

PATRICK BROMPTON NEWSLETTER



Welcome to all new residents. We hope you will be very happy in our village and have found your village welcome pack useful.
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SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Thanks to all who joined in by growing, viewing or drinking prosecco! It has been a lovely event.

Congratulations to Dave and Jane who won first prize for the tallest sunflower and for the widest seed head. Best dressed was won by Wendy.



The PBCEC AGM has taken place and the following were elected into Office: Chair - Helen Whitehead; Vice Chair - Brenda Stratton; Treasurer - Lynda Kirkbright; Secretary - Judith Cockburn; Members - Margaret Chapman; Heather Hawes; Olivia Ryder; Wendy Shepherd. AGM 2021 will be held Monday March 22nd. Thank you to Margaret, for your extended stint as Chair - you have done a magnificent job!

We would like to thank Judi Johnson on behalf of the village for her terrific work as Treasurer. She has kept the coffers secure for the past four and a half years and is now moving to Worcester. We wish Judi and Johnny all the very best in their new home and we will miss you both.

We will be purchasing some more Christmas lights for the village and some more daffodils, tulips, and snowdrop bulbs. Do let us know if you have further ideas which may contribute to our village.

Village Events **THIS SUNDAY!**

Bulb Planting: Sunday 25th October, 11.00am outside The Old Schoolroom.

This is easily done at social distance. Please come along and help as many hands make light work. If you cannot dig it would be helpful if you could deposit the bulbs into the holes. Please bring your own gloves and

implements.

A short **Remembrance Service** will take place on 8th November outside around the cenotaph in the church grounds, 10.45am.

While we are still in uncertain times, we hesitate to advertise village events. The following dates are intended for your calendars - but of course social distancing procedures and further details nearer the time will determine whether they will take place.

Sunday December 13th Newton and PB joint **Christmas Bring and Share** afternoon.

Switching on of our Village Christmas Lights will take place on Saturday 5th December at 5.00pm. Please join in by switching your own Christmas lights on at the same time and maybe raising a glass at your house gate, to perhaps one of the strangest Christmases we have ever known!

Saturday December 19th 6.30pm Village Carol Singing followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Please meet at Manor Green with torches. Covid friendly Carol sheets will be provided.

There is a **Book Exchange box** in the Bus Shelter. Feel free to exchange books - being Covid-19 aware. Thanks Judith C for organising.

Thanks to those PBCE and PC members who litter-picked to keep our village clean and smart.

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Covid -19

As the onset of a second wave seems unavoidable, we ask residents to keep an eye out for their neighbours and friends. Keep safe and follow the rules. Our area is currently in Tier 1 (medium), which means that the rule of 6 applies indoors or out, and a 10pm curfew on pubs and restaurants.

Parish Meeting held by Zoom in September.

Regulations prevented the meeting from being held face to face. The Chair reported back on an interesting year which was, of course, dominated by Covid 19. He particularly reported on the marvellous effort put in by everyone to support neighbours and friends during the lockdown period. Thanks was once again given to Alex Franks for her kind and generous goodies to the village, as well as to all of those companies who delivered much needed provisions. Work on some aspects of the Village Plan has been delayed due to the pandemic. The report will be posted on the village website in the near future, alongside the minutes of that meeting, the minutes of the Council AGM and that of the following Ordinary meeting. At the AGM, Cllr. Grahame Shepherd was re-appointed as Chair. Cllr. Brian Whitehead was re-appointed as Vice Chair, and the Clerk, Jon MacNamara continues in the role as Responsible Financial Officer.

Christmas Tree

Time is rushing towards that time when we will be erecting a Christmas tree in the village. Last year, Rosa Kirkham very kindly donated a splendid tree. The source from prior years has almost dried up. We are on the look out for a tree for this year. The tree needs to be between 12-15 feet in height. If you know of a fine fir tree that might be available, please get in touch with the Chair, Grahame Shepherd. Alternatively, we will consider the purchase of a good-sized tree and, if you are interested in sponsoring (or part sponsoring) a tree, please let us know. We are working with the Community Events Committee, who will be placing lighting on some of our existing trees throughout the village. See overleaf about when the Christmas lights will be turned on.

Village Signage

Villagers will not fail to see the newly erected signs regarding Dog Waste. The Council is aware that the majority of our dog owners act responsibly with this matter, and indeed, comments have been made regarding the necessity of such additional signage. Sadly, there are still incidents of waste being left on the grassy areas, and on footpaths.