



CONONLEY'S BIG SPRING CLEAN - 16TH MARCH



As part of the Great British Spring Clean and Aire Rivers Trust OurCleanRiver, we are holding a community litter pick on Saturday 16th March, meeting at the Village Store at

10.30 am. Everyone is welcome! Litterpickers, hi-vis vests and bags will be provided.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 12TH MARCH 7.45pm

Cononley Parish Council invites you to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. Tuesday 12th March 7.45pm Cononley Village Institute

This is your opportunity to find out what your Parish Council has been doing in the past 12 months and to ask any questions!

For more information, please contact the Clerk:
CONONLEYPC@GMAIL.COM
WWW.CONONLEYPC.ORG.UK

The meeting will close at 9.15pm. We hope to see you there!

FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER – FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

Friends of Cononley School are holding a Fashion Show on 8th March, starting at 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm). Tickets are £5



(includes raffle ticket) and available from the Village Store and School Office, or message Harriet on 07515150997 to reserve. Limited tickets are available on the door. High Street fashion at bargain prices, free raffle, and cash bar!



SATURDAY 13TH APRIL

Come along to this year's Seed Swap on 13th April

10am- 12noon at the Institute. Bring along surplus seeds and seedlings to swap and have a natter with other budding gardeners! All welcome, free refreshments.

CONONLEY GALA

Despite a disappointing turnout at January's gala meeting, the level of enthusiasm amongst those who attended was noticeably high! With the limited resources available, we have explored lots of ideas and hope to host a Cononley Village Sports Day & Mini Olympics, with some stalls on either Saturday 22nd or 29th June. To boost volunteers, we are in touch with South Craven School to see whether Duke of Edinburgh students can help us. In the meantime, the Parish Council would like to express its thanks to those who have kindly volunteered and Cononley WI ladies who have generously offered to provide teas and refreshments.

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CHECK YOUR HOME FOR HEAT LOSS

Now you can locate draughts and check where your house is losing heat by using the thermal imaging cameras that are free to borrow from the Institute.

So far, 30 people have used the cameras and discovered some interesting results! To borrow one, email

cononleycamera@gmail.com. They can be fitted to an Apple or Android phone. As they work best when there is a 10-degree temperature difference between the inside and outside of a house, we will pause the scheme after Easter (unless it remains exceptionally cold) and restart in autumn. For more information go to cononleyinstitute.co.uk/thermal-imaging.



CONFEST 2024!

ConFest returns on Saturday 20th July, and we hope you will be joining us again this year. Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest ConFest news and announcements.



A WARM FUTURE FOR THE INSTITUTE



Following a detailed assessment last year, the Institute committee has developed a long-term plan to improve the building's insulation, thermal efficiency, lower energy bills and reduce

its carbon emissions. To enable the work to be carried out, a grant application has been submitted to North Yorkshire Council's Shared Prosperity Fund. If successful, the funding will pay for new double/triple glazed windows with thermal blinds in the main hall, insulation for the clock tower & fire door, floor insulation, new LED lighting and installation of solar panels. We hope to hear about the grant soon and plan to schedule most of the works during the summer holidays.

CONONLEY SCARECROWS GO SPORTY!

This year's Scarecrow Festival returns on the first weekend in



May with the theme of "Cononley Olympics". The Institute will be hosting the main events on 6th May with refreshments, raffle, duck race and much more. To get a good trail we need about 60 scarecrows, so please join

in! To give us enough time to finalise the map and programme, the last day for entries is Saturday 27th April. There is a scarecrow-making workshop at the Institute on **Saturday 20th April 3-5pm** so come along to collect wood, straw and any helped needed. We also need volunteers to deliver flyers and scarecrow numbers before the festival, along with help on 6th May for the duck race stall, raffle and help in the kitchen, plus a request for homemade cakes and biscuits. If you can help, please email cvicononley@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE RAILWAY INN



We hosted a successful charity Curry Night, raising £345 for the Bowling Club. Big thanks to organiser and chef, Stephen Slater. We're always open to running events for village volunteer groups to help boost funds.

Keep an eye out for our Tapas Night (date to be confirmed). Thursday Quiz Night is back in full swing with jackpots of up to £325! Our exciting new menu will be launched on 21st March. The over 70's monthly lunch (3rd Thursday) run by Prue Fisher keeps growing in numbers. We look forward to seeing you soon! **Dale & the Team**

THE MAGIC OF CONONLEY'S MUSIC MAYHEM!

