



Bricklehampton • Elmley Castle
Kersoe • Netherton

UPDATE & NEWS

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Issue 4: Spring 2020



Welcome

Welcome to the fourth edition of Update & News from your Parish Council detailing activities in Bricklehampton, Elmley Castle, Kersoe and Netherton.



This spring everyone's attention is on the news and the global spread of the Coronavirus across the country. Though the virus is relatively mild for 80% of those who contract it, we all need to be conscious of the greater risk for those who are elderly and have underlying conditions.

It looks like the next few weeks and months could be a difficult time for everyone, so more than ever keep an eye out for your neighbours and the most vulnerable members of our community.

If anyone self-isolating has nobody living nearby to help they can contact the Clerk on 07586 567777 (Clerk@ElmleyCastleParishCouncil.gov.uk) and one of your Councillors will do what they can to help with collecting shopping, posting letters, walking dogs etc. We can't promise to find elusive luxuries like hand sanitizer or loo roll, but we will do our best.



Village Appearance & Maintenance

Our villages are beautiful but need constant and ongoing maintenance to keep them in the best possible condition.



Village Gates

The new village gates have now been installed at the two main entrances to Elmley Castle. They are the design that was chosen by the majority of respondents in the first community consultation held in July 2019. The feedback we have received has been very positive and we hope you agree they look very smart!

The next phase is to add the new style gates and signs for Bricklehampton.



Discoloured Road Signs

We have secured a commitment from the Highways department that the discoloured direction signs in the villages will be replaced. There is currently an understandable backlog of work as a result of recent flooding, but it is anticipated that these will be replaced within the next few months.



Children's Play Area New Homes Bonus Grant

Following on from the Community Consultation back in July we have now found a suitable contractor to undertake the works at a cost consistent with our available New Homes Bonus fund. The proposed works involve replacing the bark and deteriorating "soft-pour" surfaces with a new Cushion Fall loose impact absorbent surface (LIAS) across the whole play area. Upgrade the existing swings to a 1m diameter basket nest swing and upgrading the plastic panels on the play tower to Sequoia timber panels with new artwork.

We have requested the release of the New Homes Bonus funds with the support of our District Councillor Tony Rowley and hope to be able to start the work later this year.



Additional Christmas Lights in 2020

The feedback on the Christmas Lights in the Elmley Castle Main Square was almost 100% positive. As a result, the Parish Council budget adopted in January includes an additional £750 to expand the Christmas Lights further into Main Street for Christmas 2020.



Flower Planting

It is good to see the wild daffodils starting to appear on the various roadside verges that were planted earlier in the year. We will have to wait a little longer to see if the wild flower seeds have taken, but we have our fingers crossed.

It was agreed, in consultation with representatives of his surviving family, that the remainder of the John Eaton legacy will be spent on planting flowers in the entrance to the playing field. If possible, we will also provide a commemorative bench so people can sit and enjoy them.

Bricklehampton Phonebox

The purchase of the Phone box in Bricklehampton from BT is now complete. It requires some refurbishment which will be completed in the coming months. We are looking for suggestions for suitable

uses of the phone box. In Elmley Castle the phone box houses the defibrillator and this would be the obvious use in Bricklehampton, but if you have any alternative suggestions please let us know via the community consultation questionnaire later in this issue.

Multi Use Tennis & Games Area

Unfortunately our application for a Wychavon Legacy Grant to build a Multi Use Games Area for the village was unsuccessful. We are awaiting feedback on why our application was rejected, but we are aware that there was a huge amount of interest in the Legacy Grant scheme this year and there were not enough funds available to support all the projects.



Crime Prevention

Be vigilant, report suspicious activity, share information through your local Neighbourhood Watch, stay safe and care for our community.

Fly Tipping

There are ongoing incidents of fly tipping in and around the villages. In conjunction with Highways we now have covert cameras at several locations on the local road. Unfortunately, it is not possible to cover all locations so a degree of luck will be required in order catch the culprits in the act.

