



Stainsby Festival wins priceless award.

Stainsby Folk Group, the charity behind Stainsby Festival, has won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The Award was announced during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June and the formal presentation by Mrs Elizabeth Fothergill, the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, was made on the fields during this year's Festival in July.

Known as the MBE for charities, it's the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK. What an honour! What's so special about it is that it recognises the work of all the volunteers (and there are lots and lots!) who've helped make the festival what it is. They've kept it going since it was started in 1969 - when local youngsters from Doe Lea and Bramley Vale were heavily involved in putting it on. Some of them still are, as well as their children and grandchildren too!

The Festival has always prided itself on its little red stamp that says, "100% not-for-profit. Guaranteed Volunteer Run" It's one thing to say, it's quite another to have it officially confirmed to the world on royal authority! The Queen's Award logo can now join it and be permanently displayed by the Festival in pride of place.

Tony Trafford, Chair of Trustees for the charity, says: "Sadly, our pleasure in the award is dimmed by the Queen's death, but makes us determined to continue the work she has recognised in this, the last of her awards." You can see the beautiful award on Page 15



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70 YEARS AND 214 DAYS**



These charities were set up many years ago to help young people with the costs of their education and training. At one time the grant the charity made would have been spent on a bag of tools or work clothes. Nowadays needs have changed and the “bag of tools” has got more complicated. The grant can be used for anything that helps with the chosen course, from laptops and books or rent costs and travel.

The charity has now come up to date too. It now has a new website, www.handdec.org, which should make it easier to apply. It gives all the details for making an application and will include success stories from those who've had help, as well as a bit of history.

Of course, paper applications will still be accepted and a form is available from the Secretary, 131 East Street, Doe Lea, Chesterfield S44 5DL.

Anyone living in Ault Hucknall Parish between the ages of 16 to 25 can apply. The Trustees meet again on 6th March 2023 and they're looking forward to helping more young people forward in their careers.



NOT a racing track

Many residents of Doe Lea and Bramley Vale will be aware of the problems being experienced by those communities of illegal organised racing on the A617 just coming off the Junction 29 roundabout.

Unfortunately as a Parish Council we have absolutely no powers to try and intervene to prevent this very dangerous activity – however we have tried tirelessly to try and get some

action from the police and Derbyshire County Council. Whilst they have registered that they accept this is a problem, it seems that the activity continues. Rest assured we will continue to put as much pressure on as possible. District and Parish Councillor Tricia Clough has spent many hours lobbying the police, Police and Crime Commissioner, District Council lead members and Derbyshire County Council members, following a spate of reports of dangerous situations and harassment from those involved in the activity.

J29 Roadworks

The Council have just learned that, starting on the 3rd January, National Highways will be carrying out essential maintenance to the bridge and north and southbound slips roads in the M1 at Junction 29. These should be finished by the end of May. Work will be done mainly overnight from 8pm to 6am but there will be some full road closures. At these times diversions will be fully signed. Access to businesses and homes will be maintained where possible.

For more Information from National Highways you can contact their public liaison officer: EMcomms@amey.co.uk or their Customer Contact Centre:

info@nationalhighways.co.uk or call 03001235000.

A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



The Parish Council have been working now for almost 2 years on the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, and we are now nearing the time where we can share proposals developed so far.

We will be arranging some public viewing and consultation events so that you can help us to inform and develop the plan further. So far some of the things we have looked at are - how we can protect the countryside, identifying areas which can be designated as Local Green Spaces, important views, developing policies on dark skies, trees hedgerows and woodlands, biodiversity and nature conservation, heritage, housing growth, affordable housing, shops and community facilities, employment and businesses, footpaths, cycleways and bridleways, design and local character buildings.

The Neighbourhood Plan is really important because it means that, once it has been adopted, we are able to have some control over development within the parish .

The Neighbourhood Plan will carry the same weight as the District Council's local plan and must be taken in to consideration in relation to planning applications.



Please keep your eyes peeled for information about the consultation events, when you will be able to look in detail at maps, photos and plans, and talk to us about your views and ideas.

New Insulation

Everyone's worried about heating bills this year but new residents at a house at No 2 Mansfield Road will have fewer bills than most. Bolsover District Council is trying out a new system of putting insulation on the outside of the house – and it works really well. With no heating at all in November the house felt warm and dry, and very quiet too. Traffic noise from the A617 was much quieter.



