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Welcome to the Winter Newsletter

As 2023 draws to a close and Christmas approaches, we will see yet again Christmas trees with their colourful lights on lampposts along the main routes into and through the village. The Parish Council has also invited local businesses and individuals to sponsor a Christmas tree which will be positioned in our War Memorial Garden to form a festival of trees celebrating the 12 days of Christmas. We are grateful to all our sponsors for their generosity and we hope that this array of lighted trees, including the remembrance tree in our War Memorial Garden, together with the trees on our lampposts and a new nativity scene in the church yard of St Helen's will create a lovely festive atmosphere within our village.

In this edition of the Newsletter, we provide more information for residents on where we are with our negotiations with Jones Homes on the positioning of the mine wheel and monument. As some may have seen on Facebook, we are pleased to say that after many months of difficult discussions we have finally reached an agreement 'in principle' regarding the re-positioning of the wheel to a location where it will once again act as a 'Welcome to Treeton'. We believe this represents good progress and while the wheel can never occupy its previous prominent position because it was on land not owned by the Parish Council and was sold for the housing development. It will, however, occupy a position close to the road and be clearly visible when entering the village. More details on this can be found later in the Newsletter.

During 2023 the Parish Council was able to complete a number of projects which included the refurbishment of our Reading Room and significant improvements to the Wood Lane burial ground where most of the paths were replaced with block paving. We have also transformed the ground behind the war memorial from an area which was totally overgrown and unloved to one which now provides a very fitting backdrop to the war memorial itself which recognises the brave men of Treeton who gave their lives for our freedom in the first and second world wars. It was pleasing that on Remembrance Sunday, just a few weeks ago, many were able to gather in the garden to commemorate all the men and women who gave their lives in the service of our Country.

Looking forward to the coming year the Parish Council is committed to focussing its efforts on improving the appearance of the village. It is of concern that cuts to services by RMBC has led to a greatly reduced level of general maintenance resulting in too much overgrown and overhanging vegetation, weeds that have not been killed or removed and a general decline in how the village looks. We report all these issues on almost a weekly basis to RMBC but often the problems are not adequately resolved. We have been successful in negotiating with RMBC two weeks of winter cleaning on streets across the village in early January and RMBC has also reflected on how they manage weeds and the like and they will be in Treeton during April and again later in the summer carrying out work to spray unwanted weeds and vegetation. We will be holding RMBC to these promises alongside continuing our negotiations with them to determine what improvements we can make together and the steps we can take as a Parish Council.

With this in mind we will also be looking at the related and growing issue of littering. If it was not for the efforts of the many volunteers who routinely collect multiple bags of litter the village would, quite frankly, look a very different place and one none of us would be proud. We have already taken steps to increase the overall number of litter bins as well as replacing previously removed ones, we have signs on lamp posts designed by children at our primary school but despite these actions there is a small minority of people who have little respect for the village and believe it is okay to discard their rubbish randomly on the ground even where there are bins in sight. This is, simply, unacceptable and the seeming increase in this behaviour needs to be reversed. This will be a challenge but there will be more on this in future editions.

On a more positive note, I hope the children in our village are ready for Santa, he will be waiting for you all in his grotto on 16th December, do keep a look out on Facebook for details.

I hope this edition of the Newsletter is of interest, you will find various articles on events that have taken place in the village over the last few months as well as others on a range of subjects.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of the Parish Council, of wishing you and your families a very happy Christmas and for peace in the New Year.

Wendy Parker-Foers Chairperson Treeton Parish Council



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Wood Lane Mine Wheel

Throughout the year we have reported regularly on our discussions with Jones Homes' and RMBC to get the Mine Wheel, Miners' Memorial Stone and Coal Tubs (referred to below as the Memorial) relocated from their existing positions, where they currently serve as an entrance to the new housing development, to a location where they can once again act as a 'Welcome to Treeton'.

These negotiations have taken far longer than anyone would have wished but we do at last have some positive news to report. We met with representatives of Jones Homes' again within the last few weeks and an agreement 'in principle' has been reached to rebuild the Memorial from scratch on ground close to where it currently stands and as near to the road as RMBC Highway will permit for safety reasons. The wheel will be fully reoriented so it faces the road towards Aughton and is clearly visible when entering Treeton. The Parish Council is of the view that this latest proposal is the best that that can be achieved in terms of the Monument's visibility and its representation of Treeton's mining history.

As stated in the introduction to this newsletter, we have to be mindful that the Monument can never achieve quite the prominence it once enjoyed because it was previously located on land owned by the Duke of Norfolk which was sold to Jones Homes' for the housing development and the previous site of the monument is now the entrance to the new estate. The area where we hope the monument will now be positioned will be levelled, removing an earth mound and this together with appropriate landscaping, will enhance the visibility of the Monument in its new setting.

