

# **Risley with Hopwell Parish News**

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Parish Council's newsletter. If you need to get in touch for any reason, please contact the Clerk, Sue on her mobile – **07854 591073**. If she is unable to answer straightaway, please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as she can. Alternatively, please email on the following email address - [clerk@risleywithhopwellpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@risleywithhopwellpc.org.uk)

### **Carols around the Christmas Tree**

The Parish Council would like to thank those Parish Councillors and residents who erected and dressed the tree in readiness for the Carols around the Christmas Tree event. Thanks also to the Salvation Army Band, Reverend Glyn Lucas and volunteers who gave their time during the evening and our Brownies, their families and residents who attended for making it such a lovely, enjoyable event. Special thanks to Councillor James Hitchcock and his family who once again donated the Christmas Tree – the Parish Council was delighted to forward a donation to the charity of their choice which this year was 'Wish Upon a Star'.

### **Erewash Borough Council's Rural Community Grant**

As reported in the last newsletter, the Parish Council submitted an application to the Borough Council for a grant from its Rural Community Fund for replacement doors and windows at the Cricket Club Pavilion. It is delighted to inform residents that the application was successful and that the improvements will be made to the pavilion in time for the new season. This will be the second successful grant made by the Parish Council – the first being to the Village Hall Management Committee for the improvements to the car park.

### **Brass Band afternoon**

Please keep the afternoon of Sunday 20 August 2017 free as the Parish Council has arranged a community afternoon of music by the Long Eaton Silver Prize Band on Rush Meadow next to the Village Hall. Please bring your chairs, picnics, family and friends to enjoy this community event (Refreshments will be available to purchase).



### **Parking on Derby Road**

We have been asked by the Police to remind residents that cars parking on Derby Road during the dark evenings **MUST** keep their side lights lit and **MUST** be parked on the side of the road in which it is travelling.

Could we also ask drivers not to park on the grass verges as the Parish Council has planted a variety of bulbs. Thank you

### **Crime Watch**

As there are usually a number of thefts of tools from sheds around this time of year, the Police are asking residents to make sure that sheds/garages are locked and/or alarmed with good lighting and non-returnable screws. Also, tools or ladders should not be left out in the garden as this would make it easier for criminals to gain entry to property. If you see anything suspicious, please do not hesitate to ring the Police on 101. Plain clothed officers will be patrolling at material times.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

As residents may be aware, it is a requirement of the Parish Council to arrange for an annual parish meeting for residents of Risley and Hopwell to meet to discuss matters of interest or concern. This year's meeting is to be held on **THURSDAY, 6 APRIL 2017** in Harrison's Cottage behind the Church at 7.30pm. It is hoped that representatives of local groups will come along and report on the year's activities which have been held and give information on future events.

### **Play Area**

The Parish Council has recently advertised its grounds maintenance contract with tenders being requested for the mowing, hedge cutting and play area inspections. The new contract will be awarded from 1<sup>st</sup> April for an initial one year with the option of extending this period should the Parish Council be happy with the service. It is hoped that residents will use the play area to its best advantage once the grass has been mown and maintained. However we are aware of the big problem of dog fouling in the area – **please could dog owners pick up after their dogs as children play on the area.**

### **Floral Displays**

Several individuals and groups have expressed an interest in sponsoring the floral displays in the village this year and it is hoped to have more hanging baskets for everyone to enjoy. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested in sponsorship such a basket.

### **Risley Conservation Group**

The Risley Conservation Group has organised two history talks to be held on Saturday, 1 April 2017 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm. The first is on ET Hooley and the second on a serviceman from the Village who died in 1917. The Group would be delighted to welcome residents to the talks – if you require any further information, please contact Councillor Pat Ancliff on 0115 9397374. The next meeting of the Conservation Group is to be held on **Tuesday, 21 March 2017 at 7.00pm** at the Risley Hall Hotel. New members welcome.

### **Treetops Hospice**

Treetops Hospice Care are opening their grounds and gardens under the National Garden Scheme on Saturday 29th April from 10-30 am to 4pm. Come and see the beautiful spring colours from 1000's of daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs and plants. Refreshments including light lunches plus plants and homemade produce stalls. Dogs welcome.

### **Community Speedwatch Scheme**

The Police arranged for QUEST to carry out a survey on the speed of traffic through the village on 7<sup>th</sup> December. During the time they were present, 358 vehicles were observed, of which six were travelling above the speed enforcement threshold. The survey completed shows a good compliance to the speed limit by the large majority of road users. With that being said, it is appreciated that this is just one observation for a short period of time on one day, so the Team will now look to enforce the site on 3-4 occasions to gather some offence figures which will assist in establishing their enforcement strategy. This should take 4-12 weeks, depending on how regularly the site is visited.

As reported in the previous newsletter, a Community Speedwatch Scheme has been introduced in the Parish with several residents volunteering their time with parish councillors and the Police. If anyone wishes to take part in this community project, please get in touch with the Clerk.

### **Community Litter Pick**

A community litter pick has been arranged with the Borough Council for **Saturday, 20 May 2017 at 10.00am**. Further details will be posted on the noticeboards and the Parish Council hopes that residents will join Parish Councillors in this community event. Let's make our village clean and pleasant for residents and visitors alike.

### **Business to be carried out.....**

Items being considered by the Parish Council over the next few months are the possible reinstatement of the footpath outside the Meadow View Flats; the stoning of the footpath at The Nook, Golf Course and Nature Reserve; replacement of stiles and new equipment on the play area.