



Autumn/Winter Newsletter 2022.

I would like to start this Newsletter with thanks for the wonderful work of the **NHS Staff** for all their hard and dedicated work over the last two years during Covid.

Hope everyone manages to get their flu and booster Covid injections to help keep them safe over the winter months.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY - This joint event by both Parish Councils was held on 25th September in the Village Hall. Many thanks to all the organisations who took part, to showcase all the activities we have to offer in both Villages. Drawings of the Village Hall by year 6 children from both Read and Simonstone Schools were on display, and a winner was chosen from each school by the Deputy Mayor. The two winning drawings will be framed and displayed in the VH. We were entertained by the Secret singers, the Easi-Beats and the dance group 7B. Donations for refreshments were given to Pendleside Hospice in Burnley, a total of £143.96 being raised. Thank you to all who took part, and those who supported this event.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Will be on **Sunday 13th November**, Church Service at 10.00 a.m. followed by the laying of poppy wreaths in the Church grounds, and then onto Simonstone for their service. I am sure everyone wishes Rev. Susan Ball a speedy recovery, and hope she will soon be well enough to take the Church services once again.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT SWITCH ON - Will be on **Friday 2nd December at 6.30 p.m.** on Church St Gardens, followed by children from Read School singing carols in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be served, so please come along and join us.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - We will once again be joining with Simonstone Parish Council for our Seniors (70 years and over) Xmas meal at the Higher Trapp on **Thursday 1st December at 12 noon**. We are requesting a £12 per person payment (non refundable) towards the cost of the two course meal and entertainment. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 26th & Friday 28th October at both the Village Hall & Con Club cafés (10 till 12 noon), or ring Marie (Read) on 01282 778270 or Stephen (Simonstone) on 07792528860. Places are limited, so please book early.

VILLAGE HALL – East View – has become a much used venue in the heart of the Village. Check out all the activities on offer on their Website and Notice Board. The Hall is also available for hire, for meetings, activities or celebrations. There is still outside work to be completed, and ongoing improvements to some areas of the Hall. It is a long term project, but has proved to be an invaluable asset to the Village.

TOTS & TEA - Is held in the Village Hall every Tuesday morning from 10 till 12 noon (term time). It is £3 per family and includes a drink and snack for the children, and a brew and biscuits for the adults. It is an ideal opportunity to meet parents, grandparents and carers for a chat whilst the children play. There is a wide variety of toys for the children to enjoy. Additional help running the group would be very welcome. If interested, please come along to see us in action any Tuesday morning.

COFFEE MORNINGS - We are very fortunate to have two coffee mornings each week. Wednesday's at the VH (East View) and Friday's at the Con. Club (Whalley Rd), serving, tea, coffee, toast and homemade cakes. They both run from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Come on your own or with a friend, you are assured of a warm welcome, If you have neighbour living alone, give them a knock and see if they will come with you for a coffee at one of the coffee mornings. Let's try and combat loneliness as we go into the winter months. Thanks to the volunteers who bake and serve at the Café's; without their help the Cafes would not be able to continue.

READSTONE ENVIRONMENT GROUP – Continue with their monthly litter picks in and around the Villages. Sadly each month still produces many bags of rubbish/litter that has been dropped or dumped. Please put litter in the bins provided or take it home and dispose of it in a safe, environmentally friendly way. The group have improved areas within both Villages, from grot spots into colourful areas for us all to enjoy. **Thermal Camera Home Survey** – offered by REG, who will come to your home, and using their thermal imaging camera, highlight areas where heat is being lost. To find out more email: readstoneinfo@gmail.com or ring 07779506499.

HOUSEHOLD BINS - We have had complaints from resident that some households are not taking their bins back into their property once they have been emptied. Could we please request that bins are not left out once emptied, and only put out the night before they are due to be emptied.

PARKING – Parking in and around the Village is an ever increasing problem, with many households having more than one car. Please park safely and legally; do not park on double yellow lines or obstruct pavements, backstreets or people's drives. Sufficient room must be left for prams or wheelchairs to pass. It is not safe for pedestrians to have to walk around vehicles into the road because vehicles are obstructing the pavement. Parking on the main road is making it difficult and dangerous for cars trying to come out onto Whalley Rd from the side streets. If reported to the police, vehicles causing an obstruction may be issued with a fixed penalty notice or removal. So please park with courtesy and consideration.

CHURCH STREET GARDENS - A picnic bench has been purchased by the Parish Council, and put in this area in celebration of the Queens Jubilee. We are making this area a pleasant place for people to sit and enjoy. Please do not use it as a dog toilet. We do not want to restrict dogs in this area, but if dog fouling continues, we will have no alternative but to enforce this. Please, always clean up after your dog.

PLAYGROUND – Some repair work has been completed on the playground. The gate from the playground into the field has been re-opened. Please, always close the gates onto the playground, and also note that dogs and bikes are not allowed in this area. Please also put litter into the bin provided. We would also request that the playground is not used by adults as a shortcut through to the Playing Field or Allotments.

AUTUMN PRUNING - This is a request we make each year, to ask that bushes are pruned so as not to cause problems for other people. The PC often receive complaints about plants/bushes overhanging onto roads, pavements and footpaths, which can cause a width restriction, making it difficult for prams, wheelchairs etc to get past. So please make sure your foliage is not causing a problem for members of the public.

THE PARISH COUNCIL – Meet on the first Wednesday of each month (except August and December) in the Hub Room at the VH, at 7 pm. The agendas for each meeting are displayed in the two Noticeboards, which are on Jubilee St and Straits Lane. Members of the public are welcome to come along, and an allotted time (15 minutes) is allocated in each meeting for questions from the public.

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