The next step will be the submission of a planning application by Jones Homes' to relocate the Monument to this new position. We are hopeful that the RMBC Planning Board will give consent to this in the coming weeks after which work will be able to commence to relocate the Monument in its entirety.

This has been a difficult journey but we are pleased that Jones Homes' has finally agreed to reposition the Monument in accordance with the wishes of residents. The Parish Council will work closely with Jones Homes on the new plans and we hope that in the New Year the Monument will, once again, welcome us all home.



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Flooding in Treeton & Catcliffe

On Friday 20th October we experienced torrential rain in the area due to Storm Babet which continued well into Saturday morning and which resulted in terrible flooding. At one point Treeton was completely isolated with the three main roads in and out of the village impassable. This was a scene not witnessed since the severe floods of 2007 after which we all thought it would never happen again.

Sadly, this was not the case and again we witnessed awful scenes both in Treeton, and particularly Catcliffe, where in the latter case hundreds of residents had to be evacuated from their homes. In Treeton the long term impact of the flooding was less severe but there were a limited number of houses at the bottom of Mill Lane where, once again. residents had to leave their homes and for a very few the effect of the flooding resulted in severe damage to homes making it impossible for them to return.

RMBC implemented its emergency plan in response to the flooding, initially to rescue people and get them to a safe place, and then to address the impact of the flooding on the local area and its infrastructure.



The Parish Council worked with both residents and RMBC at the time the flooding occurred and also in the week that followed helping to get the roads reopened and services re-instated. Our review of the situation has led us to believe that there were lessons that should have been learnt from the 2007 floods which

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would have improved the response to this recent event. The ability of the Parish Council to communicate with kev departments at RMBC was at difficult. there was best а shortage of sand bags and a delay in getting them to the residents of Mill Lane and the road from Catcliffe to Treeton remained closed for far too long. This resulted in the cessation of bus services to and from the village from Saturday's flooding until the following Friday, a period of nearly a week, during which many residents were unable to get to work or attend appointments.

The Parish Council was working behind the scenes during this entire period and it was as a direct result of our repeated efforts that RMBC eventually



provided a limited shuttle bus services for residents on the Thursday which quickly led to road re-openings and a complete bus service the following day.

During the next few weeks, we will be meeting with senior representatives of RMBC to discuss their response to the flooding in Treeton and to share our views on where this fell short.



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Words from the Baptist Church

As we come into the festive period, we are drawn into the story of Christmas. The birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the journey his parents faced to get to the Town of Bethlehem to register themselves at the census as ordered by Caesar Augustus. We know of the Donkey, the Shepherds, the Maji and the gifts they brought.

There is someone else missing from the story. In fact, this person is of such a lowly status that he never really gets a mention, and that person is the Inn Keeper. Nativity plays would have us see, Mary and Joseph, knocking on a few 'inn' doors before finally been given space within a stable for her to have this special baby boy.

Yet, in the bible, we don't know that there was an inn keeper. We can infer that there was, but the bible only tells us that there was no room at the inn. Yet, for me, other than the miracle within the birth of Jesus, this is one of the most important parts of the Christmas Story. What would have happened if Jesus had been born elsewhere? As God personified, surely, he should have been born in a palace, or in the house of a prominent politician or rich merchant. Or what if the inn keeper let them stay in his poshest room.

No, he's born in a stable and laid in a manger. This is where I think the inn keeper needs to be recognised. Here is a person who has gone above and beyond to help someone in need. A pregnant woman, ready to give birth, he just could not see them without somewhere to stay. So yes, it was a stable, probably not very clean, housing his own animals as well as the donkey she had travelled on. It was shelter, basic, but nonetheless shelter. He did not have to do it, he did it out of the kindness of his heart.

This year we have had the first of our village hero awards. As a proud son, I was pleased to see my own mother recognised. As a proud villager, I was pleased to see all the other hero's receive the recognition they deserve.

This Christmas time, as we remember the real reason for the season, let's also remember that it takes nothing to be kind. We do not know what other people are going through, they do not know what we may be going through, so please, just be kind to each other and have a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy new year.

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Update from the Events Group

In October the Parish Council held the first ever Treeton Hidden Heroes event, which saw 28 villagers receive nominations for their contributions to the community and village life. This will now become an annual event and will continue to provide an opportunity for our Hidden Heroes to be recognised for their efforts.

At the end of October we also held our first Pumpkin Carving competition in the War Memorial Gardens. The event was really well attend and alongside the Pumpkin Competition there was also a small stall selling pie & peas, sweets and hot and cold drinks.

