

Little Snoring Parish Newsletter

December 2022



Lights are twinkling around the local area and in the words of the song “it’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas...”!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please remember we are always happy to hear from villagers who have articles for the newsletter, items to sell or donate to others (this is a great time of the year to have a clear out!) and information about local events.

News from the Parish Council

The Parish Council have agreed a mission statement for its work going forward:

‘The Parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish and has an overall responsibility for the well-being of its local community. It is the level of government closest to the community, with the district authority above it in the hierarchy. As it is the authority closest to the people, parish councils are invariably the first-place people will go with concerns or ideas. For this reason, they are a vital part of any community:

- *representing the local community*
- *delivering services to meet local needs*
- *striving to improve quality of life in the parish’*

Ideas for improving the village were discussed and will be revisited at the next meeting.

It was noted that the issue of dog fouling around the play area was of concern to the parishioners. The council felt that a quote should be obtained (as a guide) to fence the play area to reduce dog fouling.

A Working Group to celebrate the Coronation on 6 May 2023 was discussed. It is understood that the School is planning for the day, children’s event/ picnic in the afternoon, adults event in the evening. The Council agreed to support this initiative and if needed should be prepared to contribute.

The Council is aware that grass cutting around the village has not been carried out in accordance with the current contract and this is being pursued whilst an alternative supplier is also being sought.

A Report was received from the Churchyard Conservation Working Group on their clear up day on the 27th October:

Although it was rather wet, seven volunteers cleared a large area on the left of the path from the war memorial to the tower, a smaller area on the right of the path, the length of the path and along the south side of the Church, as well as removing the ivy from both the south and east walls. The arisings and waste plant material were put in the far-right corner – about 14 builders sacks of 'grass', two sacks of brambles and nettles, and a trug of ivy. The right-hand side of the path and the south and east sides for the Church were finished off the next weekend.

The plan is to keep the area around the bench clear and tidy. (A wild rose growing next to a gravestone to the left of the bench). It was thought perhaps we could plant some low maintenance plants here such as lavender and rosemary (suggestions welcome).

The Parish Council expressed their thanks to all the volunteers.

Are you a Veteran/Ex-Service person?

The Office for National Statistics are conducting a veterans survey of people living in North Norfolk.

The aim is provide guidance on areas where support may be required. The link to the survey is below:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/surveys/informationforhouseholdsandindividuals/householdandindividualsurvey/veteranssurvey>



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SAM Report

The SAM2 unit was Kettlestone Road from September to November 2022 monitoring traffic speed and the volume of vehicles travelling towards the school.

From 12 September 2022 to 28 November 2022:

- 8,835 vehicles were recorded with an average of 305 per day.
- The peak times of travel are 8 am to 9 am (average of 35 vehicles); and 3 pm to 4 pm (average of 31 vehicles)
- The maximum speed was 70 mph at 8:10 am on 27 September, (although the average speeder was travelling 23 mph).
- The majority of vehicles were travelling below the speed limit which is 30 mph. The 85 th percentile speed (i.e. of 7,510 vehicles) was 29.6 mph; and the average speed was 23 mph.



Support for MacMillan

Two events were held in the village to support the MacMillan Charity. Celia held a coffee morning at The White House raising £230 – Celia would like to thank all who attended and supported the event.

The Cuppa, Cake and Chat team also held an event raising £174.66 another great amount! Well done everybody!

How much do you know about your family history?

Would you like a family tree?

Genealogist with more than 30 years' experience would be pleased to help anyone interested in exploring his or her family history.

I offer assistance particularly in respect of genealogical research in the United Kingdom, Eire, the Isle of Man and Germany. Other territories considered. Reasonable charges.

Anthony Cooper MA

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Newsletter submissions

As the Parish Council meeting has been moved back – there is a change to dates for submission and delivery.

Date for submission of items	Delivery – week beginning
27 th January 2023	30 th January 2023
17 th March 2023	27 th March 2023
12 th May 2023	22 nd May 2023
14 th July 2023	24 th July 2023

Cuppa, Cake and Chat in 2023



Please note there will be no meeting in January.

On 6 February and 6 March, we will meet at the earlier time of 12:30-2:30 and do warming homemade soup and toasties, (and perhaps a little bit of something sweet to finish).

Do come along, and maybe bring a friend, especially if they are on their own.





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Christmas Quiz Answers
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 5HQ, 4. Janet and Allan Ahlberg,
 5. Allan Smethurst, 6. 4d (less
 than 2p), 7. Wallace and Gromit,
 8. Robins, 9. Carmathenshire, 10.
 Katie Ponder

The Little Snoring Charity

Are you having difficulty making ends meet?

Please apply for a village grant to help you pay your bills.

The Trustees consider each application on its merits and in confidence.

Your details will be kept on file for audit purposes only.