There is clearly no lessening of enthusiasm for this annual event. Once again, singers and players entertained a sizeable audience who enjoyed themselves to the tune of raising £181 towards CVI



funds at the bar. Thanks go to the one young performer who bravely turned up to the afternoon session - next year we must



get more youngsters involved to ensure a continuation of talent into the distant future! Next year's Mayhem is booked for February so there's plenty of time to practice! Many thanks to performers, Cononley Singers, helpers and to everyone who turned up to listen -

what all performers need! **Joan Nicholson**

THE CONONLEY SINGERS



Following our successful Christmas season of concerts, most notably in Skipton with guests, The Haworth Band, we are now in rehearsal for a Palm Sunday service at St John's, Cononley on **24th**

March at 4pm. After Easter we will be rehearsing for our customary summer concerts, details to follow. New members, especially men, are always welcome and anyone interested in joining is invited to contact **Tony Hamilton, Musical Director 01535 637405**.

ART GROUP ANNUAL SHOW 25th - 27th MAY

Cononley Art Group is holding firm to the belief that spring will actually arrive and with it all the joys of our local exhibition. As ever it will have a wide variety of paintings, prints and cards to view or buy. Entry is free and the onsite art group cafe will offer an enticing selection of cakes, salads, quiche, sandwiches, and various beverages to sustain our welcome patrons. There will be fabulous raffle prizes, Childrens' Corner and live art demos during the 3 days of our show. See you there! **Pauline Heron**



CONONLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Following lots of Christmas events, we held our annual auction at our January meeting. Auctioneers, Barbara Simpson and Rebecca Snowball, had us all in stitches and we raised a fantastic amount of money. This, coupled with proceeds from the Christmas Fair and other events, meant that we could donate £450 to Cononley Primary School for books and IT



equipment. February's meeting drew a large crowd, with an entertaining talk on the history of Betty's Tea Room, each of us leaving with complimentary Taylors teabags! Ruth Parker left with a slightly bigger bag after winning the WI/Bettys competition!

March will see our very own

Secretary/Treasurer Elaine Shoesmith and husband, David, give a talk about their trip to Pakistan and meeting with Imran Khan. We have a fantastic line-up for the coming year - including a stand-up comedian-cum-vicar, hand bell ringing, crafts, someone from The Royal Ballet and Royal Opera House! If you would like to join our fast-growing WI, we meet at the Institute on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30pm. (NB. Due to the local elections, May's meeting will be at the Sports Club). Annual membership is £48 - a bargain for fun, friendship, and entertainment! Any questions, please contact **Julie Cawood** - President **07802 807815**; Email: iamjuliecawood@gmail.com

UPDATE FROM CLLR BROWN

Much of my time over the last few weeks has been spent resolving issues like finding a suitable school place for a child with learning difficulties, helping a family to avoid becoming homeless and trying to sort out potholes or gritting problems. North Yorkshire Council has been focusing on setting a budget. Like all councils, it has struggled, and it is almost certain that council tax will rise by 4.99 per cent. On 2nd May, there will be elections for a new Mayor of York and North Yorkshire; this person will lead in areas like economic development and policing. andy.brown1951@outlook.com



CONONLEY SPORTS CLUB

Both football teams are doing well this season with the Seconds pushing for promotion. Cricket training has started, and the new season starts mid-April. New players are always welcome! The club has a fabulous new bar - pop down for a coffee or beer when we have a home match. The venue is available to hire for parties, local groups etc. If anyone would like to help at the club or join the committee, we would be very grateful. Please contact me for a chat. richard_calvert@hotmail.com

History Corner Fatal Accident

An inquest was held on Friday at the New Inn, Cononley, on the body of Mr John Duxbury, of the firm of Duxbury & Horsfall, corn millers, Keighley. The deceased gentleman, who was highly respected, was riding along the road on horseback Thursday afternoon, and when galloping across a newly repaired part of the road his horse stumbled and he fell to the ground. Life was extinct nearly at once.

Verdict, Accidental death.

Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer
Monday 7th October 1867

Further news articles reveal that Mr Duxbury had earlier visited the New Inn with two colleagues, but had departed ahead of them as he had another matter to attend to before leaving Cononley. He had fallen on the way to Sutton, just after Club Row (also known as Frying Pan Row), where repairs to the road had caused loose stones.

A witness had stated that the horse's saddle had slipped underneath its belly, causing him to fall.

Mr Duxbury was aged just 23.