December will see the return of the Santa's Grotto at Treeton Miners Welfare on Sunday 17th December. Entry for all children will again be free and tickets are available from Treeton News. As well the chance to meet Santa, children will leave with a small gift.

As 2023 draws to a close, it is an opportunity to reflect on the first year of the Events Working Group and all the new and returning activities that have taken place. A major highlight has been seeing so many villagers attend with smiles on their faces and who can forget the highly popular 'Picnic on the Pitch'.

We will be reviewing the full years calendar of events in early January and planning will start to build on this years successes.



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In October we welcomed our 2023 Treeton Hidden Heroes to the Reading Rooms for a celebration evening and the official reopening of the Reading Rooms.

Our Hidden Heroes and their guests were greeted with a Prosecco Reception followed by Canapés, before Parish Council Chair, Wendy Parker-Foers, cut the ribbon to reopen the Reading Rooms

A presentation then followed, with each of our Hidden Heroes receiving a memento in recognition of all their outstanding efforts.

Treeton Hidden Heroes was set up to celebrate the inspirational volunteers who go above and beyond, giving up their time for free, to make a difference to their community and those who need it the most.

On behalf of the village we would like to thank and congratulate all of our 2023 Hidden Heroes, you are all truly amazing.

On the following pages is a list of all this years Hidden Heroes, including some of the citations we received.



· Les Pickford	Rob Lee.
Katie Van Niekerk	Wendy Parker-Foers
Heidi Jepson	Terry Adair
Alan Goy	Tony Heywood
 Blake Borrill 	Roger Hirst
Rachel Rowbottom	 Sue Hirst
Scott Ellis	Vannessa Lockwood
Helen Lee	John Roddison 🛛 🍟
Roger Blades MBE	 Diane Doyle
Fran Ellus	Beryl Nutall
Paul Bannister	Anoly Dunkley
 Tracy Collins 	Simon Marsh
Pauline Gillbank	Tom Dunkley
Charlie Hobson	Janet Dunkley





Alan Goy

Alan has served on the parish council for 42 years. He continues to help out the community by distributing parish council newsletters, is active during litter picks, helps out at the bar at the community centre when he can. He continues to share his knowledge through Facebook groups for people requiring support and is a familiar face around the village.

Andy Dunkley

Since the reopening of the Treeton Community Centre he has been a tireless worker and hands on supporter of the Centre. He is there virtually every day at any time required performing all the tasks and duties that may be required to keep the place functioning. And he's done this with utter reliability day in, day out, year in, year out, with no regard for thanks or favour. I would go as far as to say that the Community Centre would be impossible to continue without his tireless efforts. He is the definition of a unsung hero.

Heidi Jepson, Helen Lee & Rob Lee

I have nominated these people for the outstanding events they put on throughout the year to bring the community together all events have been appreciated by the village and enjoyed thoroughly! Especially by the kids! I don't think these people know how much we all appreciate them and just get on with it silently without praise. Thank you to all involved!

Blake Borrill

Blake is passionate about litter and the effect it has on the environment. He is part of Treeton litter picking team and also litter picks down on the park in between the monthly picking sessions. He also picks any litter up when he's walking around the village.

Diane Doyle

I would like to nominate Diane for the tireless work she does with her team of volunteers, litter picking in the village to keep our lovely village streets clean and tidy and also for her commitment to our community with other activities, which are voluntary and unpaid. Thank you Diane and your team.

Roger & Susan Hirst

Not only have Roger and Susan provided the storage, safety, lighting etc. for the Santa Sleigh but they have helped by delivering and collecting to and from the site location. If Roger and Sue had not committed to giving up valuable space in their barn to store the Santa Sleigh all year round, then the Santa's Grotto would not be able to happen.

Beryl Nutall

Beryl is an active member of Treeton Baptist Chapel and is Chair of the Trustees. Over many years Beryl has worked tirelessly as a volunteer and has been instrumental in establishing among other things The Ladies Club, a successful luncheon club, the Library, Book Worm, and is currently playing her part in organising activities to celebrate the centenary of the Baptist Chapel. Beryl is ably supported by a team of other volunteers who also give a huge amount of their time and who also deserve to be recognised.

Fran & Scott Ellis

Fran did a great job bringing everyone together to create the Santa Sleigh, a fantastic event for the village kids. She put Scott to work making the sleigh single handedly and what a fantastic job he did. Many other people played a part but without these two it would have never got off the ground. Fran had the idea when she heard that Treeton would no longer be on the route for the charity Santa through the village so she said to Scott we can't let the kids down so get out there and build me a sleigh and like any good man he said yes your ladyship and did.

