

Award Winning

Parish Post

Miserden, Whiteway, The Camp
Sudgrove, Edgworth

Summer 2016

The Heat is on for Miserden Residents

Biomass has come to our local area, and this radical project is now up and running. First mooted some two years ago in a letter to all residents of Miserden Estate, work began in earnest in early November 2015. Throughout the terribly wet and turbulent winter of 2015/16 the working force has battled away digging trenches for laying the hot water pipes. At the same time a large building has been erected to house the two impressive 320 kilowatt biomass boilers required to power the project. Woodchip primarily from Miserden Estate will fuel the biomass boilers, and the scheme will provide enough hot water and heating for most of Miserden Village.

Miserden Energy Limited, set up to manage and to run the scheme, has worked with Energy Innovations in respect of all aspects of building and establishing the facility. It is an exciting and even pioneering project in its scale and organisation. Existing oil-fired boilers in Miserden properties have been removed and replaced with a compact heating unit. Central heating will be maintained by the hot water produced and circulated from the biomass boilers. The overriding ambitions of the scheme are to reduce the carbon footprint of Miserden Village and to provide hot water to residents at a cost lower than the price of oil. A significant level of resilience has been built into the design of the project to eliminate any single points of failure. This is something that was important for Miserden Estate to give reassurance to those being connected to the scheme. In addition to running two twin biomass boilers there is also a supporting oil-fired boiler, dual pumps on the system and a very large buffer vessel to act as a heat battery.



In late April 2016 the first properties were connected, and it is hoped that the project will be completed by July. The weather has not been the only challenge for the responsible team; the scale of the project has been quite awesome. Inevitably it has meant that at times Miserden has not been able to present itself as attractively as is usual. However, the team has worked hard to both contain disruption and to make good unavoidable damage to gardens and working areas.

An added benefit of the scheme is the use of the biomass trenches to distribute a fibre optic broadband network throughout the village of Miserden. Unfortunately Miserden is not due to be connected to the Gigaclear networks being installed in neighbouring areas, and Miserden Estate has therefore been working separately with Voneus to finance and roll out an independent broadband network. In addition to heating and broadband, the water mains supplying Miserden have also been updated.

Oliver Cooper, Agent for the Miserden Estate, added the following; "The District Heating Scheme in Miserden brings pioneering renewables technology to traditional heritage property on a scale not previously undertaken in Britain. Miserden is already one of the most beautiful villages in the Cotswolds, but now with green energy, fibre broadband and 4G connectivity it can remain a vibrant and active community".

Let us hope that the heat is now off as far as disturbance and disruption are concerned, and that the heat is very much on for the future comfort of Miserden residents.

Alan Lord

Whiteway May Festival and Plea for Singers

Once again the Colony Hall was decked inside and out with beech branches, cherry blossom and spring flowers, continuing the Whiteway tradition that was begun in 1921. Natasha Newman was crowned Queen of the May by Ruby Knowles.

By custom, the May Queen was a girl aged about 10, who lived on Whiteway. The dress she wore was a long Grecian-style robe of white silk, with a long pale green silk train. Perhaps this is a reference to the fact the month of May is named in honour of the goddess Maia, originally a Greek mountain nymph. A crown, which rose up at the front, was also passed down from year to year. A crown, robes and photographs from the Festival, which lapsed in the 1950s, are preserved at Gloucester Folk Museum and can be viewed on request.

The Festival was rekindled by myself, Bridget Knowles and Jacky Hawker in 2008. A key element is a telescopic May pole, kindly made for us by Alan Evans. Today the Queen of the May can also be a grandchild of a Colonist who does not live on the Colony. There is also precedent, from folk tradition, for May Kings.

This year a collection of nearly £200 was made in aid of the Colony Hall Restoration Fund. Thank you to all who helped with the preparation, teas and music, and to those who came to the Festival. It was a lovely day, which brought all generations together, both in the preparation and the event itself.

