

The Mudford Newsletter – Winter Edition



MUDFORD VILLAGE HALL
www.mudfordvillagehall.org.uk



The Village Hall Committee have been working very hard this year to keep the aging hall in a good state of repair. Recently the boiler broke down, however the hard work of the Xmas lunch team resulted in a profit of around £350 which covered the cost of the repair. Well done to all!

The Committee are always looking for new members so if you have a little spare time, would like to make new friends & do something worthwhile for the community, please contact Jean Jones on 07855 989532, she would love to hear from you. Help is also needed on Thursday mornings at the extremely well attended Café, so if you fancy yourself as a 'Polly' or even 'Manuel' (Basil's need not apply) then once again, please get in touch (voluntary position). There will be no Thursday Café for the rest of the year (2019). Café resumes on 9th January 2020.

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL & CONTACTS

Tuesdays 10am-11am Movers & Shakers

Amanda Thornton (07590 555853)

Tuesdays 7pm-8pm Pilates

Taryn Monk (07791 373250)

Wednesdays 6pm – 9pm Dog Training Club

Jean Jones (07855 989532)

Thursdays Village Hall Café / Coffee Morning 10am – 12pm

Aileen Wilkinson (01935 850416)

Gardening Club – 1st Thursday of each month

Geoff Argent (01935 850507)

Mudford Walkers – Fortnightly (Wed & Thurs) 9am – 10/11am

A Memorial to Tommy David Wright

After hearing about the tragic loss of a young resident of Mudford, the Parish Council are purchasing a memorial bench to be placed on the playing field in memory of Tommy David Wright. His love for the village of Mudford and its surrounding countryside gave him peace, especially when out camping. The Parish Council will also be making a charitable donation in his memory. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.



As most people know, we are not doing a full-scale panto this year but we are planning to put on a fun-filled evening, with a local flavour. It is called **'THE LATE, LATE WASSAIL SHOW'** and will be a series of sketches and musical items, with plenty of panto-style humour, loosely tied to the theme of wassailing, apples, cider and all things Somerset. It is late because wassailing is traditionally done on Twelfth Night, or mid-January at the latest, and our show won't be happening until **Fri 7th & Sat 8th February at 7.00pm**. Tickets will be available early in the new year.

MUDFORD WALKERS

Walks take place at fortnightly intervals on Wednesdays and Thursdays. All walks will commence 9.00am from Mudford village hall car park unless otherwise specified. Please contact Geoff Argent on 01935 850507 for further details.



ST MARY'S CHURCH- CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sun 15th Dec

4pm

Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve

4pm

Christingle & Crib Services

Sunday 5th Jan 2020

11am

Epiphany Carol Service

Everyone is most welcome to attend any of our services and events. With occasional exceptions there is a service at 11am every Sunday. For further details, pop in to see us at the bookstall at the Thurs Café between 10am & 12 noon, or check out our website www.mudfordchurch.org.uk

PARISH NEWS

What to do with the Red BT Phone Box?

The Parish Council were informed by SSDC that BT are planning to remove the remaining 24 public phone boxes across South Somerset, if they not adopted by the community (at a cost of £1). At a recent meeting of the Parish Council it was put to the vote and unanimously agreed to adopt the red BT phone box. Now they want to know what **you** want to do with it? Common uses include housing a defibrillator or book lending library, but across the country they have been put to many different uses. Please email the Parish Clerk clerk@mudfordparishcouncil.gov.uk with your suggestions. Get your thinking caps on!

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Recycling News

Festive waste collections – recycling and rubbish, assisted pick-ups and clinical waste, but not garden waste, will be 2 days later after Christmas, including Friday collections on Sunday, and one day later after New Year. So, collections on Thu 26th Dec, will be on **Sat 28th Dec** & Thu 2nd Jan will be on **Fri 3rd Jan**.