CONONLEY WILDLIFE GROUP

Spring is almost here, and the Pinfold is bursting into life; the snowdrops are out, and the birds are singing. There are good numbers of curlew around the river and soon they will be seeking nest sites both in the fields along the river and on higher ground. Listen for their bubbling calls and try not to disturb them. Another bird which appears to



be on the increase in our area is the Tree Sparrow, a rarer cousin of the more common House Sparrow. They have been seen along Shady Lane, Netherghyll Lane and the allotments. Easily distinguished by the spot on their cheek and

white collar, let us know where you have seen them. If you would like to get involved with the Wildlife Group, please contact: **Ruth Parker 07775 737722** or **Maeve Dracup 07956 000172**. We would love to hear from you!

FRIENDS OF CONONLEY STATION

Thanks to Hayley, the stream side garden is looking very tidy. It is ready to burst forth and bloom when Spring sun appears. The tubs, sadly, are suffering from the weather, just like the rest of us! They will become colourful in Spring. Promise! **Marten 07813393381**.



CINEMA CLUB CELEBRATES YORKSHIRE!

On **Sunday 17th March** we return with a 1996 classic! "Brassed Off" Cert 15 takes us back to the days of pit closures in the 1980s and traditional brass bands. Combining the serious impact of the closures on communities, with romance and comedy, this is a must-see, one-off classic.



Get your tickets at the Village Store, on the door or cononleycinemaclub@btinternet.com. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start; refreshments available. Coming Soon...
21st April "Where the Crawdads sing" Cert 15
12th May "A Man called Otto" Cert 15.

Mountain Film Festival comes to Cononley!



Join us on **Sunday 3rd March**, 6pm at the Institute for a selection of short films about the adventures of the great outdoors. Tickets available from the Village Store or email cvicononley@gmail.com.

UPDATE FROM CONONLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Work to install the steps up to the canal towpath will start in Spring. We will soon be meeting with Highways to discuss

accessibility improvements in the village, including dropped kerbs, how to discourage pavement parking etc. The allotment waiting list is down to single figures, we are replacing number posts, and planning site improvements using the remainder of the S106 monies. We still have councillor vacancies! We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Parish Meeting on 12th March! For more info, please email cononleyppc@gmail.com

CONONLEY'S DEFIBRILLATOR



Huge thanks to Laura Rowe, our local Defib Guardian, for her recent informative talk. We learned that once you have dialled 999, the operator will advise the access code and once

activated, the defib takes the user through the steps. Laura checks it monthly to ensure it is rescue ready. The Parish Council is now exploring how to purchase and install a second defib 'over the tracks' near Cononley Lane.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Our popular community show returns this year, so please make a note in your diary! More details to follow but for any queries please contact billieinskipton@yahoo.co.uk



DEAD EYE POND

With Spring approaching, the site has emerged from the floods to welcome one and all back for another year. Now is the time to see the blackthorn buds turn to blossom along Throup's track, amphibians clustering in the hope of finding a mate and possibly spot a stray fish caught out as the land drained. Small changes are happening daily at Dead Eye; it is a place not to rush. The first working party of 2024 will take place on **24th March 10am-12 noon**, meeting at the platform. With a list of tasks including sign cleaning, fence, gate and sapling maintenance and the creation of refuges from material swept down over winter, there are jobs for all. If new to the village, do join us and get to know Cononley's best kept secret for yourself! Access is via the gate off Ings Lane (the extension of Shady Lane) and Throup's track – there is no through route - and that the reporting of any health and safety concerns, however small, are welcomed.



Mike, Dan & Andy; friendsofdeadeye@gmail.com

THE PARISH OF KILDWICK, CONONLEY & BRADLEY

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, 24th March 2024
9:30am at St Mary's Bradley, 11am at St John's Cononley
11am at St Andrew's Kildwick

Holy Monday, 25th March 2024
7pm at St John's Cononley - Holy Communion

Holy Tuesday, 26th March 2024
10am at St John's Cononley - Holy Communion

Holy Wednesday, 27th March 2024
9:30am at St Andrew's Kildwick - Holy Communion

Mundy Thursday, 28th March 2024
7pm St Mary's Bradley - Holy Communion with watch until 9pm

Good Friday, 29th March 2024
10am at St John's Cononley - Children's JAM Session
12:30pm from St Mary's Bradley - Stations of the Cross walk to St Andrew's Kildwick
2pm at St Andrew's Kildwick - Service at the Cross

Easter Sunday, 31st March 2024
8am BCP at St Andrew's Kildwick,
9:30am at St Mary's Bradley, 11am at St John's Cononley
11am All Age Service at St Andrew's Kildwick