Anyone who would like to be involved in the Festival next year, or with developing a traditional seasonal songs singing group, please contact me (email:sheila.ely@btinternet.com)

Sheila Ely



Village Emergency Telephone System – VETS

Defibrillators are now installed in the Whiteway, Camp and Miserden telephone boxes and operate under the auspices of the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT). CHT now provides an additional service to help villages install and run a Village Emergency Telephone Service, or VETS.

A third of all 999 calls are from lone rescuers, so getting help to them quickly is important. VETS is a community-run system, and enables up to 10 neighbours to be called to assist pending the arrival of the emergency services. Each Community is given a single number to ring after the 999 call has been made. The number then 'hunts' the numbers of up to ten local volunteers who have agreed to be contacted in the event of any emergency. When a volunteer answers the 'hunt' ceases.

The dispersed nature of our Parish would require the service to be separately available in Whiteway, Miserden and Camp. The annual cost of the three services would be in the region of £300 per year which would be met by the Parish Council.

Before exploring the Service further the Parish Council would like to seek the views of the residents to establish whether there is sufficient interest to proceed.

If you think that the service would be of value, and you would be willing to take part by acting as a volunteer, please contact your local Parish Councillor or e-mail the Parish Clerk on Clerk.miserdenpc@hotmail.co.uk.

Parish Profile

Kathleen & Rowland Holtham

Kath and Rowley celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary in September this year. Despite Rowley's doubts as to how interesting their story might be for this first Parish Profile, I spent a fascinating time with them at Whitehart Cottage talking to them about their lives and memories.

Rowley was born in Sudgrove, Kath in Pool Keynes near Cirencester. Rowley's father worked for the Ractliffe family on Sudgrove Farm until he moved to work on Miserden Estate driving lorries for the then building department of the Estate. Rowley was one at the time. Since then, apart from five years around 1970 when Rowley left his forestry job on Miserden Estate to work for Lord Bathurst at Cirencester Park, Rowley has lived at Whitehart Cottage in Miserden. Kath and Rowley met at Winstone Youth Club, and were married on 10th. September 1966 in Winstone Church; their reception was held in Miserden Village Hall. In 1971 their daughter Sally was born who now lives at Water Edge Farm on the border of Whiteway and Cranham. Around 1980 Rowley was appointed as Head Forester on Miserden Estate. Prior to meeting and marrying Rowley Kath worked as a childminder looking after the two children of Dr. Coffey and his wife in Bourton. Since living in Miserden Kath has undertaken several positions including housekeeping for Major Wills at Miserden Manor and looking after Miserden Village Hall.



What do you like most about living in this area?

Both Kath and Rowley love the rural life, and even found their time living in Cirencester difficult to adjust to. "Miserden and its surrounding areas are so lovely".

There is nothing that either of them feel they strongly dislike about living here. Occasionally Kath gets frustrated with walkers depositing their sticks around the Village.

What has changed most for you over the years in the Parish?

Miserden has changed over the years according to both Kath and Rowley. They both feel that the Village has "lost some of its real family atmosphere of old; a lot of the community spirit has vanished". Yet both would hate to see too much development spoiling the beauty and the character of the Parish.

How do you like to relax?

Both Kath and Rowley enjoy their garden; according to Kath "Rowley is the planter, and I am the weeder". They both love listening to brass band music, and Rowley particularly likes genuine organ music. Rowley recalls happy days ringing the bells, one large and one small, for St. Andrew's Church in years gone by. They have had many memorable cruise holidays taking in such destinations as Turkey, Greece and Spain. Most years they try to arrange a break in Scotland.

What do you like to eat and drink?

Rowley enjoys a beer, Kath rarely drinks anything but soft drinks these days although she has always been fond of a glass of wine. They describe themselves as fans of "meat and two veg", but are very comfortable with a Chinese occasionally. However, Indian food is off the menu because as far as Rowley is concerned it is "much too hot".

