

Smisby Newsletter - Autumn 2011

Issue 32

Parish Council NEWS

Matters discussed at the last Parish Council meeting on the 13th September and not referred to elsewhere in the newsletter are summarised here;

The meeting was attended by PCSO Bromley who had been invited to the meeting to discuss cross border issues between the Derbyshire and Leicestershire Constabularies. Experience had shown that the 999 operators were unsure which police force was responsible for responding to 999 calls from Smisby. P.C. Bromley reassured the Parish Council that he would investigate and act on the issue, informing the Parish Council of his findings. P.C Bromley also reminded the meeting that should their be a matter causing concern to a resident which isn't an emergency, they should report it to Derbyshire Constabulary through the incident room number 0345 123 33 33.

The Parish Council received a reply from DCC in response to their letter about speeding on the B5006. DCC were unable to confirm if a follow up survey to assess the effectiveness of the speed measures on the B5006 would be undertaken. They also stated that it was DCC policy only to install vehicle activated signs where there is a poor safety record with a high number of related personal injury accidents. According to the Police database only two personal injury accidents have occurred in the past 10 years, neither of which could be attributed to speed. The Parish Council is committed to monitoring and pursuing this matter.

At the meeting the Parish Council was made aware of some highways issues around the village;

- The poor performance of the road sweeper which chose to arrive in the village at 6:50am when all the cars were still parked on the side of the streets.
- The condition of the roads in Smisby particularly the pot holes that have formed in Chapel Street and Forties Lane.
- The state of some of the pavements within the village, particularly on the B5006 from Main Street towards Heath Lane.

The Parish Council will be taking up these issues with the Derbyshire County Council Highways Department.

Thanks to the Team: The Parish Council would like to thank Darren Whitby for his regular weekly play equipment inspections at the recreational ground, should you find any problems with the equipment please report them to Darren. The Council also wishes to thank Hazel Salt for her tireless effort in keeping the Village free from rubbish in her role as the Parish Lengthsman.

Parish Council Finances: The Audit of the accounting statements for Smisby Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2011 have been concluded . A copy of the Audit Commission report is available from the Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer for a fee of £2 (inc postage).

Past Councillor Recognised for his Services to the Parish of Smisby

Having thanked Jeff Barnes for his many years of service in the last newsletter, he was nominated for a Derbyshire District Council Excellence in the Community award for 2011. The Derbyshire Excellence in the Community Awards is an initiative set up by the District Council to recognise outstanding work and extraordinary achievement by individuals, groups and communities.

The Parish Council are please to inform you that Jeff has been recognised by the District Council to receive an Award, which will be presented to him at a special evening event at the Dome in Buxton. Jeff will be joined at the event by his wife, Pat and representatives from the Village. The Parish Council would again acknowledge all the hard work and hours Jeff has put in over the years and feel the award is richly deserved.

Please contact one of your Councillors or the Parish Clerk if you have any issues you need to discuss.
Your Parish Councillors are;

Mark Parnham	-	01530 563084 - Chairman
Steve Hewitt	-	01530 412460 - Vice Chairman
Claire Bill	-	01530 560603
Sarah Rushman	-	01530 417989
Mike Smith	-	07812 036709

Smisby Parish Council can also be contacted by email at; smisbyparishclerk@gmail.com

St James Church.

A new Vicar at Smisby. Revd Dr Mark Powell became Vicar of the United Benefice of Melbourne, Smisby, Stanton and Ticknall at a special service with the Bishop of Derby, at Melbourne church on Saturday 10th September. On the following day Mark was formally installed as Vicar of Smisby at our Evensong service. Mark trained and worked as a scientist before he trained for the church. He has come to the Benefice from St Peters in Ealing and, with his wife Helen, is now living at Melbourne vicarage. He can be contacted there on 01332 864741. We look forward to his ministry amongst us.

Howard Morgan. We report with great sadness the death of Howard Morgan whose funeral was held at Smisby in July. Howard will be remembered as a longstanding friend of many and for his exemplary work as church treasurer for over 10 years. He also had a spell as a Trustee of the Derby Diocesan Training Centre at Morley where his financial expertise was also in demand. Our condolences go to his wife Carol at this difficult time.

Building project. Progress is excellent in the project which will provide the church with kitchen and toilet facilities, and to enlarge the vestry. The vestry floor has been lowered to that of the church nave, with a new door into the enlarged area. There will also be an emergency exit from the church, provided by a door from the new area, on the north side. Completion of building work will hopefully be within the next couple of months.



