

Hugo Meynell Primary School News

The Chinese New Year - year of the OX was on 26th January. School celebrated with a special meal.

Pupils from local schools attended a photography course at Hugo Meynell. We have learned: how to put a camera together and frame what we want in a picture. Plus the purpose of black, white and mid-tones in pictures.

We are holding a book fair at school from 26th February to 4th March. Pupils can purchase books during lunch times and after school. It is World Book Day on 5th March.

There is a sponsored readathon. The readathon is an event done at home where a parent/guardian has to hear their child read a certain amount of pages per day.

Years 5 and 6 have been invited to enter a poster competition to advertise a music and flower festival, taking place at Ashley Parish Church on 5 June to 8 June. The winner will receive a book token and their design as a finished printed poster.

The Valentine meal was on 9th February. All the children enjoyed their meal.

William Year 6

SUDOKU

Rules of Sudoku: Place a digit from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contain the digits 1 to 9.

ENJOY!

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POPLAR LANE WINDFARM PUBLIC INQUIRY

The Public Inquiry into the planned installation of 7 wind turbines near Bearstone and Knighton begins on **May 6th 2009**. The Inquiry will be held at Woore Victory Hall and is expected to take place over a 3 week period. Up to 15 local residents will be giving evidence, as well as Legal Counsel and the team of consultants appointed to act on behalf of Vortex and Loggerheads Parish Council. This is the last chance to defeat this threat to our community. Please note the start date in your diary so that you can attend the opening session to support our representatives.

Vortex Fundraising Quiz Supper

Saturday 25th April 2009, 7.00pm, Woore Victory Hall - Prizes, Raffle & Bar

Tickets: £40 for a team of four, including Pie and Peas Supper.

It's not University Challenge – all team members eligible!

Windfall Prize Draw

The lucky numbers for February drawn at Woore Village Store were:

1st: Mrs V Milburn, Ticket 12, £126.75.

2nd: Mrs J Roberts, Ticket 107, £63.38

3rd: Mrs K Cliffe, Ticket 93, £40.25.

If you haven't yet joined the Windfall Prize Draw you could be missing a great chance to win a monthly cash prize!

For Quiz Supper tickets, Windfall Membership forms and any other information:

Telephone 01630 672925 or email info@vortex.uk.net or see the website: www.vortex.uk.net



Community News

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Ashley leading from the front

Historically the parish of Ashley was joined with the parish of Mucklestone, but when John Williams, our previous vicar, retired, these two parishes were joined with Broughton and Croxton.

This means there are lots of people in our new larger community that we don't know. To overcome this we thought a Festival should be organised aimed at bringing the whole community together. We have focused on encouraging flower arrangers from the various churches to help fill the church with floral art designed to take your breath away!

A Festival of Music and Flowers is being planned for the first weekend of June this year at St John the Baptist, Ashley's Parish Church.

Peter Shone, our Director of Music, is planning various musical events. These will include children and lots of local singers. Peter's "Sound's Good" events are well known. Anybody who wants to come along is welcome – you don't have to be able to sing, just to enjoy trying. We are hoping to fill the church with the voices of our local people throughout the parishes, watch out for adverts for this.

We also hope to attract visitors from outside our area too. There is a bus stop outside the church so travel from Newcastle under Lyme and Shrewsbury etc. could not be easier, tell your friends. It will be a wonderful day out.

Watch out for the posters that will soon be everywhere. Our local children are designing them in our poster competition. More details will be forthcoming shortly.

The dates for the Festival are 5th to the 8th June – put it in your diary! See you there.

Linda Ellis.

Generation Green - St Mary's School Mucklestone

We have joined Generation Green (a project of British Gas). Green leaves are the currency of Generation Green. Leaves are earned by completing activities. They vary from the simple to the more challenging. We can convert 'leaves' into all sorts of prizes like pencils, games, recycling bags and lots more. We are working hard to earn leaves in school by being environmentally friendly. Parents and friends can earn leaves for us by completing a simple Energy Savers Report (this places you under NO obligation to British Gas). Please visit the website and help us to earn

more leaves: www.generationgreen.co.uk

St Mary's C of E (A) Primary, Mucklestone, TF9 4DN



HALES CRICKET CLUB - *Gearing up for the 2009 season*

How many of you are aware that there is a Cricket club right on the doorstep of Loggerheads? Well if you were to take a stroll along Almington Road in Hales on a Saturday afternoon during the spring and summer months then its likely that you may come across two teams enjoying our national game at the picturesque home of Hales CC.

