

Jubilee celebrations.

I hope that you all managed to enjoy some of the magnificent events that were staged both nationally and locally, to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Council was very pleased to play a small part in one of those events, the Village Picnic, held on 3rd June. The sun was shining, music was playing, the bar was open, and over 300 residents attended. There were numerous groups and individuals who contributed to the organisation of the event, and without whom it would not have been so successful. Thanks go to my fellow Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerks and handyman, the Village Hall Management Committee, Rev. Kate Byrom, The High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, the ladies from church for the teas and coffees, 'Andy and the Ridge Tiles' for the live music and Dan Johnson for the PA system and video presentation.



Tour of Britain Cycle Race – September 8th



Residents may not be aware that the Tour of Britain cycle race will be passing through Ravenshead again this year. The Nottinghamshire stage, on Thursday 8th September, begins in West Bridgford and finishes in Mansfield. The race will enter Ravenshead on Longdale Lane coming from Calverton, before turning right onto Chapel Lane. The cyclists will then turn right upon reaching Main Road, before

heading towards Blidworth. The organisers have informed me that they expect the riders to pass along Chapel Lane around 12.30pm - 1.00pm. Both village primary schools will be bringing some children to watch the race, from outside of the Sherwood Ranger. The Parish Council will put up bunting along some sections of Chapel Lane, and we hope that residents will do too.

Tennis



The Parish Council received funding to allow us to support a number of free tennis sessions for adults, which have proved popular. It was so good to see a young lady, recently displaced from the Ukraine, being able to take advantage of this. Hopefully this joint initiative with the tennis club, will help them attract new members. Thank you to Amellia Murray and Kate Beaumont for their help with organising and coaching. Whilst the adult sessions have proved popular, the free sessions during the school half term holiday for teenagers, were less so. Not one young person booked a court. I do wonder if the comments that are often heard, saying that there is nothing for teenagers to do, is an accurate statement. Let's see if any young people book courts in the school's summer holiday period.

Christmas Lights 2022

You may recall that there was a fair amount of discussion, as well of criticism, of the Parish Council last Christmas. This related to the decision not to have a living or cut, real Christmas tree. Instead, we opted for a pole with lights which I believe, once lit, silenced many of the critics. It was bought at a fraction of the cost of a cut tree and will be able to be used for years to come. Planning is now underway for this year's lights switch on, on Saturday 3rd December.

We will be holding a meeting for all of the usual groups who have an input into the event, at 6.30pm on Tuesday 12th July, at the Leisure Centre. Members of the public are very welcome to attend, if anyone would like to contribute their time to the organisation this year, or have suggestions to make. Please contact the Parish Clerk to indicate if you would like to attend, on 01623 490035 or office@ravensheadpc.org.uk

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