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## **Kirklevington and Castle Leavington Parish Newsletter**

*Apologies for this edition being slightly later than usual, this was done deliberately so as to be able to include information (once agreed) pertaining to the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations and the events happening around the village, more on this to follow at the end of this letter.*

*We were very pleased and grateful to finally benefit from the resurfacing of Forest Lane – many thanks to our Local Ward Councillors (and SBC) who campaigned to have this work approved for us. The new road is a huge improvement on the previous worn-out surface, and it is now a pleasure to drive along – we are monitoring what impact this has on speeding vehicles and traffic numbers.*

*The alternative access road for Wimpey construction traffic is still under discussion, Wimpey's have visited site to assess and price up the option; they are in conversations with Story's but unfortunately, they will not divulge readily anymore (commercially sensitive) news or updates on the matter despite our frequent chasing. We will however keep on progressing this!*

*The Kirklevington to Conyers\Yarm bus Service bus is edging closer, this was due to be in place by the 60<sup>th</sup> occupied dwelling on the Story site – currently there are 54 occupied dwellings – we have already started putting the pressure on to make sure the service is made available asap rather than being stalled for months afterwards.*

*You may have noticed a few more changes in the playground, we have renewed\rebuilt and re-sited the kids climbing net to make way for (potentially) more equipment aimed at some of the older children, we have also installed a cycle rack by the main gate and entrance – PLEASE can you advise children to use this rather than dumping bikes\scooters and blocking the access & road. We have also returfed and reseeded the banked areas to make good the areas around the new seating*

*From May 16<sup>th</sup> for a period of 2 weeks, the public right of way around the south side of the school will be closed to the public to allow for the installation of drainage to fix the historic surface water run off issues and also for a new gravel footpath to be laid between St Martins Way and Pump Lane. Again, massive thanks to our ward councillors for approving this work from their ward budgets*

*One of the items that was raised as part of the questionnaire published in July last year was the desire to have a Parish Facebook page, we have had mixed feelings about this as we did*

not want to create an unmanaged forum which could be left open for abuse. We have however decided to trial the “**Kirklevington Village News**” Facebook page as it would be ideal for circulating urgent news and updates, it has a number of administrators and moderators and is a closed group (your request to join will need you to verify your address, posts will need to be approved and is only open to residents of the village). Whilst this seems a bit overkill it is the only way to remove the potential of trolling, antisocial or inappropriate posts whilst also giving us better control of the audience geography. We welcome you to join the page and hopefully it will become another great way to keep residents updated with village news.

#### **The William Hall Trust founded in 1692**

Our huge thanks go to Jenny Eggett who recently retired as a trustee after 7 years (slightly longer than normal due to Covid situation). Jenny was very focused on communicating the existence and benefits of the trust to the community and encouraging applications from families and local organisations. Her tenacity and compassion for the role will be her legacy and deeply appreciated not only by the trustees but especially by those in the Parish who have benefitted from her support. Current Trustees are; Reverend Darren Moore, Jim Parker, Helen Ferrar

The object of the Charity shall be to relieve either generally or individually persons resident in the Parish of Kirklevington who are in a condition of need, hardship or distress. Subject to the payment of management expenses, the Trustees shall apply the income of the Charity for that object of making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons.

The Trustees may consider helping persons or organisations based in the Parish that meet the above criteria. For persons that help may include; special payments to relieve sudden distress, sickness or infirmity; assistance with travelling expenses for persons needing hospital attention or needing to visit a relative in hospital or similar; funding of specialist equipment. For organisations that could include payment or part payment for equipment, books, furniture, clothing or appliances. If you would like to chat in confidence with one of the trustees regards an application then please visit website for more information and contact details <https://www.kirkcommunity.co.uk/william-hall-trust>

Following the collapse of a few dead trees during the recent storms, SBC have surveyed all the trees along the A67 roadside from the roundabout to Kirklevington and marked up trees that are deemed to require removal or cutting back, i.e., dead or dangerous that might fail onto the highway. They are currently checking the ownership along there (as there are a few different landowners) and have sent letters out to request actioning any essential works. The Parish are also undertaking a survey of trees on the east side of the road

We would like to say a huge thank-you to Pramada Deepak and Becky Grainger for their contributions to the Parish Council over the years, both have decided to step down due to

*other commitments; but we now welcome Alistair McLee back on to the council as a previously serving member*

*Following the recent investigation into the Parish/Ward boundaries, it has been concluded that the ward boundaries will be changed so that an additional ward councillor can be elected to cover a newly created 'Southern Villages' ward which includes Kirklevington, Maltby and Hilton. This is nothing to do with the ACTUAL historical Parish boundaries – merely an admin grouping to allocate the right number of councillors per residents' ratio.*