For more information and an application form, please contact the Clerk by emailing littlestnoringcharity@googlemail.com or telephone Joanna Otte on 01328 822366.

If you know anyone who needs assistance please ask them to apply. We can also help with the registration fee for The Coastal Supermarket. Please do contact Joanna on 01328 822366 or email

The Coastal Community Supermarket

Tuesday afternoons: 1 pm – 3 pm (not the fourth Tuesday of the month).

Location: The Community Room, The Playing Field, Stevens Road (off Kettlestone Road) NR21 0GZ

The Coastal Community Supermarket provides low-cost affordable food and personal care products for local residents. There is a small membership fee and then you can benefit from lower priced goods.

If you would like to help with the Supermarket or Chatty Cafe, please do let us know – you are welcome to join our friendly team.

For more information contact Helen on 01328 713173 or email: helen.roythorne@wellshospital.uk;

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/coastalcommunitysupermarket/>.
littlestnoringcharity@googlemail.com.

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Puzzle Corner – A Christmas Quiz

1. Which country introduced the first special Christmas stamp in 1898?
2. In which village does Postman Pat deliver the Christmas mail?
3. What postcode was introduced by the British post office in 1999 for Santa's workshop?
4. Who were the authors of the children's book The Jolly Christmas Postman?
5. Which Norfolk singer, who died on Christmas Eve 2000, was known as the Singing Postman?
6. When first class post was first introduced in 1968, how much would it cost to send a Christmas card by 2nd class post?
7. Which characters featured on the 2010 UK Christmas stamps?
8. By what name were Victorian postman known as a result of their red uniform?
9. The village of Bethlehem gets many visitors who want their Christmas Cards franked with the village name. In which British county is the village of Bethlehem?
10. What is the name of the artist who designed this year's Christmas stamps?



The BUILD Charity

... are looking for people to support our social events with a small group of adults with disabilities, with all expenses covered. If it is a relaxing weekend that you are after, this could be a Sunday Roast, a Sunday afternoon Walkabout, a Grow and Go gardening session or even a Sunday afternoon cinema trip. If you enjoy even more excitement, why not head into the city for our Ten Pin Tuesdays or even a Wednesday Club Social!

Alternatively, if you have expertise in marketing, fundraising, event management or photography and are willing to share your skills with us, we would also love to hear from you!

We believe that volunteers should get as much out of the BUILD Charity as they put in, so there are many benefits to these roles. As a BUILD Charity volunteer, you attend events whenever it suits your schedule, all volunteer expenses are covered by the charity and by becoming a BUILD volunteer, you receive your disability awareness training and safeguarding training.

If any of these volunteering opportunities are of interest to you then either call the office on 01603 618029, email us at volunteer@buildcharity.co.uk, or check out the website for our sign up form and donation pages.



Little Snoring Community Primary Academy

Well it has been a busy half term at Little Snoring Primary Academy. We kicked off the half term with a Spooky Disco organised by the Friends. The children had a lovely time eating party food and running, dancing and playing in their spooky costumes.

We have created new House Teams to reflect our village – airfield, farming, nature and church. We will work together to earn house points and, at least once a half term, get together to have fun – creating art, sports or performing for example.

On the 11th November we had the loveliest time in our House Teams remembering together by creating artwork and dancing. At the end sharing and performing to our families. The children showed such respect and stillness during the two minutes silence. We watched the CBeebies short film, 'Poppy Day' to help focus the children's thoughts.



We have welcomed Revd. Robin into our school to talk to our youngest children about going to church and look forward to his Advent assembly, very soon.

Over the coming weeks in a lead up to Christmas, we have so much going on. The rehearsals for our nativity are in full swing and we can't wait to perform 'Prickly Hay' to our families. The children have learnt and will be performing Christmas songs in Tesco, Fakenham. Children have the opportunity to watch pantos, take part in a Rudolph Run for charity as well as wear their Christmas jumper and party clothes. Of course, we will all be enjoying a Christmas Lunch together and the Friends of Little Snoring Primary will be raising money at the Christmas Fayre.

Furthermore, our children always enjoy Forest Schools each week in school, but for a special Christmas treat we are inviting parents to come and create and play alongside their children with a warming cup of hot chocolate.

After that busy half term we will all be ready for a break over the Christmas period!

I wish you all a very merry and peaceful Christmas.

Best Wishes,

Miss Woodrow

Head of School

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There are currently two vacancies on the parish council – if you are interested in becoming a councillor please contact the clerk.

Parish Council Meetings:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 23rd January 2023 in the Community Room, 7.30 start. **Please note this is a change of date.**

Village residents and members of the public are always welcome to attend the meeting. There is a space in the agenda for people to raise matters of concern.

Do contact the Clerk (details above) if you wish to bring anything to the attention of the Parish Council.

Next meetings:

23.01.2023

13.03.2023

8.05.2023

10.07.2023