

HUNTLEY HEADLINES

Welcome to the first edition of your monthly Parish newsletter. Its aim is to update you on issues the council are dealing with, keep you informed and let you know if there are upcoming events in the village-such as entertainment at the Village Hall, open gardens, fund raising coffee mornings. Your input is welcomed-let us know if there is anything you would like to include by 7th of each month and it will be in that month's edition if there is space.

Members of the Parish council

Chairman	Jenny Green	Councillors	Tim Hill Mark Evans
Vice Chairman	Irene Walker		Jill Croxall
Councillors	Alan Wood Robert Watkins	Parish clerk	Leo Williams

Introductions from new faces on the Council

Mark Evans - a resident of Huntley since 2010, now retired after a career in Aerospace of over 40 years, Chairman of the Huntley Village Hall Committee for the last 2 years. As a councillor on the Huntley Parish Council I would like to see a greater cohesion between the key village communal & social groups in parallel with enhanced two-way communication with the parishioners.

Jill Croxall- after retiring from full time work in the financial services industry, I have the time to make a positive contribution to Huntley Parish, which has been my home for over 20 years. I am Chair of the Forest Neighbourhood Watch Association and active in Huntley's Community Café. As councillor I wish to work towards improved two way engagement between the Council and parishioners to create a true community spirit.

Issues dealt with by the Council recently

There have been some complaints about the standard of grass cutting on the recreation ground and overflowing dog bins. It was a difficult start to the year as it was both wet and warm, meaning the grass grew quickly but the ground was too soft to mow satisfactorily. The council has noted these complaints and has spoken to the contractor. In order to keep the grass as short as is reasonable, the council may ask for additional cuts as needed.

The dog bins are emptied by the grass contractors as the previous service withdrew. They have assured us that they will come each week (even if not grass cutting) to empty them so this situation should not recur.

Please report any issue to the Council, don't just explode on social media- then the right people know about the problem and will do something about it.

Potholes

Gloucestershire county council has been given an additional £4m for highways upkeep. Since April 2022, 39,000 potholes have been repaired around the county! If you have a favourite hole that you'd like to see the back of, then contact the council on the GCC website and use the interactive map there to identify the pothole location.

War Memorial

Some of you may have noticed the deterioration to the base of the War Memorial. The Council has contacted the WM Trust who currently have two Conservation Officers covering the whole of the UK's 100,000 war memorials. There will, therefore, inevitably be a delay in their response. The council has to go through these channels to satisfy the planning dept and to be eligible to apply for grant funding for the repair.

Tree planting

The Jubilee Oaks have now grown to a sufficient size to be planted and this will be during the Autumn. Let us know if you would like this to be a public occasion to celebrate. We also have the possibility of obtaining more trees to plant around the village. Suggestions are welcomed about possible sites and the type of tree you would like to see.

Huntley Bowls Club launched this month on Friday 16th June with its home base at the village hall. It's taken time and effort to adapt the hall to the needs of indoor bowls as well as gather the necessary equipment to stage matches. The aim is to have a minimum of one (hopefully two) sessions per week possibly leading to inter-village matches in the future. It's a great way to socialise and exercise - keep an eye out for posters on the hall notice boards and social media info for the next taster and regular sessions - it's for everyone!

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*******The Red Lion is reopening on Tuesday 27th June under** new landlords, Joy and Godfrey. We wish them every success and hope that as many people as possible can visit the pub during their first week.*****

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A copy of this newsletter will also be posted on the Parish Council's website and the Notice Board at the Village Hall.

