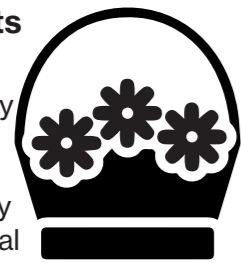


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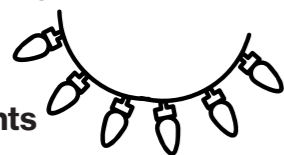
Hanging Baskets

The hanging baskets were lovely last year although like everything else, suffered badly with the exceptional heat we experienced over the Summer. We would like to thank everyone who sponsored a basket. We do occasionally have spare ones so if you are interested in sponsoring a basket, please email clerk@aberford-pc.gov.uk



Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights on Pump Hill are partly provided by the Parish Council and partly by the Community Illuminations Aberford (CIA) group. The switch on for 2022 was well supported and included stalls and a performance by a local brass band.



Aberford Authors

We are a small group of amateur (and published) budding writers who meet regularly to share ideas and tips. Everyone is welcome to the meetings (venue to be arranged) at 7pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month and often enjoying a cup of coffee and hot sandwich in the Village Hall café at 10am on a Friday. Follow us on Instagram or contact andrewsparksauthor@gmail.com

Jubilee Field

Situated behind the bowling club off Parlington Drive, Jubilee Field has a grassed area for football and other sports, a tennis court, basketball court, table tennis tables and an outdoor gym available for use by everyone.

The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the site and the equipment. If you spot any issues with any of it please contact the clerk in the first instance so that we can take appropriate action.

We are sorry to see that a number of people are walking or allowing dogs to run loose in the field and not picking up and disposing of the dog waste. We ask everyone to consider the impact of this behaviour on those using the field!

Litter Picking

Thank you to everyone who does their bit in keeping the Village litter free. We do suffer with wind-blown rubbish and still have problems with inconsiderate dog owners leaving bags of poo, rather than taking them home or disposing of them in one of the bins. It's your village so please do your bit.

If you see incidents of fly-tipping, please take photographs and report the incident to Leeds City Council using the link below or contact one of our local police team.

www.leeds.gov.uk/antisocial-behaviour-and-crime/report-fly-tipping

Aberford in Bloom

A small team of volunteer's plant and maintain various flower beds in the village, with the Parish Council providing some funding for plants. Volunteers are needed so if you can give up a little bit of time to help, please contact them – they would love to hear from you!
aberfordinbloom@googlemail.com

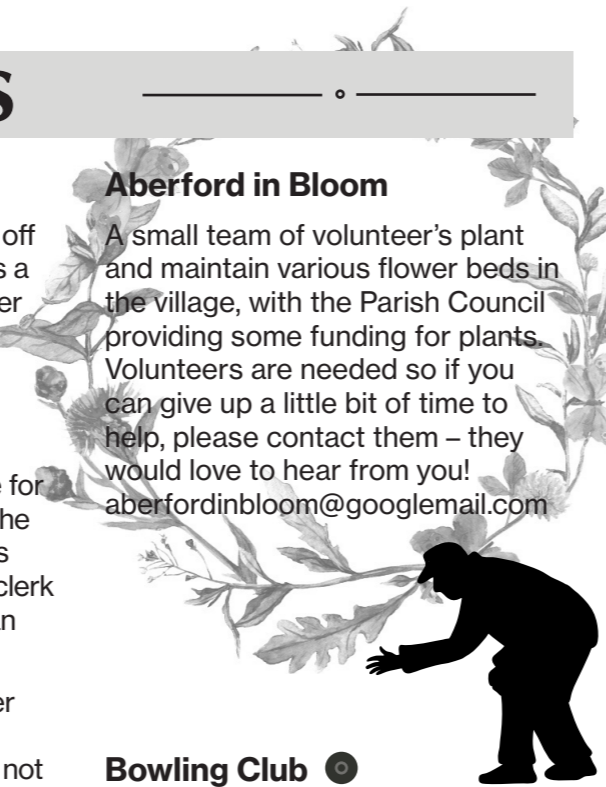
Bowling Club

The bowling club, situated off Parlington Drive, welcomes both league and casual bowlers with a very affordable membership fee. The club has now closed the green for the Winter, reopening in April. For information contact Paul Hancock on (0113) 2813518.

Scouts

The Barwick scout group meet in the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 and would welcome Aberford residents aged 10.5 to 14 to join the group. Aberford residents aged 6-8 can also join Beavers (Wednesday evening 5:30-6:30 in Barwick Village Hall) or Cubs for ages 8-10.5 (Thursday evening 6:30-8 also in Barwick Village Hall)

For more information email Cathryn Atkinson cathryn_5@hotmail.com



ABERFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

2023

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council consists of a number of councillors, who can be elected or co-opted depending on the number of vacancies. The Clerk is the only employee and responsible for various clerical and financial duties, including minuting meetings and dealing with emails and other correspondence. Sub-committees review various responsibilities of the PC and report back at the monthly meetings. These are held in the Oriel Room of the Parish Church at 7:30 on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Members of the public are welcome to attend and given the opportunity to comment on matters on the Agenda. Minutes from the meetings are posted on the village noticeboards and the Parish Council website.

email: clerk@aberford-pc.gov.uk
website – aberford-pc.gov.uk
Tel: 07719 797 072

GREEN SPACE MANAGEMENT

A large part of Aberford is in a conservation area, and the management of trees and green spaces can be subject to planning permission.

