



LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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The Post Office and Village Shop- Jill Le Marquand has provided this update on the Village Shop. The transfer of the Post Office, Newsagents & Village Store took place on 5th July 2016. The shop is now subject to new opening hours from 8 am to 6pm. This will be on a trial basis to establish demand during the afternoons over the summer months and a review will be taken in the autumn when the shop may close earlier in the afternoon during the winter. Jill proposes to circulate a leaflet to the village and surrounding area to this effect. Please note that whilst the mail collection remains around lunch time, the post office can still be utilised for the provision of all services including free cash withdrawals etc. and mail can be processed as normal. The only exception is that parcels will be collected the next day if the lunchtime deadline is missed. Jill will also be speaking with the Post Office with a view to arranging a later postal collection. She is settling in well and Oscar the Post Office dog loves his walks by kind customers. Jill would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their support, especially Carol and Roger who continue to provide their expertise and knowledge while she is learning the ropes. *(Jill Le Marquand)*



Northumbria in Bloom- It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Ian August who led our Parish Northumbria in Bloom group and our condolences go his wife Ann and to Philippa and Simon. In his inestimable way Ian had, over the years, pulled together a group of volunteers under the Northumbria in Bloom banner to work on various garden tasks and helped the Parish to achieve Silver Gilt standard in 2015. This year he had already hosted the first round of judging on a very wet and cold day in April. The Northumbria in Bloom Chairwoman, Eileen Burn, contacted the Parish Council asking

if we wanted to continue this year - the resounding answer from the volunteers was "YES we owe it to Ian." John Malloy, already a volunteer, has stepped forwards to lead the group and was able to host the judges on their second visit on July 18th. We wish John (centre in the photo with some of the volunteers) well in his new role and, of course, he would always welcome new volunteers for next year. If you want to help and become a volunteer please contact John (833147). Prior to the judges second visit a number of plants were stolen from the new planter at the top of Curly Lane; residents are asked to look and report such anti-social activity - it is your community after all. *(photos Didrik Bz)*



Speed signs and limits- Many of you will have noticed that the interactive speed signs have been erected in South View and Bilton Hill at last. The Bilton Hill sign will help to reinforce the extended 30 mph limit which is now moved up the hill in direction of Shilbottle.

The new 20 mph speed limit outside Hipsburn School is working reasonably well but unfortunately there are those amongst us who are either unaware that it is in force or are just blatantly stupid especially when they feel the need to overtake vehicles sticking to the limit. This stretch of road will be monitored for offenders in the coming weeks.

Dementia Friendly Community- The next SAT is Saturday, 13 August - and will have an Olympics theme. Doors open starting at 2.00 pm. to 4.00pm. All are welcome; come and find out what it is all about.

Local Transport Plan 2017-2018- Every year the PC can input a wish list to NCC for improvements to the transport structure. As with every wish list it doesn't mean the work will get done! Our priorities for 2017-18 are:

1. To extend the 30mph zone in 2 areas: from Longhoughton Road (B1339) to beyond the RAF Boulmer entrance and on the A 1068 from Lesbury roundabout west past Deep Dene to the 18 Arches (beginning of current 40 mph limit). This is a community priority and request.
2. To improve the state of the surface of the footpath along the A 1068 from the roundabout at Lesbury towards Alnwick and Deep Dene.
3. To repair and resurface Foxton Road from the road junction of The Wynd with Longhoughton Road, past Townfoot Steading to the 30 mph sign. Increased usage by heavy lorries at this junction has caused this road to deteriorate very badly and poses a safety risk at an already difficult road junction.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)- At the moment Lesbury Parish does not have a Neighbourhood Development Plan (although it developed a Parish Plan in 2009) and so is has little input into the County Core Strategy and in particular as to where we might want to see future building work taking place in the Parish. Councillors Bradshaw and Cossins are carrying out some discussions with NCC representatives and looking at NDP's developed by other areas to help the PC decide the best way forwards. We would intend to capitalise on our experiences with the Parish Plan which, unfortunately, has no legal standing.

Development at Riverside- The development of land behind the Post Office and Down House has begun in order to build 8 single story dwellings. Permission to build was given through the national appeal system. At the moment there is much activity to clear the site and lay down drains and other groundworks. Please take extra care in and around the PO car park area as there are heavy vehicles going to and from the site.



Lesbury Table Tennis Club- meets at the village hall every Friday, except for the third Friday in the month (film club night), between 7PM and 9PM. The club caters for all abilities, no previous experience is necessary. Bats and balls are provided; however feel free to bring your own if you wish. The club is for adults only. Tea and coffee is available. The fee for a session is £3. For further information, please contact Ian Lord on 833783 or ian.t.lord@btinternet.com

Lesbury Carpet Bowls Club- The new indoor, carpet bowling season is only about a month away and the first session will begin on Thursday, 2nd September at 7.00 pm. We are a friendly group playing more for pleasure rather than points against local teams and are looking for new members. The first few sessions of the year are generally club nights where you can learn all about the game and give it a try. No previous experience is necessary! If you are interested in this activity call Bob Dutton (830801) or turn up on the 2nd September.



Citizens Advice Northumberland- Are you interested in helping people solve their problems? We have volunteering opportunities in Alnwick, Amble, Ashington, Berwick, Blyth, Cramlington, Hexham, Morpeth and Prudhoe. Contact Jane Brown on 01665 604136 or at janebrown@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

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Parish Council meetings are usually held in Lesbury Village Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month. All residents are welcome to attend.