

Spring 2013

An update for you of
life in our community

The Annual Parish Meeting of
the Parish Council - 25th April

Carnival, Fair and Fun Run ?
Will there be one this year ?

Adult Learning Classes
at the Memorial Hall

Woolaston Newsletter

Parish Council Update

During the past year the Parish Council has been busy with both old and new business. Almost inevitably, the condition of village roads is a cause for concern but, with the limited funds available, the County Council has been pretty responsive to reports of specific problem areas – how long the repairs last will be another matter, but this latest batch of repairs have been cut out and sealed! If you spot any of the larger pot holes roaming in the Parish, a word or an email to any Councillor or the Clerk will set the notification process running. You can also use our website info@woolaston.org.uk.

Salt bins have been a subject for discussion. GCC will fill approved bins, but our Parish has to buy them first. At over £100 each and given that this is a scattered area, it is not practical to provide the large number required. This is a matter for self help.

The saga over the two new houses by the village shop which were built well outside planning conditions, has continued sporadically through to this year. After concerted efforts by the Parish Council, the District Council issued enforcement notices requiring removal of both houses. An appeal by the administrators was dismissed, but the inspector hinted that an amendment which reduced the house on Severn View Road to the status of a single storey double garage, would allow her to grant permission to keep the other, Amber House. As yet no work has been done.

Financial support for the Hall has been significant though not extravagant. At the turn of the year the children's play area received two much needed swings. One has a normal seat, the other a basket for the youngest children. Hopefully when funds permit, it may be possible to afford that much loved (and expensive) item, a slide.

Advertisers –

woolaston.org.uk is the dedicated site for the village.

It is kept up to date and carries all sorts of information and links.

If you live in Woolaston you can have a free advert on the site by giving your contact and brief business details to our website.

The full magazine summer and winter carries the major advertising as usual.

Ashleigh Harris Support Fund

For those who were unaware, 14 years old Ashleigh Harris had a calamitous horse riding accident and has spent the last four months in hospital currently in Stoke Mandeville spinal unit, paralysed from her chest down.

Ashleigh still remains full of spirit and keen to pursue her life and hobbies in a way that she had always wanted to. It is being arranged for her to train as coach and umpire . She has also joined the Scorpions Basketball Team in Bristol and is training hard to become part of the competitive team. Ashleigh has always been a very active and sociable person wanting to continue with these hobbies.

Ashleigh's parents urgently need to alter their property in readiness for Ashleigh's eventual return.

There is Gloucestershire County Council's help, however this does not cover all the costs to meet the needs and items required to make the property accessible. Her parents have thought long and hard with Ashleigh, about equipment needed. Any help you could offer Ashleigh would be very gratefully received.

Andrew Elley is a competitor in The Dorset Giant Challenge. A time-limited walk of some 100km The event is on April 21st through to April 22nd 2013. It is the third part of the South West Triple Challenge and Andrew is being sponsored with donations to the Ashleigh fund.

If you would like to sponsor him or make a donation, please contact Andrew at 42 Severn Rd.

Vicky Elley

Woolaston Carnival, Fair, Fun Run ?

The appalling weather last May caused cancellation of the Carnival and Fair With no sign of such an event on May Day this year, I have asked almost everyone who might be involved what if any plan exists. Amanda Thomas wrote in reply to my email. -

I have forwarded your message to the school governors and spoken to the PTA. I have had a good response as far as offers of help are concerned so at the moment would say that the school will do a summer fete but as yet have not had time to set up a meeting to set a date or do anything more towards organising what and when this will happen. We would like to carry on the tradition of doing the floats but this will also depend on how much help we can get. I think we are swaying more to a June/July date so it will definitely not be on May Day.

If you could put in the Woolaston News that there are plans to have a summer fete and that if anyone would like to volunteer or has any suggestions they can e-mail me, that would be great!.

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Wyedean School Adult Learning Courses At Woolaston Memorial Hall Summer 2013 Watercolour & Acrylic Painting

Suitable for beginners to advanced. Starting with some basic drawing, you will move on to develop your watercolour and acrylic painting techniques. (You will need to bring your own materials).

Start: 16 April Length: 10 wks

Tues: 10.00-12.00 Cost: £55 (Concs Fee £33)

Zumba for Fun + Fitness

Easy to follow dance fitness workout that trims and tones the whole body. (Bring water to drink).

Start: 18 April Length: 10 wks

Thurs: 10.30-11.30 Cost: £37 (Concs Fee £30)

*For further information on how to enrol, please ring the school office
on*

01291 625340 (answerphone on at times. Please leave a message)

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www.wyedean.gloucs.sch.uk (then go to 'Community' then 'Adult Learning' then 'Courses Available')