Whilst the Parish Council has a voice in these matters, we do not have the jurisdiction to take action on breaches. Villagers having concerns should contact the Planning Department of Leeds City Council as well as the Clerk to the Parish Council, who can alert the Parish Councillors to the matter.

www.leeds.gov.uk/planning/conservation-protection-and-heritage/conservation-area
(0113) 222 4444 – general enquiries

The Parish Council has a sub-group who liaise with the Leeds City Council regarding management of the verges and trees. Any concerns or enquiries regarding this can be raised with the Clerk initially.

We are still working with LCC to provide a community garden off Highfields Drive and to plant some more trees heading North from the village, both of which will add biodiversity to the village. Unfortunately, these things take time, but we haven't given up!

The small wildflower meadow off the footpath leading from opposite the Village Hall to the School was very successful in its first year, providing a mass of flowers. The site will be mown and possibly need to be re-seeded later this year.

These will be ongoing projects and we hope that villagers will engage with us in creating and maintaining them going forward. If you are interested in being involved, please contact the Clerk in the first instance and watch out for notices on our website and the Aberford Forum on Facebook.

PUBLIC AND PERMISSIVE FOOTPATHS

We are lucky to have various areas in the village where we can walk safely, including several public footpaths.

Becca Lane is a public footpath/bridle path which eventually joins up with a footpath leading back towards Cattle Lane. A permissive path along the quarry bottom is subject to the landowner's permission and attention should be paid to any notices or restrictions.

The path through the gate on Parlington Drive, up to the Triumphal Arch is part of the Parlington Estate and only available thanks to the

landowners. Please keep to the tarmac path and adhere to any notices, especially with regard to livestock. There is a bull and cows with calves on the land which may be alarmed by loose dogs or people coming too close to them.

Access beyond the cattle grid by the Triumphal Arch is strictly prohibited unless authorised by the Estate. Heading towards the Arch, a public footpath exits the park on the right-hand side and permission is allowed at the field fence across the field on the left, to join up with the bridle path/footpath off Parlington

Lane that runs through the woods towards Garforth.

Parlington Lane is a bridleway and footpath which runs through the private land of the estate all the way to Garforth making a very pleasant walk. Remember to stop and read the information board about Nellie's Tree on your way.

The footpath that goes up School Lane does not provide access to Jubilee Field as this crosses private land. The only official entry to Jubilee Field is via Parlington Drive bowling green entrance.

POLICE REPORT

Reported crimes in the village remain low, but as always it is wise to keep outside doors locked and keys out of sight. Be wary of random tradesmen etc cold calling at your door and report any suspicious behaviour to the police.

Contacts:

In an Emergency always dial 999
For Non Emergencies dial 101
Email : nel.npt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/WYPLeedsNorthEast
Twitter: www.twitter.com/WYP_LeedsNE

Aberford is part of the Harewood team and the contacts are:

Team 1 - PC 2010 Andy Katkowski - Rural Crime & Wildlife Officer
Team 2 - PCSO Susan Broadwell
Team 3 - PCSO 747 Chris Barrett



ST RICARIUS CHURCH

If you haven't been in our lovely little church do pop in – the doors are always open during the day and it's worth a walk round the outside to see the fascinating gargoyles.

We have real bells and thanks to some new volunteers last year are able to practice and ring more often. If anyone else is interested in having a go please contact Jane Copeland 0113 2813471 or Sara Fawcett 0113 2813208

The church runs a small Millennium Club Lottery each year with a draw on the first Sunday of each month. Subscription is £20 per number and the monthly prizes are £50, £20 and £10. Contact Mrs A M Lloyd of 22 Parlington Villas if you wish to join. 0113 2812965

THE ABERFORD ALMSHOUSES

Everyone knows about the wonderful Gascoigne Almshouses building on Bunkers Hill but did you know there are Almshouses still in use in the village today? The Aberford Almshouses Trust provides accommodation for retired people in need who live, have lived, or have relatives living in the area. There are 28 self-contained one and two bedroom flats in Parlington House, Beech View.

Applicants must be retired and capable of living independently as no on-site care is provided. We assess each application on its merits and acceptance is based on the needs of applicants at the time. When flats are available, they are offered first to those in greatest need. If you are interested in an Almshouses flat please contact Loraine, the House Manger, on: 07593 782825 to arrange a visit.

ABERFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (AHS)

Located just off Field Lane in the village (the lane in front of the Arabian Horse), there are allotments of various plot sizes. New members usually start with a quarter plot (5m x 10m that's 16ft x 32ft) which can be increased subject to availability.

Why not come and have a look? You can do this by yourself or if you would like more information, contact our membership secretary on 0113 2812678 and they can arrange for a guided tour.

We hold an Annual Show in the village and the 2022 show was a huge success after a break due to Covid.

ABERFORD VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is used by various groups and available for bookings for private parties. Activities are advertised by the individual groups running them either on the local noticeboards or the local social media sites.

All enquiries regarding booking should be raised with the Village Hall Committee, details of which are listed on the Parish Council Website.

An AGM will be held at the hall at 7pm on Tuesday 25th April when a new committee will be elected. If you are interested in the future of the hall, please come along as we need new committee members to help take us forward.

 @AberfordVillageHall

HOOK MOOR WIND FARM

Banks Renewables have recently applied for a 15 year extension to the site. Their Community Fund has grants available to local community groups in Aberford and Micklefield. If you are involved in a locally based group, you can apply for funding for projects.

Before applying for a grant applicants MUST contact The Banks Community Fund, fund manager at the CDCF.

Tel: 0191 378 6342 or email fundmanager@bankscommunityfund.org.uk

For more information their website is: www.banksgroup.co.uk/corporate-responsibility/banks-community-fund

SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCY

Aberford C of E Primary school is looking for new volunteers to join the Governing Body. We are particularly looking for people who aren't parents of children attending the school, and who are good with analysing and interpreting data and, ideally, we would like someone with Health & Safety, buildings/estate management experience to complement the skills amongst our existing team of Governors. You will need a strong commitment to fulfilling the role, and to improving outcomes for children. The time commitment is approximately 15 hours per term, and full training is provided. This is a fantastic way to get involved and support your local village school.

All applicants will be subject to vetting and an enhanced DBS check. Please visit www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-governor for further information, and contact the school on 0113 281 3302 if you are interested in applying.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

We continue to work closely with our Ward Councillors to address the ongoing issues in the village.

New and additional speed cameras are still being investigated but enforcement will always be an issue, as will traffic using the village as a cut through when there are problems on the surrounding major roads.

The Parish Council is just one voice to raise these issues, so it helps if you as individuals also report directly to the appropriate authorities, any concerns you have.

A 20mph limit around the school is still being discussed, and it appears that LCC are still intending to go ahead with introducing the 20mph restrictions and signage on every side street, despite the PC questioning the logic and expense, as most side streets are cul-de-sacs.

We ask everyone to be considerate when parking, especially around road junctions and where vehicles are already parked on the opposite side of the road as all of this can restrict movement through narrow parts of the village.

COMMUNITY CAFE



Come in we're
OPEN
Fri 10am - 3pm

Now in our fifth year, we are open on Fridays from 10am until 3pm serving a range of drinks, cakes and hot sandwiches. Everyone will receive a warm welcome as a group or alone. Bring the baby, bring the dog, bring a friend or neighbour or come on your own to make some new friends! Passing through or local ramblers and cyclists, are welcome to come in out of the cold.

We have WiFi connection and a machine for taking card payments, as so many of us have got used to paying this way now.

Although there are some regular helpers in the cafe, additional volunteers are always welcome, even if only an hour or so or baking a cake. With only 2 main helpers working every Friday we are vulnerable if one of us is away and we had to close all Summer in 2022 for this reason. If you would like to get involved why not pop in for a chat or email: aberfordcafe@gmail.com.

Follow us on Facebook facebook.com/aberfordcafe or keep an eye on the noticeboard for any special days.

BECKSIDE PLAY AREA

The site has required an amount of maintenance this year, which the Parish Council has to arrange and pay for. We were very pleased to be able to replace the roundabout with a new feature which we hope our younger residents are enjoying!



LEEDS FESTIVAL

The Leeds Festival went ahead in August. We had an increased allocation of subsidised tickets which all residents could apply for, with a draw to choose the lucky winners. We were able to allocate tickets to all who applied this time. Details of when and how to apply will be circulated once known via the Parish Council website and village notice boards and by a member of the Parish Council on social media sites.

Thanks to the work of a team of representatives, things seemed to be better controlled although communication regarding road closures was yet again a problem. We continue to work with our Ward Councillors and the Festival providers and hope that things will be even better this year.

The 2023 Leeds Festival is taking place on 25th –27th August and application for residents' tickets is now open. Please see the instructions for applying below:

1. Download and print an application form by clicking on the link on the Parish Council website
2. Post / deliver the completed application form to: The Parish Clerk, 1 Parlington Villas, Aberford, LS25 3EP
4. Ensure your application is received by the Parish Clerk no later than 16th April 2023.

Applications by email will not be accepted.

Please note the rules that apply to children this year.

Full details of requirements are shown on the application form.