

Smisby Newsletter Summer 2018

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Saved by Smisby Defibrillator

A man from Derbyshire was saved using the Smisby defibrillator to bring him round after going into cardiac arrest. Alan Thompson from Swadlincote was on a bike ride with his brother when he suddenly suffered a cardiac arrest before collapsing. Fortunately it happened in Smisby where quick thinking staff from the Smisby Day Nursery and local residents immediately rushed to his aid and used the device to deliver an electric shock to his heart. It brought Alan back to life, before paramedics arrived to take him to hospital. The installation of a Defibrillator within the Smisby Village was concluded back in 2016 by The Parish Council as an important Emergency resource which was wall mounted under the entrance canopy to the Village Hall. The survival rate of patients who suffer a heart attack outside of a hospital is very low, so the Parish Council were pleased to have the facility of a Defibrillator for emergency use within the village. Every minute without CPR or defibrillation reduces a person's chance of surviving a cardiac arrest by about 10%, experts say. This news story was actually covered by Sky News, ITV News and Radio 5 Live highlighting the importance of a national database of the locations of the UK's defibrillators. Huge thanks to the residents and Smisby Day Nursery staff involved, who's quick thinking and actions helped save a life in this instance.



Smisby Parish Council Vacancy

Following an un-contested election 3 Smisby Parish Councillors accepted their Terms of Office at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 8th May 2018. At this meeting Steve Hewitt was re-elected as Chairman and Sarah Rushman was re-elected as Vice-Chair. Councillor Simon Barnett also remains on the Parish Council.

Mark Parnham and Rob Hounslow have resigned from their respective councillor roles on the Smisby Parish Council. We would like to place on record our sincere thanks to both them for their outstanding service over many years on behalf of their community in this way which is undertaken purely on a voluntary basis.

David Waters has subsequently been co-opted on to the Parish Council as a Councillor following his notification of interest from the recent vacancy advertisement for this role.

However, we are still seeking further Councillors to join the Parish Council. If you have an interest in serving your community in this way please approach a current member of the Parish Council to notify them of your potential interest. It is incredibly important we retain a control in Local Governance on all matters arising that affect the Village and our influence as a serving Parish Council should not be underestimated. We meet only 6 times a year and giving up such a modest amount of your time could make all the difference to your Community. We are particularly interested in potential candidates who are not already serving in role on another committee within the village.

Proposed Relocation of Smisby Telephone Box



Members of Smisby Parish Council would like to propose the refurbishment and relocation of the Red Telephone Box on Chapel Street to The Green within the grounds of Smisby Village Hall. The Telephone Box would be mounted within the grounds and maintained in perpetuity by the Smisby Parish Council, and would be visible for all residents and visitors to see. It is something residents see as an iconic landmark and it was something we didn't want to lose. BT no longer have any use for it so The Parish Council have bought it for a token £1 to take ownership of it. We want to go down the route of a complete refurbishment and turning it into something else. Some communities have transformed red phone boxes to house a community village Library and would act as a Book Exchange by holding donated books for residents of all ages. The Smisby Parish Council, a locally elected body to represent the views of the residents, wholly supports this proposal. However, in view of the sensitivity of this subject, has decided to conduct a full referendum for consideration by Smisby Parish residents to decide the way forward and to allow democracy to decide. Therefore within a forthcoming separate communication we will send out a form requiring your completion and signature.

Chapel Street Parking

It has been brought to our attention that vehicles are parking in and around the entrance to the playing fields off Chapel Street, Smisby. This track is not surfaced and is therefore not suitable for anything but occasional use by motor vehicles needed to access the playing fields for maintenance purposes. Any unauthorised parking in this area also poses a safety risk to pedestrian users and is a potential blockage for emergency access along with neighbouring residents.

There should be no parking in the access way or at its entrance. A SDDC No Parking sign will shortly be installed and visible on the telegraph pole enforcing this. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.



IMPORTANT
Save The Date
Smisby Christmas Event
Further Details to Follow



Celebrating a 1000 Years
Smisby Village BBQ
Saturday 15th September 2018

A reminder for those who are attending this event starts at 2pm at Smisby Village Hall with food being served from 3pm

Please bring your own refreshments.
Any queries please contact Karen Walker.

St James' Church



The weekend of church celebrations for our 950th anniversary was a great occasion, with the church open to visitors for much of the 28th & 29th July.