Formed in 1981 by a group of friends looking for some fun in the sun, the club has progressed significantly since, whilst retaining the warmth and friendliness of a small outfit. In fact there is a strong belief that Hales CC remain one of the smallest cricket clubs in existence within England, with their very small but spirited squad of players.

For the upcoming 2009 season, there will be 22 league fixtures in Division 5 of the Shropshire Cricket League, a host of Sunday afternoon friendlies and a number of 20/20 fun games on Wednesday evening during the middle of the summer. In addition practice night takes place on Wednesday evenings.

Hales CC are on the lookout for some new faces to come along and join our club. Players of all ages and all abilities will be made most welcome to the club. There are regular pre-season indoor nets arranged at Tern Hill should anyone wish to come along and have a go.

If anybody wants any further info, please contact Club Captain Gavin Brookes on 07817 658755 or Club Secretary Jim Ward on 07795 254664. In addition visit the website of our popular local clubhouse, www.halesclub.co.uk.



Nursery/Baby/Children's

NEARLY NEW SALE!

Toys, games, clothes, bikes, baby carriers, pushchairs, dvd's, books, baby baths etc.

Saturday 25th April 2009

Ashley Memorial Hall

Doors Open: 12.00 - 2pm

Entrance Fee: 50p, Refreshments available

Contact Claire on 07801 672 771
or email claire.pearce11@virgin.net
for further info or to book a selling table

All proceeds in aid of the
Douglas Macmillan Hospice
RCN:1071613



Loggerheads in Bloom Help needed!



Would you like to earn £250 this summer?

We are looking for someone to water the 11 baskets in the centre of Loggerheads everyday over the summer from the end of May until October.

Alternatively, if you have some spare time over the summer and would like to freely volunteer to help out occasionally, then contact us.

If you can help please ring
Jane Hughes on 672877
or email hgj710@aol.co.uk

Environmental Group "Tidy Up" Schedule - "2009 Programme"

Please help to keep the centre of Loggerheads tidy. Last year the group did a fantastic job looking after the area. Please do your bit by not dropping litter.

Here's the programme for the next few months:

- Saturday 25th April - Big Spring Clean – for 2 hours, the Borough Council will collect litter collected
- Saturday 6th June - Village centre litter pick

All litter picks start at 10am and last around an hour

For more information, contact Steve on (01630) 672968



St Mary's Primary School, Mucklestone

We've been working hard since January and it has been such fun. In art we've studied pattern and looked at Aboriginal art; dots are the thing, in every piece of art there are lots of dots. We've also looked at Islamic and Scandinavian patterns, with many different colours - gold, blues and reds.

Fun while it lasts

It snowed for half a month and got up to 10cm high. Just for one day we had the day off school which was great, but we also had lots of fun at school.

We all helped in some way to make our snow dome – it was enormous! Unfortunately we didn't have enough time to build a roof. When the snow started melting we climbed over the dome and slid down it. Kaya made a snow seat, it even had a footrest and the outside was shaped like a crown - it was cool Ha! Ha!

Cool Crystals

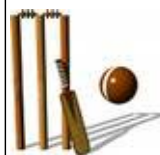
In science we made salt and sugar crystals, they looked fantastic. Some of them didn't work out too well because we put too much food colouring in the container. Some were really big and others were just like dots.

Most days we do Literacy and last term we learnt about newspapers. We used the computers to make our own news sheet about the new president of the United States, Barack Obama and the digi blue video cameras to make films about extreme weather conditions.

Councillors for a Day

On Shrove Tuesday year 5 and 6 went to the Civic Offices in Newcastle. We went in a council chamber and we had to act like we were real councillors. We had a budget of £100,000 to share out between safety, leisure and learning, transport, social care and health and prosperous community. There was also a cabinet who questioned each group and made the final decision. The day taught us how to be councillors.

By Year 2 pupil Olivia



Woore Cricket Club starts its season on April 18th at Falcon Field (just behind the Falcon Inn, London Road Woore). Lots of opportunities for cricketers of all ages. We have qualified coaches and excellent facilities including nets and training.

Call Tony Oliver 01630 647708 for any further information.

LOGGERHEADS & DISTRICT VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEME

This is a service for residents in the area of Loggerheads Parish Council with mobility problems and unable to use public transport (cars are not adapted for wheelchairs, but it may be possible to put a folded chair in the car boot).

This service is for health related appointments and not social/recreational events.

