

Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council

(Incorporating Brookhouse, Carr, Slade Hooton and Newhall Hamlet)

News Update

News for the Parishioners of Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish



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Welcome to our latest news update

This newsletter is produced to keep parishioners informed about the activities being undertaken by the Parish Council, for the benefit of the Parish, as well as information on events and activities that you may wish to take part in. We hope that you find it informative.

We are currently working on a new website that will be launched early in the new year. This will have a new a refreshed design and also a more active Village Hall page. Keep an eye out and we will share details on the village Facebook page.

We always welcome any feedback or new ideas for our newsletter, so please get in touch with either me, or Caroline, our Parish Clerk, if there is anything you would like to raise. Contact details are included on page 2.

Trevor Stanway
Parish Council
Chairman



Improvements to Laughton Village Hall



If you have walked past the Village Hall recently you will see that it is a hive of activity with the new extension now built. Work is well underway to renovate the toilets, and, in a few weeks, the new kitchen will be installed.

The project, which is being funded by a £100,000 grant from FCC Communities Foundation, will provide a new commercial kitchen and a much needed modern, hygienic toilet block, ready to use at the start of 2023. Trevor Stanway, Chairman of Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council is excited that the project is starting to take shape. He says: "It's great to see our vision for this vital community facility moving closer to reality. We are extremely grateful for the funding FCC Communities Foundation has given us and we're looking forward to opening to the public." FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund. Penny Horne, spokesperson for FCC Communities Foundation, says: "It's always nice to see something we have funded start to take shape. We're delighted to be supporting such a worthwhile project and look forward to it benefitting lots of different people within the area."

There will be an opening event at 3 pm on Saturday 11th February 2023. If you would like to attend to see the improvements, then you would be most welcome. We do need to book numbers to comply with fire regulations, so we will deal with requests for bookings in date order. If you would like to come along then please email or telephone the clerk – her details are on page 2.



Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council would also like to thank National Lottery Awards for All for their contribution of £10,000, Ward Councillors: Sophie Dack, Ben Whomersley and Charlie Wooding for their contribution of £8,000, Tesco Bags of help scheme for giving us £1000, as well as all the local people that have helped fund raise towards this project.



Your Parish Council

Notice of Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.15pm, Wednesday 14th December 2022 at the Village Hall, Firbeck Avenue, Laughton-en-le-Morthen S25 1YD. The agenda for this meeting will be on the Parish Council website by the Friday preceding the meeting or by request from the clerk. Minutes of previous meeting are also available on the website.

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My working days are

Monday to Thursday 10 am – 12.30 pm



SUDRJORVIK VIKING RE-ENACTMENT GROUP

*The group is now meeting on a Thursday 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm.
There will be a craft day on 10th December 11.00 pm until 3.00 pm.
For details contact Cora on 07515709144*



Hanging Baskets

Parishioners have contacted the Parish Council about schemes that they have seen in other Parishes, where local residents sponsor a hanging basket in order to decorate the village. Practically, for most impact, it would appear sensible to focus on those lamp posts from the crossroads up to Laughton All Saints Church. Dependant on interest this could stretch down towards St John's Road.

Before looking the scheme, we would be grateful if anyone interested would contact the clerk. Her details are on page two. There are some restrictions on which lampposts RMBC would license for baskets, as they must be of a certain specification to take the weight of the baskets and brackets. Please let us know your thoughts.



Regular Activities at the Laughton Village Hall

Many of our regular groups have now started again at the Village Hall and some new ones. You can also book the hall for one-off events by emailing Ann Mitchell: anncm@live.co.uk.

