churches, community centres and outdoor events. Doe Lea Centre has hosted several of these shows in the past featuring music, comedy and theatre shows, which we've all enjoyed. But that's been difficult during Covid. In fact, we've already had to postpone two Live & Local shows at Doe Lea in the last 12 months.

So Live & Local have come up with an alternative called Living Room. The professional musicians, writers, theatre companies, poets, dancers, and story tellers who would perform in community venues have come up with brilliant ways for working remotely with groups to collaborate and create unique new artworks. They're already doing this with the Doe Lea Craft and Chat group as you'll see on page 9 and they're available to work with any other community group that thinks it'd like to have a go.

This could be writing poems, sharing stories, making a short video, performing an audio play, recording a new song, learning to dance, or anything from a whole host of arts activities. And what's more, it's completely FREE. Live & Local: LivingRoom is funded by Arts Council England and Bolsover District Council, so there's no cost to any community group. So, if you think your group would benefit from working remotely with a professional artist, get in touch with



community@liveandlocal.org.uk and set up a chat.

Oh, and did we say, it's free?!

EASTER 2021 AULT HUCKNALL CHURCH, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The church will be open for a service on Palm Sunday (March 28th) and every fortnight following. Services in church begin at **10.30am**.

The following services will be available ON ZOOM

April 1st Maundy Thursday (share an Agape meal) **7.30pm**

April 2nd Good Friday. Stations of the Cross **2-3pm** (loop of pictures available between 2pm and 3pm, come and go as you like)

April 2nd Good Friday Reflection with hymns **7.30pm**

From Sunday 21st March weekly Sunday Services on zoom at **9.00am**

Contact revjudyhs@gmail.com for the link for any zoom service.

We welcome anyone who attends either in person on online.

Children's resources are also available via email, contact Rev. Judy

Follow us on facebook @stjohnthebaptistaulthucknall



Thanks to Harry

One of the reasons we have a space on the Parish Council, is that Harry Perkins has decided to retire. Harry has been an active and creative member of the Council for many years now. Lots of you will remember him as the man behind the white whiskers at our Christmas Fayre!

But the biggest difference he has made is in establishing Willow Walk.

He and his volunteers worked hard to clear the overgrown area by the Doe Lea, turn it into the pleasant walk it is today, and keep it going. Luckily Harry won't be retiring from the Willow Walk project, nor from helping with the Garden Competition, so we'll still be in touch. Our thanks to Harry.

Hope Blossoms—*beautiful Springtime scenes in a Stainsby Garden to brighten your day*



On Your Bike

The footpath from the War Memorial at Stainsby to Doe Lea is going to get an upgrade to a cycle track. This will mean a much better, drier walk for residents across to Hardwick, the Ponds and Stainsby Festival.



This is part of an area wide plan for a network of safe cycle routes connecting beauty spots, visitor attractions, pubs and picnic places across the District and beyond.

Willow Walk is local residents preferred route for the leg that comes through Doe Lea. From there it would link across to the Stockley Trail and on to Bolsover one way and Pleasley Pit the other.

Get that bike out of the shed and ready to get pedalling!

Getting a bit gritty

Hopefully we will be getting towards the end of the bad weather now, fingers crossed ! The gritting of the roads is the responsibility of the highway authority—Derbyshire County Council, but the Parish Council are trying to help support their community where possible. Whilst this is not a responsibility of the parish council they are allowed to provide grit bins under their financial powers. To keep all these grit bins filled, per filling, costs in the region of £750. The Parish Council gains around £1.99 per week per household from the Council tax—which means that just for this one complete filling we would expend the weekly contribution of 376 households.

There are grit bins situated in the following locations;

2 on Bramley Road, Bramley Vale

1 outside the shops on Mansfield Road, Bramley Vale

1 at the bus stop at Doe Lea

1 on East Street Doe Lea

1 on West Street/Old Mansfield Road Doe Lea

1 in the centre of Astwith

1 near the notice board at Hardstoft

1 on the junction of Mill Lane at Stainsby

1 on Hodmire Lane at Stainsby

1 in the centre of Rowthorne



We recently placed an additional grit bin and renewed the damaged one at Bramley Road as residents were very concerned about skidding down this road onto A617 during icy weather. Their approach to DCC to add this road to their gritting route, was unfortunately unsuccessful so we hope that this will be some help.

We are also looking to provide an additional bin in the Northcote Way/ East Street location as well as an additional one at Hardstoft near Yew Tree Farm. You should see these appear in the next few weeks.



Old School at Stainsby

You'll remember from our last newsletter that the parish council had set out an alternative Development Plan to rescue the building as an additional community space with a number of interested partners, both commercial and community, in support.

Well there's more news. Ault Hucknall Environment Action Group, along with the Consortium established to develop the idea, have raised some money towards a survey on the building. It's important to assess the current state of the old school to see what needs to be done for Phase One of the Plan.

The National Trust have agreed to give access to let this happen, as part of our proposals to them, so things are moving along - nicely.

We're on...until we're not.



Stainsby Festival is planning to run this year after last year's online virtual event. Well, it is until it's not. The trustees are working on putting on the full event if we have the Covid all clear by June, so fingers crossed all round.

