Dates for Your Diary

We will once again be holding our regular litter pick and coffee morning on 7th September.

Please come and join us for the litter pick at 10am at the garage and afterwards for a coffee; the more the merrier. If you would like to help, please bring along some robust gloves; all other equipment will be provided.

You are all invited to join us for the Grand Opening of the pavilion on Saturday, 14th September between 12pm and 4.30pm. There will be stalls, ice creams, donkey rides, b-b-q, cream teas and much, much more. Come along and join in the family fun. Don't forget to bring your own picnic.

For more information, look out for the posters in this magazine and around the village.

Defibrillator

The Parish Council have purchased another defibrillator for the village, and this will be situated on the new pavilion. We would like to thank HeartStart for kindly donating a 'Bleed Kit' to go with the new defibrillator, and we would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to the Gardening Club for their generous donation towards the defibrillator.

Keep an eye out for more information in the magazine as the Parish Council will be organising a training session in conjunction with HeartStart on how to use the defibrillator. This will be open to residents on a first come, first serve basis as spaces will be limited.

Speedwatch

Thank you to all our volunteers who help support the Speedwatch sessions. There are ten volunteers who assist with the regular Speedwatch sessions in the village. If you are interested in joining the Speedwatch team, please let us know.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Protect your home from crime. Burglars are often opportunistic thieves. They seek out any opening that they can take advantage of, specifically doors and windows that are left open or unlocked or are easy to force. Anything of value that they might spot through a window will only spur them on. But it really doesn't take much to deter these thieves – just smart thinking.

- Don't leave packaging from expensive items outside your front door. Burglars target homes that they think will contain valuables.
- Don't leave doors unlocked or windows open. Properties are a prime target especially in hot weather.
- Don't advertise the fact that you are going, or are, on holiday on social media sites.
- Secure your sheds and garages. Do not leave them unlocked.

If you are witness to any incident, it is important for you to report it <u>directly</u> to the police by telephoning the numbers listed below. Any reports given will be dealt with in confidence and your details will not be divulged. Also, you will receive an incident/crime number. Unfortunately, the Parish Council cannot report incidents to the police on your behalf as it would be considered as hearsay (third-party reporting).

For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: www.police.uk. If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime, then it is <u>imperative</u> that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.

Parish Council meetings are held in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every month with the exception of August and December. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7pm.** Parish Council meetings are open to the press and public, so residents are welcome to come along and listen to what we have to say. There is also a short public session at the beginning of every Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

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