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The Recreation Ground

There are various initiatives with respect to the Recreation Ground:

- Voluntary First Registration- Registration of the land provides additional security against any claims upon it. The description of the land, the owners of the land, a plan of the land, any rights or obligations that affect the land and a copy of the 1927 Deed of Gift will be recorded at the Land Registry.
- Toddler area redesign project and potential funding streams- HAGS SMP have been selected as the contractors to upgrade the Toddler area based on design and cost (about £35,000). It is hoped that the project will be fully funded by local developers who have an obligation to provide or enhance existing play areas. A solution to the drainage issues is also in hand.
- Goal posts- We have had to remove one of the goal posts already and the remaining goal post is nearing the end of its life. The thinking is to replace them with two 5 a side posts to better suit the needs of younger players.
- The Parish Council has recently had to attend to several trees that either had dead wood or were dying and represented a hazard to the public.

The Impact of Care-giving on Loneliness and Isolation

In partnership with Public Health Warwickshire, Age UK Warwickshire is undertaking a county-wide study focussing on the unmet needs of those carers, who might be experiencing social isolation and loneliness as a direct result of their care-giving role. It is known that many carers still feel that their concerns are being ignored, and that it is not easy to access appropriate emotional and social support which may reduce isolation. Can you help to help them? Please contact Alice Maher, Age UK Warwickshire for further information T: 01788 552 545 or E: Research@ageukwarks.org.uk

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Any thoughts on the newsletter? Please let us know!

BITS & BOBS

Here are a few snippets that may be of interest to you!

➤ Upcoming road closure

Warwickshire County Council (Network Management) proposes to make a Temporary Traffic Order to close C41 Pelham/Wood Lane, Great Alne to Mill Lane. The closure is required to facilitate drainage work. The Order commences on 24 May 2016 and lasts 18 months-although it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 27 May 2016. Access to properties will be maintained. An alternative route will be signed as is available via Pelham Lane, Walcote Road, Mill Lane (and in reverse order). The contact for the work is Adrian Gill, Balfour Beatty (07837 319212).

➤ Drainage Henley Road

Warwickshire County Council has indicated that it intends to replace the section of the drainage pipe on Henley Road between the man-hole and the new repair on the bend near the Memorial Hall. They are confident that this will provide an effective remedy to the flooding.

➤ Warwickshire Trading Standards

Preventing doorstep crime- rogue traders and pedlars. Please check out the following link for further information <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams>

Parish Council Meetings 2016

Great Alne Primary School on Mondays

- 9 May NB Please note earlier start time AGM 6.30pm
- 11 July
- 12 September
- 14 November

All meetings have a 7pm start
Everyone is welcome!

Draft Minutes are now available one month after Parish Council meetings. Please see the website or contact the Clerk for a hard copy

CSW Superfast Broadband- Check progress on broadband provision by entering your postcode into the broadband checker at www.cswbroadband.org.uk/broadbandchecker

Update on Affordable Housing at Spernal Lane- Public Consultation event 14 January 2016

Great Alne Parish Council, in partnership with Warwickshire Rural Housing Association and Warwickshire Rural Community Council, held a Public Consultation Event on Thursday 14 January 2016 regarding the proposed development of seventeen new homes for local people at a site off Spernal Lane.

This well attended event was held at Great Alne & Kinwarton Memorial Hall and provided an opportunity to see plans for the new homes, ask questions and make comments on any aspect of the proposal. A downloadable report of the event compiled by Sarah Brooke-Taylor, Housing Enabler at WRCC is available from the Parish Council website. Or contact the Clerk for a hard copy.

The seventeen new homes are proposed to meet the housing needs of Great Alne parish, as identified through the Housing Needs Survey. Occupancy of the new homes will be restricted to local people (see below) by way of a Planning Agreement.

A planning application for the Spernal Lane development is likely to be submitted soon and ground investigations and various surveys will be undertaken shortly.

Register your interest in affordable homes

The affordable homes (ie not local market homes for purchase) will be allocated using the system "Home Choice Plus" which will be administered by Stratford District Council. **You must have a local connection with Great Alne to be eligible and you must also be registered in advance on the Stratford District Council Housing list in order to be able to bid for one of the new homes.** For the definition of a "local connection", please contact Philippa Osborne on 0300 1234 009.

You can register on the housing list by visiting www.homechoiceplus.org.uk OR by e-mailing housingadviceteam@stratford-dc.gov.uk OR by telephoning Stratford District Council on 01789-260861 OR by visiting Stratford District Council at Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford upon Avon CV47 6HX.

In addition to the above, if you would like Warwickshire Rural Housing Association to inform you when the properties are going to be advertised, please complete one of their Register of Interest forms.

You can request a form from Philippa Osborne by emailing her at: Philippa.osborne@midlandsrural.org.uk

Can we help?

Please complete and return this form to Sarah Duran, Clerk to Great Alne Parish Council, 2 Flax Close, Alcester, B49 5DQ

Do you have any comments or suggestions about the state of the footpaths, overhanging trees or pavements for example?

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Thank you.