Paul Bannister

I would like to nominate Paul Bannister for all his hard work around the village especially at Christmas time with the Santa's sleigh and even spending his own time helping residents of Treeton when the snow hit hard and he cleared driveways and laid grit along older residents paths to make them safe. He also provided a Taxi Service to older couples to allow them to attend Treeton Club for their Christmas Dinner and generally provides a helping hand to anyone who may need it.. During Covid Paul played an integral part in setting up and organising the Santa Sleigh in the village. He is a very selfless person and would help anybody out where ever he can. Credit where credits due.

John Roddison

40 plus years of coaching both boys & girls in cricket, plus umpiring all voluntary & still going in his late 70s. He is also involved behind the scenes and is a member of the Community Centre and Playing Fields committee that look after and find funding for the grounds at the club.

Katie Van Niekerk

For starting our Neighbourhood Watch group and being a co-ordinator. The whole village is worried about the car thefts and break ins and these 3 people have done something that will help us all .

Charlie Hobson

Each time Charlie and his friend go to the cricket club park they ask the club for a litter picker and bag to do a litter pick in the park carpark and around the club. There aren't many children who would do that these days and I believe Charlie is a Hidden Hero as I wasn't aware he does this until Charlie came home from playing the other day. He was so pleased with himself and loves to keep the area he plays clean and tidy.

Roger Blades

I see Roger out and about in the village every week and he's always doing something selfless. He's a very humble man who would be embarrassed to know he'd been nominated for this, but his good deeds and work in the village are really worth celebrating. These are just the things that I know about/have seen him doing regularly so there may well be more; litter picking, mowing the grass on the pavements on High Hazel Road, sowing wild flowers in the empty patch of land along the side of his house to brighten up the side of the pavement, trimming the big weeping willow type tree (that's not his) on the corner of Admiral Biggs Drive and High Hazel so that pedestrians can walk under it along the pavement, trimming hedges in the village, donating bulbs and helping children from the primary school plant them along the grass at the school's entrance (with permission and supervision from the Head Mistress). He really does go above and beyond, and never asks for anything in return, like I say, he would be embarrassed if he knew I was nominating him. He is a real Treeton Treasure and I'd love for him to be celebrated like he deserves to be.

Simon Marsh

Simon Marsh has had over 20 years training local kids at football. Simon gives up lots of his time as a volunteer at Treeton Terriers football club. He coaches young kids, prior to starting matches in a nursery section (3-5 years old). On top of this he referees and takes on other roles within the club. His attitude is truly inspirational and I cannot think of anyone who deserves an award more. He is a real role model to the youngsters and all around him.

Terry Adair

Terry was instrumental in the reinstatement of the Community Centre after it had been closed for a number of years. He gives many hours of volunteer time to ensure it serves the needs of the local area. He has secured grant funding for the improvements to the rear with the external classrooms and gardens, as well as the conservatory. He has encouraged many user groups and individuals to avail themselves of the facilities, ensuring it makes a profit for it's continued operations.

Tom & Janet Dunkley

Tom & Janet have been fostering children for over 10 years, and have made such an impact on their lives. They have treated these children as there own, taking them on holiday and giving a roof their heads.

Vanessa Lockwood

Vanessa has worked tirelessly arranging the Santa Sleigh during covid to make sure that Treeton children didn't miss out on a sleigh visit and continues to help with the Santas Grotto at the Miners.

Tracy Collins

For starting our Neighbourhood Watch group and being a co-ordinator. The whole village is worried about the car thefts and break ins and these 3 people have done something that will help us all

Tony Heywood

Tony Haywood has run and been part of Treeton Angling Club for over 30 years, always wanting maintain and improve the fishing section, every March he organises an AGM for all members and non members to attend to discuss any issues and to add any input that may be relevant or just people's thoughts on how things could be improved. Between March and June every year he visits Treeton Cricket Club every Wednesday evening for anyone who wants to join the fishing club as he's more than happy to take time out so anyone wanting to join can sit and have a conversation face to face. He's also the reason so many youngsters have joined over the years and still do as he likes to pass on advice and any gifted fishing tackle will be passed on to youngsters who are struggling to afford what they need. Due to his tireless work over the years it is becoming a popular fishing spot for young and old. I believe Tony deserves a special mention for his time, effort and dedication he puts in every year.

Pauline Hirst

Pauline worked tirelessly arranging the Santa Sleigh during covid to make sure that Treeton children didn't miss out on a sleigh visit and continues to help with the Santas Grotto at the Miners.

Rachel Rowbottom

Always helpful no matter the situation, any event she always involved, lovely friendly approachable person, always doing things for families in and around the community \simeq She is also one of our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators and an active Parish Councillor.

