

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The organisers would like to thank everyone who took part in the Festival and helped to make it such a success, especially the generous sponsors and those who made the magical displays.

Many thanks to the stewards, those who provided and served refreshments, and to the musicians and singers who entertained us. The winners, from votes cast by visitors, were:

Best Adult Display: *Deck the Balls with Bounce and Volley* - HB Tennis Club

Best Children's Display: *A High School Musical Christmas* - Ruby Blake (aged 9)

Win the Christmas cake: Carol Coulson

Find the Marie Curie Cancer Care Daffodils: Zoe Gianoulis and Callum & Euan Lister

Guess the panda's name: Rebecca [The panda's name is Pandora!]

Around £1,360 was made for church funds over the weekend.

FOUND! One fleece glove and a child's woolly hat were left in church after the Festival. Please call Penny on 881140.

AN ILL WIND...

The Advertising Standards Authority has severely censured the Stop Swinford Windfarm Action Group for its recent publicity campaign.

The ASA objected to the group's unsubstantiated statements and misleading information following objections raised by Nuon Renewables, the wind farm developer. They were also told to withdraw scare-mongering claims made in a number of advertisements and newsletters.

STRICTLY BOSWORTH

There will be a 'Strictly Black & White Ball' in the Village Hall on Saturday, March 14th. Tickets are £25 to include supper and entertainment. Tickets available from January 21st. Call 881251. Proceeds in aid of Village Hall funds.

BOSWORTH FESTIVAL 2009

Put the date in your diary, and start planning now! Saturday, June 27th.

FOUND Coral pendant earring found near The Green, end of November. Call 880281

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Report of the meeting held on Tuesday, December 2nd. Five Council members were present.

CEMETERY Council agreed that emergency repairs were needed to stabilise the damaged cemetery wall, as it was dangerous.

Council reviewed the charges for non-parishioner burials as it was felt that they were unreasonably low compared with other cemeteries.

PLAYING FIELD Work is due to start on the car park fencing at the Pavilion. Council reviewed the casual labour rates for work carried out on behalf of the Council at the Pavilion and Play Areas.

ALLOTMENTS Members agreed to revise the Letting Agreement and review the rents before the new letting year in April.

Provision of a skip would be considered in the spring.

RURAL HOUSING SCHEME Council adopted a report presented by the Rural Housing Enabler and forwarded a list of sites.

ACCOUNTS Council agreed and adopted the Precept Request for 2009-2010.

CORRESPONDENCE Members agreed to adopt the Freedom of Information model document as recommended by the LRAPC and set a minimum charge for releasing information to the public.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS Members discussed providing a memorial plaque to Mrs. Beryl Jones, to be displayed in the village school, commemorating her work with the school.

Aneurin Owen has agreed to supply information for a wall plaque about the cheese-press stones recently installed on the Old Green.

Council agreed to replace the public bench at the Honeypot Lane - Theddingworth Road junction.

Mrs. O'Connor had attended the recent HDC windfarm policy meeting. She noted that HDC had no firm policy on the subject and had deferred a decision on the Swinford site pending further information and central government guidance.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be on Tues., February 3rd 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

DIARY DATES for JANUARY

- Wed., 7th Hist. Society talk: 'Alice Hawkins- Suffragette' 7.30pm CH
- Tues. 13th Mobile library
- Tues., 27th Luncheon Club, 12.30 Kilworth Springs Golf Club
- Tues., 27th Mobile library
- Wed., 28th Bosworth Belles 'Investigating your family tree', 7.30pm VH

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, February 27th Village Hall Quiz - Bugle Team hosts!!!
- Saturday, March 14th Strictly Black & White Ball, Village Hall
- Saturday, June 27th Bosworth Festival

✠CHURCH SERVICES ✠

All Saints Parish Church

JANUARY

- 4 6.30pm Join with Methodists
- 11 8.30am Holy Communion
- 18 10.30am Church Unity Service
Benefice Communion at Arnesby
- 25 10.30am All Age Family Service

Short Communion every Wed. at 9.15am

Churchwardens:

Peter Jones 880741

James Avery 880164

Vicar:

Rev. Alison Hampton 880351

Methodist Church

- 4 Rev. Brian Kennard
COVENANT SERVICE
- 11 Mr. G Herbert
- 18 Mr. R Stephenson
- 25 Mrs. J Molcher

Services every Sunday 6.30pm.

All Welcome

Contacts:

Rev. Brian Kennard 462889

Senior Church Steward:

Mr. A Lloyd Jones 880343

St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Services every Sunday 8.30am.

Contact:

Robert Constable-Maxwell 880361

Father Owen O'Neil 462359

LITTLE CRACKER

Two snowmen in a field. One turns to the other and says: "I don't know about you but I reckon I can smell carrots."