There will be no garden waste collections from 24th Dec to 3rd Jan, resuming on 6th Jan 2020, however the Parish Council have arranged for a compound to be placed in the village hall car park (as for previous years) to recycle your Christmas Trees. The compound will be removed sometime in the week beginning 6th Jan, so please make sure you don't miss it!

Community Speedwatch Volunteers

Speeding continues to be the biggest challenge that the village of Mudford faces on a daily basis. A member of the Police speed enforcement unit attended a recent Parish Council meeting to hear resident's complaints & worries about crossing and living on the A359. Whilst he didn't have any instant solutions, he offered advice & support to the people present &, along with a PCSO from Yeovil, encouraged the village to start up (once again) a Community Speedwatch scheme. He explained that it was a very effective solution to speeding and the local PCSO would be willing to attend, to support the Community Speedwatch team & deal with any problems that arise.

The PC are now looking for volunteers to come forward to assess the viability of the scheme, training and equipment will be provided. But we need volunteers!

More information can be found at www.communityspeedwatch.org Please email the Parish Clerk if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.

Speed Camera Data – a report by Parish Councillor Phil Sargent

On the 28th November, the Parish Council meeting was extremely well attended by villagers, who were passionate to demonstrate their concerns to the Police enforcement officer, together with PCSO officer Natalie who kindly were in attendance, regarding the safety of residents, due to speeding vehicles through the village.

A suitable solution was hoped for, but a huge disappointment evolved as the Speed officer advised they had attended the village 17 times this year and Mudford did not have a speeding issue!!

It appears there are two options. Speedwatch or creating restrictions in the A359 to physically slow vehicles.

On the positive side, a proposal to place a Pelican traffic light system, coloured road surface at the current pedestrian crossing will be looked into. Also, "Gates" at the 30mph signs either end of the village. These create a visual boundary to the 30mph speed limit. Signage can be added to these, even flowers.

A fund of £5000 from SSDC/Highways which is believed the fund has been raised from speeding motorist's fines, can be applied for, to help road safety in our village. The Parish Council are currently working on the above.

The vehicle data collection sign at the top of the village has in the last 3 months recorded:

- Every hour of the day, maximum speeds from a number of vehicles are between 50 and 70 mph.
- Between 50% and 100% of vehicles every hour exceed the speed limit. Sundays, 61.6% of vehicles speed. During weekdays an average 54% of vehicles speed.
- In the last 3-month period, 292,400 vehicles travelled **down** through the village. 157,896 were in excess of the speed limit, or 52,632 a month, or 13,158 a week, or 1,880 a day!!!

Multiply these figures by 2 (to include vehicles travelling **up** the village) and the village does not have a vehicle speeding issue???

Please contact me, Phil Sargent sargp119@gmail.com with comments, reports of vehicle damaged or offers to run the speed watch. Any information will then be forwarded to the appropriate authority.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings usually take place on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm in the village hall, agendas are published on the village website www.mudfordparishcouncil.gov.uk a week in advance. Minutes of previous meetings are also available on the website, and at the village hall coffee mornings on Thursdays. All meetings start with a public, open session in which members of the public can take part. All residents are welcome to attend, please feel free to come along.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL CONTACTS

Julie Ferguson – Clerk (07783 475200, clerk@mudfordparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Stephen Bartlett – Chairman (01935 850161)

Tony Cavalier – Vice Chairman (01935 851076)

Phil Sargent (07971 812601)

Nick Lanigan (01935 412783)

June Lydon (01935 428821 - Mudford Urban)

Planning, tree warden, parish paths

Planning, highways, finance

Highways, parish paths, Cemetery caretaker

Planning, parish paths

Finance, communications & noticeboards

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS/ LOCAL GROUPS

Geoff Argent (01935 850507)

Jo Dalton-Leggett (07757865575, jhdaltonleggett@aol.com)

Rev Barbera (01935 850745, barberastanton@protonmail.com)

Mudford Walkers

Mudford Players & St Mary's Churchwarden

St Mary's Church