Wendy Parker-Foers

Wendy Parker-Foers has been behind so many improvements in the last few years and has given so much of her time & energy to our village. Wendy has taken a very over grown and unloved piece of land in the centre of our village and transformed it into a garden area for us all to enjoy and transformed the Reading Room an equally unloved although treasured piece of Treeton's history with its 1960's kitchen, dark green walls and dark brown floor into a lovely bright and modern space ready for our kids parties, yoga and community events. Wendy has done lots of things no one sees, she got more waste bins, counted lampposts for the flowers and delivers the newsletters. Wendy is thoughtful, considerate and a lovely person.

Les Pickford

Les served on the Parish Council for a number of years and has always been active in the village.Les is regularly involved with the village litter pick, has planted spring bulbs in various locations, helped with the planting and maintenance of the Mine Wheels and Tubs and helped to set up and light the village nativity. Les is a doer, who just wants to help make Treeton that little bit nicer for everyone.

Thank you to all of our 2023 Treaton Hidden Herces

Increase to the Parish Precept

At the November meeting, the Parish Council made the difficult decision to increase the Parish Precept for 2024/25.

The current precept has remained unchanged since 2017 and in 2021 the contribution per household actually reduced for many, due to an increase of the number of houses in the village.

An increase in the activity levels of the Parish Council, with more and more projects being undertaken, and a rise in costs due to inflation, has meant that the current precept does not cover the cost of all current and planned activities.

From April next year the Parish Precept will rise by 10%, which equates to approximately a £4 per year increase for a Band A property and a £6 per year increase for a Band D property.

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On Remembrance Sunday members of the Parish Council attended the Remembrance Service at the Church of St Helen. A very moving service was led by Rev. Debbie Coyne from The Rivers Team and Rev. Chris Nutall from Treeton Baptist Church.

The congregation and residents then gathered at the War Memorial for an act of Remembrance, led by Rev. Nutall.

Cllr Adair laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council alongside other wreaths from the community, before the last post and two minutes silence were observed.

It was great to see so many residents gather together, in an act of remembrance, to honour those service men and women that have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms.



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TREETON IN WINTER







Neighbourhood Watch Update



Treeton Neighbourhood Watch will be holding a meeting for its members (of which there are now 175) at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 7 February at the Reading Rooms on Front Street. Its co-ordinators are keen to welcome new members to the scheme and John Shillito, Designing Out Crime Officer for South Yorkshire Police will be our guest speaker.

With Christmas fast approaching, being aware of security is vital. THINK WIDEN:

- W WINDOWS: Keep your windows locked
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- D DOORS: Double or deadlock your doors
- E EXTERIOR: Put outside lights on a sensor
- N NEIGHBOURS: Keep an eye out for your neighbours



It remains extremely important that crimes are reported to the Police so that the village is allocated appropriate Policing resource. For non-urgent matters, crimes can be reported online using the 'Report Something' page of the SYP website. This can be accessed using the QR code to the left.

Where possible, it would also be helpful if you could inform the co-ordinators of any crimes or suspicious behaviour. You can do this by replying to any emails they have sent. If members do not report crime/ suspicious behaviour to the coordinators, they cannot inform other members.

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Treeton Nature Diary

Although we lose the summer migrants and many of our resident birds, they are replaced by many bird species that come here to escape harsher climate further north. Some of the earliest arrivals, though they rarely land are Pink-footed Geese, from Iceland. They regularly fly over NW to SE in autumn and in late winter SE to NW in V shaped skeins, much higher than the local Greylag and Canada Geese. Although many of our ducks in winter come from Europe, one of the most numerous are Wigeon mainly from Iceland, these usually move between Catcliffe Flash, Treeton Dyke, Orgreave lakes and Treeton Meadows.

Redwings from Iceland and Northern Europe plus Fieldfares from Northern and Central Europe spend Autumn and winter feeding on Hawthorn berries. In harsh weather they can come into urban areas to feed on a variety of garden berries and cherries. Later in winter they feed on damp grasslands. Very occasionally when there is an invasion of Waxwings into Britain from Scandinavia, they can be Treeton found around feeding on Rowan and Guelder Rose berries and in harsh weather Cotoneaster berries in gardens.

A careful look in the tops of trees, particularly on the old tips, can find large flock of small finches. Siskin which are green, yellow and black are to be found mainly







feeding in alders doing acrobatic feats to feed on the seeds of this species and can at times be fairly approachable. Similarly, the rather drab but with red on the males forehead Lesser Redpols, feed in the same manner. mainly on the seeds of Silver Birch.

