

Little Snoring Parish Newsletter October 2023



It is almost October and definitely feeling autumnal. It is lovely to see that The Green Man has been refurbished and re-named – The Olive Tree. I am sure villagers are looking forward to visiting when it opens at the end of September.

Please remember we are always happy to hear from villagers who have articles for the newsletter, items to sell or donate to others and information about local events. Contact: littlestowningnewsletter@gmail.com

Newsletter submissions

Date for submission of items	Delivery – week beginning
13 th November 2023	20 th November 2023
12 th January 2024	15 th January 2024

News from The Parish Council

Litter and dog waste

The Parish Council has decided to hire a black wheelie for the play area. It will be located near the boundary between The Croft and the Playing Field. It will replace the smaller litter bins which had to be emptied by hand. Thank you to the volunteers who have emptied those bins over the summer when they were overflowing.

Please do use the black wheelie bin for litter and use the red dog bins (there are six around the village) for dog waste. Remember it is an offence not to clear up after your dog. North Norfolk District Council has the legal power to issue fines and prosecute those who commit such an offence.

Community Room

It is great that Sally & Steve, and Jenny & Hans organise the regular Cuppa, Cake and Chat in the Community Room. The Parish Council has given authorisation to the volunteers to purchase a large door mat and some small fold-up tables which will be more suitable. The funding for this comes from the collection at each Cuppa - over the last two years this has amounted to £240. At the recent Parish Council meeting, we were asked if the Parish Council would be able to explore funding for a Village Hall or perhaps a larger modular building which would be able to accommodate more people at the monthly Cuppa, for

craft activities and a youth club. The Parish Council suggested that those interested should form a group to work towards that goal – grant applications would need to have evidence of need, so the group would have to demonstrate that the existing venues (Community Room and School Hall) were not sufficient and that there was an enthusiastic and committed group already organising events and able to carry the project forward. Village Halls are usually run and managed by trustees of a charity or by a membership organisation such as a social club. Sometimes they are set up as a combination of the two.

If you are interested in joining such a group to work towards getting a larger community space for the village, do send a message to the Cuppa organisers via the Little Snoring Community Facebook page or ask the Clerk to forward a message.

Highways

The huge puddle across the junction of Kettlestone Road/Thursford Road was reported to Highways with a request to clear out the drain and pipes to allow the surface water to drain into the ditch. We believe a resident cleared the debris from the drain cover which allowed the water to seep away. Thank you. This is much appreciated.

Repairs and Maintenance

Thank you to Hans for repairing and repainting the Village Sign again. This is much admired by residents, visitors and those driving through the village.

Following a comparison of quotes to repair the roof on the bus shelter, it was agreed to ask Osier Developments to do the work.

Speed Awareness Messaging unit

The Parish Council purchased a new radar for the unit and it is applying for a grant from the County Council's Parish Partnership Scheme to cover 50% of the £898 cost. Thank you to Stephen Harvey for sorting this out and to Major Tyres for checking the amps on the two batteries free of charge.

Playground

It was mentioned in the previous newsletter that the cost of adding new equipment to the playground would be about £38,000. Below are itemised costs of the equipment:

Swings (two flatbed, one toddler) £ 4548	Tipi Carousel £ 3526
Jumper (ground-level trampoline) £11434	Slide £ 3137
Grass matting £ 3407	Preliminaries £ 3940
Post installation inspection £ 435	Freight £ 1830

A grant from North Norfolk Sustainable Communities fund might cover one inclusive item such as the Jumper (ground level trampoline) or the tipi carousel. This still leaves a shortfall of between £20,000 and £27,000.

The Parish Council does not have such funds in reserves, so it would have to raise the money through the Precept (which is collected with other local taxes in your Council Tax). It has been suggested that the playground equipment could be paid by a one-off increase in the Precept for the year 2024-25. This would mean that all the tax payers in the parish of Little Snoring would contribute towards the cost by paying approximately £50 extra next year. The Precept would then return to the previous level the following year.

Please do tell the Parish Council if you would be happy to have this temporary increase of about £50 on your Council Tax for one year to fund the playground project. The Parish Council would also like to hear from those of you who object to this proposed increase. Please do send your views to littlestnoringpc@googlemail.com , write to the address above, or telephone the Clerk on 01328 822366. Your views are important and will be taken into account when the Budget and Precept are discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 13 November.

