

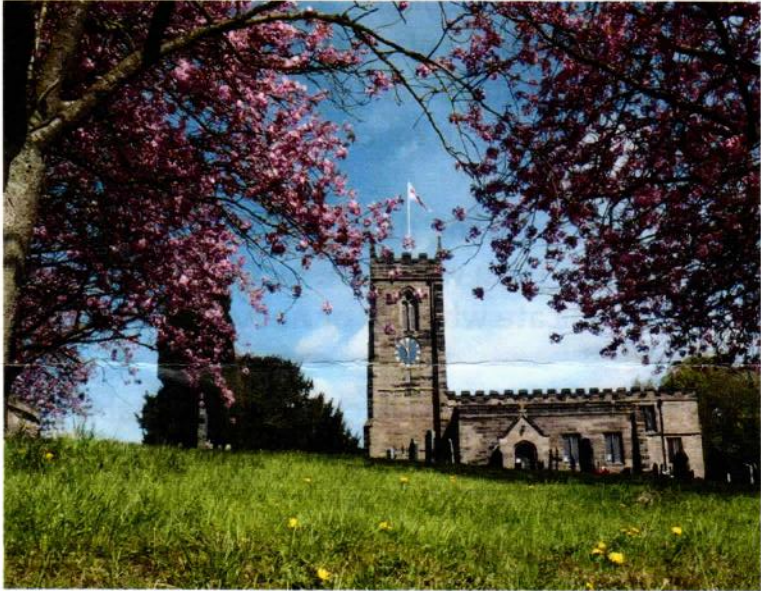
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# SMISBY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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March 2020

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## COVID 19 AND ISOLATION.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY OFFERS OF HELP FROM NEIGHBOURS AND FRIENDS FOR THOSE OF US WHO NEED TO SOCIALLY ISOLATE OURSELVES OR WHO MAY NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ASSISTANCE WITH SHOPPING, ERRANDS OR JUST A FRIENDLY VOICE TO TALK TO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH EITHER VIA THE SMISBY VILLAGE FACEBOOK PAGE OR VIA THE PARISH COUNCIL.

IF YOU WISH TO OFFER YOUR HELP THEN DO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH SO THAT WE CAN COORDINATE AND MANAGE A COMMUNITY RESPONSE

### Parish Council News

We were fortunate to be able to hold our Parish Council meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> March before the events of the last week, which have overtaken us. Many of the topics discussed repeat the recurring themes of highways, speeding and flooding and I would like to reassure you that we are continuing to put pressure on the local authorities where we can.

As the climate has changed so significantly over the last few days there is likely to be a delay in completing those things that we have already been promised but we continue to maintain our communication with the council and highways authority.

The minutes of the meeting held last week will be available on the Smisby Village website shortly and all past meeting minutes are available there too.

Sarah Rushman Chair

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Councillor	Mike Cuming 07747 841348
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## Community Speedwatch

The Parish Council representatives have now had the initial meeting with the authorities as requested and it is confirmed that the B5006 would be a suitable site for a community speedwatch. There may also be other suitable sites.

The equipment is readily available.

The goals of the project are to educate drivers, to ensure the engineering aspects are correct (eg road markings) and ultimately, if necessary, to take enforcement action. The Parish Council has already got the engineering aspects in hand through the Highways Dept and a Community Speedwatch would fulfil the education aspect as well as providing data that may support eventual enforcement action.

We will need a group of volunteers who will be trained to work together to detect speeding motorists and provide data to the Police. They in turn write to the speeders in the hope that education and encouragement will alter the drivers' behaviour. If repeated and escalating, letters don't work then ultimately enforcement becomes inevitable. Hopefully we will be able to change behaviour patterns by education, and with improved road markings.

The next step is to identify volunteers who would be willing to be trained and then take part in occasional roadside monitoring activities.

Will anyone willing to take part please e-mail [mikecuming51@gmail.com](mailto:mikecuming51@gmail.com) and he will set the process in motion.

**This too shall pass!**  
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## VE day celebrations 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

It is hard to assess the situation and for the moment provisional plans are still in place for this event to occur. It's still almost 8 weeks away and much can change in that time.

For the moment, do please reply to the invitation you were sent by Christine Cuming and indicate whether or not you will wish to attend.

A final GO/NO-GO decision will probably be made well after the closing date for ticket allocation (March 31st) depending on the advice of the day.

Possible options include renaming it to VC day (on the assumption that victory is secured over the virus) or VJ day (Aug 15th)

## Future Parish Council Meetings at 7.30 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of alternate months)

19<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm  
14<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
9<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
10<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Please note that future meeting dates and times may be altered particularly in the current climate

## Parochial Charity

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## Village Hall Committee

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