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THE Cononley NEWSLETTER

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BEER FESTIVAL SUCCESS!

It was another great year for the Cononley Beer Festival in October, welcoming hundreds of people and selling more than



1200 pints of beer over the two days. The event raised nearly £3000 for the playing field which will be used to pay for essential maintenance costs; particularly needed with the lack of a gala this year.

This year

boasted a sensational range of real ales and keg beers as well as plenty of wine, cider and low alcohol options. We even had our own Cononley Beer Festival ale, CBF, brewed specially for us by Craven Brew Company in Crosshills. We were lucky enough to have live music from the very talented duo, Blair and Ian on Saturday afternoon.

Huge thanks to the volunteers and to all the generous sponsors who made the event possible, including our main sponsor, Nilorn who sponsored barrels of beer and provided printing services. David Hincliffe, Managing Director of Nilorn UK said "We were once again delighted to be the main sponsor of this year's Cononley Beer Festival and provide printing support for the publicity material. Being part of this local community is very important to us and we will always try to do whatever we can to help, especially in these challenging economic times. We look forward to being an active supporter of 'all things Cononley' for many years to come".

Finally, and most importantly, thank you to everyone who supported the event and enjoyed a drink or two with us, we hope to see you all again next year! The Beer Festival Team 🍷

SANTA'S COMING TO THE NEW INN! 🎅

At 7pm on Sunday 18th December, Santa will be visiting the New Inn. All welcome!

"A MARROW BOAT WITH CABBAGE SAILS TAKES ME BACK!"

These were the words of local journalist, Paul Routledge in his article for the Daily Mirror after visiting Cononley's "Make it, Bake it, Grow it Show" on 10th September, making special mention of Jessie's first prize cross-stitch portrait of a mare and foal. Whilst the Show seems a long time ago, we want to express our gratitude to the people of Cononley for making it such a warm and fun event. Our intention this year was to bring the village together and have an enjoyable day. Our thinking was that if we could raise funds for the community then 'all well and good'. So, we were delighted to be able to donate £200 to the Friends of Cononley Station for planting and £101 towards the upkeep of the playing fields. We'd love to be able to list all the winners, but the newsletter is famously short on space, however huge thanks to all the entrants, judges, volunteers, WI ladies for refreshments and auctioneer for the day, Robert Wade. Thank you to everyone who supported this special village event. Here is Ronnie Brewer, age 6, proudly showing off his prizes, including "Best Allotment" cup presented by the Parish Council. Billie & Sarah.



CONONLEY CHRISTMAS FAIR – SAT 26th NOV!



On Saturday 26th November, 11am to 4pm we will have lots of local handmade gifts on sale, including children's clothing, bags, candles, toiletries, Christmas decorations and cards, doggy pamper products. There will be a raffle, and refreshments – including hot drinks, soup, bacon sarnies & cake.

Entry is free and everyone is welcome. We're keen for donations of homemade cakes/soup if anyone can help? Donations can be delivered to The Institute from 9am on the Saturday morning.

CHRISTMAS PANTO – SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

On Sunday 18th December at 2pm, Same Difference Arts present Cinderella with laughs, fun, wicked sisters, Prince Charming and a golden slipper. The event is subsidised by Cononley Village Institute and ticket prices are £8 adults and £5 children.

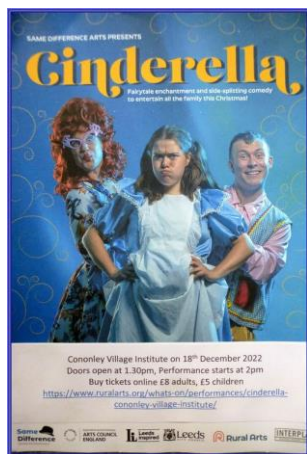
Tickets are available from www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/performances/cinderella-cononley-village-institute/ and at the Christmas Fair on 26th

November. Any unsold tickets will be on sale from Cononley Village Store from 10/12/22.

The theatre company have offered a touch tour before the show starts to anyone with sensory access needs, poor sight or those on the autistic spectrum in order that they can enjoy the show more. If you would like to have a tour, please contact

cvicononley@gmail.com before 1/12/22 so it can be organised.

If you are hard of hearing, the company can provide captioning during the show. Please email us to book an iPad.



CONONLEY WILDLIFE GROUP

Christmas is almost here! We have been planting bulbs at the Pinfold and we now have our Christmas goods for sale. All



proceeds from sales help to fund our projects in the village. This year our Christmas cards are eco-friendly and fully recyclable.

Priced at £5 a pack of 10 (2 designs) and available via our Facebook page, at Jacqueline's Hairdressers or from Ruth or Maeve.