If you see someone fly tipping write down as many relevant details as possible:

- A description of the people fly tipping
- Full description of any vehicle involved, especially the registration

- What was fly tipped
- What kind of view you had and whether anyone else was with you
- Do not approach the fly tipper
- Do not place yourself in danger

This should then be reported to Wychavon Client Services Team on 01386 565018 or via www.wychavon.gov.uk/flytipping

If the fly tipping is blocking the road or represents a hazard to traffic then it should also be reported to the County Council Highways Department on 01905 765765.

Please remember to follow the SCRAP guidelines when arranging to have your own household waste removed.



LET'S S.C.R.A.P. FLY TIPPING!

We ALL have a DUTY OF CARE, to ensure our household or business waste is disposed of legally and not fly tipped. Avoid an UNLIMITED FINE by following the S.C.R.A.P. code:

- S**uspect ALL waste carriers
- C**heck with the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 that the provider taking your waste away is licensed
- R**efuse unexpected offers to have waste taken away
- A**sk what will happen to your waste
- P**aperwork should be obtained – get a full receipt



**Around two thirds of fly tips are household waste.
These are all examples of fly tipping which YOU could be
fined or prosecuted for.**

Local Police Communications

The West Mercia Safer Neighbourhoods Team have agreed to attend future Parish Council meetings to provide updates on current concerns and give residents an opportunity to ask them any questions. Attendance cannot be guaranteed as officers may have to attend to crimes reported at short notice.

Pershore Rural SNT submit a Monthly report into the Parish Clerk which will cover our entire Parish and highlight any activity that residents should be made aware of.

An annual report is also submitted that shows a comparison against the previous year and highlights trends and specific actions that may be required.

Both these reports will be available on the Parish Council website www.elmleycastleparishcouncil.gov.uk as soon as they are received and the annual report will also be published in a future edition the Parish Update & News.

Your local policing safer neighbourhood teams

Pershore Rural SNT Members (Elmley Castle, Netherton & Kersoe)

PC 3509 Daren Riley
PCSO 6427 Julie Pardoe
PCSO 40422 Faye Allen Carter

Email Address: pershorerural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
Twitter: @PershoreCops

Evesham Town South & Rural West SNT Members (Bricklehampton)

PC 3327 Paul Brown
PCSO 40350 India Sessarego

Email Address: eveshamtsrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
Facebook / Twitter @Eveshamcops

Reporting Crime

For crimes in progress or if life is in danger always Dial 999

To report suspicious activity / concerns with as much detail as possible, vehicle registrations, descriptions etc. – Dial 101

For general concerns use the relevant SNT email addresses above or contact the Parish Clerk on 07586 567777 during office hours or email clerk@elmleycastleparishcouncil.gov.uk

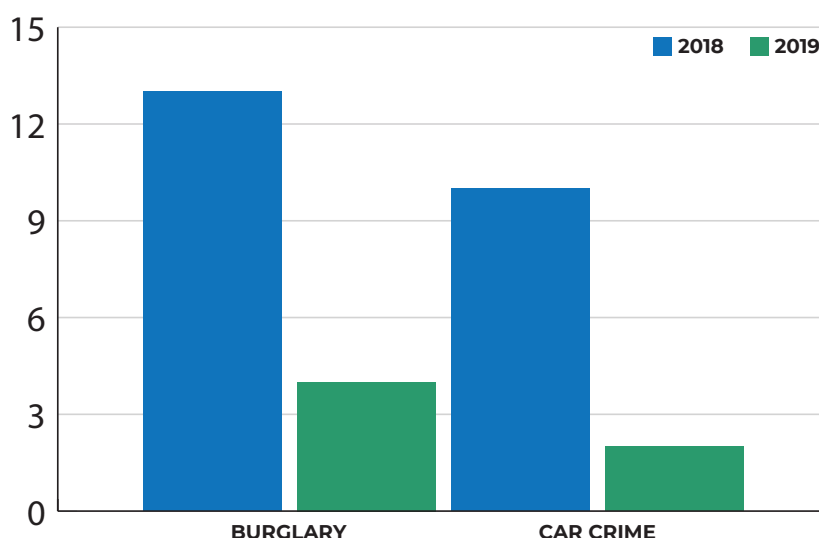
Burglary & Vehicle Crime

Across the villages Burglary is down by 69% and Vehicle Crime is down by 80% compared to last year.