Depending on what the rules are at the time, the festival may have to adapt what it does to make sure it runs legally – and more importantly – safely for everyone involved. Tickets are on sale now on a guaranteed refund, roll over or donate option if anything prevents the celebrations going ahead.

Bring on July! Good Riddance to Covid!

Accessibility Improvements

The Doe Lea Centre is always striving to be as inclusive a venue as possible for everybody and now thanks to funding from the Derbyshire Environmental Trust and Bolsover District Council's Arts Officer we're now able to make the Centre's activities more inclusive to people with visual and hearing impairments. In total we have received just short of £6000 which will be spent on:

- Installation of a hearing induction loop system in the main hall as well as the purchase of two portable induction loops to be used throughout the building for those with hearing impairments;
- Purchase of 123" wall mounted screen and high power projector for the hall enabling a better visual experience for all hall users;
- Purchase of a PA system ensuring everybody can hear during events training and shows;
- Improved Wi-Fi throughout the Centre.

These improvements will also benefit Centre users as whole and will allow us to put on more and varied events, so look out for cinema nights, theatre performances and music shows at the Centre when we're allowed to reopen fully.

Post Office Changes

As many of you may know our Friday Post Office is made possible thanks to the staff at Bolsover Post Office who run the service for us. We strongly believe that this is an important service locally and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Simon and Basu for their continued support running the service.

We'd also like to thank everybody for bearing with the Friday Post Office over the last few months. Due to Post Office staff having to shield we had to reduce and move the opening hours and so we apologise to everyone for the disruption this caused.

Thankfully we are now able to return the Post Office to its regular opening times:
Friday 11.30 am to 1.30 pm

We're operating under the Covid-secure guidelines so there's social distancing, hand sanitiser and masks must be worn. You can access all your posting needs including parcel drop off, as well as banking, paying bills and topping up your gas and electric.

Community Artists Create Community Tree



At the start of the year still being unable to meet in person, our Monday Craft and Chat group moved their sessions online.

In February they began working with the Live & Local: LivingRoom project and were paired up with Derbyshire artist Alison Evans who designed a community tree made up of leaves that could be created by members of the group and members of the wider community.

Around 100 leaves have been created using simple sewing and embroidery techniques and will become part of a tree made up of important newspaper clippings from the last few months.

As part of the project people have been invited to join online sessions, led by Alison, learning how to make Fancy Plants (pictures below) using up material off-cuts. Alison has also led workshops showing the creation of the tree trunk and how the leaves have been added to it.

Once completed the tree will be on display at the Doe Lea Centre until restrictions are lifted at which point we are working on plans to showcase the tree at other venues such as local libraries, other community centres and Ault Hucknall Church.

To join the Craft and Chat online workshops please e-mail:

craftandchat@doelea.org.uk

'Live & Local: LivingRoom' was launched last year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic when the UK was subject to lockdown, the project aims to connect communities during this difficult time by establishing creative collaborations with professional artists and is funded by Bolsover District Council and Arts Council England. More information can be found on Page 4 of this Newsletter and by visiting:

liveandlocal.org.uk/livingroom.htm

Artist Alison Evans can be found at:

delicut.co.uk



Hardwick and Devonshire Charities

Over the years many young people from the parish have been helped by the educational grants that these charities give out. It's impossible to estimate how many because the charities have been in existence since the 16th century when the Devonshire was first set up by the then Countess and Earl of Devonshire. The Hardwick followed in the 18th century, set up from various charitable donations and by the Duke and Duchess at Chatsworth at that time.

Of course, times have changed, and the charities no longer give money to 14 year olds to buy the tools of their trade but the principle is the same – helping young people have better opportunities. The income from the charities' investments is given out by trustees in grants twice a year, usually in March and October, to help students fulfil their education/training ambitions.

If you are 16 – 25years old, live in Ault Hucknall Civil Parish and are in education or vocational training you may be able to get a grant. If you think you may be eligible for a grant please apply to the trustees through the charity Clerk, Mrs Charlotte Hitch, by email to charlotte.e.hitch@hotmail.co.uk

A Sad Farewell



It was with immense sadness that the Parish Council learned the very sad news of the death of Brian Holland.

Brian had been a passionate and enthusiastic supporter of the community over too many years to count—his passion being the care and management of the football field and changing rooms at Doe Lea.

He carried out many duties, mowing and marking the pitch, managing the use of the field and keeping everyone in check to make sure the field maintained its standard—and for all this he volunteered his time.

He was always at the end of the phone when we needed his help and we were hoping to move forward together to put more improvements in place on the site.

Sadly this was not to be. We will really miss him, and his support and enthusiasm, and our sincere condolences go to his family and friends.

DOE LEA AND BRAMLEY VALE GARDEN COMPETITION

Whether you have a full lawn and flower beds or a collection of hanging baskets and pots we'd love to see your green fingered talents!

Judging to take place at the end of June.

Register your garden at the details below.

CASH PRIZES

1st Place Garden

£25

2nd Place Garden

£10

Tidiest Allotment

£25



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PARISH COUNCIL**

To enter contact the Parish Council
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Useful Numbers

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Police Non-Emergency	101	Urgent Medical Problem	111
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999	Electrical Emergency	105

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