

Tadcaster Town Council

Newsletter

SPRING 2022



Please can you help – Tadcaster Treat Association

On 5th March 2022 Tadcaster's over 70's held its 75th Anniversary Annual Party (known as Tadcaster Treat).

The party is held each year in the Riley-Smith Hall and is attended by around 170 eligible residents cost free. Good food, fun and fellowship is enjoyed by all.

Sadly this may be the last event, as the committee has, over the years become depleted and those remaining are too few to fundraise in order to raise the funds required. If you would like to become a committee member and help the please contact Christine Bleasby tel 07765156747 or contact Tadcaster Council Office, The Ark, Kirkgate, Tadcaster.



Please don't muck us about

This is a plea to all dog owners to please pick up their dog's muck.

The winter time always sees an upsurge in mess on the streets of Tadcaster, and this Winter has been no exception. I'm sure the majority of dog owners scoop up the "business" in line with current accepted norms, but it seems that some is still getting through!

The situation was particularly bad approaching

Christmas and was highlighted by one rather sad incident whilst we were walking on Wighill Lane. An elderly person was walking towards us with a walking

frame and she had a jolly manner and seemed to be enjoying the walk. However, her main focus was the dog muck on the pavement and how she could avoid it and also allow us to pass. She backed into a space in order to avoid the muck and let us past, which was very generous considering her restricted walking ability. You can imagine what the topic of our conversation was! It seemed a shame that this person was having the extra inconvenience of having to avoid dog mess – she should have been concentrating on her walk and the enjoyment of it.

I'm sure no dog owner wishes to cause inconvenience to others, but it is a fact that whilst walking, you really need to be scanning the pavement every few seconds to avoid the hazards. So this is a plea to get the stuff up and disposed of appropriately. I and many other citizens will warmly thank you for this.

Andrew Birdsall



What's going on down at The Barn?

The answer of course is Loads!

For those yet to discover The Barn, it is on the corner of Leeds Road and St Joseph's Street, opposite John Smith's and is home to a wide range of activities and opportunities for all young people. The list is long, so here is a flavour – but the best way to find out is to follow us on Facebook and Insta @tadcasterbarn1 or even better just drop in after school and say hi to the ever-so friendly staff, Kirsty, Jeannie, Toby and David.

Hangout Café: for Year 7 children and above 3.45-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. A great place to go for a coffee, coke, panini, nachos, hotdog....shoot some pool, listen to music, play music or just chill. You could even do your homework...!

Friday Youth Club: for primary school children from 5.30-7.15, and for years 7 to 9 from 7.30-9pm. Booking for these very popular clubs opens online first thing every Monday term time.

Prism Youth Group: meets the last Saturday afternoon of each month for our LGBT+ community.



Spectrum

Youth: Monday evening Club for any young person with special educational needs or a disability.

SkateBarn: every weekend when the sun shines! Massive set up of ramps and pump track for skaters, scooters and BMX. Usually runs all afternoon with some twilight sessions thrown in during the summer.

SkateBarn dates May and June 2022 11am - 5pm

Sunday 1, 8 and 15 May, Saturday 21 and 28 May, Saturday 11 June, Sunday 19 June and Saturday 25 June.

And that's just a taster. The Barn also offers plenty of work experience and volunteering opportunities for all ages, a music studio, party venue, Beekeeping Club...! So get in touch, drop in and have a chat!

www.tadcasterbarn.co.uk

Litter Picking News

The Council are planning to hold a litter pick later in the year. In the meantime it is important to Keep Tadcaster Tidy and we encourage residents and businesses of Tadcaster to keep a watchful eye for any loose rubbish in their areas.

The Council can provide and lend litter picking equipment i.e., litter grabbers,

gloves, and black bags to anyone

who wishes to help. Anyone interested please contact The Ark at clerk@tadcastertowncouncil.gov.uk or call the Ark 01937 834113 during working hours Monday to Thursday 9.30am – 12.30pm.



Exciting progress for a new enterprise in our proud town



A small team lead by Councillor Paul Emmott, has been working hard to finally achieve the ambition to open a Heritage Centre in Tadcaster, showcasing the centuries of brewing in our town.



