



COTFORD ST LUKE NEWSLETTER

December 2007

Introduction

Welcome to this first of a regular series of newsletters from the Community Association to help keep you informed about village matters and events.

AGM October 2007

The existing Committee was re-elected to stand for a further year and will continue to address the important issues of finalising the lease of the Community Hall, completion of roads and culverts, and problems with the build quality of the hall itself.

Village Notice Boards

There are two notice boards in the village. One is by the main bus stop, one is near the children's park in Burge Crescent and we are hoping to have a new one outside the Spar Shop, which will advertise village social events. There is a monthly "News from the Parishes" magazine which can be purchased from the Spar shop.

School News

This term Mrs Alison Botarelli took over as Head teacher of Cotford St Luke Primary School. The school PTA are planning the following events for next year:- A Summer Fete on Saturday 12th July 2008 and an Autumn Dinner Dance at Oake Manor Golf Club on Saturday 27th September 2008.

Church Matters

A Family Service is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the Community Hall and, at the same time, a Sunday school is held for pre-school children and primary age children in the small hall. There will be a "Come to the Manger" service on Christmas Eve at 4pm. Come dressed as an angel or shepherd (tinsel or teatowel).

For all other Christmas Services please see the Notice Boards. The Clergy are:- Rev. Alison on 401407 or Rev. David on 335424.

Our Village Pub

Unfortunately this will not be open in time for Christmas but will probably be open in March.

Social Events

A Special Christmas Bistro Night. Friday 7th December.

We shall be entertained by The M&M Trio whilst enjoying "Posh Bangers & Mash" followed by "Danish Desserts". Tickets £7 each to include food, but please supply your own drinks and glasses as we don't have a licence. For tickets please call 430325 or 430261.

Spring Flower Show. Saturday 19th April 2008.

If you haven't bought your bulbs for next Spring, **do so now and plant them now!** If you are using containers, plant them in 5's and label the variety - remember, we are celebrating the 5th Birthday of the Community Hall. You can enter as many pots or vases as you wish. If we all put in at least one container, pot or vase, we should have a Spring Show for everyone to enjoy and remember. Don't forget - there will also be domestic and children's classes. Look out for Show Schedules - available soon!

We shall continue to hold our Quiz Nights which are always popular and **Friday 14th March will be the next Quiz Night.**

Remember, we advertise our social events on yellow posters which are displayed on the notice boards and on lamp posts around the village.

Results of the Summer Garden Competition.

Best Front Garden;

1st prize 99, Burge Crescent; 2nd prize 14, Baileys Gate; 3rd prize 4, Grenville View.

Best Compact Garden;

1st prize 5, Manning Road; 2nd prize 39, Burge Meadow; 3rd prize 55 Burge Crescent. Well done everyone!

Mobile Library Dates

The Mobile library will be calling every two weeks. December 6th and 20th from 2pm until 4.30pm by the school. In January it will be on the 3rd, 17th and 31st.

Farmers Market

This is held on the first Saturday of every month in the Community Hall from 9am until 1pm.

Hall News

Regular activities in the centre are thriving (a list of which can be seen posted on the main entrance door). It is good that we are catering for many different ages in our community. The small hall has been cleaned and painted during the summer months and the kitchen upgraded. Our next task is to improve our storage facilities which we hope to do in the near future. Unfortunately, due to vandalism and theft this summer, we no longer have any benches at the rear of the centre and at present we do not have the funds to replace them. We need more volunteers to help with the general maintenance so please let Barbara know if you would like to help - 432084.

Litter

We have an ongoing problem with litter in Cotford St Luke which spoils the quality of life for everyone who lives here. There are a number of litter bins to be found around the village so please make use of them or take your rubbish home. Thank you.

Carol Singing around the village.

Christmas Eve starting at 6pm from the school car park. Anyone interested please 'phone Midge and Debbie on 431889.

Happy Christmas everyone!

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