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BOLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER October 2018



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“A warm welcome to newcomers to Bolton. If you have not received a Welcome to Bolton” leaflet, and/or would like to join the parish emailing list, please let me know (clerkboltonpc@gmail.com, 62327). There is also an informal “WhatsApp” group for sharing local information such as accidents, road/bridge closures etc. To join contact Dean Dewey 07946382990

There will be no food service at the New Crown Inn from 1st - 5th October due to kitchen refurbishment. Bar remains open.

Weekend closures of the A66

This has gone remarkably well, at least from Bolton’s point of view. Highways England and the police have done a wonderful job at planning and managing the diversions. Over the first two weekends, there were 229 speeding offences (max 108mph on A66!!) and 47 HGV hauliers were prosecuted for ignoring the diversion signs. The numbers are going down so the message seems to have sunk in. Highways England’s senior project manager, Steve Mason, has twice attended parish council meetings in Bolton to explain the measures put in place to mitigate the impact of the closures, and to get feedback from the community. He has personally travelled the routes to monitor traffic and road conditions; pot-holes have been filled on an “as-you-go” basis. If you have any feedback let me know.

Our Community Speedwatch volunteers were out during the first weekend. As a result, the police have sent out 18 warning letters, one of them to a repeat offender. Three were local, all the others apart from two were from surrounding villages/towns.

Playpark Update

Drainage work has been completed in the play park area. After a competitive tendering process, EDC has awarded the playpark contract to Wicksteeds, in consultation with Bolton representatives. If all goes

to plan, they will start the demolition work on 5th November, with installation the following week.

Bolton in Bloom

Once again we were very successful:



GOLD for the Best Village Overall
GOLD for the Best Village Winner of Tidy Village
Runner up, Best Sustainable Development

And the school was Runner Up in the “Greening Grey Britain for Wildlife and People Special Awards”. Fantastic news, well done kids and teachers.

Glebe Byre Meadows and Copse won a Level 3 award in the “Its your Neighbourhood” section. Many thanks to all those who contributed in any way.

The trophies and the brilliant portfolio will be on display at the Exchange’s 10th anniversary (October 16th). There are a few portfolios left for sale, and additional copies can be ordered from Penny and Dean (price to be confirmed).

A programme of activities for 2019, such as visits to gardens and guest speakers, is being planned, and of course Open Gardens. An open meeting will be held in the New Year.

New Cooker

Thanks to a grant of £500 from Cumbria County Council’s Community Fund and donations from the Exchange and the Hall, we now have a new induction range cooker in the Hall, plus a collection of new pot and pans. This will make life so much easier for the Exchange and for community events such as bonfire night, or “Big Breakfasts”.

Bonfire and Fireworks Night, Memorial Hall Field, Saturday 3rd November. Gates open at 5.30pm, the bonfire will be lit at 6pm and fireworks will start at 6.45pm for no more than 15 minutes. Donations towards the event will be gratefully received at the gate - suggested donation - adult £3, child £1.50. Homemade soup, hot dogs, locally made sweets, mulled wine, beer, and cider for sale from 5.30pm. After the fireworks, mulled wine and live music (The Blue Flames) at the New Crown Inn from 8.00pm.

This is a collaborative venture between the Parish Council, Bolton Friends Association (the PTA) and the New Crown Inn. Proceeds from the food go to the BFA. Proceeds from the bar and donations go towards next year's event, with any surplus going to the school.

NO PERSONAL FIREWORKS or SPARKLERS please as this will invalidate our insurance and call a halt to future events. Glow in the Dark items will be on sale.

Please save any suitable wood for the bonfire and leave it in an easily accessible position near the road. It will be collected on the morning of the bonfire. If you need any help moving it, let us know. Please don't take it down to the field.

We cannot use treated or painted wood, MDF, chipboard, settees, mattresses etc.

Maybe some kids could make a guy? Or several & have a parade or competition?

Volunteers will be needed for various tasks:

- Saturday morning - setting up the marquees, PA system, cordons, firebuckets etc
- manning the gates & stewarding
- serving food, tea, coffee etc (contact Shelley shellr85@aol.co.uk, 07955677911)
- helping on the bar
- first aiders
- clearing up afterwards, including clearing the bonfire site and laying bark

Please let Alan Green (62194, alan@ajg.me.uk) know if you can help. During the event itself, we particularly need volunteers who don't have young kids to look after.

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 6th October: Cliburn Village Hall, Cheese and Wine night fund raiser for the Bolton Friends Association (school PTA).

7pm-late; £12.50 a ticket which entitles you to 2 glasses of wine, an array of cheeses from Appleby Creamery and crackers/biscuits, chutneys/grapes. Bar and live music from "The Hoo". Tickets from Shelley (shellr85@aol.co.uk, 07955677911), Jennie (jen_t1@hotmail.com, 07761794292) or the school office. Everyone welcome!

Saturday 13th October, Bolton Memorial Hall, Five Loose Chippings

– a live band from Thirsk, they have been described as 'a nod to bluegrass and western swing, amazingly entertaining' and 'foot-tappingly sensational' – bar open from 6.45 for 7.30pm start, Adult £8.00, under 18 £5. Tickets Shelagh, 62327, clerkboltonpc@gmail.com

Tuesday 16th October 2.30pm, Memorial Hall, The Exchange's 10th Birthday Party.

We do need an idea of numbers for catering purposes. If you can come, please complete the tear off slip on the green flyer that went round and give it to one of the Exchange organisers, alternatively let Lesleyann know lesleyann.morgan@gmail.com Tel: 61529.

Monday 29th October, Memorial Hall, Halloween Party, organised by the BFA.

£2 per child, disco, party games (chargeable), pumpkin carving, fancy dress competition and a bring and share party tea. Everyone welcome (contact Shelley shellr85@aol.co.uk, 07955677911)

Saturday 3rd November, Bonfire and Fireworks night, Memorial Hall Field, see above

Friday November 30th, Christmas bingo, Memorial Hall, Bolton Friends Association, doors open 7pm eyes down 7.30pm. Raffle and Refreshments for sale. Donations of Festive items to make up hampers or to raffle off would be greatly appreciated

Sunday 2nd December, Bolton Memorial Hall, 7.30pm; Highlights – A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Celebrate the festive season with a mesmerising one-man performance of Charles Dickens' timeless, transformative story.

Tickets from Cathy Smith 62862.