The plans are to create a major tourist attraction in the town to achieve two purposes.

1. To have a symbol of the many generations of brewery workers who have made Tadcaster famous in the brewing industry – where the skills, dedication and loyalty to one or more breweries have created and maintained a top-class image in a shrinking industry.
2. More importantly the visitors to this experience will be a major force for regeneration of the town. With ambitious targets of over a thousand visitors per week, employment and volunteer opportunities, this centre will soon be as important as any scheme to re-energise our town after natural disasters.

Aiding Paul and his team to get this vital project to fruition are the National Brewing Centre in Burton-on-Trent. The website and a free pop-up exhibition in May will provide an insight into the plans and how you can become involved. A showcase will show how the Heritage Centre will utilise the latest technology, and make the Centre a thrilling and informative tourist attraction drawing in visitors from across Yorkshire, the North of England and beyond.

Why now?

The idea for a Brewing Museum has been on the plans of Selby District Council for many

years, who recognize that it would be a major regeneration project but have never had the impetus to make it happen. Tadcaster Town Council fully supports the initiative to get extra visitors into the town, as well as having a venue where the townsfolk and their families can become involved and show their pride in what we have achieved over generations. It has granted a small amount of funding to get things moving and it is hoped that SDC will provide the majority of the set-up costs. The Centre should be self-sufficient, with any profits reinvested in the enterprise the Company has been formulated as a CIC – Community Interest Company. The two largest breweries are now involved – there are only eight major breweries left in the UK and we have two of them along with one of the largest independent brewers. There is still a long way to go but great progress has been made. When a venue is secured, the enterprise will be ready to make it all happen in nine to twelve months.

We need your support, so come along and visit our free exhibition, 25-28 May, Tadcaster Social Club on Westgate.
www.tadcasterbrewingheritagecentre.org.uk



Past Tadcaster Jubilee Events

February 1887 saw Tadcaster making plans as to how to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in June of that year. A meeting of parishioners was convened in the "Kirkgate Room" under the Chairmanship of Theophilus Clarke, the Vicar. The first proposal considered was for a new clock for the church as the present clock installed in 1858 was unreliable. Mr H H Riley Smith (John Smith's Brewery) drew attention to the Charity Commission who were holding a lot of money left in the will of Henrietta Dawson for the foundation of a "Girls' Middle-Class School". It would require raising £1,000 for the building of a school.

Mr J A Bromet (solicitor) proposed two water pumps. The quality of water in Rosemary Row and Wighill Lane was very poor, and the inhabitants could be seen "fetching water from the river in all kind of weather". He also suggested that flags be put down on causeways in the town "because their present condition was very dangerous to foot passengers".

Mr J A Ingleby (owner of the mill) suggested adding two bells into the church tower.

A newspaper report in June 1887 tells us that the roads were now exceptionally clean and tidy,

"better than the old muddy dirty state they used to be". It referred to the new Jubilee Pump, the new church clock and the new Girls' High School which was getting ready for opening. It is obvious that the town improved as a result of the celebrations for the Queen's



The Jubilee Pump in Rosemary Row



The 1935 procession for George V's Silver Jubilee

Jubilee. The 1887 church clock remains in use today, clearly being superior to the 1858 clock it replaced. The final suggestion of the extra two church bells had to wait until 1908.

In the annual May Day procession of that year, the horses, and drays from John Smith's, Braimes and Wilson & Cundall's Breweries and Ingleby's Mill were decked out with ribbons, Maltese crosses and portraits of the Queen. John Smith's issued all of their staff with a commemorative coin to mark the Jubilee. Messrs Wilson and Cundall celebrated her Majesty's Jubilee by treating their employees to a substantial dinner, which was served in rather a novel manner, in the newly constructed cooler room. They had just added a new tower to their brewery, built partly of white glazed bricks. Wilson & Cundall's Brewery was situated behind The Ark on what is now the car park.

