

WE WELCOME
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THE Cononley NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2021

DECEMBER 

RECORD FUNDS RAISED AT 10TH BEER FESTIVAL

The Beer Festival was a roaring success again this year, but the build-up didn't go without mishap. Whilst worrying about holding an event post covid, we then heard that Naylors Brewery had gone bust – very sad news as they have been fantastic supporters over the years. We were then struck another blow when Ade (Chief Cellarman) caught Covid and had to isolate and miss the entire event!



Set up on Wednesday and Thursday evening went well, Neil (Back-up Cellarman) and Tristan

(Boutique/keg beer guru) set up and cleaned all the lines whilst avoiding Simon (Head of Construction) bashing various bits of wood and pallets into a bar shape.

Doors opened on Friday and everyone came out in force to sample the quality beers. We had a guest appearance behind the bar from Doug (beer festival founder!) which helped with the 10th anniversary celebrations – Doug and Kath having run the festival for 8 of the previous 10 events! Saturday was equally busy with Ian and Helena providing some great tunes in the afternoon. The beer continued to flow and pre-event nerves about buying too much were averted. By the end of the night even our three backups had been tapped. The extra strong banana flavoured stout proved a great talking point and certain team members can verify it was a good idea to limit its consumption!

A massive thankyou to all the sponsors, helpers and guests who came this year - we raised a phenomenal £3729 which has been donated to the Village Playing Field Trust. See you next year!

The Beer Festival Team 

COMPOSTING CONVERSATIONS 12TH MAR 2022



Calling all gardeners! Please come along to the Institute on Saturday 12th March, 10.30am -12.30 to share your composting and green gardening tips with Joan. Entry is free and refreshments will be provided 

CONONLEY GALA RAISES £4,200!

Every penny raised at the gala will go towards the maintenance of our village playing field. Thank you to everyone who



attended the Gala and Evening do – it was amazing to see such a great turnout.

Particular thanks go to all those people who gave up their own time to help put on this special community event. Unlike other local parks, our Playing Field is not funded by the local authority. As a charitable trust, it relies solely on fundraising and volunteer support to keep it open and maintained for the community to use. If you would like to support this fantastic village amenity by helping at next year's Gala, please contact Jason.munslow@gmail.com

IT'S PANTO TIME!

There are still tickets left for Jack and the Beanstalk at the Institute at 1pm on Thursday, December 30th.

Follow Jack and his daft Mum, Dame Trott as they climb the beanstalk, defeat the giant and save their best friend, Daisy the Cow. Packed with songs, slapstick, silliness, audience participation and all the fairy tale magic of traditional pantomime!

Tickets are available from

<https://www.ruralarts.org>, or email

cononleyvillageinstitute@btinternet.com or Cononley Village Store from 1st December



JACQUELINE'S HAIRDRESSERS

I have been running my business now for 37 years in our lovely village of Cononley. Born here in 1963, I feel totally blessed to be able to live and work in a place I love.

I am a unisex hairdresser offering a service to all ages.

From training with Wella products I continue to use these with confidence. For appointments, please call 01535 636317.

SANTA'S COMING TO THE NEW INN! 🎅 🎵

On the evening of Sunday 19th December, Santa will be making a visit to the New Inn! Jayne is waiting for an elf-mail to confirm the time, so watch this space!



And the Cononley Singers will be singing outside the pub on Wednesday 15th December from 7.30pm, weather permitting. All welcome.

FRIENDS OF CONONLEY STATION

On 8th September 10 people took just 80 minutes to transform the end of Platform 2 from an uninspiring mess to 7 beautiful planters. Many thanks to everybody who helped, especially Hayley, Kevin, Emily and Joseph Wood who started work near the beck during lockdown. The station group gained 12 extra volunteers from July's 'Cononley is Back' event. If you have any spare plants for future use, please text 07813393381. We hope you enjoy the plants which can even be seen by the lights of the level crossing! Marten Lougee.



FRIENDS OF CONONLEY SCHOOL



Our Spooky Halloween Trail raised £90. Thank you to everyone who took part, particularly those residents who created some seriously scary displays!

The School Christmas Fair is on Saturday 4th December, 11am – 1pm. Everyone is welcome –

please join us for lots of Christmas shopping and festive fun!