Other large flocks of finch such as Goldfinch, Chaffinch and Linnet feed in the set-aside field margins of some of the arable fields around Treeton, Millet being a particularly favourite seed plant. On garden feeders in winter birds such as Long-tailed Tits and Reed Buntings occasionally visit. One

bird that has increased in recent years has been Blackcap, the males easily recognised by their black cap, but females have a brown cap to their head. Although a common summer visitor to the Treeton area, research from ringing has shown that many of the wintering Blackcaps in Britain, come from the Low Countries and Germany. It is thought this gives these birds an advantage to return to Europe to the best breeding territories in spring to beat their counterparts, which go to Africa.



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TRAINING SESSIONS TAKE PLACE WITH MEASURES IN PLACE AND FOLLOW PROPER GUIDANCE TO SAFEGUARD EVERYONE

TRAINING IS UNDERTAKEN BY F.A. QUALIFIED COACHESAT TREETON FOOTBALL CLUB, WASHFIELD LANE, TREETON, ROTHERHAM, SOUTH YORKSHIRE, S60 5PU.

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB SECRETARY STUART WHITE 07722511130

Enjoyable Year for Cricket Club

Despite the patchy weather during 2023 the Cricket Club once again provided many entertaining games which were well attended by spectators. Both the 2 senior teams held their positions in the Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League, the 1st X1 competing at the highest level in the Premier Section & the 2nd team in Division 2.

The junior section fielded teams in the under 9, under 11, under 13, under 15 & under 18 age groups. The star performers were the under 11's team coached by George Barnes, who won their section in the Ben Jessop Sheffield & District Junior League.

The Junior section was very pleased to receive £700 in new practice equipment courtesy of a donation from Jones Homes. The Club continued to provide "All Stars" & "Dynamos" sessions for children aged 6 to 10, resulting in weekly attendances of around 100 children.

The women & girls' team, the "Go Greens", had an enjoyable season finishing 4th in Division 3 of the South Yorkshire Softball League & are currently competing in the Indoor Softball League.

In Memory of Cyril Elliott

On a very sad note, the Club's oldest supporter, Cyril Elliott, passed away in early October. He was 103 years old & had attended cricket matches, with his son John, at our ground for many years including this Summer, proudly wearing his Cricket Club shirt. Cyril was a 2nd World War hero, being present at the Normandy D-D landings & a holder of France's



highest decoration, the Legion d'honneur. Several players & Club officials were able to pay their respect at his funeral on the 6th November which took place with military honors. Cyril will be sadly missed but we look forward to seeing his son John down at the ground next season.

Terriers Progressing Well

All Treeton Terriers Football sides from the nursey section (ages 4-5 years) through to U16, U17 and Adults are progressing well, with some sides still unbeaten and some excellent football being played.

The Under 8s were victorious in their Cup Competition and have also secured promotion (first half season). The Under 8s are pictured below.

We are hoping to see further progress, with players enjoying their football during the remainder of the season.





Baptist Church Dates for the Diary

Sunday 17th December Carol Service - 10:45am

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve service at 10:45am and Christingle Service at 4:30pm.

Christmas Day Short service at 10:30am

CHRISTMAS 2023 In The Rivers Team



BSL Carol Service

Sunday 3rd December | 4:00pm St. Lawrence's, Tinsley [Refreshments served from 3:30pm]

Carols at the Cone

Wednesday 13th December | 7:00pm Glass Cone, Catcliffe [Followed by refreshments in St. Mary's]

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 17th December | 6:00pm St Helen's, Treeton

Carol Service

Wednesday 13th December | 2:00pm St. Andrew's, Brinsworth [Preceded by Lunch at 12:30pm]

CHRISTMAS Messy Church

Saturday 16th December | 3:30pm St. Mary's, Catcliffe [Ending with a Christmas meal]

Nativity Service

Sunday 24th December | 10:30am St. Lawrence's, Tinsley

CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION

Monday 25th December | 10:00am St. Mary's, Catcliffe

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Drop In Sessions

Community drop in sessions take place at the Reading Rooms on the first Wednesday of every month from 10am until 11am,

The next sessions are as follows:

- Wednesday 3rd January
- Wednesday 7th February
- Wednesday 6th March

At least a couple of Parish Councillors, a Borough Council Housing Officer and a Community Police Officer are in attendance at these sessions and are available for you to raise and discuss any concerns you may have. Please do come and join us for a chat.

Events at the Community Centre

The Community Centre have organised some 'Making Money Go Further' and 'Energy Know How' drop in sessions. These take place as follows:

- Tuesday 12th December 12pm-1:30pm
- Wednesday 24th January 9:30am-12:00pm

Problem Off Roading

We continue receive reports of problem off roading, particularly around Well Lane Playing Fields and and Mill Lane.