As always Zero is the target but this is significant progress since the introduction of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the Smart Water Initiative. Keep Reporting anything suspicious and look out for one another.



The Parish has a few Free of Charge Smartwater Kits remaining – if any of our New residents would like to register please contact the Parish Clerk 07586 567777 during office hours. One kit per household.



Unfortunately, 2019 did see a spike in reports of criminal damage with the attacks on the local churches and an outbreak of tyre slashing. The police have confirmed that progress has been made on these incidents and investigations are still underway.

Communities, Police and PCC Work Together to Tackle Rural Issues

Evesham and Pershore's rural businesses and farms, are being urged to get involved in a watch scheme specifically designed for rural areas.

In January, Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team and Rural and Business Crime officers launched 'South Worcestershire Rural Watch' which sees local communities work together to tackle rural issues.

The aim of the initiative is to encourage members of the rural business community and farmers to be more vigilant and to report any suspicious information or anything that seems out of the ordinary in their local community.

Local businesses and farmers will work alongside police to help police gather information and intelligence.

The launch forms part of the Police and Crime Commissioners wider Rural Focus campaign, aimed at making rural communities feel more connected.

Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion said: "Rural Watch is just one way

communities can play an active role. I'd encourage the public to take advantage of opportunities like this, as well as getting involved in the Rural Focus campaign, to ensure the police and I can take action to ultimately make communities safer."

South Worcestershire's Rural and Business Officer, Mick Simpson, said: "The benefit of a watch scheme is the intelligence gathered and reported by the local community.

"PC Paul Brown and the SNT officers at Evesham are passionate about helping get the rural business and farming community together, and recently launched the South Worcestershire Rural Watch, at the Talis Amos Group.

"PCC John Campion, business owners and members of the rural community supported the event and found out more about what the new group can achieve

when working together in the community.

"Good intelligence can aid investigations and potentially result in disrupting criminals, such as seizing a vehicle with no insurance or the effective use of police powers of stop and search.

"The public know the communities they live in better than anyone, and will usually notice suspicious behaviour. Without the reporting of suspicious circumstances or crimes, it is difficult for the police to identify or tackle problem areas.

"I would encourage anyone who is interested in getting involved in the scheme to contact me and we can discuss this in more detail."

To find out more about Rural Watch contact Mick Simpson via email michael.simpson@westmercia.pnn.police.uk



Road Safety

We are committed to improving the safety of our roads by reducing speeding, improving signage and keeping on top of pot-holes and road repairs

Improving road safety in the villages is a key priority for the Parish Council. The traffic survey carried out earlier in the year showed that the percentage of vehicles speeding through the 30 mile an hour limit areas in the villages ranged from a low of 29% in Main Street to a high of 48% on Netherton Lane.

Although there is no single “silver bullet” solution the Parish Council continues to work with the Highways department on ways to improve safety.

Vehicle Activated Road Signs

In October there was a community consultation on whether the Parish Council should invest in a Vehicle Activated Speed sign (VAS). Of those who took part in the consultation 64% were in favour

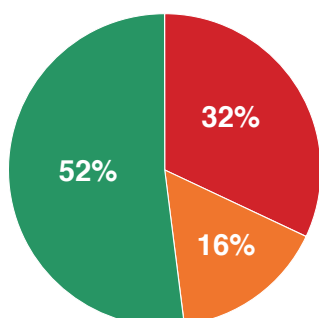
of buying a VAS for the village.

The Parish Council was able to secure significant grant funding towards the project:
Police and Crime Commissioners office - **£1,430**
County Councillor Adrian Hardman - **£500**

These contributions reduced the amount paid from Parish Council funds. A laptop required to interpret data captured by the VAS was also donated free of charge to the Council. The VAS was initially deployed along the main road in Bricklehampton and is now on the road at Bescaps heading into Elmley Castle from Little Comberton.

