

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - UPDATE

In the previous newsletter, the need for a Neighbourhood Plan was explained. The Parish Council applied for the designation of Neighbourhood Area and this was subject to consultation in May/June. This area was to cover Loggerheads & Ashley and part of the rural area of the parish. The results of that consultation have been reviewed with the Borough Council and included proposals to both reduce the area and increase it. The Councils have agreed that it would be more appropriate to include the whole parish in the designated area so have made a new application which will be subject to consultation from 27 July until 24 August. A copy of the application statement and a map of the area being considered for designation can be viewed at www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning. Comments can be submitted by email to: neighbourhoodplanning@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you would like to get involved in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan then contact the Clerk. Help will be needed in a variety of ways, including organising workshops for residents, attending workshops to share your views on housing, local services, the local environment; and distributing leaflets throughout the designated area. This is your opportunity to make sure your views count and take part in helping to exert more control over planning decisions in the area.

The Council is setting up a **Steering Group** to help with the plan. If you are interested in joining, contact the clerk.

MAKE-OVER FOR KNIGHTON BUS SHELTER

The Parish Council recently awarded a grant to 2 church groups in the Mucklestone benefice - LOL and ID (year 6 to year 11) to get involved in art. 15 children attended a design workshop with Grega Greaves of Creative Arts North Staffs; they learned how to write their name in graffiti style and then worked on ideas for the shelter that reflected the local area. Grega put their ideas together to create the end product; flowers, the old railway line, a girl and the clock. Some of the children came to help paint the shelter which is now a great feature within the village.



Festival Week:

The week started with a Scarecrow trail with over 50 scarecrows on show; they were all magnificent. The winners will be featured on the noticeboard at the Co-op. Turner Hodgkiss Nature Reserve opened its doors and mammal traps and we all looked for Where's Welly...all 50 of them if you were observant. St Mary's School Summer Fair had the best of the weather. The energetic started the first of the week's dances off with a good old-fashioned Bop. The brave climbed St Marys Church Tower in Mucklestone for a stunning view on another glorious day and then joined the community songs of praise at St John's Church in Ashley. The Morris Dancers at The Peel brought some old English folk tradition even though the weather was poor. More than 90 players competed in the Rounder's Tournament at Hugo Meynell School; the winners, The B Men. Runners up; The Firefighters. Then it was the adults turn to try their hand at a Chinese Auction. (If you don't know what that is either, it is a combination of a raffle and an auction, great fun and a pie n' pea's supper did the Ashley WI proud.

Friday night gave us the Barn Dance; great energetic fun had by all...then the Ballroom & Latin dance night with star turns from locals Georgie and Dave Wakelin, dance teacher Ross Millar, some professional Ballroom dancers and some junior upcoming talent. The Festival week came to an end with the community walk & treasure hunt through the Burntwood to Park Hill Farm. The Mayor and Consort, Councillors Sandra and Trevor Hambleton joined intrepid walkers at the farm for a BBQ and pond dipping. The Scouts did an excellent job of litter picking the route after everyone had gone home.



Morris dancing at the Peel Arms, Ashley

Winning Scarecrows: Superhero, Olaf, and Little Bo Peep



Rounder's Champions



The B Men