

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



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.

Since our last newsletter we have carried out our long-planned project to extend and renovate the kitchen and toilets in Laughton Village Hall, we are very pleased with the final results – more later on this.

We have also launched our new website at www.laughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk. For the original design and concept, Council engaged with students at Rotherham College of Arts & Technology. A website company then brought this to life. Parishioner contributed pictures to hopefully capture the beauty of our lovely Parish. All information about meetings, minutes and finances are on there, as well as any contact information you may need for the Parish Council and booking the hall.

Since our last issue we now have a new Monarch. The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III was a spectacle to

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behold. We hope those with children at our local schools liked the commemorative medallion keepsakes which the Parish Council donated to mark the event. On the recreational field we have planted a traditional English Oak Tree to celebrate the Coronation which parishioners will be able to see for decades to come.

The village will soon mark 100 years of the unveiling of the War Memorial. Please see details below. We hope you will come along and join in to remember those for whom it was erected, and to visit the Church Garden Party afterwards.

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 4.

Trevor Stanway
Parish Council Chairman



Laughton-en-le-Morthen War Memorial

On Sunday afternoon on June 17th, 1923, Laughton War memorial was unveiled by Lord Scarborough and supported by the Countess of Scarborough. Prior to the unveiling a procession was formed at the foot of the memorial consisting of Dinnington Brass Band, Firing party of the 5th York and Lancaster Regiment, Dinnington Salvation Army Band, ex-servicemen, R.A.O.B. Local Boy Scouts, Druids, Oddfellows Cricket Club, Thurcroft Ambulance Band, Sunday Schools, Teachers and others.

A crowd of 5000 to 6000 people watched as the Memorial was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield and his wife Mrs Burrows.

The planning for the memorial began in January 1921 and monies were raised from a wide range of sources, Parishioners, Landowners, The Collieries, Laughton Cricket Club, Gardeners Associations. The cost of the memorial was £300 and was the work of Mr AH Borrowdale. It is a figure of a man standing on a pedestal with arms reversed and is made from Aberdeen granite. It stands in the churchyard in a commanding position and contains the names of 47 men of the parish who made the ultimate sacrifice. 300 men of the parish served and survived the war.

On Saturday June 17th, 2023, it is planned to re-dedicate the War Memorial and a parade will take place leaving from Laughton Junior and Infant School at approximately 12:30 pm and arrive at the memorial at 1:00 pm. The service will be led by the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Sheffield.

Among those taking part in the parade will be Dinnington Brass Band, The Royal British Legion, Thurcroft and Rotherham Veterans, Scout groups, local schools, and local businesses.

Everyone is welcome to join the event, either walking behind the main party, or around the memorial. The roads around the memorial will be closed for the duration of the service.

Any families of the persons named on the memorial are welcome to join the service and a wreath will be laid by a representative of these families. Please contact Gill Ramsay so you can be added to the guest list.

In Laughton All Saints Church there is a very interesting file containing details of many of the names on the memorial. At the moment, it is the only copy and therefore is not accessible other than by appointment. It is hoped to make the information more accessible and ensure there is a record for each of the names, this work is taking place now. If anyone has any information about any of the names on the memorial, it would be very much appreciated to add to the file.

For this and any other query please contact Gill -

Gill Ramsay
07540327856

or via email at
laughtonwarmemorial2023@gmail.com



Before



Laughton Village Hall

Phase 1 of our project is complete! Three years in the planning, to create and consult on drawings, seek planning permission, raise funds and finally, get someone to build it.

The project, which has been made possible by a grant of £100,000 from FCC Communities Foundation, now provides a new commercial kitchen, a much needed modern, hygienic toilet block, improved render, new doors and signage. Trevor Stanway, Chairman of Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council said "Council is thrilled with the final result, it is great to see our vision for this vital community facility come to life. We are extremely grateful for the funding FCC Communities Foundation has given us." 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 wonderful to see something we have funded finally open and ready to make such a difference to the local people and community groups within Laughton-en-le-Morthen and the surrounding villages. FCC Communities Foundation is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that benefit local communities, and this is a great example of what can be achieved."