Dog Control Orders

South Derbyshire District Council is taking the lead by reviewing Dog Control Orders across parks and open spaces.

The Parish Council is looking for resident's views on enforcing a Dog Control Order on part, or all of the Smisby recreational ground. Please let us know your thoughts?

Let the Parish Council know before 8th November, either by email: smisbyparishclerk@gmail.com

or writing to the **Parish Clerk at 27 Ticknall Road, Hartshorne, Swadlincote Derbyshire, DE11 7AS.**



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The Parochial Charity

Building work at the village hall was substantially complete a year ago but until recently there were a few outstanding items left to finish off. We can now report that everything is complete and all the bills have been paid. For interest, the total cost of the project amounted to around £90,000, most of which was borne by grants from the charity. It was unfortunate that the planning authorities moved the goalposts whilst the project was still in progress - and caused significant extra cost. However we know the village has an excellent facility in its refurbished and extended hall, even if the charity's disposable funds now stand at a low level!

The ongoing saga with BT about their charges for the retention of the payphone in Chapel Street have finally been resolved. They have made an ex-gratia payment of £300, to settle the argument about the fact that they did not have the power to remove the kiosk once South Derbyshire District Council had objected to its proposed removal. The charity had sponsored the payphone for two years at a total cost of £600.

The charity has invested more of its endowed capital in agricultural land, by the purchase of just over 8 acres of grassland that borders the Ashby bypass within sight of Smisby village. The Trustees have no immediate plans for this land and for the time being it will continue to be rented out to a local farmer.

Thanks again are due to all those who helped to make the garden party a success, back in June - and the organising committee managed to keep to the approximate budget of £3000. It has been decided not to have a garden party in 2012, instead there will be a village event to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There are no details to announce about this at the present time.

Smisby Allotment News

The Smisby Allotments are now nearing the end of their first 6 months on site and harvesting is well under way. It is obvious from the activity on site that preparations for next year's planting are progressing and with tenancies about to be renewed for a further 12 months we hope that everyone who has invested their time and energy will be encouraged to continue. The Ashby allotment committee have kindly included us in their seed and plant buying scheme which allows us to purchase items at discounted rates.

The first Smisby Allotment Association work day will be held in November and this will allow us to keep maintenance on site up to date. Anyone in the parish is welcome to come and have a look round the site to see what we have been up to - the date and time are yet to be confirmed and will be posted outside the village hall.



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All our current plots are now taken but there may be some room for expansion next year and there is always the chance of some turnover with people giving up their plots at a later date.

We are applying for some funding to establish an orchard and have already had 3 trees donated to the site. We are exploring further planting at the far end of the field which will screen the site from the bypass.

We are all enjoying the fruits of our labour and look forward to a bumper crop next year.

Secretary: Ruth Green

Chairman: Simon Barnett

Vice chair: Sue Kendall

Treasurer: Sarah Rushman

smisbyallotments@yahoo.co.uk

GARDEN TREE GIVE AWAY

South Derbyshire District Council has 1000 trees to giveaway!

The scheme is open to residents and community groups from
2nd September until 31st October.

Tree Choices: Spindle, Alder, Buckthorn, Hazel, Bird Cherry.

Apply on-line at:

www.south-derbys.gov.uk/freetreescheme

If you have no internet access you can ring 01283 595795.

The Tree giveaway event will be on Sunday 27th November,
successful applicants will be written to by SDDC.



Smisby Village Hall



The Village Hall has now been completely refurbished although there are a number of projects the Committee are looking into to improve. We have a website in construction which will be fully operational shortly and any suggestions on the website would be welcome.

There will be more information given on this in the December newsletter. There are still some evenings free for any organisations to take up on a regular booking, so please contact Janet for this on 07960 361374.

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Firework Regulations

How the Laws Effect You

Following a recent incident in the Parish and the approach of November 5th the Parish Council would like to remind Smisby Residents of the Firework Regulations.

It is an offence for anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in a public place.

It is an offence to use fireworks between 11.00pm and 7.00am.

There are, however, extensions for the following celebrations:

5th November - to 12.00 midnight

Diwali - to 1.00am

New Year - to 1.00am on 1st January

Chinese New Year - to 1.00am on the following day

This curfew applies to all places, including gardens and private land.

These requirements arise from the Firework Regulations 2004 and are enforced by the Police.

