



CONONLEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

December 2008

Plenty going on to keep everyone entertained or busy during the Winter months. On a more serious note – speed through the village seems to be a fairly common talking point - any comments?

Thanks go to all the contributors over the past year – keep those articles coming!

Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Cononley Village Institute 2009 Centenary Year Programme

In 2009, our Village Institute celebrates its' **Centenary Year** and to mark this significant milestone we are organising a packed programme of events for all to enjoy.

The celebrations will begin with our annual **Spring Fayre** on **Saturday, 7th February**. Followed in May by a **Festival of 'Scarecrows'** where villagers will be invited to decorate their houses and/or gardens all in the name of showing off our village at its' best and with a bit of competition thrown in! Refreshments will be available in the Village Institute and prizes will be awarded on **Monday, 4th May**. Towards the end of June we will be holding a **Treasure Hunt** around the historical landmarks of the village. To beat the Christmas rush and buy some early presents we will be running an **Arts & Crafts Fair** on **Sunday, 22nd November**.

As the climax of the Centenary Year and to commemorate the official opening of the Village Institute on 11th December, 1909 we are hoping to organise a '**Music Hall**' production on that very same weekend. So if Cononley's Got Talent, or you think you have the X Factor and would like to do a turn please let us know as your Village Institute needs you!

If you would like further details of the above events or would like to volunteer your services please contact either Joan Banks (633519) or Julian Brown (637176).

New Equipment for Cononley Playing Fields

Next year, we're aiming to raise **£100,000** to fund new equipment for our playing fields. This is a major task for the committee and will involve applying for grants from various funding sources.

We need your help please!

If you can spare some time and would like to find out more, please contact
Kath Clark (637337) or Catherine Dresser (634082).

Whether you are a resident, student, parent, grandparent or regular user of the park, we would love to hear from you!



Many thanks for your support

Cononley Playing Fields Committee



ON THE AIR IN SOUTH CRAVEN

Drystone Radio is coming to your radio on FM in January, after 4 years of broadcasting on the Internet. The station is a charity manned by volunteer presenters from 12 to 83 years old. It is expanding to your knob twiddling radio. The transmitter is sited in Sutton-in-Craven and will reach Colne, Ilkley, Keighley and Long Preston. To contact the station as an advertiser or presenter, ring 07771622727 or 01535 635392. For advertising rates call the station.

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SPORTS CLUB

Cricket

The season finished on a high note with the 2nd eleven being crowned as champions and gaining promotion. Andrew Town also won the league averages for that division. The 1st eleven cemented their position that they had gained the year before in the top division.

A successful Disco and Buffet was held after the last match that was also a farewell to our Australian player.

Football

Coming up to Christmas both Senior teams are in the lower regions of their divisions but over the last few weeks the 1st eleven have shown a lot of improvement and the reserves are still in the Craven Cup. The Under 8's got off to a somewhat slow start this season losing 12-0 to Silsden but have worked really hard and ended on a high, losing by only 5-1 to the same team. They have all pulled together and enjoy their training sessions to the full. Matches restart in February 09 on Sunday morning on the playing fields using the new goal posts. Anyone interested should contact Dale on 01535 636696.

The committee would like to thank all our sponsors for their support. It is very much appreciated. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish anyone who supported the club in any way this past year a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Phillip

CONONLEY POST OFFICE

There is still time to buy your Christmas Tree and wreath. Orders taken and free delivery within 3 miles.

Stocking Fillers and gifts also available.

Orders taken for wines, spirits, beer and mixers.

Special deals on cases of selected wines

Wide choice of ales – special prices

Free delivery on fruit & veg

Do you have a few hours a week to spare?

The Parish Council urgently requires a Caretaker for the Village Institute.