The 1935 Silver Jubilee of George V included a procession. The picture shows Mr H C Watson's "Radio Car" followed by a fancy-dress parade which started in Oxton Lane at 1pm. The procession was heading for "The Park" in Wetherby Road where the competitors would be judged. This was followed by an afternoon of sports events. The attendees were promised "ventriloquism, conjuring, displays of mystery and Punch and Judy". After the King's speech at 8pm. there was to be "Open Air Dancing by Radio".

Tadcaster Historical Society



Commemorative coins for John Smith's staff



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Tadcaster Town Council are proud to present

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Market & Celebration



Tadcaster Queen's Platinum
Jubilee Beacon lighting

Thursday 2nd June 2022

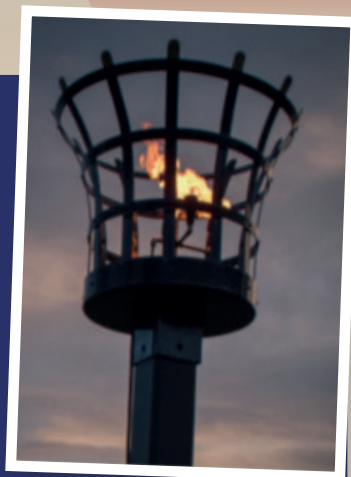
The nation will celebrate another unique milestone in our history, Her Majesty The Queen's 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth - her Platinum Jubilee. It is a feat no previous monarch has achieved.

Over 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

The 'Proclamation' will be at 2pm announcing the lighting of the beacons that evening, we are proud to have a local Piper playing 'Diu Regnare' at 9.35pm - 'Majesty' at 9.40pm, before the beacons are lit at 9.45pm, and to coincide with their lighting, we are encouraging the involvement of choirs of all sizes etc, to sing the 'Song for the Commonwealth,' providing another colourful, community element of this Jubilee celebration, involving people of all ages and walks of life, so we invite you to source these choirs locally from schools, churches, and others, adding to the occasion of the evening. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you or your group are interested in joining in the monumental celebrations.

There is a long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons. A beacon chain, once used as a tool for communication, has now become a symbol of unity across towns, borders, countries and continents and is often the central point of focus for any outdoor gathering or celebration. In 1897, beacons were lit to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In 1977, 2002 and 2012, beacons commemorated the Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees of The Queen, and in 2016 Her Majesty's 90th birthday.

Tadcaster Town Council are indeed delighted to be able to hold the beacon lighting here at our very own beacon on Garnet Lane and bring the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations to the town.





**SAVE
THE DATES!
2nd – 5th June 2022**

Thursday 2nd June

- Approx. 9:15pm **Beacon** The lighting of the Beacon on Garnet Lane.
- 12:00pm-3:30pm **Riley Smith Hall Jubilee Matinee Dance**, a mix of ballroom and Latin dance.

**Family
friendly
FREE
Event**

Friday 3rd June

- 7.30pm **St Mary's Church Adam Parish's Jubilee Concert** - Tickets will be £10, which includes a glass of prosecco and a bowl of strawberries. Please contact the church.
- **The Cobbles** At the bottom of Kirkgate the cobbles Market & Jubilee

**We encourage
all businesses to
dress their windows
for the occasion,
prizes for the best
dressed!**

Saturday 4th June

- **Community Centres** Afternoon tea and film screenings
- **The Barn** Roller disco party with Party in the Palace screening
- 10:00am-4:00pm **Tadcaster Methodist Church** mini market. Plants, crafts, cakes and more
- **St Mary's Church** Flower festival (through the decades) based on anything relevant to the seven decades of Queen Elizabeth's reign. Local musicians playing and refreshments provided throughout the day

Sunday 5th June

- 9:30am-3:30pm **Outdoor Market – Kirkgate and Westgate**
We are delighted to be continuing the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations by holding an outdoor food and craft market on Kirkgate and Westgate. We will host a variety of business, charities, local groups and live music. Come along and pick up some great unique and original gifts, support local produce and food stalls. A selection of local shops and food outlets will also be open on the day. Including warm food and hot drinks.
- Throughout the day **Outdoor Live Music** York Mix Radio and York RI Golden Rail Band
- **St Mary's Church** Continuation of the Flower festival (through the decades). Local musicians playing and refreshments provided throughout the day.
- 4:00pm **St Mary's Church** Thanksgiving for the Platinum Jubilee:
A life of service from Her Majesty
- **The Barn** Great big children's Jubilee lunch, live events on the big screen to watch events live. Fancy dress competition.