We also have some delightful melamine Christmas coasters priced at £3 each or 4

for £10, available from the Village Store, from our Facebook page, Ruth or Maeve.

Don't miss us at the Christmas Fair on 26th November! Ruth 07775 737722 & Maeve 007956 000172.



FRIENDS OF CONONLEY SCHOOL WINTER FAIR!



We have already been busy this school year. So far, we've held a family beetle drive and bake sale, raising over £200 for school to spend on vital equipment for our children. The Winter Fair is fast approaching and will be held on **Saturday 3rd December 11am - 1pm at the school.** Village support is greatly appreciated!

ELVIS IS COMING TO CONONLEY!



Our next film event is a **Cinema Club**

Special. Cononley Cinema Club is showing "Elvis" Cert 12A on **Sunday 27th November at the Institute at 7pm** (doors open at 6.30pm). To get us into the Christmas mood, helped by all the usual drinks and refreshments, we will have café style seating rather than rows of chairs.

"Elvis" is a full and lively look at the great Elvis's life, along with his iconic music, and has brilliant performances by newcomer Austin Butler as Elvis and Tom Hanks as his manager, Colonel Parker. Ticket numbers



are limited to 40, so get yours now at the Village Store, by emailing cononleycinemaclub@btinternet.com or on the door if not sold out. Richard and Maureen Woolf

CHRISTMAS IS EASIER WITH CONONLEY VILLAGE



STORE! It's that time of year again!

Christmas is approaching and to make things easier for you (and us), we will soon be taking your festive food orders for you to pick up in a one-stop shop.

Order Forms Drake & Macefield will be dropping off their order sheets at the village store at the beginning of December. Simply tick what you would like delivering to the shop on Christmas Eve, pay a deposit and then collect on Christmas Eve. All orders will be the same total price as they are at the Drake & Macefield shops. Attached to the D&M order sheet is a form from the Village Store. Here you can order fresh bread, milk, cheese and butter. There are cakes, mince pies, sticky toffee puddings, jams, marmalade and much more on the list, including various dairy products from Longley Farm, fish and meat from Mackenzie Smokehouse and many other delights from Lishman's of Ilkley.

Christmas Trees Fantastic trees at fantastic prices! Orders have already started coming in, which is brilliant as it helps me have an idea of the quantities and sizes I need to order.

Happy Christmas from Sandra & Tony 🌲🌲🌲🌲🌲🌲🌲



stepping stones
nursery & kids club

Our nursery children are getting very excited about Christmas! We're busy

learning lots of festive songs, pretending to be elves at The North Pole, enjoying Christmas stories and generally getting covered in glitter! Please look out for us as we take our daily walks around the village; we're easy to spot in our hi-vis jackets and we love meeting people while we're out and about. Being part of the local community is extremely important to us. If you have any special skills, traditions, customs, or occupations, and you would be happy to come in and chat to the children, please get in touch! We'd love to hear from you. To contact us please email 519507@nyey.co.uk, phone us on 07916995561 or call in at The Institute.

CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH



Hello from all at St John's! As the season of Advent approaches it's time to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. As usual our Sunday worship services will be at 11 o'clock. On Sunday 4th of

December we will have Methodist worship including our annual Toy Service. All the toys donated are sent to the Salvation Army to be given to families in real need in order to bring them some much needed comfort and joy at a time when they would be struggling to find money to provide presents for their children. We are very much aware that this is a tough time for many so any gifts, large or small, will be gratefully received. They can be for any age up to teens and for either boys or girls, but we would please ask that they are unwrapped, new and in their original packaging. We would love you to bring your gifts to the service but if this is not possible, please contact me (see below) and I will arrange to collect them.

Another special event is our Christingle service at 4pm on Christmas Eve. This is a lovely, family service especially for children. During the service, each person takes a decorated Christingle orange with a candle which are all lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ and bringing hope to people living in darkness.

On Christmas Day morning our Holy Communion Service at 11am; all will be welcome at any of our services either during the Christmas season or throughout the year.

Finally, Tea and Toasted will be taking place on Tuesday 6th December where, in addition to our usual fayre, mince pies and mulled fruit juice will be served. Then we shall be taking a break in January and February, but we shall be back in March so please look out for details on the BD20 website.

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CONONLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



There's certainly an eclectic mix of speakers at Cononley WI! October's meeting was about breast cancer awareness with a specialist nurse from

Pennine Breast Screening ensuring we had a hilarious (but informative) evening! November was our AGM, and it was with great sadness that Pauline Link who has been President throughout the pandemic decided to stand down, as did Ros Storey our Secretary. Both have been incredibly caring and supportive over the last few years. Thank you, ladies, – you have left big shoes to fill!