Users are asked to make a contribution which is based on the distance they wish to travel. For example 10 – 10.9 miles is £4.60, 20.1 to 24.9 miles is £9.35. There is a minimum fare of £2.40 for a one-way or return journey of under 3 miles. These are for each passenger, (Note: these are 2008 prices).

SERVICE DEPENDS ON AVAILABILITY OF DRIVERS

The service will be available from 1st June 2009

COULD YOU BE A VOLUNTEER DRIVER?

HELPING PEOPLE WITH MOBILITY PROBLEMS
USE YOUR OWN CAR – MILEAGE ALLOWANCE GIVEN
The most important thing you can offer is a volunteering time –
as little or as much as you wish



For further information on any aspect of this service please ring 01630 674365 (leaving a message, if necessary, mentioning the Voluntary Car Scheme and your name and telephone number) or email cars@loggerheads.eu

NWR Market Drayton National Women's Register

Monday 20th April Metals:

A stroll through the periodic table

See our website for details of future meetings:
www.marketdraytonnwr.free-online.co.uk

NWR Book Group

Thursday 2nd April:

Biography – talk about an interesting biography you have read.

Thursday 7th May:

Mister Pip by Lloyd Jones : Set on a South Pacific island with references to Great Expectations.

Please contact local organiser Cynthia on 01630 672141 for more information

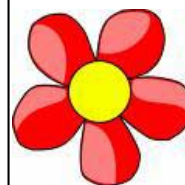
A STOP SMOKING GROUP AT THE ASHLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Starts 18th March, every Wednesday 3pm

The great thing about Roy Castle Fag-Ends is there is no pressure or preaching, just practical advice about giving up, plus it's completely free!

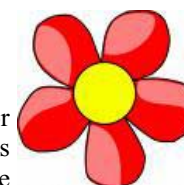
Success is four times more likely with our support than if you use will power alone. We'll be there for you as long as you need us.

Our Freephone number is 0800 195 2131 which offers one-to-one support and also gives a list of all the drop-in groups etc



"Bloom in Ashley" Fund Raising Auction

Thursday April 23rd at The Peel Arms, 8.30pm



This auction is being held to raise funds to pay for equipment that is required for our two annual litter picks ie; picking sticks, high visibility jackets, gloves etc. We would also utilise any money raised to invest in our planting schemes around Ashley which started during 2008.

If you have any new or nearly new items that you would wish to donate to the auction you can drop the goods off at 8 St Johns Road, Ashley, or telephone us on 01630 673390 to arrange pick up. Alternatively items can be left at The Peel Arms a few days to a week before the auction. If anyone wants to offer a promise for the auction this would also be most welcome.

What's happened so far.....

Many readers will have heard about, and hopefully noticed, the successful litter picks in the village during 2008 and many will have also seen the makeover of the triangle of grass at the bottom of Doctors Bank. With the ongoing support of The Peel, the volunteers who make up Bloom in Ashley have been hard at work trying to make our beautiful village just a little bit better. Actions by the group in 2008 included amongst many others, two litter picks, with over 50 volunteers and 60 bags of rubbish collected, landscaping, planting and re-planting of the patch of grass at the bottom of Doctors Bank sponsored by The Peel public house, bulb planting across the village, ready for spring 2009, repairs to footpath stiles in 5+ sites around the village and we got the graffiti in the bus shelter cleaned up!

What's happening next.....

In 2009 we hope to: Purchase our own set of litter picking equipment, hold a spring (25th April, tbc) and an autumn litter pick, re-plant Doctors Bank, clear the pathway leading from Bell Orchard so work can start on making over the old playground, secure suitable locations for dog fouling bins and extra litter bins, make-over the green opposite The Peel and take environment complaints (drains, footpaths, road surface) to the Parish council.

We need more help in order to make these things happen. If you feel you can give up the odd hour here and there over the coming year then let us know. Send your email address to bloominashley@btinternet.com and we will contact you when we need people to help. There is no commitment in this but we will just let you know when things are happening - its then up to you!

Nic Scott - Bloomin' Ashley Chair



CAROM – Child Aid Romania - The Concert at Knighton

Thank you to everyone who supported or contributed to this event at Knighton Village Hall. We had an enjoyable evening whilst raising **£650** for CAROM. This is a small local charity, which is committed to the advancement of education and the relief of financial hardship amongst the disadvantaged children of Romania and their families. We were pleased to welcome Cristina Birsan to the concert. She is the director of a Romanian charity: Atelier Sacelean whose work we currently support.