For details of duties and remuneration, contact **Joan Banks on 633519.**



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES IN CONONLEY AND DISTRICT

As well as our usual services (details of which you can find in the church magazine or on the notice boards) we have some special Christmas services and activities, which we hope will offer a good opportunity to consider the real meaning of Christmas. **Please note that all our services are now held at St. John's.**

- Sunday 14 December 11.00am** Please bring toys (new or in very good condition) to be passed on to Keighley Salvation Army
Family Toy Service
- Sunday 14 December 4.00pm** In Sutton Park (starting at the Bay Horse Inn)
Outdoor Nativity
- Thursday 18 December 7.00pm** Meet outside the Church Centre
Carol Singing around Cononley
- Sunday 21 December 4.00pm** A service for all ages. A collection will be taken for the work of the Children's Society
Crib and Christingle Service
- Christmas Eve 11.15pm** First Communion of Christmas
(please note the time)
- Christmas Day 11.00am** Children are invited to bring their presents to show to the rest of us
Family Holy Communion
- Sunday 8 January 11.00am** A reflective service, as we seek God's blessing on the New Year
Covenant Service

The birth of any child is a special time that brings much happiness, not only for the parents but for their wider family and friends. The miracle of new life, the wonder of new hope, the beginning of so many new possibilities - this is what every birth signifies.

Christmas brings a similar time of happiness as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. In many ways Jesus= birth was like any other - that combination of pain and fulfilment, labour and hope. But in one very important way Jesus= birth was unique. Jesus was born to be nothing less than the human face of the eternal God, whose mission is to bring joy, peace, justice and wholeness to all people.

You are very welcome to join us at Christmas time as we celebrate this very special birth and throughout the year as we explore what it means to follow Jesus.

John Peet

Cononley Playing Fields
presents
Stars in their eyes
Karaoke & Disco
on
Saturday, 31st January 2009
at Cononley Village Institute from 7.30pm
Tickets £8.50 from Cononley Post Office and Committee Members.
Price includes two course supper and there will be a prize for the best fancy dress.



CONONLEY ART GROUP

Many of our artists contributed to and manned our stall at the Art & Craft Show at the Institute. Other, like myself, had a stall of our own but I think all who took part enjoyed it.

It is quieter at the Monday meeting as we run up to Christmas but we are looking forward to our Christmas lunch at Skipton Golf Club and many demonstrations and workshops next year.

We welcome guests to the demonstrations and anyone who would like to see what we are doing is welcome to come. There are still a few places for Cononley people who would like to join the group. If you are interested in art as a beginner or an experienced artist, come along to the Institute at 2.00 pm on a Monday afternoon.

For details contact Ruby Sedgwick on 632422

Gift of money to Cononley Parish Council

Earlier this year the Parish Council received a surprise gift of £1474. Many of you will have fond memories of the pantomimes, drama and entertainment staged at the Church Centre in the 1990s. The £1474 represents the funds left in the group's dormant bank account when it had to be closed. A significant part of this money was raised in order to improve the stage lighting in the Church Centre. Ideally the money should be used for a purpose related to that for which it was raised e.g. encouraging young people to take up and enjoy drama. The Parish Council has however accepted the gift without any restrictions on the purpose for which it can be used. If you have a view you are invited to make it known to the Council. The Parish Council has no timescale for making a decision and hopes to collect a range of opinion over the next few months.

Contact David Gulliver on 637962



My wife and I moved to Aire View on May 1st 2007. Since then we have become aware of the increasing speed of the traffic on Crosshills Road. NY Highways attitude is that they had done their bit by putting in a self-regulating 20 mph speed limit with a target of an AVERAGE speed of 20 mph. The average, when they checked in mid 2007, was 19.76 mph. This means a number are exceeding the 20 mph. This was taken up with the Police this year and two speed checks on Crosshills Road, one over 4 days and one over a week show that over 90% of vehicles are exceeding the posted speed limit and over 50% of these are in excess of 26 mph. The agencies concerned, NY Highways and NY Police do not seem to be unhappy with the situation. If you share our concerns at traffic speeds in the village and particularly on Crosshills Road, make yourself known and let the Parish Council, the Police or North Yorkshire County Council know. The other thing you can do is keep your own speed to the limit. Several of those seen speeding past our house are known to be village residents.

John Cuthbert

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