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THE Cononley NEWSLETTER

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FAREWELL TO COUNCILLOR ALLUM

Councillors, past and present, said farewell to Mark Allum at the end of July. Joining CPC in 2006, Mark has served the community for over 15 years and been instrumental in numerous projects, including initiating the newsletter, conducting the village surveys and the Institute Refurbishment. Councillors and the Clerk thanked Mark for his long service and dedication to the village. His valuable experience and knowledge will be much missed.

If you are interested in 'giving something back' and would like to know more about becoming a Councillor, please email Lee at cononleyipc@gmail.com

FLOSH FOOTPATH RE-OPENS!

As Craven District Councillor, I would like to thank everyone who campaigned so hard to get our footpath open again at the flosch. On the morning of Saturday 19th June, over a hundred villagers came out to join the protest and many more put up window stickers or sent messages.



Special thanks go to Emma Slater for her great work on campaign banners and social media. The thin excuse that the crossing had to be closed because

the train's horn was too quiet resulted in negative publicity for Network Rail. Our campaign reached the BBC national website, national newspapers and I was interviewed on Radio York.

Network Rail re-opened the path in August. There is a very real possibility that if the village had taken this lying down then it would have been quietly closed for ever. Now we've won a big battle in protecting our hugely valuable network of local footpaths that form such an important part of our heritage and need passing on to the next generation.

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OVER 80s CLUB

Lunches in the New Inn will be starting again soon. Anyone over 80 is welcome to come along. If you are interested, please contact Ruby Sedgwick at malc.d117@talktalk.net.

CONONLEY GALA – SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER!



The fun begins at 1.15pm with the Ocean-themed Fancy Dress Judging on the Playing Field!

All entries are asked to meet in the arena at 1pm.

This is followed by:

- 1.30pm Family Oceans Procession featuring Loud Minority Samba Drummers
- 2.00pm Crowning of the Gala Queen
- 2.10pm Presentation of the Fancy Dress prizes by the Guest of Honour and final parade of Fancy Dress Winners.
- 2.45pm Samba Music by Loud Minority
- 3.15pm Dog Show (all dogs on leads please!)
- 3.30pm Cononley Singers in the Bandstand
- 4.00pm Kids' Tug-o-War
- 4.15pm Children's Races
- 5.00pm Children's Fell Race & Egg Throwing
- 7.30pm-midnight – 'Ocean Sunset Party' featuring No Big Deal, hog roast and bar. Tickets on sale, £14 from the Shop & pubs.

Other attractions include the Tea Room, Book Stall (no Bric-a-Brac please), Raffle, Crocker Smash Stall, Bottle Tombola etc. Donations of old crockery, bottles, cakes etc are welcome! Hand sanitisers will be available, masks are optional, but please be aware of others' space.

Big thanks to our sponsors and volunteers. More helpers are needed, so if you can spare 30 mins or more, please contact jason.munslow@gmail.com to make this much-loved community and fundraising event a success!

FRIENDS OF CONONLEY STATION

Thank you to those who volunteered to help with the station garden when they came to the Institute event on 31st July.

Further help would be appreciated please!

On 8th September seven large plant containers will be installed at the end of Platform 2 starting at 10 am. If you can lend a wheelbarrow or trolley, or can help with the planting, please contact Marten Lougee on 07813393381. Thank you!



CONONLEY SPORTS CLUB



It's great to see the village back on the sporting front with the cricket season in full swing and the football season just kicking off. The grounds are looking great thanks to the continued hard work from the 3 groundsmen Donald, Malcolm and Gordon. Thanks gents!

The Club raised a few thousand pounds over the summer thanks to a few Euro football events, a charity cricket event and a busy bar when the cricket is on. Why not come and join us for a drink next time it's on? Everyone is welcome!

Our next update will include news about the planned and ongoing refurbishments for the Club.

If you are interested in playing and would like to join the Sports Club, please email Rich Calvert, first team football Manager, richard_calvert@hotmail.com

VILLAGE GATEWAYS

During the week of 25th October (half term holiday), NYCC will be installing 'Gateways' on Cononley Lane and Cononley Road (just before Crosshills Road). Gateways help to create a 'sense of place' - reminding drivers to reduce their speed as they enter a village.

Last year CPC and the Speed Watch Group were successful in securing the required funding from North Yorkshire's AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund and NYCC's Locality Budget. The work will involve the construction of build-outs on Cononley Lane which may affect through-traffic whilst the installation is completed.

CONONLEY SINGERS

After almost 18 months of Covid induced inaction, Cononley Singers have resumed rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, in the splendidly refurbished space at St John's Church Cononley. We hope to make our customary appearance at the village Gala on September 11th and are then due to perform in the wonderful surrounding of Fountains Abbey, as part of the "Fountains by Floodlight" event on October 23rd between 7.00pm and 8.00pm. Our Christmas Concerts are scheduled for December 10th and 11th.

