

HUNTLEY HEADLINES

It's lovely to be basking in the heat of a late summer but the calendar says that it is September and that means Christmas is only around the corner. There will be some information about events happening later in the year at the end of this newsletter.

SPOTLIGHT ON A COUNCILLOR

IRENE WALKER

Irene and her "very understanding and supportive husband" moved to Huntley almost six years ago, having previously spent 24 years residing in Martley, on the edge of the Teme Valley. After working in commerce and industry for 16 years, during which time she also served in the army reserves, Irene returned to studies. She completed a degree in Business Management & Psychology before going back to the workplace, delivering a project supporting disabled people in rural communities.

Irene has two grown up children and two grandchildren. She currently works as a Patient Advisor in the reception of a busy inner city GP practice. As well as being a Parish Councillor she is also a member of the NDP Steering Group. Both Irene and her husband are active members of the Longhope branch of the Royal British Legion.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Plan has now been approved by the full District Council and the next step is a public referendum when all Huntley residents will have the opportunity to vote to accept or reject the Plan. The Plan is available on the NDP website for those who have internet access and a hard copy is now available in the Village Hall for people to look at for further information. The Hall will be open on Friday 8th from 11.15am-12.15pm and 15th from 11.15am-1.15pm and during Tea and Chat on Wednesday 20th from 2.30-4.30pm for individuals to sit and look at the document.

The referendum vote is on Thursday 21st September at the Hall between 7.00am and 10.00pm. It is necessary to bring photographic evidence of identity with you when you come to vote.

Allotment Competition

Once again, Fairview Garden Centre has sponsored this competition and Glenn Slatterthwaite has been the judge this year. The results were:-

1 st Prize	Sandie Middleton
2 nd Prize	Sarah Duke
3 rd Prize	Alan Evans

Congratulations to these three and all the allotment holders- the plots all look amazing, well-tended and thriving; an attractive addition to the village.

Broadband availability

Internet availability and speed of connection are not at their best in this area. Gigaclear is laying underground cables through the village and surrounding areas. As an alternative, it may be possible to get fast results from Virgin Media. If you Google "**cablemystreet**" and enter your address details, that gets added to others wanting the service, and if enough register, Virgin Media is reportedly very quick about providing the connection. Registering does not commit you to accepting their deal if it is not right for you but may bring fibre optic connection a step closer for those who do want it!

Cycle Event

Subject to necessary permissions, an off-road 70km endurance cycle event is organised for Sunday 24th September via a circular route from Over Farm Market Starting at 8.00am. It passes through Huntley approximately 2/3rds of the way through and returns to Over. The riders will travel along a section of the A40 after descending Brights Hill, turn into Newent Lane, right into Byfords Road and then along Tibberton Lane out of the village. There may be as many as 200 cyclists so please turn out and cheer them on.

Venue for Council Meetings

The Village Hall is not available on a Tuesday evening now that the Bowls Club has started, and it is not possible to move the day of the Council meeting due to councillor commitments. Different venues are currently being looked at. It has been decided to use the Huntley Cricket Club for the next meeting in October and the Council will assess the success of that after the event.

Upcoming events

16th September :- Jigsaw saw at Huntley village Hall from 11.00am -1.00pm Proceeds to Huntley and May Hill churches.

21st September:- Voting whether to accept or reject the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Voting will take place at Huntley Village Hall between 7.00am and 10.00pm.

Make a note in your diary for.....

17th November:- Christmas Fair at The Village Hall

2nd December:- Christmas Tea Party at the Village Hall (afternoon)

Look out for more information next month

This newsletter is available on the Parish council's website. Hard copies are distributed via the Village Hall, Margaret's Hairdressers, the Red Lion, Woods Butchers, Gardner's Garage, Morrisons Store (A40/A4136 junction) and the bus stop shelter at the bottom of Hinders Lane on the A4136.

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