King's Coronation Celebrations

The Parish Council is organising a Village Picnic to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III on Sunday, 7th May from 1pm. We would like to bring the village together for an afternoon of fun and entertainment for all age groups.

Please bring your own picnic.

There will be a variety of stalls, a tombola, cream teas, hot dogs, face painting, live music and donkey rides. Come and join in the games! Take part in the races which are open to all ages.

Don't forget to enter the competitions! Again, these are open to all ages and the categories are:

- The Best Decorated Wheelbarrow followed by a wheelbarrow race
- The Best Crown. These will be judged by the King and Queen, of course!
- Celebration Cake. Make a majestic cake fit for a coronation.
- Tug-o-War. Adults only for this one. We need teams of 6 to enter.

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** all the village organisations who have offered to help out, man stalls or donate equipment. However, we still need help. If anyone is willing to volunteer on the day, we would really appreciate your support.



Allotments

Thank you to everyone who came along to our allotment holders meeting on 11th March. It was lovely to catch up with everyone and we do appreciate you giving up your Saturday morning.

Do you want to grow your own vegetables? If so, why not have an allotment! For more information, please contact Terry Harper on 824537 or Sarah Moore, Parish Clerk, on 822455.

Sheep Worrying

It has come to light that there has been an increase in attacks on sheep by dogs in the area. Please can we ask all dog owners to keep their dogs on leads and under control when entering fields which have livestock in them; this includes the park land for Montacute House. It is an offence under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 to allow your dog to worry sheep on agricultural land, and owners can face fines of up to £1,000 as well as a jail term of six months if your dog is caught off lead around farms and worrying livestock.

CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

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 imperative 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

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 19**th **April 2023 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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Montacute Village Emergency Plan

The Parish Council has compiled an Emergency Plan for the village. This Plan sets out what potential risks could affect our village and its residents. These could be:

- A pandemic
- Flooding
- Loss of Power
- Ice/Snow

Every single person in the village is important!

We need to look after each other especially the vulnerable members of our community.

We need your help!

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help their neighbours/community.

This could be in the form of:

- A point of contact be part of the 'Telephone Tree'. Be someone on the other end of the telephone to raise the alarm to those in authority or to get other volunteers to help
- Carry out deliveries groceries or prescriptions.
- Provide transport this could be for doctors/dentist appointments.
- Spread grit on the pavements in icy weather.

The possibilities are endless!

If you are willing to help with, please contact either Christine Saint, Chair of the Council or Sarah Moore, Parish Clerk. Contact details are listed in the front of the magazine.