

The Queens's Platinum Jubilee weekend, Thursday – Sunday, June 2nd - 5th



I am sure there will be events planned within Ravenshead to celebrate the Queens's Platinum Jubilee, over the extended Bank Holiday weekend, including street parties. The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Village Hall Management Committee, is planning a family picnic on Friday June 3rd outside the Village Hall. Further details will be given nearer the time, but please save the date. We hope residents will be able to bring their own picnic with teas and coffees plus the bar, being available at the village hall, from 1.00 - 5.00pm. We are planning to erect a flag pole and raise the Union Flag around 3.00 pm, alongside singing the National Anthem, a blessing from the Vicar and other musical entertainment. I do hope as many residents as possible will be able to attend and enjoy the afternoon.

The Village Hall will also be hosting a musical event that evening as well.

Leisure Centre - Refreshments

Regular users of the facilities at the Leisure Centre will have noticed that the vending machines inside the building have been removed. The machines were leased from an outside company who were failing to maintain and adequately re stock them. We will reconsider if we need to replace them. Any thoughts are always welcome.

The Burger Van that has been a regular feature on Saturday and Sunday mornings during the football season has also ceased trading. The owner feels they can make more profit by siting it elsewhere. Contrary to rumours circulating amongst parents of the footballers, the Parish Council only charged a very small ground rent, with most of that being returned to the football club. If anyone knows of another company that would like to stand there again, please contact the Parish Clerks. Alternatively, if any parents connected to the football club would like to run a tea/coffee stall to help raise money for the club, do get in touch.

Double yellow lines

Double yellow lines are now in place around road junctions that lead onto Swinton Rise. They have been introduced by the County Council with a view to making it safer for car drivers and pedestrians, giving greater visibility around the junctions. This is particularly necessary when dropping off and collecting from the school. I do hope that they are respected, unlike some residents who continue to park on the double yellow lines around the Post Office. Fines have been issued in the past, so be warned!

Sports news

I, like other newsletter readers have been delighted to read last month, of the selection of a Ravenshead young man, Lawrence Burton, for the England indoor cricket team. I wish him all the success in his forthcoming tournament in Dubai.

The Leisure Centre continues to attract more and more bookings from individuals and groups. Those who attend on Tuesday evenings in particular, will testify to how busy it can be. Netball, Football, Badminton and an exercise class are all using the facilities that evening. A new junior Basketball club is hopefully starting soon. Do look at the timetable of activities that is displayed elsewhere in the newsletter or contact the Leisure Centre for more details. The dance school, table tennis club, tennis club, petanque club and martial arts group, amongst others are always looking for new participants. Indoor and outdoor spaces, along with the 3G pitch, are always available for individuals to book. All revenue made from the bookings, help to maintain the building and will go some way towards a major refurbishment.

War in Ukraine



We are all acutely aware of the dreadful situation that is unfolding in Ukraine and sometimes we feel powerless to help. A big thank you therefore, goes out to all those residents who made donations to the Taylors Transport convoy that took out emergency relief recently. The Government is very keen for all future donations to be directed through the Disasters Emergency Committee. Their contact details can be found at dec.org.uk The DEC is made up of 15 member charities who are experts in humanitarian aid and specialise in different areas of disaster response. They come together to speak in one voice and make fundraising more efficient when they launch an appeal.



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