New members are welcome. Anyone interested should contact Tony Hamilton on 01535 637405 or anthony.hamilton@btinternet.com

CONONLEY COMMUNITY

SPEED WATCH now in its

fifth year, is a group of volunteers who are concerned about the speed and volume of traffic that travels through Cononley. The main aim is to educate drivers and make them aware of the speed they are travelling at. The group has monitored over 12,000 vehicles since the scheme commenced with 8% of those at a speed of 24mph or over.

Most weeks the group carries out at least one Speed Watch deployment for an hour at a time, at various sites in Cononley. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Atholl Robertson - atholrobertson06@sky.com or 07743921717



CONONLEY'S 10TH BEER FESTIVAL

Plans are well under way for Cononley's 10th Beer Festival, to be held on 15th and 16th October at the Institute. To celebrate this fantastic milestone, we hope to have a few special beers on offer. The Beer Festival Team are looking forward to this long-awaited social event that all villagers and friends can attend. We plan to be open on Saturday afternoon which proved very popular at the last festival in 2019. All proceeds will go towards village amenities. In 2019 we raised over £2000!

PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENTS

More than 100 people submitted comments to our online survey, along with those who took the time to come and give feedback at our event in April. All the comments have been reviewed with the design company and we're now awaiting final drawings for people to view, costings and a timescale for completing the work. Chris Marsden, Playing Field Committee.

VILLAGE INSTITUTE NEWS

Welcome Back! Cononley Village Institute is now available for private hire, events and most regular classes have re-started with some covid precautions.

The Institute committee are planning to host a Christmas Coffee Morning. For more information about this and future events, please follow us on our new facebook page or CPC website.



A definite date for your diary is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' on 30th December. Tickets for this matinee show can be bought online via [Rural Arts website](#) (this is not a typo!), adults £7 and children £4. This event is subsidised by CVI as part of 'Cononley is Back'

For private hire, contact Kim Hardy on 01535 630371 or email gillboucher@talktalk.net.

CONONELY WILDLIFE GROUP

The Wildlife Group have been busy at the Pinfold project and a new fence will soon be in place to protect the boundary and hedge. There is still lots to do and volunteers are always welcome.

We are installing a Wildlife Garden at school including a Bug Hotel and Hedgehog House for children to enjoy and learn about wildlife.

Visit us at our stand at the Cononley Gala where we will have 2022 Calendars, Greetings Cards, Christmas Cards and Bird Boxes on sale. All monies raised go back into our work with local wildlife.

Contact: Ruth Parker – 07775 737722, Maeve Dracup - 07956 000172 or email cononleywildlife@gmail.com

CPC ALLOTMENT NEWS



CPC would like to thank David, Cononley's lengthsman for refurbishing, re-painting and installing the bench that has been donated to the Council allotments by a local resident. The shiny new bench is now located on the Meadow Lane allotments, providing a comfortable resting spot for

our plot holders.

In October, CPC will be installing noticeboards at each allotment site. CPC will use them to post news, and plot holders are encouraged to use them for sharing and exchanging information.

There are currently 20 names on the allotment waiting list. If any plot holders are considering giving up their allotment, please email Lee at cononleycpc@gmail.com.



FREE WATER BUTTS!

To assist tenants with rainwater collection, CPC is offering free water butts and piping. If any plot holders are interested,

please email cononleycpc@gmail.com so that we can place a bulk order before the end of the year and arrange for the lengthsman to help with installation.

DEAD EYE POND

Fencing of the Dead Eye area is scheduled for October. After the fencing is erected, villagers will be able to safely access the site from Shady Lane. Plans are still being developed for a bird hide and dipping platform. Prior to the fencing, cutting back of vegetation will be required. If you would like to help with this work, contact Dan at cllr.timbers.cononleycpc@gmail.com

CONONLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Under normal circumstances, Cononley WI meet at the Institute on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30pm. We hope to resume our meetings in October - a notice will be placed on the noticeboard opposite the New Inn confirming this. We have some great (and varied!) meetings planned - including How Guide Dogs are trained, History of our local Textile Mills, The Galapagos Islands, Belly Dancing and Propping to name a few!

We're a friendly bunch - so why not come and give us a try? There's no obligation to join - just come along and say hello - we'd love to meet you. If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to phone Pauline Link, President, on 01535 630022 or June Cawood, Treasurer, on 07802 807815.

CONONLEY CINEMA CLUB IS BACK!

Our local cinema is finally back with the film "Misbehaviour" Cert 12, on Sunday 19th September at 7pm (doors open 6.30pm) to start the Autumn season.