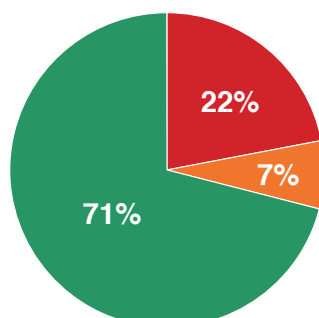


Netherton Lane



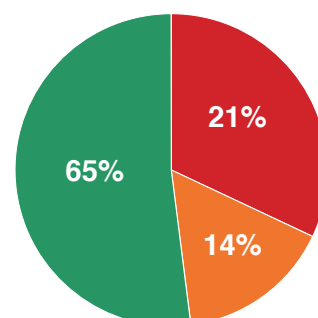
● Over 36 ● 31 to 36 ● under 30

Main Street (Opp Village Hall)



● Over 36 ● 31 to 36 ● under 30

Bricklehampton



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It is a mobile sign and will be moved to different locations within the villages every four weeks or so. Its upcoming locations are:

March 28th – Netherton Lane entering Elmley Castle

April 25th – Kersoe Lane towards Elmley Castle at the children's Playground

May 23rd – Bricklehampton, capturing incoming traffic

June 20th – Elmley Castle Opposite the Village Hall

Improving Road Signage

Since the last Edition of the "Update and News" additional "Horse and Rider", "Pedestrians in Road" and "Approaching S Bend" signs have been added.

Additional Road Markings For Bricklehampton

We have approved a proposal to add an additional 30 Mile An Hour Speed Circle sign on the road in Bricklehampton at the entrance to the north side of the village. This will be carried out by the highways department at no charge to the Parish Council. We are also investigating

signs at 3 additional locations between Bricklehampton Hall and the North Side village entrance signs. The cost to the Parish Council would be £900 but we are investigating alternative funding support.



Planning & Development

The Parish Council is working with other local parishes to try and mitigate the risk of increased HGV Traffic through our villages

The expansion of the Hollyoak Nursery site on the Main Road into Little Comberton was approved. This was a disappointing outcome as objections were made by the Parish Councils of Little Comberton, Great Comberton and Elmley Castle, Bricklehampton and Netherton.

Objections were also raised by the Bredon Hill Conservation Group and the advice from the Council's own Planning Department was to reject the application. However, the planning committee decided to ignore the objections and professional advice and approve the plans! The main argument put forward at the planning committee being that the current site causes significant HGV traffic problems for the residents of Pensham.

One of the key risks identified locally, in addition to the impact on the character of Bredon Hill, was the possibility of significantly increased HGV traffic on the narrow roads through our villages.

We are arranging with our District Councillor, Tony Rowley

and the surrounding Parish Councils to have a meeting with the Managing Director of Hayloft Nurseries (owners of the site) to see what measures can be put in place to ensure that the HGV traffic problems of Pensham are not simply turned into HGV traffic problems for our villages. The suggestions that we have made are:

1. A "No Right Turn" sign at the exit to the site, to route departing HGV lorries back through Pershore and away from the villages
2. A commitment from Hayloft Nurseries to adopt "routing agreements" with their regular suppliers to avoid driving through the villages when making deliveries

Hopefully these suggestions will be accepted by Hayloft and go some way to ensuring that we do not inherit an HGV traffic problem from Pensham.



Community Groups & What's On

We are lucky to have so many thriving groups in our community and we need to support and sustain their continued development. Our mutual plans and ambitions will only be achieved if we all work together.

New Menus at Our Local Community Pub

Following the recent kitchen upgrade, the Queens are delighted to launch their new Spring and Summer Menus from the beginning of March.

Taking advantage of local produce, food is freshly prepared to their own recipes, with many new and refreshed dishes to tempt the tastebuds. From Fish Pie, to Moroccan Tagine, Sharing Platters or flavoursome Sandwiches, or just a simple Salad, along with all the traditional pub classics there is something for everyone.

In the evenings, they will also have a Specials Menu consisting of at least 3 starters, 3 mains, and 3 desserts, taking advantage of the very best that local suppliers have to offer each day. So look forward to Game Terrines with Pickled Vegetables, French Trimmed Lamb Rack with Nettle Puree, Green Beans, Mash and a tasty Jus, or Seasonal Vegetable Wellingtons with Vegetarian Gravy and other daily delights !!