The District Council hopes to use this method on other houses in Bramley Vale as soon as money allows – the sooner the better for our residents.



.School Holiday Fun



Once again this year we have had a hugely successful programme of FREE holiday activities. Thanks to nearly £20,000 worth of funding from the Department for Education (distributed by Derbyshire County Council and Street Games), we have been able to run our regular sessions and also double the number of days at Easter and the summer holidays. The Centre also offered a wider range of activities allowing young people to take part in film making, graffiti, street arts and music workshops. This is all alongside our usual crafts and sports activities and the ever popular buffet lunch. A massive thank you to



everyone who attends and supports these days and a special thank you for a donation, in memory of Brian Holland, of 40 pumpkins for our October fun day, we had so much fun carving them. The next holiday fun days are on the 4th and 5th January 2023 from 10 am - 3 pm.

Warm Hub

As the cost of living crisis continues we are keen to support people in any way we can. If you're in need of a warm, safe space to spend some time then don't forget that the Centre is open from Monday - Friday from 9 am - 7 pm. Alongside our regular activities on that you may want to join, you are also welcome to come and use our resource hub as a comfortable warm place for a cuppa and a chat. There's several computers available to use and small collection of books that you're welcome to read here or take with you. We're also working hard to get some funding to provide a radio, magazines, puzzles and games for people using the space. Friday's will also see us restarting a Lunch Club from 11 am - 2 pm offering an affordable meal alongside a couple of games of bingo and other activities. We also hope to be able to provide support and advice on energy saving, benefits and employment in the near future too.



doe Lea CENTRE

Warm Hub

Are you worried about your energy bills this winter?
Do you need a safe, welcoming space to keep warm and save some money?
Then come and visit our WARM HUB.

We offer:

- Refreshments
- Free WiFi
- Newspapers
- Help & Support
- Books & Games
- Daily Activities

Monday - Thursday
9 am - 7 pm

Friday
Lunch Club and Bingo
11.00 am - 2.00 pm

No booking necessary

For more information please contact
The Doe Lea Resource Centre on
01246 850209
or visit doeleacentre.org

The Doe Lea Resource Centre is a registered charity. Charity Number: 508572

Youth Hub

Thanks to grants made available from Ault Hucknall Parish Council, Bolsover District Council and Derbyshire County Council we have been able to increase our offer to young people aged 11 - 16 into an almost year round provision. Running on a Wednesday evening from 6 - 8 pm we are now running an indoor Extreme Wheels session from September through to March. Then from April through to July we have the brilliantly creative artist Lucie Maycock and her team delivering graffiti and street arts sessions. We've employed the fantastic specialist youth arts worker Erin to deliver fortnightly arts based sessions of the next few months, exploring Youth Voice with the aim of creating a Youth Forum that will help us and the local Councils engage better with young people.



