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Street Lights Replacement Programme

Hawkwell Parish Council is responsible for maintaining 150 street lights within the Parish, most of which are located in the side roads. In most cases these lighting columns have been in place for over 50 years and sourcing the various parts for these old lamp heads is becoming increasingly difficult and costly. This year we undertook a robust audit of the parish lights and have spent money from the capital equipment budget and to date we have replaced 20 lights with LED lamp heads. It is the intention of the Parish Council to eventually replace all parish lights with LED lamp heads through a budgeted programme of works. LED lights have a long lifespan and are more environmentally friendly.



St Mary's Church, taken by John, a Hawkwell resident

Snap Happy!

Council thank those who sent in photographs of areas of beauty found within our Parish and are pleased that a selection of residents' beautiful photographs can now be viewed on the Council's website.

Residents wishing to send in photographs of Hawkwell can submit them by email to info@hawkwellparishcouncil.gov.uk or post a copy to our Parish office (address at the back of this newsletter*) along with your name and details of the area/place you took the photograph. These then can be featured on our website for all to enjoy!

(*Please note, we are unable to return any photographs sent to us via post.)

Residents help to keep the Parish tidy

Congratulations go to one of our young residents, Lacie Palmer, aged 5 for her commendable litter-picking achievement for the Parish. Lacie took the initiative to collect rubbish from her local area of Cornwall Gardens and Rectory Avenue after seeing the unfortunate amount of rubbish strewn across the pavements. To recognise the issue of street litter and have the desire to want to clear it up, especially at such a young age, is truly remarkable.

Council hopes the goodwill, selflessness



Lacie pictured, aged 5

and hard work of Lacie will encourage others to also take care of their local area.

Other areas which our local community have strived to keep tidy are Hawkwell Shopping Parade (Main Road), Glencroft Open Space, Spencers Park, Clements Hall and Magnolia Car Park. Community litter picking events, organised and attended by Hawkwell West Ward's District Cllr J Gooding, take place on the last Monday of each month from 10am-12 noon and on Sundays each month from 3pm-5pm, weather permitting.

The next community litter-picking events take place on Monday 26th November 2018, meeting at Magnolia Car Park and Monday 10th December 2018 meeting at the Hawkwell Shopping Parade (next to the White Hart Garage.) Residents interest in participating are asked to call Julie on: 07720 053 435.

Magnolia Pond Update

The planned work of planting of marginal aquatic plants around the pond edges during last year were put on hold due to unprecedented low water levels. It was decided to monitor the water levels over the winter and investigate ways in which to introduce more water into the pond, which has no natural source. Fortunately, in late Spring this year the water levels improved but it was agreed that planting marginals would be deferred until the levels became more stable since planting at the wrong depth could affect the success of any planting. Working with a pond specialist company, the issue of the abundant duckweed was identified as a suitable problem to tackle as the next phase; during the Summer and early Autumn two treatments were administered to the pond. This has had the desired effect of almost wiping



out the duckweed and the pond looks clear again. Further treatments will be required to keep on top of this problem which is extremely difficult to entirely eradicate. The next phase, which

is planned for late Autumn, is to undertake a silt remediation treatment which is environmentally

friendly. The treatment stimulates the aerobic decomposition of organic silt which will further improve the water quality within the pond. All work is being undertaken by a specialist pond contractor with special attention paid to the fact that the pond is situated within a Nature Reserve and is an important site for Great Crested Newts.

On a serious note, it is regrettable that a large quantity of Goldfish were introduced to the pond during the Summer. Under 'The Wildlife & Countryside Act' it is illegal to introduce a non-native species into the wild and to move such a quantity of fish without a licence. There is concern for the population of Great Crested Newts, which are a protected species, as the Goldfish eat the Newt larvae and eggs. Council is in the process of liaising with specialists to remove the goldfish before the Newts breed again. Council will prosecute anyone found breaching the Act and urge the public to think carefully about the implications of such actions, albeit they may have thought their actions were harmless.



Christmas Parcels Initiative & GDPR

For residents who are 60 years old and over and who live alone, Council distribute a food parcel for those to enjoy over the festive period. Those who have had parcels in the past have now received a letter regarding the Government's new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which came into force this year. Council take Data Protection very seriously and only keep a basic record consisting of a name and address for those who are eligible. This record is securely held and used for the parcel delivery purpose only. However, these new Regulations have unfortunately meant this gesture of goodwill will have to meet the strict regulations presented to us.



Therefore, this year when Councillors deliver the parcels to recipients, it will be necessary to obtain written consent to ensure recipients are content to receive a parcel and that we hold their name and address for this purpose.

Please note that our delivery list for 2018 has now closed and Council are busy working on getting the parcels ready. However, if anybody would like to nominate an individual for the Christmas Parcel Initiative for 2019 please contact the Parish Office to obtain the necessary form.



Church Christmas Services

8th December

2:30pm ~ Emmanuel Church:
Christmas Crafts for Children

4:00pm ~ 'Carols on the Green'
(Followed by warming
refreshments in Emmanuel
Church)

23rd December 2018

9:00am ~ Hawkwell Baptist Church: All Age
Christmas Celebration (including breakfast)

10:30am ~ Ashingdon Elim: All Age Christmas
Service

5:00pm ~ Emmanuel Church: Carols by Candlelight

6:30pm ~ Ashingdon Elim: Carols by
Candlelight (with Mulled Wine & Mince
Pies)

6:30pm ~ Hawkwell Baptist
Church: Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve

3:00pm ~ Emmanuel Church: Christingle

3:00pm & 5:00pm ~ Hawkwell Baptist Church:
Christingle

5:30pm ~ St Teresa Rochford: Shepherds & Angels
Mass

6:00pm ~ St Mary's Church: Carols by
Candlelight

11:30pm ~ Ashingdon Elim: Midnight
Communion Service

Christmas Day

10:00am ~ Emmanuel Church: Christmas
Family Communion

10:30am ~ St Teresa Rochford: Christmas
Day Mass

10:30am ~ Ashingdon Elim: Christmas
Morning All Age Celebration

10:30am ~ Hawkwell Baptist Church:
Christmas Day Service

30th December

10:30am ~ Hawkwell
Baptist Church: Church
Café

*** COUNCILLOR VACANCIES ***

HAWKWELL PARISH COUNCIL ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO BE CO-OPTED ONTO THE PARISH COUNCIL

*~ Get involved with your community ~ Have a say about local issues people care about
~ Decide how local money is spent*

A Parish Council is the first tier of Local Government and your representation at a local level.

It is a statutory authority responsible for your community.

All you need to be a Councillor is: a desire to make a difference; to care for your community; a willingness to represent others; time available; to abide by the Code of Conduct and to register your interests.

Contact the Parish Clerk & visit the website for more details (Contact details at bottom of this page)

DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL USEFUL CONTACTS: *Different Councils have different responsibilities:*

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (ECC) FOR:

Highway issues:

www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads.aspx

☎ 0345 603 7631

Passenger Transport:

✉ passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk

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☎ 0345 743 0430



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Planning & Community:

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