



CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM CONONLEY PARISH COUNCIL



As 2020 comes to a close, we would like to wish all our residents a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas, and hope that 2021 is a better year for everybody. We hope that the lights in the park and at the Institute have brought a little Christmas cheer to our village, and thank you to Bethany Taylor for encouraging residents to add their lights to the 'Cononley switch on! We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those volunteers who responded to the Parish Council Corona-help initiative, supporting our vulnerable and elderly residents, and also to Sandra and Tony whose village store has proved to be a lifeline this year. The Parish Council-led Covid support will remain in place for as long as it's needed: cononleycoronahelp@gmail.com

Appeal for Volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to meet people, make new friends and make a difference to our community. If you have volunteered before, are new to the village or have changed your contact details, please email the Parish Clerk, cononleypc@gmail.com to add your name to our new database. There are lots of ways you can help, whether it's one hour a month or one hour a week - at fundraising events, footpath work, Speed Watch, litter picks, joining the Playing Field committee, Village Institute committee or being part of the Parish Council.

Cononley Playing Field. The park is an important amenity for our village and the base for many community events organised by the Playing Field Committee and volunteers. Maintenance of the park is financed through fundraising events and Committee members would like to thank all those who took part in the Run for Fun event which raised over £225, along with a kind donation from local business, Secret Drawer. We are looking forward to installing new equipment using planning gain funds from the mill site (this money can't be used for maintenance). The plans for this will be part of next year's consultations events to which we welcome your views and comments.

Cononley Village Institute. The Institute re-opened for Stepping Stones Nursery after lockdown 1 and Cononley Cinema Club managed one film showing before closing again for lockdown 2. Please follow Cononley Cinema Club on facebook for further updates. If you attend any regular groups at the Institute, you will be contacted directly by the organiser about re-opening arrangements. Anyone using the building is asked to adhere to the Covid-19 guidelines. At present we are not accepting bookings for private parties. Hopefully 2021 will see a return to normal service and events will be listed on cononleypc.org.uk.

Your Parish Councillors are Mark Allum, Kath Clark, Mike Dracup, Helen Lambert, Dan Timbers, Lee Senior, Parish Council Clerk, and last month we welcomed Blair Mitchell to the team. We currently have a vacancy for a Councillor, so if you are interested and would like to know more, please email cononleypc@gmail.com.

Mark, Kath and Dan are currently exploring options for the planning gain funding from the mill development. Next year, residents will be invited to covid-safe consultation events to comment on proposed projects.

Other Parish Council duties include responding to residents' issues, commenting on planning applications, acting as sole trustee for the Institute and Playing Field charities, improving facilities such as bins, signs, allotments, public footpaths, road safety and supporting fundraising and community initiatives.

Cononley Wildlife Fundraising 2021 Calendar. We were thrilled to support Cononley Wildlife Group in producing this calendar which captures some of the wonderful wildlife images taken by residents this year. They are available from the village shop, £10 each, make perfect Christmas gifts and proceeds go to those groups and charities who have struggled to fundraise this year. Thank you to Briggs Printers and Sandra for helping us with this fundraising initiative.

