

HUNTLEY HEADLINES

JANUARY 2024

Welcome to 2024! With the first edition of the newsletter for another year come best wishes for a healthy, peaceful, prosperous and happy twelve months for everyone.

This is a good time to introduce your Parish councillors who meet on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss parish matters and consider decisions on planning applications as well as other topics sent to the council by interested local parties. The council acts on behalf of parishioners and everyone can have an input either by writing to the clerk or by attending the monthly meetings. The make-up of your current council since May 2023 (and who will serve until May 2027 when elections are next held) is as follows:-

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

Contact details for all members are on the Parish council website.

AIMS FOR THE YEAR

There are always ongoing matters for the Council to consider which it tries to resolve as soon as it can. It is important that Parishioners are informed what the council is working towards. A number of items turn up on the meeting agendas regularly during the year. The council is trying hard to bring these matters to satisfactory conclusions but bureaucratic procedures have to be followed and these can be frustrating.

1. Repairs to Stocks and War Memorial plinth: both of these are historical structures and any work on them has to be approved by the relevant authority responsible for them. It has been difficult to get three acceptably worded quotations for the repair to the plinth of the War Memorial and the renovation of the Stocks had to be suspended due to the overspend on the village hall car park in 2021. It will be looked at again in the new financial year (April onwards) when the Council will need to ask to the Heritage Officer for guidance.
2. New Trees: Two of the trees given to the village for the Platinum Jubilee have now been planted in The Recreation Ground. It has been decided to purchase larger trees and plant those and Councillor Hill will be doing this in the next few months.
3. Telephone Kiosk: this was mentioned In the October newsletter but produced very little response. Volunteers are still needed. When finished it will transform the corner of the village where it stands and be an attraction as well as a useful community asset. Please consider if you can help to renovate it.
4. Speed signs: this matter has been ongoing for several years and the Council has been pushed from National Highways to the Police to the County Council and back again. There is now a chink of light at the end of the very long tunnel due to a change of personnel at the decision-making body and it is hoped that this may result in some movement. The council is currently waiting for National highways to call a meeting with councillors and the Police to agree the way forward. Fingers crossed this will happen soon!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HUNTLEY

January can seem like a long dark month with nothing happening. The Village Hall has lots of weekly/monthly meetings and classes for everyone so why not make a New Year resolution to try something new and go along to the Village Hall. On offer are Tea and Chat (fortnightly-black bin week), monthly Tuesday Club, Pilates, Yoga, Art Club, Indoor Bowls, Luncheon

club(monthly), Mothers' Union, Chair based exercises, Community Café (monthly) and Friday drop-in sessions. Full details are in the FEN magazine of times and contact points. (If you do not receive the FEN, pop down to the village hall between 11.15 and 12.15 any Friday and get details then.)

Air in G Events

Many of you will know about the above organisation that promote talented individuals' shows at rural locations. There have been several successful events held in Huntley in the past. The Village Hall is hosting an event this year and it should be great fun. Details are below.

Desert Island Flicks

Huntley Village Hall

Saturday 9th March 7.30pm

Tickets available shortly through ticketsource.co.uk or can be bought at door.

"A blockbuster adventure and rom com rolled into one. 90 of the most memorable movie moments of all time in 90 minutes,...including stunts and special effects."

And to get you in the mood,

Graffiti Classics

Tibberton and Taynton Village Hall

Friday 26th January

"A classical concert, gypsy folk romp, opera, stand-up comedy and brilliant dance show rolled into one."

Other events of interest

Snowdrops at Painswick Rococco Garden

20th January-29th February

10.00am-5.00pm

Tickets £11.60, Seniors £10.40

Evening with the Swans at Slimbridge

Fridays and Saturdays in January 3.30-7.00pm

Experts' talk plus 2 course meal

£32.95pp

May Hill Players pantomime

26th & 28th Jan at 7.30pm

27th Jan at 2.30pm

Adults £12

Under 18s £6

(Contact details for tickets in December/January FEN mag)

A final request for help. Occasionally the dog bins are full; this sometimes occurs because the collection is a few days late, or for other extenuating circumstances. If this happens, please tell a councillor or the clerk, but use the black waste bins until they are emptied rather than stuff the bins so that the lid does not shut or putting bags on the ground under the bin. That keeps the village looking clean and tidy and is far more hygienic. Thank you.

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