Julie Cawood has been voted in as the new President and Elaine Shoemith as Secretary and Caretaker Treasurer. Both are looking forward to their new roles and have the support of the wonderful WI Committee and general members to guide them. We're looking forward to our Christmas Party on 1st December at the Sports Club – no doubt there will be lots of Prosecco flowing and lots of party games... January is our eagerly anticipated "Auction Night" – always great fun with lots of money raised for charity.

Lydia from Minstrels Nurseries is coming to chat to us in February and we have a Textile Interior Designer joining us in March to talk about upcoming interior trends.

Fancy joining us? We meet on the 1st Thursday of every month at the Village Institute 7:30pm or contact Julie on 07802 807815 or Elaine on 07584 210473 if you have any questions or simply want to walk to a meeting with us.

On an entirely different note... Is there anyone in the village who would be willing to put our tables out (we can manage the chairs) before each meeting – (we have access from 7:10pm) and away again at the end of the meeting (approx. 9.45pm). If you could help, please let Julie or Elaine know – we would be most grateful.

CONONLEY SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 🎵

This year our Christmas Concert will take place on **Saturday December 17th** at Christ Church, Skipton, commencing at 7.30pm when we will be joined on the platform by Haworth Brass Band. We hope that as many as possible will come along and enjoy a great programme of festive music. Tickets, priced at £10.00, (under 16's FREE), will be available within the next two weeks.

We will also be performing at **Fountains Abbey** on **Sunday**

December 18th between 2.00pm and 3.00pm as part of their

"Christmas Music and Lights" programme. This will hopefully get everybody into the Christmas Spirit! Tony Hamilton



DEAD EYE POND & MORE TREE PLANTING

Late autumn is a wonderful time to visit Dead Eye. Large numbers of fieldfares have been seen recently taking hawthorn berries and great spotted woodpeckers appear regularly in and around the mature willows. As a natural stopping off place for migrating birds, now is the time to keep an eye out for something special.

Dead Eye has acted as a natural filter and sump for materials draining across the washlands since at least 1200. As a result, it needs maintenance to avoid becoming a solid reed bed and, eventually,



drying out. Working in partnership with the Parish Council, Airedale Drainage Board and Edward Naylor as contractor, the Friends of Dead Eye have arranged for the Skipton, or northern, end of Dead Eye to be partially cleared of reeds to better balance these two functions whilst enhancing wildlife habitats. A bridge of reeds within the southern section that has proved resistant to flood action will also be partially removed during the dormant period. Throup's track continues to be well-used and is holding up to footfall. Should it become waterlogged, the access gate from Ings Lane (the continuation of Shady Lane) will be locked until it dries out to prevent soil compaction.

Tree planting will take place in March 2023 with help always welcomed. Please contact Dan or Mike

at friendsofdeadeye@gmail.com if you wish to get involved.

FRIENDS OF CONONLEY STATION

The Friends of Cononley Station would like to thank Bake It, Grow It, Make It group for their generous donation of £200 to help look after the plants and replanting at the station. Fourteen new containers of bulbs have been prepared and six more rose bushes are being added this month. If you have any spare plants for us, please text Marten on 07813393381. We hope that you enjoy viewing the 3 areas. They might even brighten up your day as you wait at the level crossing!



PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

Work to complete the improvements on the playing field is now due to start at the beginning of January. The improvements include the fenced-in games area on the tarmac, a cycle track and bike rack, new swings, monkey bars and more seating. Some of you will remember that this was scheduled to start in the Autumn, however the delivery time for some of the equipment has been over 4 months as companies have struggled with material supplies in the current climate. The key pieces of equipment should arrive in December so we will have everything in place for the work to be done over January-February, and the new park to be ready to use before the Spring. Chris Marsden

MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY BROWN

Craven District Council is steadily preparing to transfer activities to the new North Yorkshire Council which is taking it over on 1st April. As your representative on the new Council for the next four and a half years I've been trying to make sure there is as much focus on our local area as possible from a council run out of Northallerton and on strengthening democratic control over decision making in an enormous council.

More importantly I've been continuing to focus on practical local issues. I've reported and got resolved two issues of



blocked drains, worked with the Parish Council to get the double yellow lines extended opposite the old Mill, got the footpath reopened by Dead Eye Pond and continued to intervene to try and make planning decisions

better reflect local need. As always please contact me if you have any issues you want taking up via

Andy.brown1951@outlook.com or 07886858038.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - SATURDAY 4TH FEB 2023

Music Mayhem returns, 7pm at the Institute. Please contact 07718 874600 for more information 🎸 🎵 🥁 🎻 🎤 🎧