*Should you see, or be concerned about any Anti-Social behaviour either inside our Parish or elsewhere within the Borough, please report it to the Civic Enforcement Team – their hotline is on 01642 607943 (7am to 10pm 7 days a week, 365 days a year) or via email on [civic.enforcement@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:civic.enforcement@stockton.gov.uk) (during office hours 9am – 5pm Mon to Thursday, 4.30pm on Fridays)*

### **Queens Jubilee Celebration's**

*We are looking to celebrate the Queens Jubilee with numerous celebrations. We have collected many ideas and feedback from residents and subsequent volunteers; and have come up with the below agenda, there will be several competitions with prizes and activities for children and adults alike, including a return of the scarecrows, best garden and best decorated house (all of which were requested through the questionnaire). This year it will be yourselves as our residents that will be the judges - see below!!*

#### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

- *Treasure hunt around the village (all ages and available all weekend) Sheets will be available from Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> from the Village Hall entrance and online at <https://www.kirkcommunity.co.uk/queensjubilee> - please return to 5, Manor Garth upon completion where answers and prizes will be given out.*
- *Church flower display between 20:00 and 21:00*
- *Lighting of the Jubilee beacon with songs from the Kirklevington choir from 21:25 at St Martin's Green – Storey's (TBC)*

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

- *Church flowers and Church history display*
- *Scarecrow (Jubilee themed), best presented front gardens (only) and best 'decorated' houses - Judging result in by end of day.*
- *Strawberry cream tea with friends at the Village Hall, with children's competitions, of: a miniature garden model, paintings, and drawings on display and for judging 14:00 - > 15:30*

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

- AM – (Yarm Gala will be on)
- Church flowers and Church history display
- Live Music & “Street Party” on ‘The Green’ (off Strathmore) featuring live bands on stage, **open mic** sessions (see website) and more - between 16:00 and 22:00.
- Anyone is welcome to be attending in appropriate fancy dress for the occasion. Prizes available for children’s fancy dress.

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

- AM – Church service with Darren Moore
- PM – Children’s games, face painting and a party tea with a magician (organised by the church) - all those interested in attending please book a place with Rev Kate via:  
[Revkatebrown@outlook.com](mailto:Revkatebrown@outlook.com)

*\*Naturally all the above is a bit fluid and subject to weather, and certain confirmations.*

## **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Children’s Competitions**

*As part of Kirklevington village’s celebration we are inviting all children to participate in the following events:*

*On **Friday 3rd June** we will ask for entries into the following competitions:*

*Each will be judged across different age ranges:                      0-3,   4-6,   7-9,   10+*

**1)** *Miniature Jubilee themed Garden on a tray measuring no more than 30cm by 15cm;*

**2)** *A painting/colouring about the Queen and her activities.*

**3)** *A flower arrangement or plant in a pot (no more than 10 flowers) in Royal colours.*

*These will need to be delivered to the village hall in Pump Lane between 12-2pm (to be received by Liz B) and will be partly judged by those attending the afternoon tea in the hall from 2-3.30pm.*

*Please send your names and ideas of which categories you will be entering to Liz B at [busylizzie@siandliz.co.uk](mailto:busylizzie@siandliz.co.uk) by Wednesday 1st June 6pm,*

We acknowledge that there is a huge amount of information in this newsletter – Please always refer to the website <https://www.kirkcommunity.co.uk/queensjubilee> , Social media and noticeboards for the most up-to-date information (as naturally we cannot keep the newsletter updated after they are delivered )

**Activities AND LOCATIONS** may change subject to gaining the relevant approvals.

**ONLY REGISTERED ENTRIES CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPETITION – CLOSING DATE 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

All slips to be returned to the village hall mailbox or email your details to [Kirkcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:Kirkcommunity@gmail.com)

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Please provide your name and address here: - .....

**Jubilee weekend competition judging slip**

Please print off these slips and complete your choices and return the slip to the village hall mailbox by end of day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June so votes can be counted, and winners announced on Saturday evening's music event.

Scarecrow – Jubilee theme	Best Garden	Best decorated house
Address:	Address:	Address:
1 <sup>st</sup> .....	1 <sup>st</sup> .....	1 <sup>st</sup> .....
2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> .....
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**Jubilee weekend competition entry form** - Please tick the competitions you wish to enter \ register for.

(Entries to be displayed during all of W/C 30th May with votes counted EOD on 3rd June, winners announced Sat Eve)

Scarecrow – 'Jubilee themed'	<input type="checkbox"/>
Best Garden (Front only)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Best decorated house	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kids Competitions	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please circle the activities you wish to enter  
Mini Garden   Painting/Colouring   Flower arrangement

Please provide your name and address here: - .....

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