

Walshes

Community Partnership News

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Welcome

As we begin our summer of celebrating the Jubilee and Olympics the Walshes Community Partnership has good news for people in this area. The Community Centre is to be redecorated inside and out, and we will have a new floor, it already has a new boiler so the Hall is to be greatly improved. The name is also changing to the Walshes Community Hall, which reflects the name that many still use of Tenant's Hall. We will be having a memorial to Eric Maggs in recognition of the work he did, and also the Walshes History Project will have a permanent display. This means that we will have a Hall in which we can celebrate the past as well as the present and remember that this is a good place to live. People have lived full and happy lives here, and continue to do so. We are having a Diamond Jubilee Party at the Hall in June and you will find more details in this newsletter.



There is still hard work to do make the Hall viable for the future, but we have started this task and Wyre Forest Community Housing has given permission for the redecoration and renaming so there is plenty to feel positive about.

Other things we have been doing include supporting the Youth Club and bringing together health professionals to look at health provision in the area.

So good news all round from the Walshes Community Partnership working together to make this place a great place to live.

M. Turner

Walshes Community Hall Action Group

Walshes Community Hall Action Group Present: **Walshes Jubilee Party**
SATURDAY 9TH JUNE 3-5PM AT WALSHES COMMUNITY HALL

STREET PARTY STYLE REFRESHMENTS
ENTERTAINMENT
I REMEMBER WHEN... BRING YOUR OLD WALSHES PHOTOGRAPHS
RAFFLE - £1 PER STRIP
ROYAL QUIZ
WEAR SOMETHING RED, WHITE AND BLUE

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE CONTACT
JULIA WHALE ON 01562 732345

The Walshes Community Hall Action Group have been working hard to secure funding to hold a Jubilee Party and a Local History Project.

The group are organising the Jubilee Party for Saturday 9th June from 3pm-5pm. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee at Walshes Community Hall. The event has been funded by Wyre Forest District Council.

Booking is essential, so call Julia Whale on 01562 732345 to secure your tickets as places are limited.

The group also successfully applied for funding through the Monday Night Group, a local theatrical organisation whose profits from their annual pantomimes at Stourport's Civic Hall are donated to local projects in Wyre Forest. The funding will pay for 4 sessions to be held at The Walshes Community Hall for local residents to come along with their photos and stories of the Walshes and create a series of photo boards that will become a permanent feature of the Hall.

Keep an eye on the website www.thewalshes.weebly.com and the local shops for more information on the History Project

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ARELEY KINGS' GOT TALENT 2012

HEATS Ages 7-11, Friday 28th September 6:30pm at St. Bartholomew's Primary School
 Ages 12-17, Friday 5th October 6:30pm at Areley King's Village Hall

FINAL Friday 12th October 6:30pm at Areley Kings Village Hall

★ Do you live in Areley Kings or The Walshes?
 ★ Are you aged between 7 and 17?
 ★ Have you got talent? Can you sing, dance, perform magic or play an instrument?
 ★ Entry forms can be collected at St. Bartholomew's Primary School, Queens Road Store, Londis, Taylor's, Areley Kings Village Hall or visit www.thewalshes.weebly.com
 ★ All participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
 Please contact John on 01299 821480 or Julia on 01562 732345 for more details

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TCC Update

We are really disappointed to have to report that the trees planted in Ernely Close last year have been vandalised.

What makes this particularly sad is that the trees were requested by the late Eric Maggs who was particularly passionate about improving the local environment. The Tenants Consultative Committee, chaired by Eric, funded the project in 2011 through the Community Development Budget.

We really hope that this doesn't happen with similar environmental improvements planned for the area.

We all have a responsibility to look after our living space so if you see any damage being caused please report it.



It's time to show domestic abuse the red card!

Figures show that during football tournaments, the number of reported domestic abuse and alcohol related incidents rise, with alcohol playing a major part.

We know that violence in the home can increase dramatically at such times and with Euro 2012 just around the corner, residents suffering domestic abuse are being asked to speak out.

We want everyone to enjoy the tournament and that includes ensuring people are free of the fear of violence. Domestic abuse is a serious crime and nobody should have to put up with it.

Nationally, domestic abuse is a crime that is widely underreported and Worcestershire is no exception. Domestic abuse is not an inevitable part of life, but many men, women and children are understandably worried about what could happen if they speak out. However, the support available could make their lives so much better.

Residents can report abuse in confidence by contacting their local police station, or in an emergency by phoning 999.

For confidential information, support and advice, they can phone the **free 24 hour helpline 0800 980 3331** or visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wfada.

For further information about the Worcestershire Forum Against Domestic Abuse, please contact Ros Walker on 01905 822357.

Cleaner, Safer, Greener Update

At the last meeting of the Cleaner Safer Greener Partner Group concern was raised regarding youths congregating in front of the shops in Queens Road, specifically on the wall at the end of the parade.

A possible solution would be to remove the wall to deter youths from loitering in the area. We have asked residents in close proximity for their views, but feel it is important to get as much feedback as possible before any decision is made.

