

AULT HUCKNALL PARISH NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2023

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Those who keep up on these things, like our readers, will know that the Parish Council has been working up proposals for a Neighbourhood Plan for Ault Hucknall.

So far, so good.

Now its your turn to see what you think of it and play your part in shaping the plan.

The current proposals will be on show at the Doe Lea Centre for everyone to look at and comment on.

13th and 14th October

Everyone welcome.

Councillors will be on hand to discuss your ideas and suggestions to shape it up and make it our community's very own.

Watch out for posters reminding you nearer the time to make a date in your diary.





PARISH ELECTIONS 2023

This year saw elections for District and Parish Councillors for Bolsover. In Ault Hucknall only 10 candidates stood for the Parish Council, so there was no need for an election, and so no money was spent.

Contact details for the councillors are at the back of the magazine with the other Parish information.

The council has plenty to do during the next four years. It is currently completing the Neighbourhood Plan which will shortly be up for public discussion and when ratified will give residents more say over what happens in our area.

As usual the sports, leisure areas and allotments will be maintained along with grants to local groups like the Doe Lea Valley partnership and to Bramley Vale School.

A grant also goes to the Doe Lea Centre to support the wide programme of valuable activities there open to all. From music workshops to Christmas decorations the Council will be doing its best to keep the community happy and costs down!

NEW POST FOR VICAR

Many of us will be sorry to hear that our Vicar and her husband will be leaving in September. The Vicar, Rev Judy and Dr. Richard Henderson-Smith, our Reader, have been working here unpaid for over 7 years now and have become a valued part of our community. Not only have they kept our beautiful old church alive but they have been part of our social lives too, taking part in events and activities across the parish - Vicar Judy will certainly be missed at Doe Lea Centre.



Over the last 7 years Vicar Judy has officiated at many of those key markers of our lives - the weddings, the Christenings and sadly the funerals. She has always been helpful and sympathetic, and made each event meaningful.

We wish her all the best with her new work with the prison community and our thanks and best wishes for the future go with them both

HELP WITH EDUCATION COSTS

The Devonshire and Hardwick Educational Trust will be allocating the latest round of grants on the 26th September 2023.



Funding assistance for:

- Books
- Equipment
- Tools
- Travel
- Course Fees
- Accommodation
- ...and more

**APPLY
TODAY**



Applications are welcome from anyone between the ages of 16 and 25, in full or part-time tertiary education or accredited vocational training, with a home address within the boundaries of Ault Hucknall (Civil) parish.

Apply either via the QR code above, our website or by contacting the Clerk to the Trustees at info@handec.org. Applications close midnight 22/09/23.

...don't miss this opportunity!

Fantastic Events
at the Doe Lea Centre



As well as all our regular activities (see accompanying “What’s on Guide”) we have a regular programme of live events at the Centre. We’ll be working with local artists as well as the national Live and Local rural touring organisation. Starting this Autumn we have:

An Evening of Ghost Stories with Chesterfield’s Ghost Man

Saturday 14th October – 7.00 pm – Tickets £5

The Gods are All Here (Live and Local theatre performance)

Saturday 25th November – 7.00 pm – Tickets £15 (incl. a light supper)

Who Killed Santa (Murder Mystery Evening)

Saturday 9th December – 7.00 pm – Tickets £15 (incl. a light supper)

You can find out more about our regular activities and upcoming events by following us on facebook: @DoeLeaResourceCentre, checking out our website: doeleacentre.org or by checking out our What’s on Guide

Holiday Activities

Thanks to recent grant funding from Ault Hucknall Parish Council and Street Games, we again secured funding for activities during the school holidays and have had some great activities for children and young people including Extreme Wheels, mini golfing, film making, music making and recording, plus loads of arts and craft activities including graffiti art, vegetable printing and loads more.

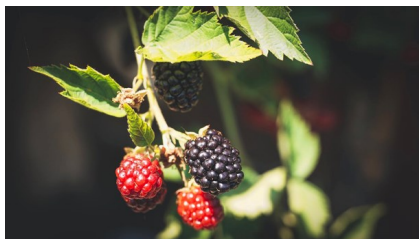
Activities took place on Wednesdays and Thursdays both at the Centre and, when weather allowed, on the field. We even managed a visit to the Doe Lea Allotments to see how food can be grown locally.

