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CAN WPH CHARITABLE TRUST HELP YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONES RECOVER FROM SICKNESS OR INJURY?

Residents in Great Alne living with ill health or injury are being urged to apply for financial assistance to help alleviate their pain and discomfort.

The call comes from the WPH Charitable Trust- a Warwickshire-based body of trustees made up of medical and non-medical professionals- which distributes some £250,000 of financial aid across Coventry and Warwickshire every year.

Individuals and organisations who work towards preventing, relieving and curing ill health are also among those urged to apply.

Grants are also given to community and private projects in the area which aim to improve the lives or quality of life of people battling ill health or injury.

Recent grants include £1,500 for a mobility scooter for a 51-year-old mother who would otherwise find it difficult to get out and about, and £2,000 to a 73-year-old pensioner for a stairlift in his own home. Also, £1,500 towards a project teaching people with mental health issues how to cook and eat healthily, and £1,500 towards a recycling social enterprise project which creates volunteering opportunities for people with learning difficulties or disabilities, who may otherwise find it difficult to find employment.

The Trust supports new buildings for hospitals and schools helping with provision of special educational facilities, disabled funding, and access improvements.

The Trust was established in 1994 and since then thousands of people across the area have benefited directly or indirectly from Trust funds. For further information, or to make an application, visit the WPH Charitable Trust website on <http://www.warwickshirehealthcharity.org.uk/>

Great Alne Parish Councillors:

Lynn Bowring (Chairman) – The Old Cottage, Henley Road, Great Alne, B49 6HR

Paul Clark – 66 School Road, Great Alne, B49 6HQ

Ian Millard – West Meadow Barn, Manor Court, Henley Road, Great Alne, B49 6HR

Marie Holding: 10 Nightingale Close, Great Alne, B49 6PE

Sarah Duran (Clerk) – 2 Flax Close, Alcester, B49 5DQ Tel no: 07833 790375

Any thoughts on the newsletter? Please let us know!

BITS & BOBS

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

- **Road closures-** see roadworks.org
- **Warwickshire Recycles-** Fascinating facts about waste at Christmas- How to reduce your food waste this Christmas; Before Christmas; Christmas Day; After Christmas. Changes to waste and recycling services over Christmas. Go to <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWARWICKSHIRE/bulletins/21ea2e4>
- **Suicide Bereavement Support Service-** This service has been commissioned by Public Health Warwickshire and is delivered by the charity Kaleidoscope Plus Group based in West Midlands. There are five centres across the county namely Coleshill, Rugby, Stratford, Warwick and Nuneaton which offer a safe place for those bereaved or affected by suicide to talk openly with others in the same position. Please see <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth>
- **Winter Resilience- Western Power Distribution-** Know your free emergency numbers- power cut 105; gas 0800 111999. Vulnerable households i.e pensionable age, disabled, children under 5 years old or rely on medical equipment can get extra support by signing up to the Priority Services Register.
- **Unauthorised gypsy and traveller encampments** can be reported to WCC online at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/travellerunauthorisedsites>



Parish Council Meetings 2019

Great Alne Primary

School on

Wednesdays

- 16 January
- 20 March
- 15 May*
- 17 July
- 18 September
- 20 November

Meetings usually have a 7pm start

*Annual Meeting 6.30pm

Everyone is welcome!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

PARISH ASSEMBLY

COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 18 MAY 2019

MEMORIAL HALL

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

CALL FOR NEW COUNCILLORS

The District Council is asking local residents to consider standing for election as a district or parish councillor next year.

Elections will be held for the District Council and all 83 parish councils on 2 May 2019. David Dalby, the District Council's Democratic Services Manager, says: "Councillors come from all walks of life, which is very important because having a diverse range of local people to reflect different points of view can help all district residents." Stratford-on-Avon District Council has 36 councillors, each representing a particular ward in the district, whilst the majority of parishes have a parish or town council ranging from 5 to 18 councillors depending on size of population. For more information on standing to be a councillor, contact Election Services on 01789 260210 or speak to a member of the Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Fields in Trust Registration- The Parish Council has made a significant investment in the Recreation Ground (Rec), including first registration at HM Land Registry. It was suggested that the Rec be registered with Fields in Trust (formerly National Playing Fields Association) which offers protection to green spaces in the community in perpetuity.

It was therefore agreed at the September meeting that the Parish Council would register the Rec under the Green Spaces for Good scheme. District Cllr M Gittus's kindly assisted the Clerk with the registration process and with photos of the site. Fields in Trust have made a site visit and a legal Deed of Agreement is currently being drafted.

Clerk's resignation- It was with much sadness and regret that the Clerk decided to tend her resignation on 1 November 2018- a role that she has so very much enjoyed. She has given a notice period of 3 months and will therefore finish at the end of January. Interviews are imminent and it is hoped to appoint before Christmas so that there will be a decent handover period in January.

Defibrillator- The Parish Council wondered whether there was a willing volunteer/s who would be prepared to be responsible for keeping the phone kiosk clean and cobweb free?! The Parish Council carries out weekly inspections of the kiosk but Community HeartBeat Trust have pointed out that if not kept clean, members of the public will not have confidence in the ability of the device to work, as a dirty environment suggests the kit is not being looked after. One ambulance service has decided to delist sites that are not kept clean. Please contact the Clerk if you could spare a bit of time to do this.

GREAT ALNE PARK

- Ms Tina Digby is now acting Village Manager- Mary Higginson has left the business for personal reasons
- From December hot food will be available Monday to Saturday at Woodlands Restaurant
- From January hot food will be available 7 days a week (roast on Sundays)
- Club membership details for parish residents is still to be issued- but will go to the Parish Council soon
- There are also fitness classes and a walking group which are currently available on a pay as you go basis

Ms Digby and residents of Great Alne Park extend a warm welcome to everyone in the parish to come in and have a look at the development.

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.