The ladies of the congregation had done a superb job of filling the church with flowers and these were enjoyed by all our visitors over those two days. Around 70 mainly local people spent time in church to enjoy the floral decorations and to browse through the extensive collection of Jean Staff's photographs and archives that were on display, going back over many years. Refreshments were also available for visitors. Canon David Edwards had produced an interesting commemorative historical brochure for the event - and we still have a few of these left for anyone who missed the event.

The Sunday Patronal Festival took the form of a Songs of Praise service and was led by the Right Revd Jack Nicholls, retired Bishop of Sheffield (and formerly of Lancaster). His sermon was memorable, and the Ticknall choir was present to add to the sense of occasion. After the service, attended by around 80 people, almost everyone joined the procession to the village hall for high tea. The occasion also provided an opportunity for more local people to meet our Rector, Revd Steve Short.

Thanks to Marie and Larry South there is also a full pictorial record that is easy to access on the Internet - and to order a copy of any of the photos as well. To see these photographs, go to www.smisby.org.uk and select the St. James pages, and then click on "950" in the menu.

Thanks go to the many people who helped in any way to make this 950-year anniversary so special.

Parochial Charity

The Charity provided funding for the most recent improvements to the village green, including the removal of the concrete lamppost and its replacement with a lamp in a new position and of a style more in keeping with the character of the village. The new signpost on the green is now in traditional oak, replacing the previous signage. Work on the War Memorial itself is now complete, with repairs to the stonework - which has also been professionally cleaned.

The two new picnic tables that were bought some time back were assembled and are now in place in the Jubilee grounds.

It is that time of the year when we need to enquire if there are any new names to add to our lists of those who qualify for benefits from the Charity. If you reach the qualifying ages of 60 / 65 (women / men) by 25th December, and live in the Parish of Smisby, then please let Sheila Heap know as soon as possible on 01530 414179. This is of course for ordering the right number of Christmas hampers for those who are eligible to receive them.

We also need to know about children who are between the ages of 2 and 16 on Christmas Day, and who live in the Parish, so that they can receive book tokens from the Charity at the end of the year - and Sheila will need to be informed of any newcomers to Smisby as well as any just reaching the age of 2, to be put on the list of recipients.

A reminder too that any youngsters leaving school, and off to Uni (or equivalent) this autumn from Smisby, can apply to the Charity for some financial help, e.g. against accommodation costs - but again, we need to be informed about individuals and relevant details.

Smisby Village Hall



The Village Hall continues to thrive. Recently, the final part of our upgrade programme (for this year) was completed by replacing all the window blinds. Additionally, the hall has been fitted with a Smart Meter, so we should be able to monitor our electric consumption more closely now. Several of our hirers have suggested that it would be beneficial for their visiting speakers to have the use of a simple microphone system. After some research by our resident expert (David Waters), we have now acquired a good system, which is easy to use.

It was fantastic to see the Hall being used by parishioners to watch the World Cup on the 85" flat screen TV - we had up to 40 people for one match! Everyone commented what a great setting this was - almost as exciting as the real thing! Darren Whitby has now moved his judo training to the hall on Tuesday nights and we are delighted to see the facility being used by residents of Smisby. We are able to offer limited storage of some equipment, used by our hirers, to make the hall even more attractive.

After much deliberation, the committee of Trustees have decided to increase hire rates with effect from 1 January 2019. We had pegged the existing rates for the last 3 years, but decided that we had to raise them, as costs of all utilities have increased over this period of time. We looked towards both the CPI and RPI to determine the level of increase. Our new prices are broadly in line with these indices and they will be published on the website. That said, hiring of the hall still represents excellent value for money, especially when you consider the excellent facilities it offers (apart from parking!). On that note, I am delighted to report that parking issues continue to decline as more of our hirers are parking more considerately and being respectful to residents who live near the Village Hall.

Finally, in July we completed a new window-cleaning contract. Three companies tendered and, after deliberation by the Trustees, we awarded the contract to Clear Reflections, a Smisby-based company.

Rob Hounslow
Chairman of Trustees
Smisby Village Hall

WI

2018, sees the 100 years of the Derbyshire Federation of the Women's Institutes, and many events and challenges have been planned by the trustees. Smisby WI decided to enter the challenge that would benefit the community, after much discussion it was decided to provide two interpretation boards on the history of Smisby and St James church.