The SAM is back!

The SAM2 unit was on Holt Road near Crossways during August/September monitoring traffic speed and the volume of vehicles travelling from Fakenham towards Holt. It is now on The Street near the bus shelter (monitoring traffic coming from Great Snoring).

From early August to mid-September 2023:

- An average of 6,488 vehicles were recorded daily
- The peak times of travel are 10 to 11 am and 4 to 5 pm
- The maximum speed was 95 mph at 11:40 am on 31 August,
- The majority of vehicles were travelling below the speed limit which is 40 mph. The 85 th percentile speed (i.e. of 115,827 vehicles) was 40.8 mph; and the average speed was 34.8 mph.

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 tree. I offer assistance particularly in respect of genealogical research in the UK (Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales), Eire, Isle of Man, Jersey Guernsey, Germany and Belgium. Other territories considered. Reasonable charges.

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Monday November 6th

2-4pm £2

Sometimes a raffle/tombola

A warm welcome to everyone.

Your hosts are Sally&Steve,Jones, Jenny&HansTiisler
(For more details contact Sally 077925 48221)
in The Community Room, Stevens Road, Little Snoring.

🍰Festive Cuppa🍰
Monday 4th December...
🍰🍰Book the date!🍰🍰



Puzzle Corner: Autumn Quiz

1. Which poet composed 'To Autumn', the 1819 poem which begins 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'?
2. Bonfire Night is celebrated every November – but what year was The Gunpowder Plot?
3. Maple, ash and sycamore trees produce seeds with which nickname, due to the way they fly through the air?
4. Which autumnal farming practice has been banned in England and Wales since 1993?
5. What is the American term for Autumn?
6. What is the name for the particularly bright full moon that appears in early September each year?
7. The Hindu festival of Diwali is a celebration of what?
8. The tradition of bobbing for apples started in Roman Britain as a dating game – Is this true or false?
9. What might you pick from a 'bramble' in early Autumn?
10. The Veteran Car Run, begins in London each November and ends in which city?



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Let's do a Macmillan Coffee Morning

in the afternoon

Help us do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: Community Room *Stevens Road*
 Date: **MONDAY 9th OCTOBER**
 Time: **2-4pm**
 Contact: *Sally 01328 85231*
Shirley 01328 85237
 or message: *Liz 01328 85237*

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING Raffle and cake stall

Donations of cakes to sell and raffle prizes welcome.

TUESDAY 12 TH DECEMBER at 10.30

To be held in the Community Room

In aid of funds to repair our parish church and prevent further damage from the elements. To access grants we need to show that we have raised some fund ourselves. **PLEASE HELP PRESERVE OUR CHURCH FOR THE COMMUNITY.**



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littlestnoringcharity@gmail.com for an application form.

The **Community Room** is available for hire at £5 an hour. For a booking form or more information please do contact the Clerk:

littlestnoringpc@googlemail.com or telephone 01328 822366.

The Digital Phone Switchover

The UK's telephone network is changing. Between now and 2025 most telephone providers will be moving their customers from analogue landlines to new upgraded landline services using digital technology. This means services that rely on the old landline system such as home phones and healthcare devices will be switched over.

The good news is – your landline isn't going anywhere and for most consumers this change will be straightforward. Your telecoms provider should contact you before the switchover to discuss what you need to do to make sure your service isn't affected. However, we're encouraging everyone to know what to expect. If you have an internet connection, the change may be as simple as plugging your phone into your broadband router rather than the socket on the wall. If you have other devices connected to your phone line, e.g. alarm systems, your service provider might need to upgrade your device to make sure it is compatible, or contact the equipment supplier to check its compatibility.

Digital Landlines do not have a power connection, in the event of a power cut they will not work. Mobile phones can still be used. You should tell your telecoms provider now if you have no other way of making emergency calls so they can provide one. If you're worried about your devices, telecare services etc. please contact the supplier, provider or company who provide them. They will be able to give you more information.



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1. John Keats, 2. 1605, 3. Helicopter seeds, 4. Burning stubble, 5. Fall, 6. Harvest Moon, 7. Light, 8. True, 9. Blackberry, 10. Brighton

Quiz answers

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There is currently one vacancy 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 13th November at 7:30 pm in the Community Room. 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:

13.11.2023

08.01.2024

Parish Council Website

<http://littlesnoringparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>