Please let us know your views so that we can consider the most effective way to tackle this problem. Contact Julia Whale 01562 732345 or email Julia.whale@vestia.org.uk

Be a Super Hero Join Barnardo's Big Toddle@
Half Crown Wood Children's Centre
Saturday 9th June from 1.30 -3.00pm



All Under 5's and their families and friends are invited to take part in a short buggy friendly sponsored walk followed by a Superhero party .

Come along dressed as your favourite Super hero. Get a medal and a certificate and have lots of fun .

For sponsorship forms collect in advance from the Children's Centre.

Call 01299 877920 for more details.



Stop Smoking

Everyone knows that smoking is harmful to health and budget but giving up is not easy. Support including prescriptions for nicotine replacement products are available for everyone.

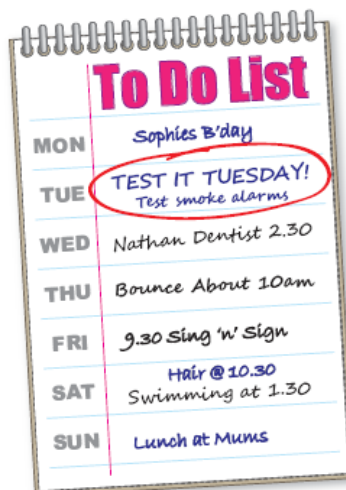
Call into Half Crown Wood Children's Centre any Friday between 9.30 and 11.00 or ring 01299 877920 to make an appointment

Young family keeping you busy?

Make time for home fire safety

- Fit smoke alarms
- Test them weekly

Call **0800 032 1155** for more advice on Home Fire Safety or visit www.hwfire.org.uk



WHY CALL CRIMESTOPPERS?

- ☞ You will never be asked your name or details
- ☞ Your call will not be recorded or traced
- ☞ You will never have to make a Police statement
- ☞ You will never have to appear in Court
- ☞ You could get a cash reward of £1000
- ☞ Information you give will be passed on to the Police
- ☞ You can call about all crimes & disorder including: anti social behaviour, violence, drugs, damage, car crime and burglary
You can call if you are a witness or a victim
- ☞ **FACT:** 23 people are arrested every day as a result of information passed to Crimestoppers



or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org.uk

In an emergency always call 999

St. Bartholomew's Primary School & Nursery

Taking the children out of their own environment is one of the central features of our school curriculum and all the staff share with me the belief that children should have opportunities to extend their horizons. Having a school mini-bus means that teachers can easily transport children to other schools for sports events such as tournaments and festivals. Rarely does a week go by when I present to different teams of children certificates recognising their participation in rugby, hockey and netball matches. Getting out to other schools provides the children with opportunities to meet other children and as a result they develop their confidence and self esteem.

School visits to help bring the curriculum 'alive' are always popular and recently the children in year 5 and 6 went to London to go on the London Eye and see various other key landmarks. Having read the book 'The mystery of the London Eye' the children were able to see for themselves the spectacular setting that they had read about. The impact on the children of their first sight of Big Ben, is something I believe they will always remember.

Other trips have included visits to Worcester Cathedral to sing, Cosford Aerodrome to study air transport, The Botanical Gardens in Birmingham, the Bewdley Museum to find out about Evacuation, Bishops wood to explore the outdoors and closer to home the youngest children have visited Stourport Library and the new Tesco site.

This year for the second time our children will have the opportunity to display their work at the Malvern Spring Show. Visits to this wonderful part of Worcestershire are a highlight of the summer term. The children create a life sized garden based on a text they have been reading and once the garden is assembled the children are able to visit the Malvern Show to see their work and also talk to the public about their ideas. Last year the design was based on the story 'The Tin Forest' and this year the children have created a garden for 'The Varmints'.

One of the highlights of the school year is the trip to Llanrug, in Wales and this involves the children in spending 3 days at a residential hostel where they can take part in a variety of outdoor activities. The children canoe, rock climb and walk through gorges and generally get very wet and muddy! However, the experience builds up their confidence and resilience and they always return very tired but elated.

In addition to going out to learn we have a growing tradition of inviting different individuals in to school to share their knowledge and experience with the children the husband of one of our catering staff came in and showed his collection of World War Two vehicles and weapons, Anthony Hartley OBE came to talk about the work of the British Legion, year 5 and 6 children had a science workshop on the Sun, Moon & Space as well as a visit from the schools meat supplier on the functioning of a heart. If you have a skill or interest that you think can add to the children's knowledge of the world past and present please let us know, as the staff at St Bartholomew's are keen to make learning real as well as interesting.

Expanding horizons and broadening experiences is at the heart of a good primary education but it couldn't happen without dedicated and committed teachers. St. Bartholomew's has an excellent team of staff who work hard to ensure our children enjoy their learning. I am hopeful that in time we will be able to extend the children's horizons even further by taking them to France or even further afield, watch this space! *Mrs Helps, Headteacher*



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