SAMPLE SOME SAMBA DRUMMING! 🥁

If you fancy trying something different in an informal and relaxed atmosphere, come along to Louise's Samba Drumming classes! No experience is necessary, and all equipment (apart from ear plugs) is provided. The classes are held every Wednesday, 7pm at the Institute, for all ages from 11+. The first class is free, then £33 for 6 weeks (£5.50 a week). To find out more please contact Louise on 07974782229 or louise.a.smart@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS FAIR & LIGHTS – 27TH NOVEMBER



Please join us on Saturday 27th November, 11am - 4pm at the Institute for refreshments and a spot of Christmas shopping. Stalls will be selling a selection of handmade crafts, Christmas wreaths and

cards, painted glassware, resin jewellery and coasters, candles and wax melts, homemade fabric bags, doggy gifts including bandanas, bow ties and paw balm, beauty creams and moisturisers, plus calendars by Cononley Wildlife Group, artwork and cards by Cononley Art Group and homemade produce and gifts by Cononley WI. The fair will be followed by the Christmas lights switch-on!



CONONLEY ART GROUP 🎨

The Art Group is returning to normal following our AGM, a few workshops, and a demonstration, and we are beginning to feel comfortable at the Institute. We are looking forward to our next workshop on silk painting and our afternoon Christmas bash. We start the new year with a pub lunch and then look forward to a full programme of work. We have a full list of members but haven't seen some people since re-opening. If you are a member and don't wish to return to Art Club, please let Ruby know so that those on the waiting list have an opportunity to join. Ruby Sedgwick malc.d117@talktalk.net

GINGERS HAIR & BEAUTY

Gingers has grown from strength to strength following Debbie's purchase of the premises in 2015. Starting out as a Saturday girl in 1985, Debbie now splits her working week between her busy hairdressing business in Bradford and the salon in Cononley. Debbie's Hair, Beauty & Wellbeing team now includes...

Gemma - Senior Stylist
Jane - Hairdresser and Reiki Healer Practitioner
Ellen – of ELA Hair - Hair Stylist and Extensionist
Lesley – of Advanced Skin Therapy
Kay – of KB Beauty – includes Lash Extensions, Tinting & Waxing
Lisa - Semi-permanent make-up treatments
Lois - Nail Technician & Beauty Therapist
Elizabeth - Complementary Therapist of Balance, Body & Mind.
For appointments, visit [gingersofcononley](https://www.facebook.com/gingersofcononley) on Facebook or call 01535 635615.



CONONLEY SPORTS CLUB

The football season is in full swing and both teams are holding their own in their respective leagues.



Work to improve the ground, equipment and club house continues and recently, thanks to the Mill Planning Gain money, we have purchased new goal posts and wicket covers. Work is underway to build a practise net in the corner of the field and we are hoping to re-pave all the areas to the outside of the club house. Internally, new toilets have been installed, all the walls have been repainted and the changing rooms have been refurbished. Plenty still to do though!

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CONONLEY GATEWAYS INSTALLED

Following a successful funding bid last year, the Gateways were initiated by Cononley Parish Council and installed in October. NYCC, as the Highway Authority, drew up plans for gateway features on Cononley Lane and Crosshills Road. CPC raised queries about visibility levels, road width and location.

Highways confirmed that all the regulations and standards were met, advising that the road width was sufficient for emergency vehicles and agricultural vehicles, but narrow enough to restrict the possibility of a cyclist going through at the same time as a vehicle. Gateways are typically placed where there is a change in the speed limit, ie. 60 to 30mph on both Cononley Lane and Crosshills Road.

The Lengthsman will trim the vegetation around the gateways on Crosshills Road to ensure they remain visible.



Gateways help to create a 'sense of place', reminding drivers to observe their speed as they enter the village. It is hoped that the measures,

combined with the great work from our Speed Watch volunteers will send a strong message to rat-runners and drivers that speeding is not acceptable in our village and as a community, we care about the safety and well-being of our residents.

OVER 80s

We met at The Railway this month as Jayne at the New Inn was unable to accommodate us. It was so good to see each other again. Our fish and chips meal was a reminder of our very first fish and chip lunch 7 years ago. We hope to meet regularly at whichever pub can accommodate us on the day. I will let everyone know the date of next month's meeting. Anyone over 80 is welcome to join us - we're a very friendly bunch!

Ruby Sedgwick malc.d117@talktalk.net



stepping stones
nursery & kids club



This term we are enjoying lots of seasonal activities, including Autumn walks, messy arts and crafts, and getting ready for Christmas! We will be hosting a stall at the Cononley Christmas Fair on Saturday 27th November where we will have a range of fundraising activities, and will be selling beautiful homemade Christmas crafts, including decorations and gifts. Please come along and support us if you can.

We still have some availability at Nursery and Kids Club, so please get in touch if you'd like to find out more. We are more than happy to accept ad-hoc bookings at Kids Club so don't hesitate to get in touch if you have children at Cononley School and need some extra time for Christmas shopping or present-wrapping! Contact us via www.steppingstones-cononley.co.uk, by email 519507@nyey.co.uk, or phone 07557331688.

MUSIC MAYHEM SATURDAY 5TH FEB 2022

As an antidote to COVID chaos, Musical Mayhem is reborn!