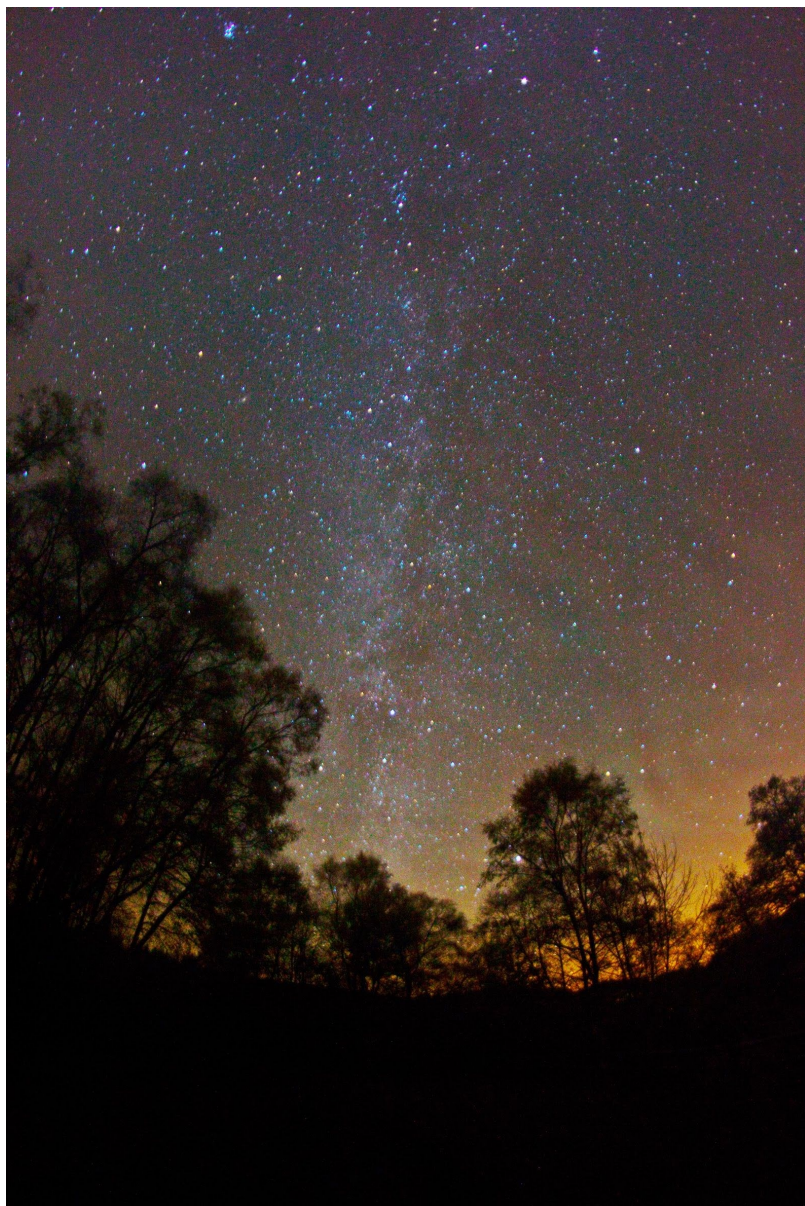
Fabulous Volunteers

A massive thank you to everyone who volunteers with us, whether that's washing some pots on the Holiday Activity Days or leading sessions; you're all amazing and we couldn't do what we do without you. There's lots of opportunities to lend us your time so if you think you can spare a little to help us get in touch we'd love to hear from you.

You can reach us on 01246 850209 or by e-mailing info@doelea.org.uk.

| Doe Lea Centre in Numbers | |
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| People through the doors | 4373 |
| Volunteer Hours | 758 |

Dark Skies



As the nights draw in closer we are all likely to start to feel the doom and gloom of the dark nights, however, the darkness is important for a whole range of nocturnal / crepuscular wildlife which are sensitive to light. Only about a fifth of England now has 'pristine night skies' – that is skies 'completely free from light pollution'.

Light pollution at night can impact on wildlife, by interrupting natural rhythms including, predation, migration, reproduction and feeding patterns of many species. Some species which are sensitive to light pollution include: bats, hedgehogs, badgers, fox, owls, moths, ground beetles, glow-worms, amphibians, and

migratory birds. Light pollution has been linked to insect decline which in turn affects the pollination of plants and the health of ecosystems.

A single streetlight has the potential to kill on average 150 insects per night. The light will also attract various insects also causing a 'vacuum effect' in the wider environment as the insect congregate here instead of in their natural habitat.

Light pollution can also impact human health, affecting our body's hormones, including the production of melatonin. This hormone is responsible for maintaining sleep patterns and nocturnal rhythms. If you have ever scrolled through your phone before trying to go to sleep or picked your phone up after waking in the middle of the night, the blue light emitted restrains the production of melatonin which makes it difficult to fall asleep and wake up.

The Parish Council are currently working on drawing together the Neighbourhood Plan for Ault Hucknall with 'Dark Skies' being one key environmental policy proposed to minimise light pollution as the south of the parish exhibits some of the darkest skies in Derbyshire outside of the Peak District National Park. If you are interested taking a look at the mapping of the light pollution across the UK take a look at The Council for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) 'night blight map'(<https://www.nightblight.cpre.org.uk/>).

You can also help by considering any external lights on your property:



Are security lights on motion sensors?

After being activated how long is the light on? can the timer be reduced to around 1 minute of lighting?

Avoid upward lighting on your property or in the garden.

Avoid lights which can be left permanently switched on.

Consider where you're installing solar lights and if it could impact on the insect distribution i.e., would it deter them from utilising plants in your garden.

If you use coloured lights in your garden try to use red, coloured lights also cause impacts.