It’s been a huge success with over 100 people attending each day.

The next holiday activity day will be on Wednesday 1st November; we hope to see you there!



Foraging



As an ecologist I probably more than most notice that the nights are starting to draw in already as we begin to approach autumn and the temperature start to drop. However, one other thing to notice this time of year is the abundance of blackberries and other fruits available in your local open spaces.

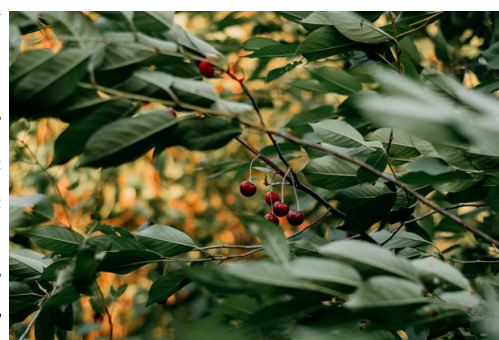
Now is a great time to go out and do some blackberry picking (though you must be careful not to get pricked by the thorns. Select places unlikely to have had pesticides applied to them and or adjacent to roads). It's a great activity for kids and I have fond memories of my nan taking me to do this every year.

Other fruit and nuts to notice that are available this time of year include cherries, crab apples, elderberry, pears, hazel, sloe berries (from blackthorn). Sweet chestnuts will also begin to appear shortly too (make sure you get a stash for roasting at Christmas!).

There are many recipes you can use these fruits in, such as apple and blackberry crumble, jam, flavouring in gins, smoothies or coulis, so why not give it a go.

If you do plan on doing a spot of foraging this year please only forage from areas where the fruits / nuts are in abundance as these are vital for the survival of the UK's wildlife especially through the winter period.

Please also think about when you come to cut back your shrubs / trees which provide fruits, nuts and nectar for wildlife. Ideally undertake this in late February to ensure a food resource is available for wildlife throughout winter, as many species will rely heavily upon these resources.



We hope you enjoy our regular newsletter articles on environmental matters—provided by parish councillor Rebecca Hill-Harmsworth

Looking after our Green and Pleasant Land!

The Parish Council would like to introduce you to Lee Cutts-Bland. Lee is contracted to the Parish Council and works hard looking after a great number of green areas around the parish. He also fills and tends the flower planters, undertakes a multitude of repair jobs and is definitely a jack of all trades—and master of most!



Amongst many other things he makes sure that the football field is prepared and ready for the 3 football teams currently calling this their home, clears the footpath from Doe Lea to Stainsby in time for the Stainsby Festival and ensures that the area around the war memorial at Stainsby is well maintained, particularly around Remembrance Day. You will also find him erecting the poppies on the lampposts around this time.



We are delighted that Lee has also agreed to take on the duties of allotment manager at Doe Lea, and if you are interested in taking on an allotment, he will be happy to help you. You can contact him on 07850 590850

Festival versus the Big Squelch



Last year Stainsby Festival won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This year it had to prove it - in spades.



Or should that be - with spades! The British weather did its best to turn the festival into a damp squib but failed. Volunteers made sure that the event ran exactly as planned, even if it meant pushing, pulling or towing every single car, van, truck or wagon safely off the site afterwards.

Reviews from people enjoying the event labelled it one of the best ever.

And that wasn't just the audience but also the volunteers as well as the musicians who were performing. One said "Stainsby brings out the best in everyone, particularly the musicians. There's just a great spirit about the place".



Final Score - Festival 1 : Weather Nil

OUR RESIDENT PARISH PHOTOGRAPHER

Once again the amazing Willy Lane has been out and about in the parish with his camera. Where has he been this time to take the photos on the following page?? - We are going to let you guess!

Aren't we lucky to have such beautiful scenery in our parish?

Answers in the next edition of the Newsletter



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

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