

OUR NEWSLETTER

This is the second of our parish newsletters published by the Parish Council, designed to keep you informed of recent events and current issues in the village.

Thank you for the positive feedback and suggestions you have made following the first issue and how useful and informative you found it. Thank you also to those who took the trouble to complete the short questionnaire about likes and dislikes that was included last time. A brief summary of responses is included overleaf with more detail on the website at bawdrip.org.uk. If you have a point which you haven't made yet, the online survey is still open on the village website at bawdrip.org.uk/survey.

LATEST COUNCIL NEWS

Land at Shaw's Orchard

Following the public meeting, arranged by the Parish Council, which took place on 31st May was well attended, with all age groups represented. There was considerable enthusiasm for the concept of a small play area (with equipment) and/or a playing field – both of which the Parish currently lacked. In the specific case of the land owned by the Parish Council at Shaw's Orchard, there was little that could be changed at present due to the steep bank and the footpath. We are seeking comments and inviting volunteers to establish a Committee to attempt to move this issue forward so please contact the Chairman or Vice Chairman if you wish to be involved.

Railway Embankment Land

It was also noted that the Hawk and Owl Trust had withdrawn its interest in acquiring the railway embankment. The land owners wish to dispose of the embankment with a caveat that it remains as an environmental feature. At it's meeting on 1 July the Council agreed that it would be more than pleased to become the owner of the amenity woodland (the former Railway embankment) at the boundary of Shaw's Orchard. The Council considers that this would a welcome community asset for current and future generations and in particular would enhance the rural setting of the now completed Shaw's Orchard Development. These sentiments were expressed by many who attended the meeting.

If the notion to gift the land to the Council is acceptable to Summerfield, the Council will then wish commission a survey of the land. This would be to identify any immediate and potential liabilities which, if the transfer took place, could present an unacceptable burden on public funds.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2014/15

Roger Williams: was elected Chairman and Richard Culverhouse: was elected Vice-Chairman.

Bus Services

There is little prospect of a bus route through the centre of the Village. However, as the existing stops were over a mile away from the centre of Bawdrip, there is a case for a new stop possibly adjacent to the Fairview Caravan site. A site visit has taken place which was very encouraging.

WHAT'S ON

The next events in Bawdrip are:
Thursday 17 July 7.30pm Bawdrip History Group, Parish Hall
Sat 9 August 10.30am Bawdrip Coffee Morning
Wed 13 August 1.00pm Lunch Club, Parish Hall
Thursday 21 August 7.30pm Bawdrip History Group, Parish Hall



Visit the village website at bawdrip.org.uk for the latest updates and information.

SURVEY SUMMARY

The recent short survey to the parish yielded 20 responses which are summarised below. Most respondents are broadly positive about the village but a number of issues have emerged.

Things I like about Bawdrip

- Friendly neighbours, well maintained properties, clean and pleasant village.
- Footpaths and cycle paths Easy access to levels and moors
- Sense of rural community- peace, quiet and privacy - rural location - Links to major road networks for commuting

Things I dislike about Bawdrip

- Lack of space/opportunity for children to play in the village
- Not on a bus route- access to public transport
- Lack of village Shop or post office
- Traffic at school times when the road through the village becomes a rat run

- Being made to feel unwelcome by some long term residents
- Creeping suburbanisation

Things I would like to see improved in Bawdrip

- Develop more of a community spirit
- Better communication within the village and the school and sharing of their facilities
- Public transport provision
- Work done on areas that has been damaged or needs attention
- Acceptance of newcomers to the village
- Local shop or a mobile shop to visit if a permanent one is not possible. A community café
- A more modern community hall
- Mobile phone signal and broadband coverage improved.

The Parish Council will discuss these results in the near future.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Roads and Footpaths

A number of maintenance items have been pursued with County Highways and it is hoped that they will be resolved shortly;

- Outstanding Works -Road markings under Railway Bridge and damaged railings
- Pot Hole, Ford Lane, Stawell marked the area pending repair.
- Bridle path B2/15 (Little Wall Lane) the poor quality of work when the first cut was carried out. As a result a second visit was made which had improved the situation.
- The 40 mph restriction on Bradney Lane had been extended up to the 30 mph signs near to the Environment Agency Depot.

COMMUNITY CAFE

Cafe Bawdrip The group who are planning to start Community Café are looking to begin opening from September.

A further meeting is being held at 11 Bawdrip Lane, Bawdrip on Tuesday 15th July at 7.30pm.

If you would like to contribute in some way please post your message via the Bawdrip web site www.bawdrip.org.uk or send an email to communitycafe@bawdrip.org.uk. You can also send your correspondence c/o Richard Culverhouse, 11 Bawdrip Lane, Bawdrip, Tel 684390.

HISTORY GROUP

The Group is now meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month and so far has received a talk by Godfrey Hebdon on Local History research and also enjoyed a "behind the scenes" visit to the Somerset Heritage Centre in Taunton.

Future meetings will include a sharing of pictures, documents and stories from a local lady who worked at Uplands Nursery & a visit to the Edington School Room home of the Edington and District History Group in October.

More details from Pam Earnshaw on 683735 or by emailing historygroup@bawdrip.org.uk

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Council now meets on the FIRST Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall (Except August)

Members of the public are very welcome to attend so come along and get involved.

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