<https://www.buglife.org.uk/campaigns/no-insectinction/safe-spaces-for-insects/safe-from-light-pollution-and-other-radiation/>

<https://www.nightblight.cpre.org.uk/>

<https://www.sclhealth.org/blog/2019/09/why-it-is-time-to-ditch-the-phone-before-bed/#:~:text=The%20blue%20light%20emitted%20by,wake%20up%20the%20next%20day.>

<https://cdn.bats.org.uk/uploads/pdf/Resources/ilp-guidance-note-8-bats-and-artificial-lighting-compressed.pdf?v=1542109349>

Article prepared by Councillor R Hill-Harmsworth

Dog Fouling

One of the main causes of irritation to everyone – including many dog owners – is fouling in public places. Everyone has to share the same recreational space and there is nothing worse than having to constantly look for dog poo to prevent you or your children stepping or even falling into it.



The Parish Council are constantly looking at ways in which they can encourage dog owners to pick up after their dogs. 99% of owners are helpful, considerate and compliant. They understand that it is their responsibility to pick up after their dog – they have no expectation that someone else should follow them around and clean up after them !

Unfortunately we have the 1% who seem to be completely blind to their responsibility – they leave their dog's deposits for others to tread in and carry around on their shoes, or even worse to end up compromising their health

Obviously it is the dog that does the poo but it is unfair to blame the canine population; it is the responsibility of the dog owner to ensure that the dog's mess is cleaned up. Although there are a great number of owners that do clear it up, there are still some people who feel it is unhygienic or not something they should have to do, however it is a real health hazard to leave it where it lies - on pavements, in parks and playgrounds, and it is also against the law.

All faeces contains bacteria that can cause stomach upsets if ingested. However, the greatest risk to public health from dog faeces is toxocariasis, which could cause significant visual impairment and in severe cases even blindness.

It is an offence to not clean up after your dog if it fouls in an open space. Litter and dog waste bins are provided in many public spaces, and you can also put bagged dog waste in your household bin.

If you do not dispose of this waste in the correct way and are caught in the act, you could receive a fixed penalty notice of £100 which could result in a fine of £1,000 if you are prosecuted or do not pay the initial fine.



Dog fouling myths

1. I don't have to pick it up

Yes, you do - unless you have a registered disability. Failing to pick up your dog's mess is an offence. The council can serve a Fixed Penalty Notice allowing the offender to pay a £100 fine or can prosecute in the Magistrates' Court with a maximum fine of £1,000.

2. Once the waste has been bagged it can be discarded

No it can't. It is astonishing that people take the trouble to bag dog waste and then throw it in a hedge, a tree or on the ground. This is a littering offence and liable to the same penalties as above.

3. More dog waste bins would solve the problem

It is not uncommon to see dog fouling very close to the bins. In our experience people are either "picker uppers" or they are not - the presence of a bin makes no difference as they seem to think they are above the law. The parish council provides dog bins around the parish. However, if there isn't a dog bin or a litter bin nearby then take the waste home and dispose of it within your household refuse.

4. It's only the same as cow or horse manure

No it isn't. Dog mess is much more dangerous and can, for example, cause toxocariasis which can cause damage to the eye and, in some cases, blindness. Young children will be more at risk as they are more likely to come into contact with the faeces and not realise the dangers

5. More fines should be issued

To issue a fine an offence has to be witnessed and the offender identified. If a council officer such as a Dog Warden sees the offence it will be followed up - however, they cannot be everywhere all the time. If members of the public see an offence, can identify the offender and are willing to provide good evidence in the form of a simple witness statement, then the council will issue a fine based on that evidence.

6. It's better to 'stick and flick' in the countryside

The best way to dispose of dog waste is to put it in the bin. Flicking your dog waste onto the verges still results in contamination of the land and water table. It also still smells and contains worms and diseases. Thousands of people walk their dogs in the countryside every day. Think about how much dog waste that generates...

7. I can't use public bins to dispose of my dog's waste bags

If there is not a dog waste bin to hand you can dispose of it in the nearest public litter bin.

Bag It and Bin It

If you are aware of someone allowing their dog to foul you can report it to Bolsover District Council by following this link

<https://www.bolsover.gov.uk/d/150-dogs/41-dog-fouling>





**Advent and Christmas Services at
Ault Hucknall, Palterton and Scarcliffe 2022**

Sunday 4th Dec

- 9.30am** Communion at St. Luke Palterton
10.30am Christingle at St. John the Baptist Ault Hucknall
4pm Christingle at St. Luke Palterton

Sunday 11 Dec

- 10.30am** Communion at St. Leonard Scarcliffe

Sunday 18 Dec

- 10.30am** Communion at St. John the Baptist Ault Hucknall
7pm Nine Lessons and Carols at St. John the Baptist Ault Hucknall

Saturday 24 Dec Christmas Eve

- 2.00pm** Crib Service at St. John the Baptist Ault Hucknall
4.30pm Family Carols at St. Leonard Scarcliffe
6.30pm Holy Communion at St. Leonard Scarcliffe
11.30pm Midnight Communion at St. John the Baptist Ault Hucknall

Sunday 1st Jan

- 9.30am** Communion at Palterton St. Luke
10.30am Communion at St. John the Baptist Ault Hucknall

Guess where ?

