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**THE LYCHGATE**



### **Brief notes from the parish council August '17**

- 1. The village hall committee is looking for a new chairman, vice chairman and bookings clerk.** Barry Maggs and Stuart Batson are stepping down after many years valuable of service to the village. If interested in helping, please contact Tanya Chapman, the secretary on [tigg66ertan@gmail.com](mailto:tigg66ertan@gmail.com) Our thanks to Barry and Stuart for all the time and effort involved.
- 2. Funding is underway for a defibrillator for the village.** It could be sited in the porch of the village hall or the porch of the pub.
- 3. Steven Massey, who is the local representative of the Bristol and Avon River Trust,** has been fully involved in ensuring the water quality of the village stream. His discussion with John Wainwright's is helping keep sediment out of the water-course from Mendip Farm to Stoke Lane slocker. The parish council will contact the environment agency to engage their backing in this on going project. Concerns about the flow into the East End pond are to be investigated
- 4. The parish is now the owners of the Millennium wood** and are seeking to set up a working group to manage the area. This involves coppicing, maintaining the paths and entrance gateways etc.
- 5. There will be a new dog waste bin** on the playing field. This is to be by the path to Field Close and will replace the one by the play area.
- 6. There is to be a new bench by the stream.** The bench at present by the bridge is only on loan, as the original memorial bench had collapsed.
- 7. Apologies** for the July notes in Lychgate that inadvertently gave incorrect details of the new bench for the churchyard. The bench that is to be set up in the burial ground is in memory of George and Jeanne Rolfe and donated by their son David and the family.
- 8. The note in July that stated the anonymous donation of £2000 was for the village Lychgate is also incorrect. The money is for the renovation of the playing field pavilion.** Our apologies for this error. The building is now in use. It has new showers and cloakroom areas, some new glazing, new pegs and benches, and new interior doors. Further funding is required to bring everything up to modern standards.

**9. The Mill Lane traffic access problems** are still under discussion with Somerset Highways. The authority will pay for signage and adaptations, but the options are not clear cut. It could be a "One Way, or No through Rd or Access Only" lane. It could be restricted by a barrier limiting cars etc. It however is likely to remain in the SatNav systems. Further discussion is necessary and SCC highways have yet to make a site visit.

**10. The trees on Moonhill Green** will be inspected by a tree surgeon. The parish council are not sure about the reported difficulties of access for emergency vehicles around the corner of the green.

**11.** The parish council's notice board required new glazing as the old Perspex sheet is discoloured. This will be carried out soon.

**12. The playground has had a safety check** and the report highlights the need to work on the gateways and fencing that are somewhat battered, the swing seats that are perished in places, and the slide where rust is evident on the uprights. The parish council will rectify these problems.

**13. John Sainbury is to resign from the parish council.** Our thanks to him for the time and energy he has given to village affairs. There will be official notices regarding the appointment of a new councillor on the notice board and website.

**14. Date of the next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**JOHN WAINWRIGHT'S** open afternoon in the village Hall is on 31<sup>st</sup> August from 3.30 -7.30. This is your chance to discuss the proposed development of three new tips and the next generation of quarrying in Stoke St Michael. Enquiries 01749 840274

**The VILLAGE DUCK RACE** is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2pm. Please come and enjoy this traditional family event. £1 a duck, cash prizes.

### **EAST MENDIP CHURCHES HERITAGE TRAIL**

**SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 11AM-4PM**

As part of the 2017 Ride & Stride Event twelve churches in the East Mendips will be open to welcome visitors, some serving refreshments. Cycle, walk, horse ride or drive between them (starting at any church). Free entry, donations welcome. Contact any of the churches for further information: Christ Church in Frome, Great Elm, Mells, Leigh on Mendip, Stoke St Michael, Cranmore, Batcombe, Upton Noble, Witham Friary, Nunney, Chantry and Whatley or Graham 01373 812889.