As mentioned in previous issues of the Newsletter, for the Parish Council to press for appropriate action and interventions to be implemented we need evidence that there continues to be a problem.

It is important that all instances of off roading are reported to South Yorkshire Police using the online reporting portal or by calling 101 or 999 as appropriate. it would also be useful to inform the Parish Council so they can follow up.

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Renting the Reading Room

We have now completed the refurbishment on our Reading Room and it is available for bookings.

The rental charge is a minimum of £40.00 which is to rent the space for up to 2 hours. The rental for up to 4 hours is £60.00 and should you wish to book the Reading Room for the full day we charge £80. This includes use of the kitchen facilities. We will negotiate these rates for regular bookings.

We do require that you pay a key deposit of £50.00 which is refundable after use. However, this will be retained if necessary to cover any damaged or cleaning requirements.

If you require any further details or wish to make a booking, please contact our Clerk on treetonpc@aol.com or by telephone on 01226 745910



CIRCL MOBILITY CLASSES

A fusion of Yoga & Pilates aimed at improving flexibility and mobility Every Thursday Evening, 6pm-7pm, in the Reading Rooms For more information contact - tezzerb@aol.com or 07753 767 705

www.treetonparishcouncil.gov.uk

TREETON YOUTH CLUB

Our Youth Club is fun, enjoyable and inclusive for all children & young people to take part in sports or arts and crafts whilst making new friends in a safe and friendly environment.

Sports Activities SHOP AND FOOD AVAILABLE

VENUE | Treeton Community Centre (S60 5QT)TIME | 5:15pm-6:45pm (Arrival from 5:10pm)DAY | Monday and Thursday EveningsAGE | Girls and Boys aged 4-12 yearsCOST | £1.50 entry / £1.00 for food

Scan the QR Code to register....



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For more information contact SJD Sports Coaching on: 07863 038138 | office-sjdsportscoaching@mail.com

COMMUNITY SPORTS

Community Groups

Treeton has a thriving range of community groups and activities. Please get in touch with individual organisers if you are interested in any of the groups to check dates, meeting times and to find out more.



<u>St Helen's Church</u>

St Helen's Church is part of the Rivers Team of churches and are offering a service at St Helen's on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11am.

The weekly Sunday service is at St Lawrence's Church, Tinsley at 10.30am, these services are streamed on-line.

For further information or help about baptisms or weddings or to speak to a member of the clergy in confidence at the Team Office 01709 361630 or see their website for details: therivers-team.com.

St Helen's Church Coffee Pot

Held every Thursday 10am to 12 noon at St Helen's Church,

Friends Of St Helens Church Heritage Trust

Work with the church to give practical support to the eleventh century Grade 1 listed building. New members are very welcome and annual subs are just £3pp.

Anyone wishing to join please contact Wendy Parker-Foers on 0797 3310 680.



<u> Treeton Baptist Church</u>

Weekly services are held at 10:45am each Sunday morning with Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month. The 2nd Sunday is usually a fun family service with 'bubble' prayers and 'children's story-time'.

The church also provides infant and child dedications (similar to Christening); believers Baptisms; weddings; wedding vow renewals and funerals. For more information please ring 0114 269 4000 or email admin@treetonbaptist.org.uk.

Treeton Baptist 'Open Church' – 10am to 2pm every Monday. Tea, coffee, soup etc, come along and relax, have a chat etc.

Treeton Baptist Church Community Library & Coffee Morning - Held every Tuesday 9:30am to 12:30pm to exchange books and jigsaws. Tea, coffee, biscuits etc

Treeton Baptist Church Friendship Luncheon - Usually held last Tuesday of the month from 12:30pm. Soup with a roll, homemade pudding and tea or coffee.

Treeton Baptist Church Ladies Group - Held 2nd Tuesday every month from April to September starts at 7:30pm, from October to March starts at 2:30pm.





Exercise for the over 60's

It's never too late to keep fit. Exercise classes for the over 60's or anyone with disabilities are held at Treeton Baptist Church every Thursday 2.30-3.30 p.m. The classes are led by Carole Burgin a trained 'Extend Exercise Instructor'.

Please ring Carole on 0796 907 3111 for further details.



Treeton Trudgers Walking Group

Meet at 10.00 a.m. at the top of Washfield Lane for all except evening walks, with packed lunch, stout shoes and waterproof clothing. Generally held on the last Saturday in each month. All walks are around 4 miles long. All welcome, transport not essential.

For further details contact Jim Cunliffe on 07867 641 405.