"Misbehaviour" is a light hearted, feel-good movie about the true events of the 1970 "Miss World" competition which was, at the time, one of the most watched television programmes in the world. But 1970 was different. Not only did a black woman win for the first time, but also the British Women's Liberation Front protest, in the audience at the Royal Albert Hall, successfully launched their campaign.

Come along and enjoy a good film, good refreshments and good company. If you would like to know more, follow us on Facebook - Cononley Cinema Club or email cononleycinemaclub@btinternet.com



CONONLEY RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES



Since our first meeting in September 2014, we have not stopped! More than 200 girls have been members so far. We are a thriving pack, that even during lockdown, found ways to get together and have fun! Run by a group of volunteers, we meet every Thursday at the Institute. We also run extra sessions such as movie nights where our girls can get together and have fun safely.

We are returning after summer on 9th September.

Please note, Rainbows is now open to girls from age 4 not 5, so it's even more important to get your daughter's name on our waiting list!

For more information contact Leanne: 07814506403

OTHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS...



From September, the lengthsman will be armed with a can of pink spray as a way of highlighting the persistent problem of dog fouling and to encourage dog owners to

pick it up. This will be a trial in Cononley but has proved to be an effective way of tackling dog fouling in other parts of Craven. The chalk-based paint will eventually wash away, however parents are asked to advise their children to steer clear of the pink-sprayed areas whilst out playing in the village.

CPC continues to liaise with CDC Waste Management about an extra dog poo bin for Cononley Lane.

A cycle parking hoop is due to be installed next to the bench near the main village bus stop for shoppers who pop to the village store by bike and e-bike.



In order to keep residents informed of village news and events by email, CPC is re-launching mailchimp. You can subscribe via scanning the QR code, CPC's facebook page or email cononleypc@gmail.com to join the mailing list.

CLEANER, GREENER CONONLEY

Joan's Nicholson's online 'Green Gardening' blogs have proved to be a hit with residents. Joan has completed four short pieces so far, offering tips about maintaining healthy soil, how to encourage wildlife into the garden and composting. The articles can be found on Cononley Community News facebook page. Joan will be offering a series of garden open days where folks interested in gardening for wildlife can come and chat (or in garage if the weather is bad!).

The group has launched a short survey to find out how much residents know about Climate Change and what we can do to make small improvements. Scan the QR code or look out for the link on facebook or email. Also, if you'd like to find out what your household carbon footprint is, have a go at this online calculator: <https://footprint.worldagroforestrycentre.org>.



CONONLEY FOOTPATH GROUP



Although the improvement work is yet to be completed, the footpath adjacent to the campsite remains a priority for CPC and the Footpath Group. CPC is in discussion with the landowner, NYCC and CDC about what work is required and how it will be funded. We'll keep you posted – Dan Timbers.

WHAT'S ON AT THE RAILWAY!



Quiz night is every Thursday at 8.30pm. Our new menu launches on 23rd September, along with our new food service hours:
Thursday 4pm – 8pm; Friday 2pm – 8pm
Saturday & Sunday 12 – 6.30pm

****SPECIAL OFFER FOR RESIDENTS ON FRIDAYS, 2-4pm****

Buy one, get one free on main meals – valid until 22nd October (get the cheapest meal free).

We'd love to welcome new faces from the village who haven't visited us yet. To book, please message us on facebook or call 01535 957200 - from Dale and the team.

MUSICAL MAYHEM RETURNS!

This fabulous family-friendly event returns on Saturday 5th February 2022 at the Institute. Anyone is welcome to come and do a musical turn in front of a friendly audience. More details to come, but if you would like to know more, please contact Joan on 07718 874 600.



stepping stones
nursery & kids club

As we approach the new academic year, Stepping Stones is very excited to welcome all our new and returning children. For those of you who are new parents or new to Cononley, we offer Ofsted registered childcare from two locations in the village. Nursery operates from Cononley Institute, where we provide safe, caring and fun learning for children aged 2-5. Look out for us on our daily trips around the village and to our fantastic allotment!

Kids' Club operates from Cononley Primary School, where we offer before and after school care for all school children - it's a great way for children to play with their friends and try new activities.

Nursery and Kids' Club open at 7:45am and close at 5:30pm every day during school term time. We do still have some availability for this year so if you'd like more information, please email Jo Clark at 519507@nyey.co.uk or visit www.steppingstones-cononley.co.uk

FRIENDS OF CONONLEY SCHOOL



Due to the cancellation of the FoCS summer fair, a Christmas Fair will be held in early December. Further details to follow.

CONONLEY ART GROUP

Meetings will resume in the Village Institute on Monday 6th September 2-4pm. There is now a waiting list for new members. Contact: Ruby Sedgewick at malc.d117@talktalk.net