All these years on, peacefully and contentedly living in their charming cottage with their dog Angus, Kath and Rowley seem to reflect so much about what is good in Miserden and around the whole Parish. And to bring this Profile to a touching finish I would just highlight that Rowley's wish is that he "can stay in Miserden and be buried here at the Church".

Alan Lord

Whiteway Colony Hall - A Brief History Part 2

The part of the Hall that now forms the kitchen and library was added on to the end of the main Hall shortly after construction of the main Hall. It formed the base of the school that ran on Whiteway Colony from 1920 to 1936. The shelving that remains in the library was presumably made on Whiteway Colony and relates to this use. When the building was used at Cranham the rooms within what is now the Hall and the veranda were lit by electric light and had radiators¹. At Whiteway the Hall was initially lit by oil lamps. This method of lighting was later up-graded to acetylene gas, which was manufactured in a timber hut behind the Hall². The Hall was heated by a coke-fired stove³. This may mean the schoolroom, rather than the Hall.

The Hall was in constant use during the week by various groups for folk dancing, ballroom dancing, whist drives, WEA lectures, gramophone recitals, tea dances and sales of work. Lectures were given on Science, Philosophy, Art, Biography, Theosophy, Spiritualism, Esperanto and Einstein's Theory of relativity amongst others. Collections were taken at these events in aid of the completion of the Hall.

The Colonists entertained in the Hall parties of non-Colonists, often groups from the local Labour parties, Co-operative societies, Trades Unions and Adult Schools. These parties numbered from 20 to 80 people. They were given a meal consisting of Whiteway bread and cake, homemade jam and homegrown salads. The profit resulting from the sale of the teas was used for the general Colony expenses fund.

Famous Associations

It is likely that the famous poet James Elroy Flecker (born 1884 – died 1915) was treated at the Cotswold Sanatorium in 1910⁴. His poem called '**Ship, An Isle a Sickle Moon**', mentions the woods at Cranham.

The Hall as a Home for Refugees

Because of the initial essentially Tolystoyan inspiration⁵, for the founding of the community of Whiteway in 1898 the community was perhaps more politically aware and outward-looking than contemporary small local settlements. Nellie Shaw, in her book, '**A Colony on the Cotswolds**', which was published in 1935, stated that 'Whiteway was thoroughly cosmopolitan and international'. She went on to say 'The first few years we had French, Danish, Italian, Czech and Russian: later on, Dutch and Belgian, and more latterly Bulgarian, West Indian and Somali were added to us. As visitors we had Hindu, Persian and Zulu.'⁶



Building the Colony Hall.
Some of those helping are Jeannie, Salah, Elfie and Fred Charles, with Dods and Rhoda seated in front.

Refugees

From 1939 for a period of two years the Hall provided a home for a group of nine Spaniards who were Republican refugees from the Spanish Civil War. The schoolroom was used as their sleeping quarters, while the hall was used as living space. They grew vegetables on the south side of what is now the car park. The men worked locally and were well received, most subsequently integrating in Gloucestershire. The schoolroom remained as living quarters after the Spaniards left. The first non-Spanish occupant painted the outside of the Hall as payment for its use, and others became caretakers. The Hall was occupied in this way until 1945.⁷

The Responsibilities Associated with the Hall

In her book ***A Colony on the Cotswold***, that was printed in 1935, its author Nellie Shaw observed the following in relation to the Hall: 'True enough it is that property brings responsibility, and the hall, which is the property of the whole Colony, is a continual source of expense. It has to be insured against fire, kept in repair, a caretaker has to be paid to keep it clean and repair it for use in the evenings. All this means money, so all adults who use the hall are supposed to pay a weekly sum not less than 3d per week for its upkeep, and the Colony expenses generally. It is to this fund that the profits from teas are devoted, and prove a not inconsiderable item in the treasurer's accounts'.