Find out more by visiting www.childaidromania.com



New Minister at Ashley Methodist Church

Rev Robert Fisher, the new Minister at Ashley Methodist Church, has kindly provided a short biography:

I was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, so I can lay claim to be a true 'Geordie'. I have very fond memories of Durham Methodism, where my family moved to in particular I recall the annual 'Methodist Big Meeting' when the cathedral was packed with Methodists from all over the county!

When I left school I went on Voluntary Service Overseas, for twelve months, to teach in the Methodist Secondary School in Sibu, Sarawak. When I returned to the UK I went to Cliff College, near Sheffield, and during the year I was there I offered as a candidate for the Methodist Ministry. I was accepted and spent the next four years at Hartley Victoria Methodist Theological College in Manchester. During a pre-Easter 'campaign' in my first year at Theological College I met Kath - who came from the other Newcastle! We were married during my final year in College.

My first appointment as a 'Circuit' minister was in Bury St Edmunds. My second appointment was back in the Manchester area. I then left 'Circuit' ministry to begin a career in teaching as, what Methodism calls, a 'Sector' minister. My first teaching post was as an RE teacher at the Blue Coat School in Oldham. After three years there I was appointed as Head of the Religious Education Department at King Edward VII College in Coalville, Leicestershire.

Six years later I moved as Head of the Religious Education Department at the Lakes School in Windermere. After seventeen years at the Lakes School I left the 'Sectors' to come back into 'Circuit' ministry. In 2001 I was appointed Superintendent Minister of the Blackburn Methodist Circuit. Four years later I was asked to come to the Newcastle (Staffs) Methodist Circuit as Superintendent Minister.

For Kath our move to Newcastle was like coming home as she grew up in our neighbouring Circuit and attended school in Newcastle. We have two grown-up children, a son who lives in Kendal and a daughter, who lives in Blackburn. We have a grandson who is now coming to the end of his Primary education and our daughter presented us with a granddaughter who is now approaching the 'terrible twos'!



Ashley and Loggerheads Branch of Save The Children

Sunday 17th May - May Walk and Hearty Lunch
For tickets tel. Rosie 01630 672061

For Save the Children Week at the end of April the local branch will be collecting at Trentham Gardens. More information about this and the Ashley and Loggerheads branch in general are available from Jan on 01630 673413.



The Loggerheads Community Information Shop

Tel no: 01630 674365 (24 hours we will get back to you)

E-mail info@loggerheads.eu



The Loggerheads Community Information Shop - What we do:

- We offer a warm welcome on Monday mornings between 10.00am & 1.00pm to any one looking for help and information or even just a chat to catch up on the local news.
- Every Monday including most bank holidays our shop is open in the Loggerheads Library offering a point of call to find out where you can find that piece of information or contact which has of yet has eluded you.
- We have local information leaflets available along with many sources of information to help you find what ever you need.
- With Internet access we normally can find what ever you want and if we can't with your details we can and we will get back to you.
- Our current Chairman has an excellent reputation of getting things done and with a team that have expertise and local knowledge we feel confident that we can help you.
- Look out for us over the coming months as we will, all being well, also be going mobile in our rolling Community Information shop unit, giving us the opportunity to get to those parts of our community that don't always find it easy to get into Loggerheads centre on a Monday morning.

Local surgeries for Local people: Just drop in – Mondays 11am to 1 pm:

Mon 6th April - Adult and Community Learning Team
 Mon 13th April - Local Community Police Officer
 Mon 20th April - Borough Councillor Brian Tomkins
 Mon 27th April - Parish Councillor Chris Taylor
 Mon 4th May - Adult and Community Learning Team
 Mon 11th May - Local Community Police Officer
 Mon 18th May - Borough Councillor Brian Tomkins
 Mon 25th May - Parish Councillor David Loades

NEW SERVICE AT THE INFORMATION SHOP
A4 Photocopying;
 Black+white 10 p/sheet,
 Colour £1/sheet

THIS IS NEW,

A MOBILE Community Information Shop!

We now have a "Mobile" shop (called a caravan !!). It will be taken around the villages. Watch out for dates and times. We will offer a copying service from this "shop". Just call in, even for a chat. The free coffee (and tea) will be waiting. It has easy access steps.



You will easily recognise the caravan, because it will display:

'LOGGERHEADS COMMUNITY INFORMATION SHOP'

(Thanks to Simone and Colin for letting Tony and I work on the caravan in the dry, especially the offer of a coffee to keep us going).