There is a penalty of up to £5000 or 6 months in prison. On the spot fines can also be issued for breach of the regulations.

It remains an offence for anyone under 18 to purchase fireworks.

As the 5th November approaches consider an organised event;

- **Ashby Rotary Fireworks Display**, Conkers, Saturday 5th November, Admission Fee Applies. See: www.visitconkers.com/events/
- **Hartshorne Cricket Club**, Admiral Rodney Inn, Saturday 5th November, Free Admission, Bonfire Lit 6:30pm, Fireworks 7:00pm. BBQ & Stalls, Off road car parking (to be confirmed). See: www.hartshorne.org.uk for up to date information.

Other organised Firework Displays can found registered on the SDDC website.



Exploring South Derbyshire Autumn Walks

SDDC through Rosliston Forestry Centre are organising a number of winter walks over the coming months.

Thursday 13th October:- Twyford Ferry and Foremark

A walk of historical interest. The route takes the flood plain of the River Trent to the site of Twyford Ferry. Foremark Church is the next point of interest and the walk returns via Milton. A mix of tracks and field paths that can be muddy.

Meet at 10.15am outside Repton Church, Grid SK303271.

4.5 miles, 9 stiles, 2hrs, Leader: Dot Morson £2 per person.

Thursday 10th November:- Woodland Trust Sites, Coton, Botany Bay and Top Woods

Autumn Colour and wide ranging views across the National Forest provide interest on this walk. Terrain - field paths, woodland rides & country lanes.

Meet for coffee at 10.00am. Walk starts at 10:30. Please order lunch before you leave if you wish.

Start—Honey Pot Tea Rooms, Beehive Woodland Lakes, Rosliston, DE12 8HZ. Grid SK250161.

5 miles, 11+stiles, 2.5hrs, Leader Dot Morson. £2 per person.

General Information:- Strong Shoes/boots with good grip, come prepared for the weather. No need to book just turn up 5 minutes before the start time. Dogs not allowed unless they are a support for someone with a disability. South Derbyshire District Council or the walk leader cannot accept responsibility for any damage, loss or injury which may occur during the walk, nor cancellation due to adverse weather or unforeseen circumstances.



Women's Institute

Smisby Village has a thriving Women's Institute who meet in the Village Hall every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th October where the guest speaker Mr Basil Forgham will give a talk on the local Wildlife Trust.

The WI will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday November 17th, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The WI will be having a day out to Bakewell and Chatsworth on Tuesday 15th November, if you are interested. Contact the Secretary for more details.

Details of all our activities can be obtained by ringing the Secretary, Sue Jones on 01530 415346.



Dates for the Diary

Parish Council Meetings

Tuesday 8th November 2011

Tuesday 10th January 2012

Tuesday 6th March 2012

Starting at 7:30pm

Tuesday 8th May 2012

Annual Parish Meeting & AGM

Starting at 7:00pm

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Derbyshire Young Achievers Award 2011

Derbyshire County Council are looking for nominations of exceptionally courageous, skilled or caring youngsters for this year's young achievers award. They want to hear about young people who have shown extraordinary:

- Bravery, such as fighting an illness.
- Kindness in helping others.
- Commitment to improving their school, community or local environment.
- Sporting, musical, artistic or academic success.

If you know of such a young person then you will need to fill in a nomination form, writing in not more than 150 words why you think they deserve recognition, forms are available from the Smisby Parish Clerk (01283 222887).

The closing date for nominations is 14th October 2011.

Useful Contacts:

Parish Council: Mark Parnham, Chairman (01530 563084), Neil Jenkinson, Parish Clerk (01283 222887)

Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to include anything in the next Parish Newsletter

The Parochial Charity: Trustees: Barbara Ball (01530 416411), Jeff Barnes (01283 217319), Peter Heap (01530 414179), Andrew Parnham (01530 411202) plus Sheila Heap as Clerk to the Trustees (01530 414179).

Village Hall Committee: Chairman, Peter Heap (01530 414179), Secretary, Alex Aherne (01530 416949), Bookings Secretary, Janet Glover (07960 361374).

Smisby Church: Churchwardens: Gary Margerrison (01530 414453) and Jeff Barnes (01283 217319).

Useful Websites:

www.south-derbys.gov.uk

www.derbyshire.gov.uk

www.smisby.org.uk

www.roslistonforestrycentre.co.uk

www.nationalforest.org

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