

Fiskerton cum Morton

Parish Newsletter

Nov 2022

Welcome to another Newsletter from Fiskerton-cum-Morton Parish Council.

Since last May, we have been busy, and this is a chance to let you know a few of the things we have been working on.



Parish Priorities – Resident Survey

We have followed through some of the many requests that came about from the residents survey. We have planned and paid for 2 Dog Waste bins to be placed in Morton. One at the far end of Gorsy Lane and the other on Causeway Lane near the footpath.

Photography Competition – Winter Scene

If you have any photographs of either Fiskerton or Morton (with or without people in them!) and would be happy for them to be shared on our new website, please send them to The Clerk on the email address at the end of the newsletter.

The best, as judged by a panel of experts (not really – just us), will be used on the front pages of the website Jan – March.

Village Green - We are also setting up an informal group to look at The Village Green, how it is used and how it should be maintained.

Defibrillators - We are currently auditing the village Defibrillators to make sure they are in tip top condition in the right location, and we are organising more training for residents who may not be aware how to use them correctly. All residents are invited to the training (dates tbc)

Don't forget you are welcome to attend our monthly Parish

Council meetings (usually the third Monday in the month, now at Arthur Radford). We publish agendas and minutes on the website and the 2 Parish Council boards.

EVENTS COMING UP

Wine Tasting with Ann et Vin

Friday 18th Nov
The Arthur Radford
(£15 per adult) tickets available from the village shop

Santa Tractor Run

Sat 3rd Dec
(free)
Check out the route on Facebook (times not yet published)

Christmas Village Mingle

Thurs 22nd Dec 5pm
The Arthur Radford
(Free)

The Village Mingle is back for Christmas

Kids games and activities and maybe a few for adults....

A chance for all to mingle and get into the spirit of Christmas.

Bring your own Drinks

Snacks will be provided

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The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:

We had great fun at **The Barn Dance** with over 350 celebrating with dancing, food and drink. The **Village Green Fete** was the first time the Green had been used to bring everyone together with crafts and activities. It was a beautiful day. The Rainy **Street Party** on the Bank Holiday Monday was still full of cheer and smiles despite the rain.

A big thank you to The Hammond Family and all that worked hard organising all the tents, stalls and events to pull the three-day event together.



In other News

Roads and Safety - The survey indicated several concerns regarding speeding, particularly on Station Road and Bleasby Road/Main Street.

The Parish Council will hold an open residents meeting on Wednesday 11th January, 7pm at Arthur Radford.

This will be a chance to listen to your concerns in more detail and work out a plan of action.

Whilst our remit in this area is limited, we do work with Newark and Sherwood District Council and Notts County Council. We have greater power with a co-ordinated approach. Please do come along with concerns and ideas.

Train Barriers - the council have been working with Newark and Sherwood Council and neighbouring Parish Councils to reduce the delays and improve communications with residents. The mission continues.

Village Signs - You should soon see a new Welcome to Fiskerton sign on the road from Bleasby

Monthly Sunday Walking groups. We have decided that despite the request to run the groups, residents are more likely to walk with neighbours and friends at their own convenience and so this initiative will no longer run.

A similar situation arose regarding the requests for a **Neighbourhood Watch** scheme across the villages.

Without a significant number of volunteers, it is not viable and therefore we have adjusted to try and offer some useful external talks on maybe Cyber Security etc. Any contacts you may have will be gratefully followed up.

Flood Group update

We have a group of 15 people who volunteered earlier this year, and knowledge gathered from some residents and wider to support our changing environment. Cllr Diana Powell has been working with the Communities Prepared Team supported by The Environment Agency to bring together a working plan to avoid, or deal with the effects of flooding.

The team will be back together soon, and over the coming months will be working to bring everything together, including some practical training sessions in the village supported by The Environment Agency.

A full page of information will be available on our new website. Anyone wanting to get involved (not already attended) please e-mail the clerk in the first instance.

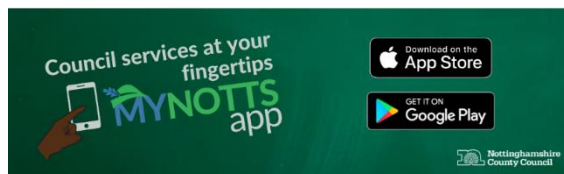
Village Maintenance - We are still looking for volunteers to help maintain footpaths, hedges and stiles – so if you are interested in helping, please contact the Clerk (details at end of this newsletter). We are continuing our contract with Uylets to maintain the Village Green.

Parish councillors and residents did a wonderful job on the hedges near the bus stops on Station Road. As frequently occurs in the countryside, the greenery can get a bit out of hand, and we are grateful to those many residents who take care of our villages throughout the year without expecting anything in return. If we all contribute a little to the maintenance of our surroundings it helps.

Whilst the Nottinghamshire Council are ultimately responsible for our roads, pavements, footpaths and similar, there is no doubt that resources are limited.

Many residents have downloaded and use the 'MY NOTTS' app. which allows you to send pins, photographs and descriptions of issues that need addressing to the correct department. In our experience they are very good at getting back to individual users with information. We would encourage you to use it.

We are working our way through the most used footpaths to make them more accessible with kissing gates where possible.



Or online at
<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/news-and-media/mynottsapp>



The Last Newsletter

This will be the last paper newsletter as we (like the rest of the world) are going digital.

We are launching a new user-friendly website with links to social media to help improve communication.