Sheila Ely - February 2016

¹ British sanatoria for the open-air treatment of tuberculosis: with numerous illustrations (reprinted with additions and alterations from the "West London Medical Journal")

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² Information from Joy Evans 2015

³ Thacker, J., P113 *Whiteway Colony* 1993

⁴ <https://books.google.co.uk/books>

⁵ Based on the equality between all men and non-land ownership, see Thacker 1993

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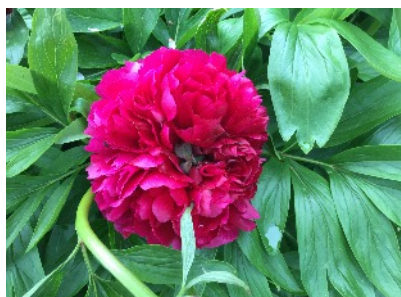


*Colony Hall with Schoolroom to the right, completed.
Today it has no skylights.*

Editor's Pitch

So here we are well into this Summer, and let's hope that it will be a glorious one after the atrocious winter that we endured drenched and windswept. It has been a remarkable time around the Parish during the past few months, and this Parish Post for Summer 2016 I hope reflects so much of what has been happening. It certainly has been an interesting experience bringing together all the contributions; many thanks to all those who have submitted articles.

*New additions for this issue, which we hope to feature regularly, include gardening tips for the time of year, and Parish Profile which sets out to put the spotlight on you. We hope that some of you might be brave enough to put yourselves forward for this; if not you might find us knocking on your door! This is your Parish Post so please let us have your opinions, stories and photographs in order to make each edition truly representative of local life and events. Email - **editor.parishpost@hotmail.co.uk** or Telephone either Hugh on **821872** or Alan on **821829**. Deadline for copy and ideas for the next edition Autumn 2016 will be **15th. August 2016**.*



My Little Peony



A Pansy For Your Thoughts



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Church Cleaning

Have you a spare 1-2 hours/week for one month of the year to come on the Church cleaning rota?

We are getting low on volunteers and any additional help would be appreciated. The duties are very light – dusting, vacuuming and general tidying up - whatever you feel like doing, for just one month annually. All cleaning materials are provided. If you would like a friend to share the month, that is fine.

If interested please ring:

Emma Hardyment 01285 821598 or

Sandra Mogg 01285 821728

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To Book the Hall ring Pippa Lord on 01285 821829

Gardening Tips For You - Summer 2016

This first in a new series by Sue Spielberg offers advice on those things that you should be taking on to present your gardens at their most attractive for the time of the year.

JUNE

- *Prune spring shrubs, such as forsythia, kerria and ribes, soon after they have finished flowering. To maintain the flowering display from year to year, as well as keep the shrub at a manageable size, cut out all flowered stems back to fresh young growth. It is also beneficial to cut one or two of the oldest, woodiest branches right out at the base. Always feed, water well and mulch after hard pruning.*
- *Sow biennials (those that germinate one year, flower the next, then die). Evening primroses (*Oenothera biennis*), forget-me-nots, foxgloves, honesty (*Lunaria biennis*) and sweet rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*) will all provide nectar for bees and other pollinating insects.*
- *Regularly hoe flower borders and vegetable beds to keep down weeds.*
- *When all risk of frost has passed plant out squashes, courgettes, French and runner beans, sweetcorn and tomatoes.*
- *Clip box hedges and box topiary specimens.*

JULY

- *Make the most of your vegetable garden by sowing autumn and winter crops once space becomes available. For example, once the early potatoes and broad beans have been harvested, sow French beans, parsley, beetroot, chard, spinach beet and Florence fennel. Sowing maincrop carrots now will also be far less susceptible to carrot root fly.*
- *Cut out the canes of summer-fruited raspberries as soon as they are over.*
- *Refresh your borders by cutting back the foliage and spent flowerheads from delphiniums, lupins, hardy geraniums and lady's mantle (*Alchemilla mollis*). Give their roots a thorough soaking, and young green growth will soon fill out and cover the ground.*
- *Tie in the growth of climbing plants.*
- *Cut down mint to encourage a fresh supply of young leaves.*
- *Regularly dead-head annuals, perennials and roses to prolong the display. Leave any that are being grown for their attractive hips or seed-heads.*

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- Towards the end of the month once the danger of disturbing nesting birds is past, trim beech and other native deciduous hedges.