**More
details to
follow!**

For more info contact: clerk@tadcastertowncouncil.gov.uk or 01937 834113



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The Queen's Reign

The Queen's reign has been punctuated by an unprecedented series of milestones. Her Majesty's jubilees and birthdays have provided cause for celebration and reflection throughout the remarkable years since her Accession. Such events help reinforce the Sovereign's role as a focus for national identity and unity as people across the Commonwealth come together to mark an important occasion for their Head of State.



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1977 The Silver Jubilee

Was marked with celebrations throughout the UK and Commonwealth. The actual anniversary of The Queen's Accession on 6 February 1952 was commemorated in church services throughout that month. The Queen spent the anniversary weekend at Windsor with her family and the full jubilee celebrations began in the summer of 1977.



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1970 1980 1990 2000

2002 The Golden Jubilee

A packed programme of events took place in 2002 to celebrate fifty years of The Queen's reign. Six key Jubilee themes shaped events: Celebration, Community, Service, Past and future, Giving thanks and Commonwealth. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh undertook extensive tours of the Commonwealth and the UK, leading to an extraordinarily busy year for the royal couple.

2006 The Queen's 80th birthday

The Queen turned 80 on 21 April 2006 and celebrated her official birthday on 17 June 2006. A number of events took place to celebrate the birthday, both around Her Majesty's actual birthday on 21 April and her official birthday on 17 June.



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2015 Longest Reigning Monarch

On 9th September 2015 The Queen became Britain's Longest Reigning Monarch.

2010



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2012 The Diamond Jubilee

Marked with a spectacular central weekend and a series of regional tours throughout the UK and Commonwealth.

2016 The Queen's 90th birthday

The Queen celebrated her 90th birthday on 21 April 2016 and her official birthday on 11 June 2016, the second day of three days of national celebrations.

2020

2017 The Sapphire Jubilee

6 February 2017 marked 65 years since The Queen acceded to the throne, becoming the first British Monarch to mark their Sapphire Jubilee.

2022 The Platinum Jubilee

On 6 February 2022, the Queen became the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee marking a 70-year Reign.

Tadcaster & Villages u3a

Tadcaster & Villages u3a now have 84 members who are enjoying the chance to meet and socialise every third Monday in every month and make new friends.

Members also have the choice of group activities which are run by the members for the members, on a voluntary basis. Tadcaster & Villages u3a members get together at a Coffee Morning in the Barn on the first Thursday of each month at 10.3am, for a chat and refreshments. They enjoy hearing about u3a activities and which Speakers they are going to hear at the next members' meetings. There is a new Speaker every month. Our last Speaker gave a very informative talk about Moths and Butterflies in Tadcaster.

The coffee mornings are a very relaxed affair with tea, coffee and cake baked by one of the u3a members. The cost is £1 for tea/coffee and biscuits, or £2 to include cake. Visitors are very welcome to come along and join in the chat and enjoy the refreshments too.

Tadcaster & Villages u3a plans to have a stall on the Platinum Jubilee market on Sunday, 5th June 2022 from 9.30am-3.30pm.

The u3a movement will be celebrating 40 years of learning, Celebrations are running all year

Group activities

- **Circle Dancing** - last Friday of every month
- **Craft Group** - 3rd Thursday of every month
- **Days Out and Visits** - May Day Walk round Grimston Park, Monday, 2nd May
- **Flower Arranging** - 2nd Thursday of every month
- **Saturday Walking** - 1st Saturday of every month
- **Wildlife** - 4th Tuesday of every month
- **Quiz** - 2nd Monday of every month

For further information on the above please contact the Business Secretary on: secretary1tadu3a@gmail.com

u3a
Tadcaster & Villages

through with different events in various areas. To find out more about the events please log on to www.u3a.org.uk. Tadcaster & Villages u3a needs volunteers and new members. Volunteers to help on the Committee and new members to bring new ideas and skills to share with existing members. The meetings are in the Barn usually every 3rd Monday of each month from 2.30 until 4pm. Visitors are always welcome, so do come along and meet us and you can find out more about u3a and its advantageous for people who are fully retired or semi-retired, you may even become a member. Don't forget - refreshments are available too.