You can see from the BEFORE and AFTER pictures that the improvement is dramatic. The toilets were small and very drab. Issues with asbestos in roof areas had to be resolved before the build could be started. The kitchen was very dated and narrow. By extending and moving the kitchen, this allowed the toilets to be enlarged and a new commercial kitchen installed, that is now fit for any event. All rooms are now bright, modern and airy and the toilets have heating!

Funding for the project was also provided by the Parish Council with support from National Lottery Awards for All, Ward Councillors: Sophie Dack, Ben Whomersley and Charlie Wooding,



Regular Activities at the 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	Spin 5.30 pm Kettlebells 6.00 pm Clubsize 6.45 pm
TUESDAY	Spin 6.00 am
WEDNESDAY	Spin 5.30 pm Pilates 6.00 pm

After

Tesco Bags of help scheme, as well as all the local people that have helped fund raise towards this project, including our Village Hall Management Committee. This was very much a community led project, based on feedback from hall users on what improvements they would like to see.

Following completion of the project the new Village Hall Charity, Laughton Village Hall CIO, arranged for the hall to be painted, the flooring to be refinished and new blinds have been installed.

We were very fortunate to be able to replace the hall ceiling thanks to a team effort from Faye Bird and her volunteers, who installed the tiles. This work would not have been possible if SIG Distribution and their supplier Zentia, had not donated a large portion of the tiles for us. For all this we are extremely grateful.

There will be an opening event at 2 pm on Sunday 11th June 2023. We would love parishioners to come along to see the improvements. 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 on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to come along, please contact our clerk by email - her details are on page 4. Entry tickets will then be provided.

We will be serving homemade tea and cakes free of charge. Our Chairman, Trevor Stanway, will be doing the official opening.

Finally, our thanks go to all our users for being adaptable and understanding throughout the build and the people involved in the build:

Ian Spencer - IAG Development Limited (Builder), Alan Thomas, AT Design & Draughting (Architect), Mark Rae - MAK Surveying Services Ltd (Quantity Surveyor), Ben Senior - Fox Catering Equipment Ltd (Kitchen), Ward's Painting and Decorating (Hall decoration), Peter Barber, Nationwide Blinds Ltd (Blinds), Darren Worthington - Woollen Group Ltd (Signage).



THURSDAY Spin/Combo 5.30 pm

FRIDAY Kettlebells 5.30 pm
Spin 6.00 pm

SATURDAY Spin 9.00 am
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

Bowling contact is Sue Salt - 0779195083



Your Parish Council

Notice of Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.15pm, Wednesday 21st June 2023 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

Laughton Litter Pickers



Are you an environmental vandal or do you thoughtlessly discard litter?

We are all privileged to live in this lovely little village surrounded by great countryside and nature, yet we are plagued by people who throw their rubbish out of their cars as they enter our little haven. Have you ever wondered what happens to all the waste you see on the three main routes into Laughton-en-le-Morthen? Well, it is collected every couple of months by a small number of unpaid local residents, who give up their time to clean up the mess left by people that toss litter. We regularly collect 10 or so bags of litter comprising mainly cans, fast food wrappers, dog poo bags, rubber gloves etc. All of this should have been placed in a bin of which we have plenty in the village.

Things have got worse lately with the throwing out onto the side of the road things like nappies, old engine oil and batteries! Even batteries being thrown into the stream off the bridleway. This situation is not only anti-social and illegal it is an act of "Environmental Terrorism". Batteries contain toxic metals that are very dangerous to wildlife. Once these metals enter the food chain, they are fatal to a lot of our wild animals as well as dogs. Batteries should not be disposed of in household waste but should be carefully recycled at the many places close by.

Please think about our village and its wildlife and do not be a tosser of litter or a Terrorist!

If you would like to do your bit and help with litter picking every couple of months, please contact the Clerk who will pass on your details to the "Litter Pickers".

David Dixon

All Saints' Garden Party

17th June 2pm - 4pm
Following the War Memorial Service

Held at
Old Hall Farm
High Street, Laughton
(By kind permission of Mrs H Shepard)

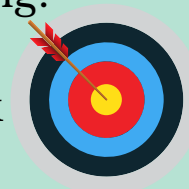


Strawberries & Cream
Beer & Pimm's
Cake Stall & Raffle

Games including:



Archery
Hook a Duck
and more



Teas & Coffees
Hot Roast Pork Sandwiches
Entertainment
and more!



All proceeds going towards the upkeep of
All Saints Church and Churchyard