We had a very generous donation from East Midlands Airport but had to do quite a lot of fund raising ourselves to meet the cost of the project. This was achieved by holding Bacon Buttie mornings, a quiz night, providing meals for our walking club, and a murder mystery night in the village hall, which was our best so far, as the actors for the evening came from the Ashbian Musical Society, not only did we enjoy their acting, the actors had a great time even though they did not keep to the script, they enhanced it, a superb evening was had and we keep on being asked when we will be putting on another one.

It was great to see so many of the residents attend the bacon buttie morning in conjunction with the opening of the Interpretation boards by Councillor Michael Stanton, and we thank you for the support.

The WI have been very active so far this year, an evening visit to Springs for some of our members, the annual musical at Repton was very well supported. A Tinsel and Tiara party with the cocktail shaker boys, and we have just been to Buckingham Palace, this is as well as our monthly meetings, craft club, and the Smisby Striders walking group.

We have had some very good speakers at our meetings, from the Queen look a-like to an ex-store detective at Lewis's in Birmingham. They have all had very interesting stories to tell which makes our meetings so enjoyable. We are all looking forward to the coming years events.

Ashby Art Club

The club joining night is on 3rd September, when a reduced joining fee (a £35 instead of £40 annual subscription) is available on that night only. Once again the regular Monday evening meetings will be augmented by bi monthly Wednesday morning meetings for this season, at 9.30 am on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.



Ashby Art Club would like to congratulate member Richard Knowles on the selection of his oil painting 'Venice Reflections' at the prestigious Patchings Exhibition in July and then going on to be awarded the Batsford prize for his terrific canvas. This image can be viewed on the Ashby Art Club web site, www.ashbyartclub.org

Information about the all various events, demonstrations and workshops running over this the 2018/2019 season can be found on this Art Club website, and also reports of previous events and exhibitions.

VILLAGE ISSUES

HAVE YOUR SAY

Do you feel strongly about issues in Smisby village?

Do you want a say on local matters?

Do you want to give something back to your community?

Are you interested in volunteering in coming on to the Smisby Parish Council?

The current Committee have been together for a number of years now and are always keen to encourage and welcome new members to the Parish Council.

If this is something you would be interested in please speak to any of the current serving Councillors,
Steve Hewitt,
Sarah Rushman, David Waters and
Simon Barnett

Ashby Camera Club

For our forthcoming programme and to contact us, please visit ashbycameraclub.co.uk

For further information and contact see www.ashbycameraclub.co.uk, or speak to any member.



THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

The extra time taken
to reach an incident
can cost lives!

PLEASE MOVE YOUR CAR

Yuk! dog fouling - Please don't let your dog foul outside my home.

Yuk! is the Derbyshire County Council campaign against dog fouling. Help to keep our Village free of dog mess. Dog fouling is ongoing problem and nuisance within the Parish. As always, unfortunately it is the responsible dog owners who are implicated because of the actions of a very small minority within a community who fail to follow the basis etiquette of being a dog owner and clearing up after your own pet. This requires vigilance by everyone and anyone observed not bagging up dog foul should be reported to the Council. South Derbyshire's Dog Control Order makes it illegal for an owner not to pick up after their dog in all public open land in South Derbyshire. They are also instructed to investigate all complaints about dog fouling and to act on any intelligence about possible offenders. Not only can dog mess cause stomach upsets and headaches, but also asthma and blindness. To help combat the danger you can display one of the weather-proof Yuk! signs. Pick one up from any Derbyshire library or complete the form on line and they will post a sign out to you. They can be attached to gates, fences, or displayed in a window. These signs should act as a reminder to the small amount of irresponsible dog owners to think of the health risks if they don't clear up after their pets. It is every dog owners duty to clean up after their dog. There are no excuses, fouling is unacceptable



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Useful Smisby Village Contacts:

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Parish Clerk - Emma Stroud (01530 587349)

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Councillor - David Waters

Councillor - Simon Barnett (07855 969719)

Councillor - Rob Hounslow (07720 348860)

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

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Defibrillator Code

2131

Location: Village Hall

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings; Held on Tuesdays @ 7.30pm in Smisby Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Next meetings are - 11th September 2018.