



Other organisations that spoke:

Secret World – Defibrillator - Thanks for the grant

Garden and Art Club Dates for the diary Show: 4th August and they meet usually on 2nd Thursday - Art Club Exhibition at WH Methodist Church 15, 16 and 17th June. Thanks for the Grant.

Mr Stanbury: Chicken Farm nuisance - petition and EA number 0800807060

Mr Wall, Wall Eden: (see article). Plus the smoke from the biomass boiler

E H PTA: Thanks for the grant Open Spaces Report APM 18

EAST HUNTSPILL VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall, is I am pleased to report, a thriving concern. It is in use most days of the week and is becoming a popular venue for weddings and parties.

The Hall Committee continues to run the monthly Bingo Sessions and Flea Markets and this income, together with the income from Hiring Out the Hall, is at present sufficient income for the day to day running of the Hall.

As and when additional income is required the Committee will run specific fund raising events.

The Hall Committee is very grateful to the Parish Council for their donation of £1500 towards the cost of providing a defibrillator for the use of the Village. It will be situated outside the Hall and when installed the Committee plan to hold training sessions to teach villagers to use the machine.

Sue Wall – Secretary

All Saints Church Report 2017

The 2011 Quinquennial Architect's Report on All Saints Church, East Huntspill, identified that major work was required on the Church, to keep it open and ensure its future, as a village facility and community asset. A programme of work was drawn up:-

Stage 1 - Major roof repairs: carried out 2014

Stage 2 - Internal redecoration: carried out in 2014 following the roof repairs

Stage 3 - Re-ordering the west end of Church, new flooring, servery area, bringing water into Church: carried out 2015

Stage 4 – New heating: carried out during the summer of 2016.

Stage 5 - new lighting in Church: this is still very much in the planning stage.

During 2017 various maintenance jobs have been carried out, plus the unscheduled work to repair the Churchyard wall, when it fell down after Somerset County Council carried out the pavement repairs.

A new Notice Board has been erected by the main Church gate, thanks to a grant from the Diocese for Church growth.

The running costs of the Church and the upkeep of Churchyard is a constant struggle for the very small Church congregation and continuous fundraising has to be done to cover Church running costs. It was therefore disappointing that the Parish Council felt unable to give us permission to have a car show on the playing fields, as other village organisations appear to be able to use the playing field for whatever they like. Without fundraising the Church will close.

The Parochial Church Council is extremely grateful to the Parish Council for its continued help with the Churchyard maintenance costs, even with this help the Churchyard is very costly to maintain, this will be especially true during 2018 as we have already had the additional costs of the tree pollarding. Many neighbouring Churchyard are closed and then all the maintenance costs is up to the local Council, not the Church, so East Huntspill is very fortunate to still have a graveyard open and maintained by the very small congregation.

Sara Puddy - PCC Secretary

WALL EDEN

Following on from the Parish Council Meeting 24th April where a number of community sharing ideas were proposed. I would like to offer to do a presentation on the local history and archaeology which I have found at Wall Eden and the surrounding area. If this is agreeable please can you let me know dates and venue, there would be no charge for this.

I would also like to discuss the use of land at Wall Eden as allotments.

I would also welcome the opportunity for local school children to visit Wall Eden. We can explore the possibility of a river walk from the school. We can offer a number of age related activity experiences for older children age 6 and up such as archery Kayaking, Canoeing, and Air rifle target shooting. There is a possibility of a history talk for children too. We have bows and arrows swords and many other things to capture their imagination.

We can look at activities such as den building for younger children. We would be happy to explore and discuss the options with the teachers responsible for organising outside trips.

It was mentioned at the meeting that local children had little to do during the holidays. At Wall Eden we do offer a number of outdoor activities which children and adults can pre book.

Incidentally I am very proud to say that my youngest son Chris has joined his brother Dave and his wife Sami all of which now work at Wall Eden Farm Holidays and Adventure.

Thank you again for all the hard work that is carried out by the local council to enhance the village of East Huntspill.

<http://walledenfarm.co.uk/>