AUGUST

- Trim evergreen hedges such as yew, holly, *Lonicera nitida* and conifers. If you delay too long, new growth could be damaged by frost.
- Summer prune the long whippy shoots of wisteria, cutting back to five or six leaves.
- Take semi-hardwood cuttings from a wide variety of plants, including container subjects such as pelargoniums, feliicias, fuchsias and argyranthemums, as well as Mediterranean shrubs and herbs, such as artemisia, lavender, rosemary, thyme and sage. They will make strong plants better able to withstand cold conditions if rooted and potted up by October or November and grown on under glass.
- Take photos and note down any changes you want to make to your borders while the plants are still there to remind you. This saves valuable time come the autumn, which is traditionally the best time to edit and improve your borders.

SEASONAL STAR PLANT

Geranium 'Rozanne'.

If I want highlights of colour towards the front of a border, there is no better plant than this. From June until October it makes a lowish dome of about 1m (3ft) wide, and is scarcely without its bluish-mauve flowers. Bees and butterflies love it too. Definitely a desert island plant!

Sue Spielberg



Useful Opening Hours

Misarden Park Gardens:

Open April to October, Tuesdays to Thursdays from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Miserden Nursery:

Sundays: 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Mondays: Closed (Open Bank Holidays).

Tuesdays to Saturdays: 9.30am to 5.30pm.

Miserden Stores:

Summer Hours - Mondays to Saturdays 8.30am to 5.00pm.

Sundays 9.00am to 11.00am.

Miserden Texels At Sudgrove

An horrendously wet winter did nothing to enhance sheep farming nor lambing. Ewes that should have been out at grass until the middle of February were installed in the sheds just after Christmas as we couldn't get machinery out to the fields to feed them without leaving great craters in the soil. From the ewe's point of view it simply means restricted exercise, and from ours a lot more work with the waitress service. Meanwhile the young rams left out to rough it searched out the higher ground, and some of them found it! Lambing itself was good in parts; some disasters and other miracles, but that is livestock for you.

The cold winds through March brought their toll of mastitis, sore teats and rejected lambs because ewes were too sore to feed them, but most were rescued and continued feeding on bottles. This brought far more work than usual, but hopefully we can now look forward to some warm weather and all sheep happy in the fields.



As most people in the village will be aware, we've had a new arrival at Lypiatt, the phone mast. A bit like Marmite, you either love it or hate it, although there is little we can do about it either way. Aubrey hates it with a passion, but whingeing about it does slightly intersperse his moans about the weather. I don't feel strongly one way or the other, although I do feel slightly overlooked as it is the first thing that I see when I open the bedroom curtains. I just try to remember to get some clothes on before I open them!