Held at the Institute, there will be a late afternoon session 4-6pm for young performers and beginners who don't want to perform in the evening. The evening session runs from 7 to 11pm when there will be a rendition of Auld Lang Syne!



Anyone is welcome to come along and either listen or perform. Singing, playing an instrument or dancing - we like to get people performing who haven't done it before as well as hardened semi-pros and all in between. Whatever your standard, it's a very friendly audience! If you would like to take part, please contact Joan on 07718 874600 or jandjnicholson@gmail.com so that I can cobble together a programme of sorts. Entry is free, and Maureen and Richard have once again volunteered to run the bar, which lubricates the whole proceedings, and nibbles will be provided (that probably means crisps).

CONONLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our own Hazel Hunt was the speaker at the October meeting, with fascinating tales (worthy of "So Who Do You Think You Are") of her family's links to the Bradford textile mills. It was very special to have everyone back at the CVI at long last; we welcomed some new faces too which is very encouraging. Joan Driver was presented with a "50 years WI member" Certificate on behalf of the National Federation by our president Pauline Link. The Christmas party will be on Thursday 2nd December at the CVI. January 6th meeting will be our famous "Charity Auction - with Prosecco!". If you're thinking of joining, please contact Pauline Link on 01535 630022 or Julie Cawood on 01535 636312



CONONLEY WILDLIFE GROUP 🐸🐿️🦋🐞🌻🍁



The school wildlife garden is now complete and we can't wait to see the results in Spring. Work continues at the Pinfold and volunteers are still needed please! The fence is now in

place and wildflowers have been sown which will bloom in Spring/ Summer.

Please support us by buying a calendar

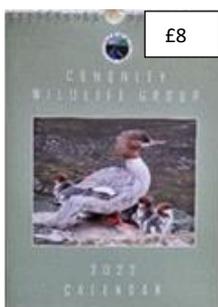


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and Christmas cards which help us to raise money to fund our projects.

To volunteer or find

out more, please contact Ruth Parker – 07775 737722 or Maeve Dracup - 07956 000172



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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY BROWN

Applications to build houses off Meadow Close continue to rumble on. Bizarrely the officer who rejected one of the applications to build off Meadow Close did so because there weren't enough houses on the site. Issues of site access, of amenity of the neighbours and of drainage remain important on that site.

Cononley was allocated a need to build 115 houses by 2032 in the Local Plan. Already 133 have been completed so the need has been more than already met. Legally it is still possible for developers to build on land allocated in the Local Plan and on "infill" sites but it is a material factor in any planning application that the local need has already been met. On other sites that were not identified in the Local Plan it would be unusual for any developer to succeed in an application in an area that has already met its housing need. andy.brown1951@outlook.com

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM SANDRA & TONY 🎄



Thank you again, lovely customers, for being so supportive. Our Christmas trees will arrive at the beginning of December, but orders are being taken now with a deposit of £5.00. They can be collected from the shop or delivered for

a small charge. Prices are held from last year:

150 - 175 cm (4'11" - 5'9") £28.00

175 - 200 cm (5'9" - 6'7") £34.00

200 - 250 cm (6'7" - 8'2") £48.00

The Christmas order list will be ready early in December so you can collect your groceries on Christmas Eve. Suppliers include Drake & Macefield, Artisan Bread Company, Dales Dairy, Carron Lodge, Mackenzie Smoke House, Lishmans of Ilkley, Rameus Fish, and many more.

CONONLEY SINGERS 🎵

We were delighted to be back singing in front of a live audience at Fountains Abbey in October. The choir is now in full rehearsal for its Christmas concert on Saturday December 11th at Christ Church, Skipton. We will be singing carols outside the New Inn on Wednesday 15th December at 7.30pm. After such a long period of inaction, the choir is raring to go and hopes its seasonal programme will offer something for everyone and get Christmas off to a super-festive start.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

We warmly invite everyone to join us for our special celebration services:

Sunday 5th December, 11am:

This morning worship service will include the donating of toys (unused and in their

original wrappings please) which the Salvation Army will distribute to families in need. If you can't make this service, contact us to arrange collection j.clifford2@hotmail.co.uk / eileen.boothman@btopenworld.com

Sunday 12th December, 4pm: Christingle - a joyful family celebration of the approach of Christmas as seen through the eyes of children. Each child is given a Christingle orange and the candles are lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ.

Sunday 19th December, 4pm, St Andrew's Church, Kildwick:

Cononley, Bradley and Kildwick churches are joining together for a traditional Carol Service. (NB. the usual 11am service at St John's will NOT be taking place)

Christmas Day, St John's, 11am: Morning Prayer (Please note there will be no service on Christmas Eve)

For more information or to read the monthly edition of the Church magazine, please go to: kbcchurches.org.uk