Answer in the next Newsletter



JUBILEE JOY !!



Many thanks to Willy Lane for permission to print these fab photos !!

All things Trees



Yes it's nearly that time of year again – We will be installing the Christmas Tree at Doe Lea as we have done in previous years. These have been cut trees in the past and lit with solar powered lights.

We have this year decided to trial the planting of a rooted tree at Bramley Vale – on the basis that this is a much more sustainable approach.

Our contractor has a background in landscape gardening so will be able to manage the growth of the tree.

Depending on the success of this we will then look to adopting this approach at Doe Lea – as well as looking at some suitable sites in the hamlets.

On this basis we have applied for some funding from the Environmental Trust to assist us in doing this in 2023. We won't hear whether we have been successful until January 2023.

Talking of Trees

Katherine Church – 01246 242414 the Community Woodlands Project Officer at Bolsover District Council is looking for leaves – lots of them.

She's putting a call out to anyone who might be able to help the district's new trees get off to a good start by making leaf mould for them. Using leaf mould to mulch newly planted trees really helps them to develop the right soil fungi and structure around their roots so they can feed themselves effectively and get a good start in life ready to withstand whatever our climate throws at them.

https://www.theorchardproject.org.uk/guides_and_advice/making-leaf-mould/

This time of year many people will be collecting up lots of fallen leaves. If you can save litter free piles for them and keep them nice and damp so they will rot down quickly, we would love to make use of them, when planting in our community. Depending on how many you have, you can enclose them in a homemade leaf bin or even in large bin bags with holes pierced through them for aeration.



If you would like to do this, please get in touch and send through a picture of your filled bin or bins or even bags.. Katherine.Church@bolsover.gov.uk

There will be a small Woodland Trust themed award for the best bin and the biggest leaf collection and you will feature in the next copy of their Community Woodlands newsletter.

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BRAMLEY VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A message from the Headmaster



2023 sees a new chapter in the life and times of Bramley Vale Primary School. Once situated down in Doe Lea, the school was demolished and a temporary school was built in Bramley Vale. Fifty plus years later and the school is now finally to be rebuilt anew!

Already the school has a bespoke Early Years Unit, which offers a warm welcome to our youngest children. Our busy nursery serves families from Doe Lea, Bramley Vale, Glapwell and beyond. Children move through to the Reception class, which makes for an easier transition, as it is in the same building.

The lower school is due an internal make over and restructure, whilst not losing the spacious quality of the classrooms and zoned learning areas. These zones are well used during the day with reading and maths groups being taught to support and stretch pupil learning. Bramley Vale Primary governors have used school budget to ensure this part of school is reclad to match the new build.

The large school hall is where the new build will lead off from. The new build comprises of: three new classrooms; staffroom and offices, working kitchen, library for children, wrap around provision space for parents who need support with child care in the morning and after school and a remodelled school grounds.

Morgan Sindall have been given the contract for the new building work and the meetings have been very positive. There will of course be some disruption but the proposed design of a temporary 'learning village' will speed up the project and offer children and families a better outcome. The proposed construction will allow school to function with less impact on important events and the daily running and enjoyment of school.

The only downside is the field will shrink as it is where the village is due to be constructed. When the dust settles on the final build, we will have a new school, a Sports England standard playing field, forest school outside learning space and a revamped Early Years unit.

This community deserves the best provision for their children. All the team at Bramley Vale Primary work tirelessly to ensure children have a wonderful school experience through our CRAVE curriculum.

We welcome the investment in the school and we know the school will continue to go from strength to strength, serving our local community and families for years to come.





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Year 2023*



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Useful Numbers

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| Bolsover District Council | 01246 242424 | Derbyshire County Council | 01629 533190 |
| Police Non-Emergency | 101 | Urgent Medical Problem | 111 |
| Gas Emergency | 0800 111 999 | Electrical Emergency | 105 |

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