



Cotford St Luke Newsletter

August 2008

School Fete

In spite of the dull weather on Saturday 12th July a good number of people turned out for the school fete and an amazing £6,000 was raised. Well done to everyone who worked so hard.

Thanks also to Barclays Bank who matched the funds raised £ for £ to make the grand total.

Roads Update

It has now been 9 months since the Collector Roads (Burge Crescent, Manning Road and part of Graham Way) were topped and white markings laid. The adoption of the Collector Roads is key to enabling other adoptions in this area of the village to take place within the next 2 years. However, the adoption cannot proceed because the culverts are still not to the required standard. On 3rd June 2008, SCC held a meeting with the EA, TDBC, our Parish Councillors and Coftons, to resolve the situation and the following was agreed:

SCC to arrange an inspection of the lighting, signing and white lining and to advise Coftons to complete remedial works accordingly.

Section 38 Agreement to be completed and signed. (This is a legal document required to enable a road adoption to take place.)

SCC to consider a reduced Maintenance Period (normally 2 years) to accelerate road adoption.

Two options have been proposed for the culverts: 1) replace current culverts (in same place) but at different levels and install a Flap Valve in the channel in the vicinity of the Flood Plain. 2) Relay a culvert around the village direct to Halse Water and the Flood Plain. Block off one existing culvert in order to reduce the capacity on the others which would then become dry ditches to cope with any residual water drainage. A new Flood Survey may be required.

Caroline Roche – CSLCA Chairman

Community Association AGM

This year's AGM will take place on 2nd October at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Jeremy Browne MP will be our Guest Speaker.

The CA works very hard to make our village the best place in which to live. Our objectives are to maintain our

charity status and promote other charitable causes; to ensure that the community Centre is well managed and maintained; to look at issues that affect the village, such as roads. We need more volunteers to come forward and join our team for us to continue. For more information please call Kate Pilkington on 431836 or Tim Davison on 430626.

Play Area for 6 – 12 year olds

Progress is being made for the provision of suitable play equipment for 6 – 12 year olds. The preferred play area will be an extension to the existing play area in Burge Crescent (subject to TDBC acquiring the land from Coftons). The children who will be using this facility will be asked, during the September term at school, for their views and comments as to their preferred types of play equipment.

Quantock Vale Surgery, Bishops Lydeard

The surgery is now open on Saturday mornings for routine pre-booked appointments (01823 432361).

Frances Rugg (Known as Joan)

If anyone remembers Frances Rugg, who was born and brought up in North Villas, please contact Ann Dawkins on 01823 354072.

Social Events

We shall be holding **An Evening for Gardeners** sometime during September/October when the winners of the Best Front Garden Competition will be announced. Please check the notice board outside the shop for information.

A Bistro Night will be held on Friday 10th October with music by our local band "The Valetones". (3 members of the band live in the village) Do come along and support us – you will have a great evening!

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Please join us in the Community Hall on Friday 26th September at 10.30am for coffee to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief. There will be a plant stall, bring and buy and cake stall.

Parish Council

The next meetings are on 13th August and 10th September at 7.00pm at Bishops Lydeard Village Hall. Please look at our Notice Boards for information and the forthcoming Agenda. Members of the public are always welcome to attend and to make comments or just take an interest in local matters.

John Wilkins, Vice Chairman, Parish Council; tel 01823 430374.

Message in a Bottle

In case of a home emergency, vital medical and next of kin information is stored in a special bottle in the fridge so that paramedics have quick access. A free bottle may be obtained from Hazel on 433005.

Mobile Library

The van calls at the village every other Thursday and parks near the school from 2.00pm until 4.30pm. The next dates are 14th and 28th August, 11th and 25th September. For more information call 0845 345 9177 or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries.

Police Beat Surgeries

Outside the shop every Thursday 10.15am - 11.15am. Our PCSO is Sue Thompson mobile – 07825 125 108.

Farmers Market

The next market will be on Saturday 6th September from 9.00am – 1.00pm in the Community Hall.

Church Information

Please see the Church Notice Board outside the shop by the letter box.

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