

Smisby Newsletter - Winter 2011

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Parish Council NEWS

Win an E-On Power Cut Emergency Tool Kit

The Parish Council would like to wish all the Residents of Smisby a Merry Christmas, for one reader of the newsletter they would like to give an E-On Power Cut Emergency Tool Kit, containing an analogue telephone, a torch, wind-up mobile charger, battery operated radio and other useful items. You have won if your Christmas Bauble on the right is red and not grey. To claim your prize contact the Smisby Parish Clerk on 07989 262737.



Matters discussed at the last Parish Council meeting on the 8th November and not referred to elsewhere in the newsletter are summarised here;

1. Dogs. The Parish Council constantly receive complaints from Parishioners about dog mess in the village streets and surrounding lanes and paths. The problem seems to be on the increase so could the few dog owners who fail to clean up after their dogs please do so. Note that we have received complaints from landowners who allow public access on to their land through the national forest scheme. We also take this opportunity to remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on the recreation field.
2. Fireworks. Despite reminders in the last newsletter, several complaints were received about the timing of some of the firework displays around the village. Please consider other villagers when lighting fireworks.
3. The stumps. The issue of the right of way along the stumps was in discussion again as several parishioners have objections to the chicane and gate arrangements that have been installed. Smisby PC are pressing DCC for the exact status of the right of way in order that any action, if necessary, can be taken.
4. Highways and Footpaths. The pavement heading north out of Smisby on derby road has been cleaned up after requests from Smisby PC. Most of the potholes on forties lane and chapel street have also been attended to.
5. Speeding on Derby road. Smisby pc continue to press DCC highways for further action to resolve the speeding issue on derby road. a request has been made for further speed checks in order that the effectiveness of the current speed reduction measures can be assessed.
6. The Parish Council received information from DCC to inform residents they should not be concerned about clearing the public pavement of snow and ice outside their properties, so long as it is done correctly. Clear the bulk of the snow to places where it doesn't cause a trip hazard, then use road salt and not water to finish clearing the path (Water re-freezes causing black ice). Please be aware that the road salt in the grit bins can be used to clear public pavements and roads but should not be used on personal paths or drives.

Smisby Village Hall

"A notice board is being erected inside the hall which will give further information with regard to the Committee and Notes from Minutes that organisations will be able to display.

We would also like to report that the Village Hall has had the oil from the oil tank stolen during week commencing 7 November. Although the village hall are taking extra measures to protect the oil from further thefts we suggest that anyone with oil tanks in the village should doubly secure their own tanks.



The Nursery has also reported that they have received another outstanding award from OFSTED and the facilities at the Village Hall helped in some part to gain this award."

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.

St James Church.

Christingle and Carol services.

On Sunday 11th December there will be a Christingle service, starting at 4.00 pm. This service was introduced into Britain less than 50 years ago, but its origins date back much further, to the Moravian Church in the 18th century. This service is specially for children, but enjoyed by people of all ages. A symbolically decorated orange is presented to each youngster, with a lighted candle at the top - which represents Jesus, as the light of the world. It is a lovely introduction to the Christmas season. A week later on 18th December, starting at 6.00 pm, we will have the traditional Carol service at which the Ticknall choir will again be welcomed, to lead the singing. On Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion at 9.00 am.

Remembrance Sunday. The church was well attended from around the district for our local act of remembrance, part of the service being held by the War Memorial, during which the Last Post was played by a trumpeter from the Melbourne band, followed by the two minutes silence in memory of the fallen. The names of those from Smisby who died in conflict were read out, and wreaths were placed on the memorial by County, District and Parish councillors. A moving tribute to all who have given their lives in current conflicts and in times past.

Police Matters: **101** The New Non-Emergency Telephone Number

The Police have launched a new non-emergency telephone number 101 to replace the 0345 123 33 33. The new came into effect at the beginning of November. The old number will remain in service for a few months yet.

As you will have read in the Village Hall article, theft of heating oil is becoming widespread and Smisby Village is as likely to be affected as any other, due to the increase in the cost of fuel and with Winter on its way. Therefore please ensure that all heating oil tanks are securely locked and other additional measures are implemented where possible.



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The Parochial Charity

Christmas hampers will again be distributed by the charity to those who are of state pensionable age. We can only deliver to those we know of, so if you have reached state pension age since last Christmas (or before, and have never notified the charity of your entitlement) then do please telephone the Clerk to the charity with your details - by ringing Sheila Heap on 01530 414179. Book tokens will also be issued for children of the Parish who are between the ages of 2 and 16 on Christmas Day - so again, please let Sheila know details of anyone who qualifies - and who has not previously been a recipient. Please note that there will **not** be a New Year Party in the Village Hall this coming year.



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 WI had an fantastic Pudding Night in October with over 75 people in attendance. They were entertained with Camp Fire Songs by the Ashby Brownie Group. This was followed by a Grand Day Out to Chatsworth and Bakewell.

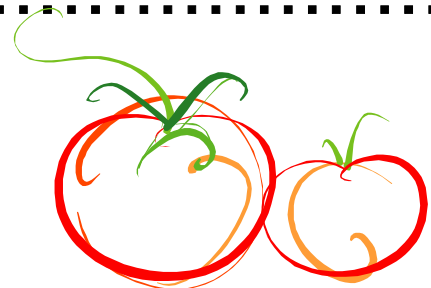
The WI are looking forward to their new programme for 2012. The first meeting on the 19th January 2012 features a guest speaker with a talk on 'Adventures of a Tiger Moth Pilot', this meeting is open to the men of Smisby too, please contact the Secretary, Sue Jones on 01530 415346, to express your interest. A light supper and coffee will be provided for the contribution of a small donation.



Smisby Allotment News

All the allotment holders have had a busy summer and now that the first 6 months are over tenancies are being renewed. There is a short waiting list and once all the renewals have been confirmed we will be reviewing the site and the possibility of increasing the number of plots in the New Year.

There has recently been a communal work day to do some tidying up on the site and to get allotment holders together. Things are looking very neat and there are a lot of preparations in hand for next year's bumper crops!



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We would like to thank the Parochial Charity for all their support.

We continue to have discussions with them about improvements to the site and further developments including screening, tree planting in the orchard area and increasing the number of plots.

Secretary: Ruth Green
Chairman: Simon Barnett
Vice chair: Sue Kendall
Treasurer: Sarah Rushman

If you are interested in a plot then please contact us at smisbyallotments@yahoo.com

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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.

A dog control order can either restrict access to dogs at all times to public areas, or insist that all dogs are kept on a lead when in an area. A public space with either type of dog control order is patrolled and enforced by the South Derbyshire Dog Warden team.

More information on dog control orders and where they currently exist can be found at;

http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk/environment/animal_welfare/dog_control_orders/

Let the Parish Council have your thoughts before 10th January 2012, either by email:

smisbyparishclerk@gmail.com

or in writing to the

Parish Clerk at 27 Ticknall Road, Hartshorne, Swadlincote Derbyshire, DE11 7AS.



Parish Council Meetings

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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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:

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www.derbyshire.gov.uk
www.smisby.org.uk
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