Sewing Group

For anyone interested in needle and sewing crafts there is a sewing group at the Community Centre Monday 1.00-3.30 and Tuesday 10.00-12.30

It is a friendly and informal session, you can just turn up so why not take your sewing machine, wool and needles along



Community Centre

Treeton Community Centre is fully open. Here are details of activities the centre is currently running:

Monday - Sewing Class (12:30pm-3:30pm). Youth Club (5:15pm-6:45pm) & Scouts (7pm-9pm)

Tuesday - Sewing Class (9:30am-12:30pm), Zumba (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Wednesday - Baby Boomers (9:00am-1:00pm), Beavers & Cubs (4:45pm-8:45pm), NHS Diabetic Clinic (By appointment)

Thursday - Youth Club (5:15pm-6:45pm) Dog Training Class (7:00pm-9:00pm)

Friday - GP pre diabetic dietary monitoring

Saturday - Diddy Kicks (8:45am-1:00pm), Country & Western (7:00pm-11:00pm last Saturday of the month only)

Numbers may be limited to allow space for everyone to enjoy their activities safely, so please do check ahead for any activity you are interesting in attending.

Treeton Lunch Club Dates: Please look out for future dates on the Community Centre Notice Board. Booking is essential. Call Terry on 07886 520586

If you need any further information about any of these activities or to book the community centre please contact Terry Adair on 07886 520586

Treeton Medical Centre

NEW BOOKING SYSTEM

The surgery is looking at a new way of working by using a clinical triage system. Hopefully this will take the pressure off the 8am rush to get an appointment and help ensure that patients needs are prioritised and dealt with accordingly. On calling the surgery you will be placed on a triage list and assessed by a clinician. You will then either be:

- Asked to book a routine appointment.
- Signposted to an appropriate service.
- Seen/Spoken to by a clinician.

Please Note: this is a new system so please be patient and kind to our staff.

<u>NHS 111 Online symptom checker</u> – unsure who the most appropriate service is for your problem? Check the NHS 111 online symptom checker, answer a few questions and they will advise whether you need to see a GP, A&E, Pharmacy etc.

Our practice Website & NHS choices offer self-help advice.

SMEAR APPOINTMENTS - available to book online (nurse clinic)- only book if you have received an invite from the surgery or from cervical screening. If you are not due for a smear this will be discarded by the laboratory.

Telephone and Face to Face appointments – If you have a face to face appointment please arrive in time for your appointment. If you arrive late the clinician has the right to mark you as a DNA and ask you to rebook. For Telephone consultations please ensure you are available within 30mins before and after your appointment time as we cannot guarantee you will be contacted at exactly this time due to delays. We have had to remove online booking for GP's and ANP's due to inappropriate bookings which then leads to wasted appointments.

ADVANCE NURSE PRACTITIONER – Our ANP can deal with headaches, chest infections, sore throat, sinusitis, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, heartburn, sickness, uti, thrush, gout, new neck or back problems, acne, eczema, rashes, warts, verrucae, impetigo, bites, in growing toenails, allergic reactions, hay fever, asthma attacks, medication reviews. Not appropriate for pregnant ladies or Mental Health issues.

Did Not Attend (DNA's)

Whilst we understand things crop up which may mean you cannot attend your appointment, we would appreciate it if you could call to cancel your appointment with as much notice as possible so we can offer it to someone else who may need it.

Telephone Appointments

When booking a telephone appointment we cannot guarantee a set time, we are trying to advise patients it will be a morning or afternoon telephone call, however if you have access to online booking this will show as a set time – this is for surgery use only so please keep your phone handy!

Annual Reviews – i.e Asthma, Diabetic, Medication

We are changing the way we call people for their annual reviews. You will now be called in your birthday Month, but it may mean you get 2 reviews in the 1st year. These reviews are an important way of monitoring our patient's health and ensuring the correct care and advice is given. **Please ensure you book your appointment when you are invited.**

Rotherham Health App

Did you know you can use Rotherham Health App to send us non urgent messages, contact details updates, extend sick note request, prescription queries, referral follow-up requests using the forms section in the app.

SystmOne Online

You can now send the admin team online messages, these should only be nonurgent queries e.g. sick note request, general advise, referral follow up etc.

Please Note: we do not accept prescription requests over the telephone unless you are housebound or have been given permission by the GP due to medical reasons. All requests should be made via the Rotherham Health App or if you are not able to do it this way pop your requests in our letterbox located on the right of our entrance. We require 48 hours notice to process your request.



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Local Police Team

Our local police team are Rotherham South and while you can contact individual officers, they are not your first point of contact to report crime and significant concerns because they are out and about in Treeton and may not be able to respond immediately



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