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Village News



Update from the Countryman's Community Group Steering Board

The initial community consultation period for community pub ownership planning drew to a close on 7th May and the response received has been overwhelmingly positive.

The group's aim is to secure the future of the village's only pub - The Countryman's Inn - and it is clear that local residents (and many from further afield!) are eager to ensure the success of this venture. We have received pledges in principle for community investment from 98 households, the value of which amounts to over £215,000 - an incredible amount for a campaign launched only a few weeks ago. Thank you to everyone for your support and pledges!

Thanks to community donations (over £2,000) towards initial costs, the CCG is now a member of The Plunkett Foundation, and we have been able to instruct an independent valuation of the pub - essential for our community share offering and business planning. We are holding a series of fundraising events to raise more funds to pay for further initial costs, such as the legal incorporation of the group into a Community Benefit Society and the instruction of professional services to assist with forthcoming pre-purchase stages. We are holding a 'Sunday Fun Day' suitable for all ages at The Countryman's on 30th May from 1pm - please see the advert included in this edition of Village News for more details. **Raffle tickets are available from the pub during opening hours until Sunday 30th May at 8pm when the raffle will be drawn.** We have an excellent selection of prizes kindly donated by local businesses. In the meantime, thank you all for your continued support and generosity and we hope to see many of you at the pub again soon.

COUNTRYMAN'S COMMUNITY GROUP **Spring Bank Holiday** **SUNDAY FUN DAY** 30th May from 1pm AT THE COUNTRYMAN'S INN, HUNTON

TASTY BBQ FOOD
QUALITY LOCAL MEATS
VEGETARIAN OPTIONS

COCKTAILS & PIMMS
FROM THE TIKI HUT!

FAMILY FRIENDLY!
PLAY AREA AND
OUTDOOR
GAMES

BBQ and TIKI HUT are
CASH ONLY PLEASE!
RAFFLE DRAWN 8PM
QUALITY CASK ALES,
LAGERS, WINES, SPIRITS
& SOFT DRINKS
AVAILABLE AS USUAL!

**Raising funds for Countryman's Community Group.
Proceeds going towards the initial costs of Hunton's
community pub ownership venture!**

If you are interested in purchasing community shares or making a donation towards the CCG's initial costs, please contact us via email: countrymans.community@gmail.com

Litter Pick

Thank you to all who took part on the day, and those who continued to pick litter afterwards.

22 bags of litter were collected and also small items of 'flytipping' - a magnificent effort and result.

The PC still has pickers, hi vis jackets and rubbish bags. If anyone would like to use them, email Jan Wylie: jywylie@hotmail.co.uk

Recycling Centre

Thank you to all users, who are flattening cardboard boxes.

RDC have worked very efficiently to increase the frequency of emptying the two bins, but it helps the recycling effort enormously if the bins are filled with flattened board.

Memorial bench - Eric and Nora Dale

Eric and Nora's daughters and families have offered to purchase a bench in memory of their parents, who lived in the village for many years. It was decided to move the existing bench from outside 12 Greenacres (facing the small oak and wildflower area) and position the memorial bench there. It will be maintenance-free and made from recycled materials.

The existing bench will be moved to the wall by the west play park. It was donated by the Youth Club, nearly 30 years ago, but is still sound, though it could do with being sanded and oiled to further preserve it. **If anyone is willing to do a bit of maintenance on it, we'd be very grateful.**

Speeding in the village

This is an ongoing issue, in all areas of 30mph speed limits, but particularly down Church Bank, near the school, along South View and Wild Hill Lane, where many children (and the school) use the play areas and green spaces, and Leyburn Road.

There is potential for a serious accident, due to vehicles driving inappropriately for the conditions, and the PC are looking at ways to raise drivers' awareness. Rather than local anecdotal evidence, if you see any incidents of careless driving or excess speed, or use of mobile phones by drivers, please report this to the police, as a number of

potential speed reduction initiatives are very costly and require evidence, including accidents.

Meanwhile, the Parish Council will purchase road calming/30mph wheelie bin stickers (after seeking approval of RDC), to put on green and black bins. **Please contact Ronnie Smith, or any parish councilor, after 6th June, if you would like some.**

Police Reports

The PC receives regular police reports, which are on the huntonpc.org website. **If you have concerns, you can contact the local community liaison officer, Diane Smith by email: diane.smith3521@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk**

Defibrillator training

The PC have contacted Joanne Watson from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service to deliver training on how to use the defibrillator. **If you are interested in attending an hour long session, please contact Ronnie Smith, by the end of June: ronnie888smith@btinternet.com**

Please state an afternoon or evening preference. Dates and sessions will then be notified.

Wildflower Update

The weather has again been awful; weeks of drought in April, followed by weeks of unremitting rain, cold north and east winds, and very low temperatures for over a month.

Spring bulbs did very well.

Perennials (red campion, Jack by the Hedge, ox eye daisy), have started to flower, but, as yet, annual sowings and reseeds have not come through.

We have obtained more poppy and cornflower seed and hope to bring on a show later in the season, providing we get warmer weather in the coming weeks.

Dates of Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council held its first, socially distanced meeting in the main hall last week. All meetings are open to the public and we welcome involvement from residents. If you have any items you wish to discuss, please email the clerk (see below).

**Dates for future meetings:
(All Wednesday evenings)
28th July
15th Sept
17th Nov**

Your Parish Councillors are: Robert Wyatt (Chair), Ronnie Smith, Ray Worsdale, Jan Wylie, Wendy Knight.

If you would like to include items of interest in the next Village News, please contact the Parish Council: huntonpc@outlook.com or talk to any member of the PC. All PC emails are on the PC Website, huntonpc.org, under Parish Council, Council Members