All the Queen's chutneys and relishes are made in-house – the "Bacon & Bourbon Jam" really brings the Gourmet Cheeseburger alive, whilst the lightly spiced chutney is fabulous with the locally made cheeses. Not forgetting the Tomato and Red Onion Relish that accompanies the tasty Vegan Burger.

Both the Lunch and Evening menus will be available from Tuesday to Saturday, complemented by the Traditional Roast Menu on Sunday lunchtimes. Replacing the Steak Night and Pie / Fish & Chip Night they will now have a number of new offers available instead:

Tuesdays: 2 x 8oz Sirloin Steak meals with a Bottle of House Wine for just £27.50

Wednesdays: 2 x Fish & Chips with two House Drinks for just £25.00

...and you will be able to have takeaway Fish & Chips at any time when the kitchen is open (if you'd like to takeaway other items, just let the team know

and they will do their best to accommodate you).



Cancelled Due to Coronavirus

March 22nd – Mothers Day Lunch

March 26th – Fish Night

April 12th – Easter Sunday Lunch

April 22nd – Charity Quiz Night for Evesham Bat Society

April 23rd – St Georges Day Traditional English Food Night

May 8th – VE Day Celebrations including a 40's & 50's themed Disco

May 22nd – Beer & Cider Festival including Live Music from local act BRICK-KILN-STREET

May 23rd – Beer & Cider Festival including Live Music from our favourites THE RUBIES

May 24th – Beer & Cider Festival including Live Music from the sensational AARON COOK

May 25th – Beer & Cider Festival

May 28th – Italian Night

holding a Mexican Theme Night.

Of course all the normal activities will be continuing – Quiz Night on the first Tuesday of each month; A Good Read Book Club on the second Tuesday of each month and Elmley Village Cafe on the first Friday of each month.

There's plenty going on for everyone, so please do come and enjoy our atmospheric and friendly community pub !! Check the website for details of menus and events at www.elmleycastle.com

As they look forward to the future, the team at the Queens would like to ensure that they are really meeting the needs of our community. To that end, they will be establishing a small group of people to advise them on the development of menus, events and other activities at the pub. If you would like to be a part of this group, please contact Neil Lavender-Jones on neil@lavender-jones.com

REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY PUB – USE IT, OR LOSE IT !!!

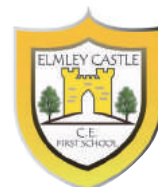


...and in June they will be celebrating Father's Day and



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The Queens Fish Night

Thursday 26th March

Starters

Fish Chowder £7.50

including prawns, mussels, smoked haddock and fish from the daily catch served with crusty bread

Fresh Cod Loin Fish Cakes with Poached Egg £8.50

served with lemon hollandaise sauce

Homemade Salmon Gravadlax £8.50

served with celeriac remoulade and horseradish crème fraîche

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Coronavirus**

with celeriac remoulade and horseradish crème fraîche

Grilled Tuna Steak £15.50

served on a warm niçoise salad

Pan-fried Sea Bass £13.95

with baby fondant potatoes, wilted fennel and vanilla white wine sauce

Desserts

Carrot Cake with Fresh Berries £6.50

Rhubarb Tart with Chantilly Cream £7.50

Lemongrass Creme Brulee with Pistachio Shortbread £8.50



Elmley Castle Texas Holdem

Poker Tournament

All stake monies paid out to players. Bar proceeds in aid of the Village Hall.

Prize Pool

1st Place 50%

2nd Place 35%

3rd Place 15%

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Coronavirus**



20th April 2020

7:00pm

Elmley Castle Village Hall

Entry buy-in £25

Community Consultations: Voting Form



The Parish Council have “adopted” the Phonebox in Bricklehampton. It will shortly be re-painted and renovated to make it look as good as new.

It has been suggested that the Phonebox is used to house the Bricklehampton Defibrillator, in the same way that the Elmley Castle phonebox is used.

However, there might be other uses that we should consider.