MONDAY Toddler Playgroup 9.30 am - 11.00 am
Keep Fit - Spin 5.30 pm
Keep Fit - Kettlebells 6.00 pm

TUESDAY Bowling 5.30 pm - 8.00 pm

WEDNESDAY Knit and Natter 9.30 am - 12.30 am
Keep Fit - Kettlebells 5.30 pm
Keep Fit - Spin 6.00 pm

THURSDAY Toddler Playgroup 9.30 am - 11.00 am
Keep Fit - Spin Combo 5.30 pm
Keep Fit - Pilates 6.00 pm
Viking Enactments 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

FRIDAY Keep Fit - Spin 6.00 am
Creative Stitching 9.30 am - 3.00 pm
Keep Fit - Metafit 5.30 pm
Keep Fit - Spin 6.00 pm

SATURDAY Keep Fit - Spin 9.00 am
Keep Fit - Pilates 9.30 am

Contact for Toddler Playgroup is Wendy Bulmer - 07989679397

Contact for Keep Fit Classes is Fay Bird - 07581466464

Creative Stitching contact is Janet 07721321214

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Life with Guests from Ukraine



What is life like having guests from Ukraine?

When the war broke out in Ukraine it was non debateable, we had 2 spare rooms and beds, end of conversation.

Very soon we were put in touch with a family needing our support. They arrived with us on 2nd May 2022, and have now been with us for 6 months. We have also been lucky enough to meet other families from Ukraine who are living in the village, our extended family just keeps extending.

We have managed to overcome the language barriers with the help of 'Google' and 'Say Hi'. They have learnt English, while my Ukraine remains at two words.

Day to day life nearly always brings something interesting, with calls of "Janice.. I need your help" or "Janice, something interesting" or "Janice, why butterfly when butter does not fly" or some other interesting piece of logic. I know when there is homework to be done when the computer is put on my knee, ready to be logged into the school homework system. I can arrive home, and enough food has been cooked for the next three days, or a lovely cake is sitting waiting to be tried. My pantry and fridges bulge at the sides, my saucepans are in constant use, but the house is alive, the dog is thriving, she loves our Ukrainian guests and particularly Ukrainian food!

The initial few weeks were difficult because of all the admin that was needed. We needed to learn about each other as well as our cultural differences, which are really interesting.

We have had lots of help from the village residents for which I will always be grateful. It has seemed that I have only had to ask for help and it has been provided: school uniform, bikes, cricket gear, football tickets, we live in a wonderful community.

My guests have been with us now for 6 months, do I regret one moment of hosting my new family – no, not at all!

Both are a delight to have around the house. Mum helps with the cleaning and cooking; she makes the most delicious cakes. We take it in turns with the shopping, meals are often taken together, but we have a mutual respect for each other's culture. We tend to have set mealtimes, whereas our guests eat when they are hungry.

The young man helps with outside work such as sweeping the yard and driveway, helping cut the grass, stack wood and washing my car (for his pocket money).

Being a host family is not for everyone but I think that by taking things slowly, respecting each other and not getting upset over the little things, it works really well. Yes, the fridge will be overtaken with food, meals will be stored in the saucepan, food we keep in the fridge will be left out, items will appear that you've never seen before and would not even want to try. However, it doesn't take much to adapt and find your way around dealing with some of this. With patience and understanding the rewards are tenfold. We have extended family for life now, and I know there will always be a welcome in Ukraine for us once life returns to normal. More host families are needed. For anyone looking to become a host family and would like to know more, I'm always available to have a chat.

Councillor Janice Cutting.



Lest We Forget



Over the past few years, the Parish Council has displayed large poppies on the lampposts in the villages of Laughton-en-le-Morthen, Brookhouse, Slade Hooton, Carr and Newhall.

These poppies have the names of the soldiers who had made the supreme sacrifice for their country in either the 1st or 2nd World War, as listed on our War Memorial.

In 2021, while adding the poppies to the lampposts, a number of residents asked if the men named were from that part of the Parish and suggested that it would be good if this was to happen in future so that the Poppy with that soldier's name on was close to their old home.

Trudy Hutson, our Vice Chair, decided to research where the men lived prior to the wars.

Research had been completed previously by Jon D Harvey on the men who died in the 2nd World War and in most cases, he had recorded which village the men lived. However, a number of men did not have their residence recorded. (This resource resides in All Saints Church in a blue folder.)

