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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 (Shelagh, 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

Planned weekend closures of the A66, September & October.

A 700m section of road between Kirkby Thore and Low Moor is in urgent need of total reconstruction and resurfacing. This will entail full closure of this section of road for 7 consecutive weekends from 7th September, from 22.00 hours on Friday to 03.00 Monday. Advantage will be taken of this closure to maintain several other sections of road between Scotch Corner and Penrith. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/smoothier-safer-eden-valley-journeys-in-5-million-a66-repairs>.

There was a modest turnout for the open consultation meeting in Bolton Memorial Hall, at which Highways England presented their comprehensive plans for diversion and management of traffic, especially HGVs. In summary, all road hauliers and ports in the UK have been informed about the closures and the main diversions routes for HGVs (M62 and A69). Pictorial information sheets will be given to all HGVs arriving in the country. Local businesses such as Centre Parcs and British Gypsum at Kirkby Thore have been consulted. Any HGVs ignoring the many diversion signs will be turned back by teams posted at Brough and Appleby: this will be enforced by legal order, cameras will be in place, and any offenders prosecuted. K. Thore and Long Marton traffic to Penrith will be diverted though Bolton: the Bolton Lane End/A66 junction will be manned to monitor local traffic. The SID will be in the village for the whole of the two months.

Highways will survey the diversion routes & repair any damage afterwards. A roving team will repair potholes on an ongoing basis.

A household leaflet drop in the first week in August will provide all details.

Eden Signatory Grant Project

This is a one-off grant to support innovative, sustainable community projects in Eden. Grants between £10,000 and £100,000 are available, but matched funding of 25% is required. Capital or revenue projects can be supported. Community groups need to apply through the Parish Council. The deadline for submission is 2nd November. **We welcome any ideas you might have for a suitable community project - please contact either me or Peter Griffiths as soon as possible, as it will take time to prepare the application.** This is your chance to get a community project off the ground.

See web-site for more information:

<https://www.eden.gov.uk/your-environment/your-community/community-funding/signature-projects-fund/>

Eden Grove

The redundant units have been demolished, and work has started to clear out the contents of the buildings to be converted and make them safe to work in. This will probably take several weeks, after which work will begin on conversion/rehabilitation of old buildings and construction of 5 new dwellings. It is good to see some progress at last.

If you have any issues with the work, please contact Peter Griffiths or myself and we will take it up with the project manager.

Community Speedwatch

Thanks to the Stathams, the scheme is up and running, with 8 volunteers already trained, and one more planned. 9 offences were reported to the police in June: 8 for speeding and one for mobile phone use. The highest speed recorded was 45mph. Police send a warning letter to offenders: three offences (anywhere in Cumbria) will trigger a conviction. The radar gun will be deployed periodically. We are exploring the possibility of using the gun during the A66 closures.

Update on Bolton Play Park Project.

We have now secured (in record time) sufficient funds for the project to go ahead. EDC, as current playground managers, have tendered for the work, in collaboration with the Play Park Group. Tenders will be evaluated and a contract awarded in mid-August. Typically there is a lead time of up to 8 weeks before manufacturers can supply the equipment. If all goes well, the work should be completed by the end of October.

After seeking three estimates, the Parish Council has awarded the contract for drainage to Cannons Groundwork Services. This work is expected to commence mid-August. At some point we will need volunteers to re-locate fences and remove the overgrown prickly hedge between the picnic area and the ball park.

Open Gardens

Despite the searing heat and reduction in the number of gardens opened this year, an impressive £240 was raised. This has been donated to Bolton Primary School, which will identify a project after the summer holidays. Many thanks to the Stathams for organising it all and providing refreshments, and to those who supported the event.

Bolton in Bloom

The Committee has purchased a seat to encircle the large oak tree in the field, providing a resting place in the shade. The seat will be fixed once the area has been prepared. We have also purchased 8 buddleia "Buzz" plants for the village green - these will be planted when the weather is more favourable.

The first port of call for the judges on 11th July was an impressive assembly at the Primary School. Pupils presented what they had learnt during the recent Nature Week, which was supported by Bolton in Bloom and other volunteers. Take a look at the fantastic posters displayed along Chapel Street. The judges were also briefed on the impressive joint community effort to develop the new play park. Many thanks again to all who help keep Bolton tidy and "blooming" in every sense of the word. If you would like to see the portfolio, please contact Penny and Dean (Gargate Cottage). Results will be announced in September

The Bolton in Bloom committee has decided to have a rest from the Cumbria in Bloom competition next year: plans and activities seem to have become driven more by the need to tick boxes for the competition, than by responding to Bolton's needs. Apart from the £200 in the Parish Council precept, there are no further project funds left, so other ways of

raising funds need to be explored. In due course, the committee will call an open meeting to get your ideas on how we take things forward – maybe a Bolton Gardening Club or a specific community project to focus on? If anyone has any ideas, please feel free to let Ann Shepherd know.

Wild fires

Message from Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service: "The majority of wildfires are the result of human carelessness. Causes include arson, campfires, barbecues, discarding lit cigarettes, not burning debris properly and playing with matches or fireworks. Please take extra care during these periods of dry weather." Please warn your kids.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday August 7th, Bolton Memorial Hall, 1pm, Exchange Lunch Day, delicious home cooked food and desserts, tea/coffee, £5.00 all in.

24th,25th,26th,27th August: New Crown Inn, Cider and prosecco festival. Live music each evening

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

7pm-late; £15 a ticket which entitles you to 2 glasses of wine, an array of cheeses from Appleby Creamery and crackers/biscuits/chutneys/grapes. There will be a bar and live music from "The Hoo". Tickets can be purchased 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, Audiences have described them as 'a nod to bluegrass and western swing, amazingly entertaining' and 'foot-tappingly sensational' - 'more info later.

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.

Enjoy the summer holidays!