What should the Bricklehampton Phonebox be used for:

☐ Please tick

As a home for the Bricklehampton Defibrillator

☐ Please tick

For something else (please give details)



Name:

Address:

Email:

Please cut and return to: Andrew Robinson Elmley Meadow, Elmley Castle, WR10 3HW or photograph and email to Clerk@ElmleyCastleParishCouncil.gov.uk by 30th March 2020.

By providing your email address you are consenting to receive future community consultation surveys via email.

Local bus service weekday timetable

565 Bus Service (weekdays)

Pershore, adj Royal Arcade	09:00	11:40		14:30	15:50
Bricklehampton, adj Church	09:22	12:02		14:52	16:12
Elmley Castle, adj Queen Elizabeth	09:24	12:04		14:54	16:14
Evesham Bus Station (Stand D)	09:47	12:27		15:17	16:37
Pershore, adj Abbey Tea Rooms	11:02		14:22	17:00	

564 Bus Service (weekdays)

Evesham Bus Station (Stand C)			9:00		11:43		
Elmley Castle, adj Queen Elizabeth	8:00		9:22		12:05		
Bricklehampton, opp Church	8:02						
Pershore, adj Abbey Tea Rooms				10:05		13:34	17:50
Evesham Bus Station (Stand C)		8:55		11:09		14:43	
Elmley Castle, adj Queen Elizabeth						15:05	
Bricklehampton, opp Church						15:07	
Pershore, adj Abbey Tea Rooms	8:25		9:53		12:36	15:29	



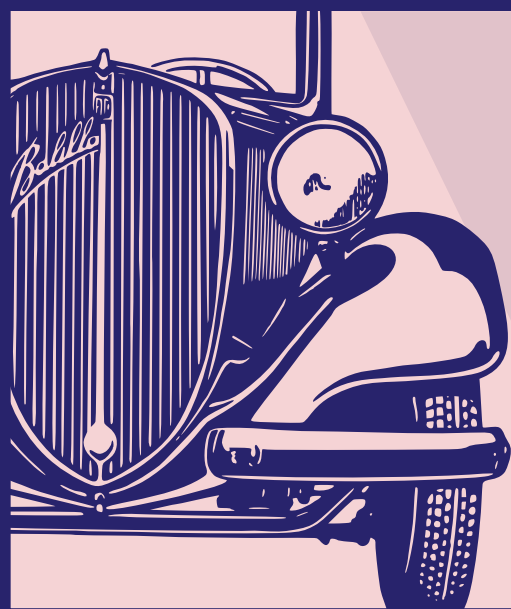
**YOUR VILLAGE
NEEDS YOU!**

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Join us at the Limley Castle Village Square
& Queen Elizabeth Pub

Friday 8 May 2020 from 4:30pm

Stalls, classic car show, children's games, music, food & drinks, dancing all themed
on the 1940's finishing with a spectacular firework display at 9:30pm



Classic Car Show

Show off Your Classic Car at our
VE Day Celebrations - you might
win a prize!

Cars from the 40s and 50s especially
welcome, classics from later years
equally appreciated.

Please contact Dave Thompson:
t: 01386 710353
e: daveTommo25@gmail.com



VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020

Get involved

We would really like more people to be involved in our working groups.

Full community involvement is key to our philosophy. If there is one of these groups that appeals to you and your particular interests and skills please contact the Parish Clerk and register.

Contact Details

Update & News is published by the Elmley Castle, Bricklehampton & Netherton Parish Council. For more information or to contact us see: www.elmleycastleparishcouncil.gov.uk

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MISSING



Can you help us find Thomas Surber?

- 71 years-old
- White, slim build, around 6ft 2in tall with white hair
- Last seen wearing a blue jacket
- Missing from Bricklehampton since 27 Feb 2020

He was last seen near his home on Thursday 27 February at around 1pm. He was later seen walking along Pensham Hill towards Little Comberton at around 1.20pm and then over the Mary Brook towards Pershore at around 1.45pm.

Anyone who has seen Thomas is asked to call West Mercia Police on 101 quoting reference 339s of 280220

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