Trudy researched the men named on the memorial though WW1 death records, pensions, valuables and the 1911 census. She also used the 1911 & 1939 census to locate residence, where Jon D Harvey had omitted it in his original research, in an attempt to locate the remaining men from the 2nd World War.

A number of men who died in the 1st world war remain undetectable as only their initials are on the memorial. Hundreds if not thousands of men died with the surnames of Fox, West, Taylor and Young and without further information she has been unable to locate all the men who died in the 1st World War.

The research found that in 1923, when the Laughton-en-le-Morthen memorial was erected, many of the men commemorated on the war memorial lived in Laughton Common, Thurcroft and other surrounding hamlets. Thurcroft did not have a memorial until August 1925 in the Miners welfare.

17 of the name poppies have been placed on or near to the roads where the men lived in the Parish.

If you have any further information regarding any of the men named on the memorial, who died in the 1st world war, please contact Trudy on

thutson@laughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Trudy Hutson

War Memorial

The war memorial is 100 years old on 17th June 2023. It is hoped to hold some celebrations and plans are starting to be formed. If you would like to be involved or would like to be kept in the loop, please send an email to gilly154@me.com.



Laughton All Saints Church

Christmas Services and Events



NEWS FROM THE PEWS!

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 3rd December, 2 pm till 4 pm. There will be many different stalls, games and crafts, refreshments, cakes and much more.

New for Christmas 2022, you can come along and visit Santa's in his grotto – there is a small cost of £2 per child.

On Sunday 4th December at 4 pm there will be the Christingle service to support the children's society. This is an opportunity to bring a gift to donate for vulnerable children in the Rotherham area. If you are able to help, please wrap your gift and write the gender and age group on the corner. All gifts are gratefully received. There will be 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' on Saturday 10th December at 6.30 pm. Maltby Miners Brass Band will be playing, which the Parish Council have kindly funded. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

Our Traditional Carol Service will be held on Sunday 18th December at 6 pm.

On Christmas Eve at 4 pm will be the Crib service, and later at 11.30 pm Holy Communion.

On Christmas day we will join the congregation at St Bartholomew's Maltby for Holy Communion to be held at 9.30 am.

Please see below for our regular services. These are subject to change so please check our website/Facebook page or call the parish office for details Telephone - 07943 222 687.

www.allsaintschurchlaughton.co.uk

1 st Sunday	Morning Prayer	9am		
2 nd Sunday	Private Prayer	9am	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
3 rd Sunday	Holy Communion	9am		
4 th Sunday	Private Prayer	9am	Holy Communion	6.00pm

Brookhouse News

On 4th December, starting at 2 pm there will be the Travellers Rest Christmas Fayre with stalls and food available. There is a children's Christmas party which must be booked, (spaces are limited.)

The Village light switch on will also take place at about 5 pm and hopefully Santa will make an appearance! Come and join us.

Community Defibrillators

Just a reminder that Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council own and maintain four defibrillators in the parish. These are located:

On the external wall of the Village Hall in Laughton-en-le-Morthen.

On the external wall of Laughton J&I School on School Road, Laughton-en-le-Morthen.

On the external wall of Laughton All Saints' C of E Primary School on High Street, Laughton-en-le-Morthen.

On the external wall of the Traveller's Rest, Main Street, Brookhouse.

The devices are designed to be used without any requirement for training. When receiving a 999 call Yorkshire Ambulance Service will assess the patient's condition and may give out the access code to the Defibrillator Cabinet if appropriate.

The machine itself gives spoken instructions and decides if a shock is required.



TICKET ONLY £5 PER CHILD

TICKETS INCLUDES : ENTRY FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY & PRESENT FROM SANTA

TRAVELLERS REST, BROOKHOUSE, SHEFFIELD, S25 1YA

STARTS AT 2 FINISH AT 6

SANTA'S ARRIVAL ON HIS SLEIGH JUST AFTER 4