

QUETHIOCK NEWS - May/June 2021

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QUETHIOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Covid

At the beginning of the lockdown a year ago the Parish Council organised a team of volunteers to help out neighbours with shopping, medicines, etc. As it turned out, neighbours rallied round to help each other and the PC team was hardly needed. A big thank you though to all those who volunteered – and well done to all of you who have helped out during the last year.

Community Benefit funding

The Parish Council has a modest “pot” of money generated by the solar farm at St Ive which is available to fund projects which are “of community benefit”. During the past year the Community Benefit fund has paid for badly needed laptops and waterproofs for the schoolchildren, the creation of an outdoor learning area for the school, major works to stabilise the wall around the churchyard, a set of new tables for the Show Committee, and the new dog bin by the cemetery.

Please let us know if you have anything you think should be funded in future.

Signposts

Although signposts are a County responsibility, the Parish Council’s efforts to persuade County to do something about the various decayed signs around the parish were not successful. County were only prepared to replace the sign at the school crossroads, and not with a traditional sign but with a “modern” metal one, which many local people do not want. Accordingly, the Parish Council has decided to deal with the problem itself. We have ordered a professionally made, wooden traditional sign for the school crossroads. A program of refurbishing and renewing the other signposts, in a sympathetic style, is also in hand.

Parish Council finances

Although the Parish Council has had to budget for the extra cost of the signpost work mentioned above, we are doing our best to keep costs down as much as possible, and you will have seen from your council

tax bills that for this year, 2021-22, the Parish Council has been able to reduce its precept.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 5th July at the Parish Hall at 7.00pm

Quethiock Post Office remains a popular and useful asset to our community. Thanks to all those who use it. Please continue to support this service every Wednesday in the Parish Hall between 9am and 10am.

The Mobile Library has re-started its monthly visits to Quethiock. It parks by the Bus Shelter between 11am and 11.20am, and the next few dates are Friday 4th June, Fridays 2nd and 30th July, Friday 27th August.

Quethiock Crafters

Just to let all of the Quethiock Crafters know, we are working on starting up the Craft and Chatter Group again as soon as possible, obviously adhering to any Government guidelines on numbers, etc..

Even if you're not a crafter, but would just enjoy an afternoon of light hearted chat and sometimes cake and always a cuppa, keep watching and we'll get the word out as soon as we can.

Quethiock Horticultural Show

Yet again we regret that cancelling the Show is the best option for this year due to the uncertainties of the easing of 'Lockdown'.

We will be holding an AGM as soon as it is practicable to do so, adhering to Government guidelines.

Perhaps in the meantime you may like to think about joining the band of helpers and or the committee and hopefully we can start to plan a Show for next year.

Maybe even organise a smaller fundraising event later in the year.

We'll keep you posted.

Quethiock Parish Walk

Sunday 30th May. Meet at the bus shelter at 11am. We will walk for approximately 2 hours. Everyone is welcome including well-behaved dogs on leads.

Next month's walk will be on Sunday 27th June, 11am at the bus shelter.

St Hugh's churchyard needs your help!

We would like to make the churchyard more accessible to families visiting the graves, whilst also making it a more pleasing space for sitting and contemplating.

We want to set up a volunteer churchyard team to tidy and maintain the area.

If you can help with ivy and bramble and nettle clearing, grass trimming, bird & bat boxes, and a range of other jobs please contact Richard or Rachel on 01579 340612 or rrabp@icloud.com.

There will be a meeting in the churchyard on Saturday 5th June at 10am. Please come along to find out what we are planning and how you can help.

St Hugh's Church, Quethiock

With the easing of Covid restrictions, together with the vaccine rollout, we are now back to regular Sunday services but with new times. Please remember your facemasks.

Sun 6th June	10am	Morning Worship
Sun 13th June	10am	Holy Communion
Sun 20th June	4.30pm	Evensong
Sun 27th June	10am	Morning Worship

Please contact Rev Becca Bell revbeccabell@gmail.com or 01579 532186 or 07899363458 or Churchwarden, Rachel 01579 340612

VILLAGE DIARY

Sun 30 May	Parish Walk, 11am at the bus shelter
Fri 4 June	Mobile library, 11-11.20am at the bus shelter
Sat 5 June	Churchyard meeting, 10am at St Hugh's Church
Sun 27 June	Parish Walk, 11am at the bus shelter
Fri 2 July	Mobile library, 11-11.20am at the bus shelter
Mon 5 July	Parish Council Meeting, 7pm in Quethiock Parish Hall
Fri 30 July	Mobile library, 11-11.20am at the bus shelter

Post Office - Wednesdays 9am-10am, Quethiock Parish Hall

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