It will enable us to pass on information regarding, roadworks, social events and a useful resource with links to local organisations that may be of interest to you.

Our new Page dedicated to flooding, will provide you with all the information you need and will include special weather warnings

You will also be able to purchase tickets for events online.

Our Website Launch will be Jan

St Denis – A word from the Reverend

Dear Morton & Fiskerton Readers,

'The world is changing. I feel it in the water. I feel it in the earth. I smell it in the air. Much of what was...is lost...' If you are a Lord of the Rings fan you might recognise this as Galadriel's introduction to the film version of the books! Later she refers to 'a shadow in the east, whispers of a nameless fear...' Tolkien's context included memories of the trenches, the chaos of WWII and the hope and fear of what the future would bring. These feelings are not lost on us today of course, after all between writing this letter and you reading it, how many chancellors and prime ministers might we have had!?

Nothing remains the same. At St Denis Church the Hall needs to be sold and the church re-ordered. We are still receiving jabs to fend off covid. Many of us have yet to use the central heating. Many others visit food banks more often than previously, and there is fear amongst mortgage holders.

The Queen's funeral suddenly feels a long time ago, but HM once said (in the context of being asked about the demands of public scrutiny & questioning) that 'a touch of gentleness, good humour and understanding' can be 'an effective engine for change'. Not all of 'what was' needs to be lost, if we put it into practice in the here and now.

Best wishes.... The Revd Phil
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Events

Saturday 12th Nov
"Christmas Craft Fair"
Arthur Radford

Sunday 13th Nov
"Remembrance Service"

Sunday 18th Dec 6pm
"Christmas Carol Service"
by Sue Floyd

Worship at St Denis every
4th Sunday at 10.30am

Benefice worship online
every Sunday at 9am (link on
the website), ask for an
email invitation please.

A Snippet for History



More familiar to us as The Church Hall, this building in Morton was originally the school.

It was built in 1855 on glebe land known as Old Yard Close, conveyed to the then vicar, Rev. John Marsh, and his churchwardens for the purpose of a “School for poor persons” of the Parish of Morton, though children from Fiskerton were soon included.

There were two rooms, one for senior pupils and one for the infants. Average attendance in 1869 was 25 per day, but in 1888 the school was enlarged to cater for 100 children, though no more than 90 appear to have been enrolled at any time. A further small extension was done in 1897 when a cloakroom was also added, (seen here on the right in the picture).

The school eventually closed in 1959. Even then, the only source of heating was from coal fired stoves, while the only toilets were in a block outside behind the school. It wasn't until the Parochial Church Council bought the building in 1973 that it was extended to provide inside toilets and a kitchen. It was at this point too that the old school was renamed The Church Hall.



WI News - Morton, Fiskerton and Rolleston

With many events being held throughout the summer our membership had increased

Our flourishing WI now has 46 paid up members and we welcome any new visitors to our monthly meetings. Come along and see what we are all about.

Why not contact us via our website www.mfrwi.co.uk to find out more about us and upcoming events.

Our members are having their pre-paid Christmas meal at 'The Full Moon' in December.

'Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance' will be enlightening us as to how important this service is for our local communities. In recent months up and down the river they have been deployed providing an essential service.

WI Events

Tuesday 10th Jan 7pm

"Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance"

'Open Meeting' where all are invited for a small fee which includes refreshments.

Every Thursday 10am

"Pilates"

Arthur Radford

£5 per person open to all

Booking not required

You need to bring a mat and drink.

Fiskerton & Morton Sports & Gala

The Arthur, Radford Hall and Sports Ground. Morton

Following the sad death of our monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, was felt it would be inappropriate to hold our annual Fun Day and Picnic. Out of respect it was cancelled. We can now look forward to the Coronation of King Charles III. The SGA at The Arthur Radford will make sure we have a celebration

to remember, the fun games we had planned can go ahead, with plenty of space for a children's street party and other activities.

The Arthur Radford

4th Nov

Croquet Club End of Season Social

12th November

Christmas Fair, in aid of St Dennis Church, Morton

18th November

Wine Tasting with Ann et Vin, Parish council village social event.

22nd December 5pm

Christmas Mingle

SPORTS. We welcomed 2 new teams this year, Ghurkhas cricket and Bramley Football Club. Southwell Croquet Club to grow and in their first season of competitions came 2nd in their division. The Goalkeeping Academy - run by professional footballer Scott Loach has been hugely successful

HALL. - busy with children's parties and we had our first wedding events. One was an evening celebration, with an amazing transformation to the hall. Following another wedding we had a breakfast event for guests before they travelled home. **Short Mat bowls** continues, the WI has resumed their meetings and activities, and **Dance School** continues for a few hours a week. We had **Southwell Theatre Club using the meeting room for rehearsals.**

FUTURE SGA EVENTS FOR 2023

- **Coronation of King Charles 111, a chance for us all to come together to celebrate and have some fun**
- **We are currently working with Darren & Jo Stevenson to arrange an exhibition of his work. Darren is a well-known local artist, and this will be a new venture for SGA.**
- **Together with Scott Loach we are planning a fundraising event for the Arthur Radford facility, and hopefully we will see some professional footballers coming to the ground.**
- **Murder Mystery with Southwell Theatre Club**

Please look out for news on these events.

For more information on activities, or to book the Arthur Radford Hall and Sports Ground Morton, please contact Caroline Gordon, 07837 924837 or Phil Clarke 0775 613033

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**