Tadcaster author's new book on Tudor York

Tadcaster author Tony Morgan has recently released a new non-fiction history book about Tudor York and the life and death of York woman Margaret Clitherow. The book includes mentions for Tadcaster and Bolton Percy and has been doing well in the Amazon history charts. Tony's royalties are donated to St Leonard's Hospice in York. The book is available online from Amazon and from many good book shops. If you'd like Tony to deliver you a signed copy at the special price of just £12, please contact him via email at tonymorganuk@outlook.com.





TadcasterFAS

Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme

Following Storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin. Sadly, properties and businesses were flooded, and our empathies go to those directly or indirectly impacted by the flooding.

Actions which followed and an update on the flood defence project for Tadcaster:

21st February 2022 flooding

Between the 15th and 21st February the impact of storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin were felt across Yorkshire and although the primary concern of the first two storms was strong winds, they came with reasonable volumes of rainfall over a short period. This was followed by storm Franklin, where in some locations an average monthly rainfall fell in a 24-48 hour period. The River Wharfe was one of the catchments impacted and this led to the second highest ever recorded river level at the Tadcaster Gauging Station. The defences started to be overwhelmed in Tadcaster from approximately 4:15am, resulting in water coming over the defences on the east side and then the west. Water from the river combined with a build-up of surface water and water from the sewers which were at full capacity. This sadly led to 70 properties and business being directly impacted by the flooding.

Resilience in action

Since the floods in 2015 a number of measures have been put in place in partnership with the local flood groups. Some businesses were able to activate flood plans so they could limit damage, clean up and reopen for business more quickly. This is positive news and is

part of the continual work needed to ensure the town is as protected and as resilient as possible.

Post flood

The Environment Agency's Yorkshire Area Manager, met with representatives from the town on Friday 25th February. Nigel Adams MP secured a meeting with Flood Minister Rebecca Pow, this was attended by members of the flood defence project team and Tadcaster Flood Action Group. A number of commitments were agreed following these meetings, as well as a very clear steer from the Minister on the need to deliver a flood defence scheme for Tadcaster as quickly as possible. The project team has met with the Tadcaster Community Client Group and presented to the Town Council Emergency Planning Subcommittee since the event.

Commitments

A review of the flood alerts and flood warning which were issued has been done between the flood groups and Environment Agency staff. Actions have been agreed to improve these to best prepare the local community. On the 28 March 2022 a review of the current defences took place with representatives from local flood groups to help identify any possible remedial work which might be needed before the flood defence scheme is built will take place.





Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme update

Ground investigations are expected to start on site on 31st May 2022 and take 4 weeks, although this depends on what is found as part of the investigations, so could take longer. To do this work, we will set up a site compound in the football ground's car park. The results of the ground investigations are expected to be complete by the end of August 2022.

Hydraulic modelling: The first review of the hydraulic model is currently taking place, with Environment Agency consultants delivering the work. The final approval of the model is expected in May. These model results will be available in August 2022 and combined with our findings from the ground investigation work will allow us to start designing the flood defence work.

When will construction start and finish?

There is currently no change to the overall delivery dates. We are working to the following timescales:

- Outline Business Case/optioneering works completed 2023
- Construction due to start 2024
- Scheme completion 2026.

With the clear steer from the Minister and recognising the need to provide protection to the town as quickly as possible, several options for bringing the completion date forward to the project are being explored.

