



# **Cotford St Luke Newsletter**

## **June 2008**

### **A Parish Council for Cotford St Luke?**

The Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm will be held in the Community Hall in Cotford St Luke. At this meeting it is intended to discuss the possible formation of a separate Parish Council for the village. Please come along and take part in any discussions relating to the starting up of a new Parish Council.

### **Village Pub**

At long last it seems likely that The Chapel Pub/Restaurant will be opening on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Cheers!

### **Our First Spring Flower Show**

This was held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April and was a great success. The Best in Show Award went to Keith Whitaker for a magnificent "Flower Fairy Rose" geranium. Thank you to everyone who took part and especially to all the children who produced some lovely displays.

I think this will become an annual event.

One or two winners haven't collected their prize money. We'll keep it until the end of July then, if it isn't claimed, it will go into the pot for next year's show!

### **Otters in the village**

Did you know that we have at least three otters living in our midst. Thank you so much to the gentleman who brought some pictures of the otters to the flower show so that we could all enjoy seeing these delightful creatures. They were photographed swimming in one of the culverts near Burge Crescent.

### **Cotford St Luke Brownies**

Cotford Brownies recently celebrated the start of Spring and their 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday year at Dene Barton Community unit by presenting and planting two wooden plaques. These have been specially carved and presented to the hospital in Cotford St Luke village. They commemorate the Pot Gardens which the Brownies have been tending for several years now by planting with bedding plants in Summer and bulbs in Autumn. All "grown with love from Cotford Brownies" to the patients and staff at Dene Barton.

The Brownies will celebrate their 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday in November and are very much hoping that new leaders and more girls will come forward to ensure this happens!

Tilley Owl has to retire in July and new adults are needed to join the team to allow it to continue. There is also room for more girls to join. If you are aged 7-10 or are 18 and under 65 please contact Tilley Owl on 01823 433335 to find out more.

### **School Fete**

**Cotford St Luke School** will be holding its Summer Fete on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00pm until 4.30pm. There will be lots of stalls, raffle, silent auction, cream teas, Pimms and strawberries, competitions etc. More information nearer the time.

**The Community Association** will be having a stall at the School Fete this year in order that we can talk to as many of you as possible who are interested in the work we do for the village. We would very much like to meet a few new faces who would like to join us and help us to make Cotford St Luke the best place in which to live.

### **Social Events**

Our next social event will be the **Summer Bistro Night** – "Swing Into Summer". This was to have taken place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June but as the pub is opening on that date we are hoping to arrange it for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets are £9.00 each which includes a two course meal with a glass of bubbly on arrival. Music will be provided by local band "The Valetones". (Please bring your own drinks and glasses to accompany your meal.) For tickets please call 430325 or 430374. Please check the notice board for date and details.

**Best Front Garden Competition** will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July. More details will be available on the notice board (outside the shop) nearer the time.

### **Petanque**

If anyone is interested in playing Petanque, please call the club chairman, Reg Bleakman, on 430751 for more information.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 31<sup>st</sup> July. For more information call 0845 345 9177 or visit [www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries).

### **Police Beat Surgeries**

Outside the Spar shop every Thursday morning from 10.15am until 11.15am. Your local PCSO is Sue Thompson mobile – 07825 125 108.

### **Farmers Market**

On the first Saturday of every month from 9.00am until 1.00pm held in the Community Hall.

### **Church Information**

Please see the new Church Notice Board outside the Spar Shop just by the letter box.

**Priest in Charge:** Rev Alison Norris 401407

**Assistant Curate:** Rev David Ager 335424

### **Cleaner for Village Community Centre**

We are in urgent need of a cleaner willing to do between 4 and 6 hours per week. Rate at present is £6.00 per hour (hours flexible to fit in with hirers). Please call Barbara Stone on 432084.

### **Emergency Numbers**

The Parish Council is to make plans to cover major emergencies such as flooding or a broken gas main etc. A list of useful contact numbers has been collated and will soon be available for everyone.

### **Useful Contacts**

**Chair CSL Community Assoc**  
Caroline Roche 430876

**Hall Bookings**  
Caroline Cooper 430514

**Social Com & News Editor**  
Ann Wilkins 430374

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