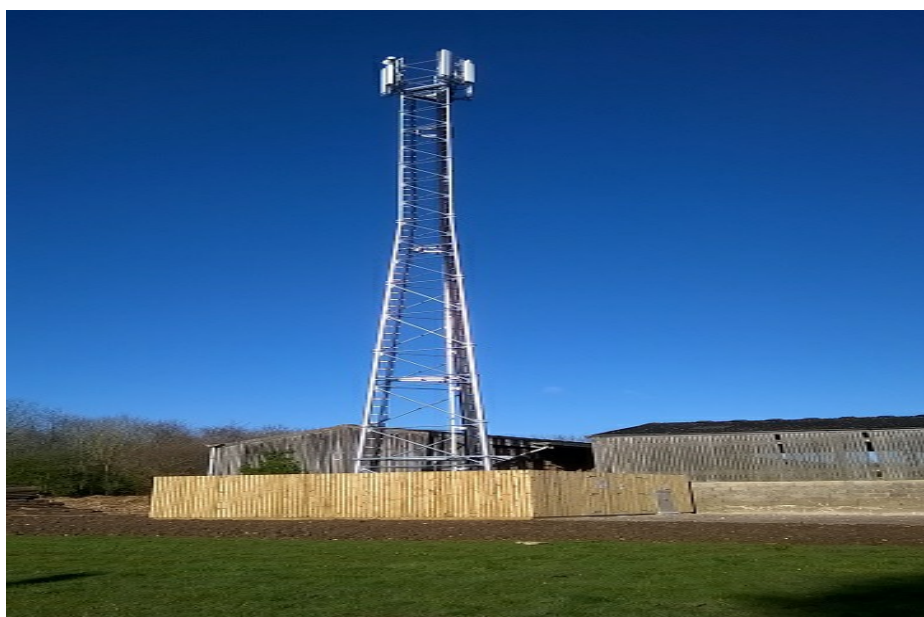
I feel, as a structure, it is quite striking. Looked at from the road to Sudgrove, with a slate grey sky behind it, which we have seen far too often, sunlight against the metal makes it most attractive. Perhaps it is Miserden's answer to The Gherkin!

Parish Council Meeting Dates

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| 2016 | 18 th . July, 25 th . August (if needed),
22 nd . September, 27 th . October, 24 th . November and 22 nd . December. |
| 2017 | 26 th . January, 23 rd . February, 23 rd . March and 27 th . April. |

I also feel I have gone up a notch in my middle grandson's eyes. As far as Wilfred is concerned the structure is "Granny's rocket launcher"; far more interesting a description than just a mobile phone mast. I am almost on a par with their grandfather now. All our grandchildren think Grandpa is wonderful; he has a quad bike, a tractor and a JCB, all of which are great fun to ride on. But walks with Granny and the dogs hold a new interest as they usually pass the "rocket launcher" and Granny is now looked at in a different light!

Sue Andrews



Miserden Stores - Meet The Team

Hello, we are Jonathan, Laura and Daisy Cobb. We took over the running of Miserden Stores and Post Office last November. The past six months have been really enjoyable thanks to our customers and the beautiful location.

We provide locally sourced grocery produce, meat and baked goods as well as tins of beans, jars of coffee, alcohol and convenience goods. Our Post Office is open seven days a week as is our very popular Dry Cleaning service. We have available daily fresh coffee, cakes from the Miserden Bakery, sandwich rolls, salads and ice creams. Hot food is also available such as toasted sandwiches, bacon rolls and pies.

We look forward to many happy years of serving you, our customers, and to being part of such a thriving and supportive community. Please feel free to pop by and say 'hi'!
(For full opening times see Page 9 of this Parish Post)



Wishanger Country Kitchen

Well readers let us hope Summer is here at last, and I have two recipes for dining in the great outdoors. June Punch, I have used this punch since 1967 and it is a lovely party piece; Lamb's Liver Pate served chilled with mixed salad.

June Punch

There is no need to use branded names for this punch, the cheaper ones are just as good. It is the syrup that blends everything together. Serves 12.

Ingredients

1 bottle gin
1 bottle medium sherry
2 bottles white wine, preferably Sauterne
1.5 large bottles of fizzy lemonade
1 cup brandy
A quarter to a half pint of syrup (4oz sugar to $\frac{3}{4}$ pint water)

Method

Make the syrup with the sugar and water boiling together until a clear syrup is there – cool. In a large jug or bowl blend together all ingredients including the chilled syrup but not the lemonade – it is best to add this just before serving. Add a sprig of mint and a little sliced orange and chill. Drink on a warm evening in the garden and enjoy.