Working in The Community: We always aim to engage with local communities during the development of any scheme to ensure that we listen and learn from their views. The primary focus is to provide the best possible standard of flood protection to Tadcaster. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved. Regular meetings with Tadcaster Community Client Group will be organised throughout this year. This group was set up to provide representation of the town's residents, businesses, landowners and key stakeholders. We are working together so that the

STAY INFORMED: A TFAS newsletter will be reinstated as a regular update on the progress of the project as well as information being included in the Town Council newsletter.

To sign up to the newsletter please email tadcasterFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk or paper copies will be available at The Ark building.

We will have a weekly presence in Tadcaster. Members of the project team will be working from The Ark, Kirkgate, on Tuesday mornings between 9:30-12:30. It will be an open-door policy and we are also happy to visit businesses and the community. If there is a specific element you'd like to discuss or to guarantee a meeting with us, please email us at: tadcasterFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk

town has its voice heard. The group will also help to coordinate the dissemination and collation of information through their networks.

The Tadcaster Community Client Group (TCCG) is made up of: Tadcaster Town Council, MP's Office, Tadcaster Flood Action Group, Tadcaster Flood Prevention Group, Tadcaster Businesses, Tadcaster Residents (East and West), Tadcaster Medical Centre, Tadcaster Albion AFC, Tadcaster Angling Association, Tadcaster Historical Society, Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and The Environment Agency.

STAY PREPARED: Please continue to be prepared and resilient by signing up to receive advanced flood warnings. Register by calling 0345 988 1188 or visiting www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings. You can also download and keep a copy of our partnership guide to the meaning of flood alerts and warnings for Tadcaster by visiting: www.tadcasterfloodaction.org/what-we-do.

Tadcaster Flood Action Group also provide an excellent local service in partnership with us. Please take the time, if you haven't already done so, to sign up for their system which is linked to our incident response. You can do this by visiting www.tadcasterfloodaction.org or www.facebook.com/Tadflood



Tadcaster Town Council Allotments

Tadcaster Town Council are responsible for two allotment sites with 54 plots. These are situated at the end of Stutton Road at its junction with Leeds Road, and behind Westfield Crescent.

The plots are a wonderful way to grow your own vegetables, soft fruit and herbs with likeminded people. Working on an allotment is fun and a great way to socialise, exercise, relax, develop your horticultural skills, enjoy the fresh air and simply enjoy the fruits of your labour!

New for 2022

We are delighted to announce and share our redesigned Westfield Allotments. Westfield has undergone a complete revamp for 2022 to create double the plots at the site. The layout has been designed to create a sense of community, make plots more manageable, for the growing season ahead and great for the whole family.

Best-Kept Allotment Competition

There is to be an allotment competition for 2022, this will be an exciting challenge for all proud allotment owners. The competition is a great way to generate greater awareness of the many benefits of tending an allotment.

For more information and to be added to our waiting list please contact the Council.

Visit our website, call 01937 834113 or email clerk@tadcastertowncouncil.gov.uk

"Spring has sprung in Tadcaster. The Yorkshire Rhubarb is cracking and everything is starting to show the first signs of a bountiful growing season.

The growing community at Westfield Allotments

has more than doubled in recent months.

Ongoing improvements have provided more plots for people to their home-grown journey.

The plots and boundaries have been designed to be more manageable allowing plot holders to focus on what we do best....

grow food for sharing at our tables!

The open plan is already proving a success with plot holders swapping tips and sharing plans for the year ahead. Those taking a stroll through the heart of the plots are also getting involved in conversation around growing food locally and involving the entire family. A real wider community feel for Tadcaster.

There's a feeling that this is just the start for a wonderful community green space. The improvements have compounded the sense of owning a little part of Tadcaster, spurring everyone on to catch up over a brew and kick start 2022!"

Stefan Trimble

Westfield Allotment Holder



Tadcaster Town Councillors

The next edition of the newsletter is to include news of Tadcaster Town Councillors following the elections of 5 May 2022.

Should you need to contact a Town Councillor at any time please contact the Ark.



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Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

If anyone would like to send an article for the newsletter, please forward to the above address, all articles will be given due consideration.

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All information and details of events taking place was believed to be accurate at date of print.

