

Langsett Parish News

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Bringing Local News Home

In our first newsletter distributed earlier this year, the Parish Council told parishioners it wanted to do more to improve communications with local parishioners. We hope that many of you read the first newsletter and we as a Parish Council are certainly heartened this year by the increasing level of involvement in the Parish, from attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting to involvement in the recently formed Tour de France Sub-Committee. The attendance at normal Parish Council meetings by some of you is also much appreciated - it makes our job seem more worthwhile!

Did you know that Parish Council meetings are publicized on the notice board each month and are open to the public to attend? The meetings are usually held every month from 7.30 pm at Langsett Barn. The next meeting will take place on the 16th October 2013. If you would like to attend, please contact the Clerk in advance. You can also view details of meetings and previous minutes on the Barnsley Council Website, (visit www.bmbc.gov.uk and enter Parish Councils into the search box).

Welcome to Councillor Howe & our New Clerk!

In our last newsletter we told you who the Councillors are for Langsett Parish Council, as well as advertising a vacancy. Since then, Councillor Sally Howe has joined the Council and has been cutting her teeth on the Tour de France preparations! Councillor Howe lives in Langsett at Daisy Hill Farm and brings a wealth of experience and new ideas to the Council. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome her on board.

It is with regret however, that we say goodbye to our Clerk, Jayne Venables, who started work with us in April 2012. Jayne worked hard and helped us to put in place a lot of changes - she will be sadly missed. We would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new Clerk, Steph Tolson, who brings considerable experience with her as a Parish Council Clerk, and we look forward to working with her.

Local Events - What's On

Waggon & Horses Knitting Group – Tuesdays 6pm onwards. Come and join us, we are knitting bunting which will help decorate the village when the Tour de France passes through. Any questions, contact Vanda on vanda@Langsettinn.co.uk
Tel: 01226 763147 or 07809 741676.

The Tour De Flouch (ahem ooh la la - France!)

Preparations are underway to make the Tour de France an event to remember and to let the world see how beautiful our area really is. For anyone who has not seen the news, here's a brief overview. Welcome to Yorkshire (www.yorkshire.com) won the bid to host "Le Grand Depart". This is the opening leg of the Tour de France 2014.

Stage 1 of the race starts in Leeds on the 5th July and ends in Harrogate; on the 6th July it will leave Harrogate and pass through Langsett before ending in Sheffield that afternoon (stage two); it then moves to Cambridge on the 7th and ends in London (stage 3). The exact course has not been finalised but it is expected to come down Bordhill, through the Flouch Roundabout and down through Langsett.

The Parish Council has set up a Sub-Committee to make preparations for this once-in-a-lifetime event and is hoping to have a dedicated web page on the new Parish Council website to help you keep up-to-date with developments. During the 100-day run-up to the event, we are planning various events. Early plans include a family cycling day with races, treasure hunts, bike maintenance, etc. We also plan to get the community involved in making bunting to decorate the Parish, and to invite local artists to run workshops to capture the beauty of our countryside. Early advice from Welcome to Yorkshire is that the event is going to be HUGE. We are expecting our little Parish to be a Mecca for cycling enthusiasts and day-trippers alike so we will do our best to ensure that you are informed and included, and that the event will be a lasting memory and not a lasting headache! If you want to know more and would like to help, then please email the Chair of the Sub-Committee at the following address:- daisyhillfarm@tiscali.co.uk

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A628 Developments Afoot

The Government has recently announced a feasibility study of 5 routes, of which the A628 is one, to identify 'a comprehensive solution' and receive 'capital investment to fix longstanding problems'. However, it also announced that the majority of the Highways Agency's single carriageway trunk roads would become dual carriageway – we therefore have the prospect of a dual carriageway between Sheffield and M67. Finally, the Highways Agency roads will all be subject to route-based strategies. These will bring together all of the different interested groups to discuss the future of a section of the strategic road network and identify its investment needs.

That the A628 is prioritized is the result of lobbying by the two MPs (J Reynolds from Hyde & A Bingham from High Peak) who pushed for the A628/A57 bypass in 2007. They have already undertaken a feasibility study of the economic benefits of a faster route between Sheffield and Manchester based on time savings.

At present, no-one yet knows how these various studies and strategies are going to be progressed but strategic level partners including Local Enterprise Partnerships, Local Authorities, Airports, Trafford Centre, Environment Agency, Network Rail and CPRE are to be invited to stakeholder workshops to look at all the Highways Agency routes across the South Pennines in early October. Parish Councils are not expected to be included in this consultation process but Langsett Parish Council will endeavour to keep you informed of developments.

What do you see as the problems on the A628/A616? How would you like to see them solved?

Email your answers to mail@cpresouthyorks.org.uk with A628 problems in the subject header as soon as possible please!

What is the AAA Screening Programme being promoted by the NHS?

Are you aware of the NHS' AAA Screening Programme? Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms, or AAAs kill around 6,000 people a year in the UK, mainly men aged 65+. The AAA Screening Programme offers men in the target group a free ultrasound scan of their abdominal aorta to check for signs of swelling and potential rupture. As AAAs come with few if any symptoms, the scans are the only real way of detecting the condition which affects men from all walks of life and levels of fitness. While every man in the country who is 65 this year will have been invited for screening already, we also want men over 65 to self-refer for an appointment, so every little helps!

We are trying to reach as many men as possible through this Newsletter to raise awareness. Visit www.aaa.screening.nhs.uk or contact your GP for more information.

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