Lambs Liver Pate

Ingredients

1lb lambs liver
1 medium onion
1 garlic clove
8oz minced unsmoked bacon
8oz minced pork
1 tsp ground nutmeg
2tbsp white wine
2tbsp brandy
Fresh ground pepper

Method

Preheat oven to 140 degrees
Finely mince the liver, onion and garlic and combine with the rest of the ingredients. Season with black pepper to taste.
Turn into a loaf tin, seal with foil and place in a bain marie (large roasting tin with water) and cook for 2 to 2.5 hours.
Cool in tin. When cold turn out onto a plate and chill
Serve with green salad and crispy new bread.

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Let's all enjoy this Summer with easy food and good company.

J.P.M.S. Wishanger

News From Your Village Agent

Many of you will know that I worked shortened hours earlier this year due to my father's illness and sad death. I would like to thank so many of you for your support and kind comments over this painful time. Always a difficult time, it has been inspirational to feel that support from the community and the empathy of others.

So, now to news and there has been a lot going on around Gloucestershire. A big event took place in early June at Pittville Park in Cheltenham to mark **Carers Week**. Carers in the County during 2015 saved the local economy an incredible **£540 million!** If you are one of the 63,000 unpaid carers and are not already in touch with Carers Gloucestershire I do urge you to contact them. In addition to providing information, advice, support in the form of groups, days out, counselling and a bespoke support line, they also provide the **"Positive Caring Programmes"**. These are free local sessions giving carers the opportunity to meet other carers in similar circumstances to gain and to share knowledge and information

Most of our local charities which focus on physical and mental health conditions will also offer more specific information to support you as a carer.

Carers Gloucestershire - telephone 01452 386283;
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Parish Council News

ELECTION:- Following the recent election it is my pleasure to welcome Jo Tait as a member of the Parish Council. Jo has lived in Whiteway for around a year. She loves living there, attends Colony meetings and is also a Library volunteer. I hope Jo will enjoy her new role as a Parish Councillor.

I want to thank Joanna Senior for her service to the Parish Council over many years, and to wish her well in her new post. Joanna has agreed to keep us informed of any issues which directly affect the community at Bidfield.

PARISH ASSEMBLY:- This year the Assembly was held in Miserden Village Hall with over thirty people in attendance. Local news and issues were discussed in an informal manner, and I think I can say that it was enjoyed by all. As a result of the discussions it is obvious that more clarification is needed as to the use of the defibrillators. In due course we will publish a step-by-step guide which I hope will give us all the confidence to respond appropriately should the need arise.

The poor condition of local roads and the B4070 were discussed. A very good idea was put forward for identifying really deep potholes, and I will ensure that this and other suggestions are put to Highways at the next appropriate meeting that I attend.

The second part of the Parish Assembly welcomed Pete Bradshaw from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust who gave a fascinating illustrated talk about rare species in the County. We learned about the Large Blue butterfly, which is not actually that large, the Duke of Burgundy and the Marsh Fritillary butterflies as well as the parasites which prey on the caterpillars. Other rare species covered included Red Kites, Roman Snails and Great Crested Newts. Once common Whiteclawed Crayfish are now almost extinct as a result of the introduction from America of the Signal Crayfish. Pete finished his excellent presentation by informing us that he was leaving his current post to take on the running of The Daneway. Everybody at the Meeting wished him well, and I am certain that all our Parish Post readers will do so as well.

Martin Ractliffe
Chairman

Calling All Photographers

The Parish Council is making progress towards the creation of a new website.

A photograph is required to front the website, and we would like to invite local photographers to submit entries for consideration. These will be looked at by the Parish Council and a selection made. A modest prize will be presented by the Parish Council to the successful entrant.

Specifications for submitted photographs are as follows:-

Any picture above 3 mega pixels in size which can be cropped to make it twice as long as it is wide.

Entries to be submitted by Email no later than **31st. July 2016** to **clerk.miserdenpc@hotmail.co.uk.**

Parish Council Meetings

These are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. All members of the Parish are welcome to attend.

Participation is at the discretion of the Chairman. **(See Parish Council Meeting dates on Page 10)**

Planning Applications

Plans of any applications for property in this Parish may be viewed by appointment with the clerk. 01285 821871

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