

### A RIGHT ROYAL SCARECROW FESTIVAL!

It was great to have the Scarecrow Festival back in Cononley after several years without it, with a total of 43 excellent scarecrows. There was a fantastic atmosphere, welcoming residents, new and old back into the Village Institute, seeing so many people walking around the trail, cheering the ducks down the (fairly dry) beck, enjoying the refreshments and getting involved in a big village event.



The Best Scarecrow was won by King Charles I (Horrible History Version) by Louise & Chris Duffy. Great special effects!

Second prize went to A Right Royal 'Conservative' Party by the Hudson & Brown families, and third place was won by Sandra & Tony Waite, Cononley Village Store with Lion King (Mustafa). Over £1500 was raised for the Institute which

will be used to improve the sound system/acoustics and possibly install a hearing loop (although more complicated than we thought!) plus nearly £50 for Skipton Food Bank. A big thank you to all scarecrow builders, sponsors, volunteers and visitors, making it a 'Right Royal Success'. Don't forget - same place, different theme next year!

### CONONLEY WILDLIFE GROUP - PINFOLD OPEN DAY



The new reflective Hedgehog road signs are now in place on all roads into the village thanks to the kind landowners who have allowed them on their land.

Our **Pinfold Open Day** will now be on **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 11am to 3pm.**

Please join us for cake

and a cuppa and view the progress we have made. If you can spare an hour or two to help us at the Pinfold, please contact either Maeve (07956 000172) or Ruth (07775 737722)



**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup>  
September 2022**

Yes, we're back! After a two-year break there will be a show this year!

It would be great if you could bring along something on the day to be judged and later sold off to raise funds for the village. Don't feel that you need to be showing the best of the best, just bring along produce, baking or art that you are proud of and enjoy the show.

All the classes will be listed in the show leaflet that will be delivered in July, but if you would like any information before that, please do contact us.



We welcome sponsorship and offers of help on the day.

**Billie France: 07786 081738 (billieinskipton@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Sarah Fitton: 07841 922731 (sarah.mibigi@gmail.com)**

**Facebook: Cononley Make it Bake it Grow it Show**

### LOCAL ELECTIONS – A MESSAGE FROM CLLR BROWN

I would like to thank everyone in the village for the opportunity to represent them on North Yorkshire Council. An incredibly high 79% of the votes ensured that we'll have a strong local voice. Thanks to the victory of a second Green Party candidate in North Skipton and Embsay with Eastby, this should ensure that I can continue to hold a place on the important Planning Committee.

What happens immediately is that I become your North Yorkshire County Councillor until 31st March next year and I continue to be one of your two Craven District Councillors until then. Then on 1st April Craven District Council disappears and I become your only Councillor and sit on the new North Yorkshire Council representing Aire Valley for four further years.

I would like to thank Patrick Mulligan, the outgoing North Yorkshire Councillor, for his work on behalf of this community, particularly securing the refuge island at Cononley Lane End which has made us all safer.

As always if you have any issues, please stop me if you see me or email [andy.brown1951@outlook.com](mailto:andy.brown1951@outlook.com)

## WHAT'S ON AT THE RAILWAY INN!



Please note that we are also back open on Mondays, 4pm – 9.30pm.

## CONONLEY PLAYING FIELD & GALA

Final plans for refurbishing the Playing Field were approved by the Parish Council in April, and bids from prospective contractors are currently being evaluated. Excavation and re-filling of the bark safety surfaces are expected to be completed before the start of the school holidays. The rest of the improvement works will take about eight weeks and are scheduled to start at the end of the summer holidays, with completion by the end of October.



In view of the forthcoming works, it has been decided to cancel this year's fundraising gala and replace it with an Opening Event later this year. More

details will follow. Whilst the refurbishment work has been funded through 'planning gain' funds from the Mill development, the ongoing maintenance and upkeep costs must be met through community fundraising events which are organised by volunteers of the Playing Field Charitable Trust. Unless volunteers come forward to help run and support these events, fundraising opportunities will be limited which will sadly impact the future of our much-loved park. If you are a regular user of the park facilities, please consider donating a bit of your time to help ensure the Playing Field continues to be an enjoyable amenity for everyone to enjoy. For more information, please email [cll.clark.cononleypc@gmail.com](mailto:cll.clark.cononleypc@gmail.com)

## THROUP'S TRACK TO DEAD EYE POND

Throup's track, named after the benevolent local farming family who gifted the track and Dead Eye to the community, could well be claimed to offer 'Cononley in miniature'. The entrance, found off Ings Lane (beyond Shady Lane), is marked by two historic stone gate posts and gives access to the flower filled floodplain before closing-in between intimate blackthorn and hawthorn hedges. Another 100m and the track opens out to give extensive views over the valley towards Fiddler Hill and beyond. Finally, Dead Eye stands before you in all its splendour.



The Parish Council is delighted to announce that an application to the National Lottery to part fund an observation hide has been successful so expect further developments before the year's out. If you would like to join the ever-growing team of Dead Eye enthusiasts who tackle everything from tree planting to fence maintenance, or can offer specialist knowledge, don't hesitate to contact Dan Timbers or Mike Latham at [friendsofdeadeye@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdeadeye@gmail.com). Even if time is short and volunteering not possible, everyone can play their part by respecting the site rules - no dogs, entering and exiting only along Throup's track (there is no through route) and leaving nothing but footprints - and simply savouring the moment in beautiful surroundings.

## CONONLEY SINGERS SUMMER CONCERTS 🎵

Despite numerous cases of Covid amongst choir members in the last couple of months, we continue to work towards our summer concerts – **15<sup>th</sup> July at the Village Institute and 16<sup>th</sup> July in Skipton**. These will be our first summer concerts since 2019 and we are very much looking forward to 'getting back to normal' - and doing the thing we most enjoy as a group - SINGING! Tickets for the concerts should be available from mid-June and further details will be forthcoming then.

## CONONLEY CINEMA CLUB'S 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

It doesn't seem like five years ago that we assembled Cine North's screen and showed our first film – "Fantastic Beasts" - in the Institute. Since then, the Institute has invested in projection facilities for users and the Cinema Club has, once a month on a Sunday, provided good entertainment, a social event, a bar and interval ice creams for local residents. To start celebrating the fifth anniversary, a Golden Ticket was offered as a prize in the Scarecrow Raffle, giving the lucky winner free entry with guest for the new season in September.

Our last film for this season will be "The Duke" Cert 12 A on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm (doors open 6.30pm).

Facebook: Cononley Cinema Club

Email: [cononleycinemaclub@btinternet](mailto:cononleycinemaclub@btinternet).

## OUTDOOR FITNESS ON YOUR DOORSTEP!

Heather at Red Shoe Fitness & Wellbeing is offering outdoor fitness sessions on

Cononley Playing Field -

**Sundays at 8:30am and**

**Wednesdays at 6:30pm.**

These friendly sessions are designed for all abilities and include a variety of

activities to boost cardiovascular health, strength, balance, and flexibility. Bring yourself and bring the kids - they can join in or play whilst you work out! £4 per session or £20 for as many sessions as you like for the month. Under 16s are free with a participating adult. Email [heathersredshoe@gmail.com](mailto:heathersredshoe@gmail.com)

No need to book - just turn up and get lively!



## NEW VICAR FOR ST JOHN'S



We have been waiting for some time for a permanent vicar of the parish of Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley and we will be welcoming the Revd Michael Green and his

family in the Summer. Mike was ordained in 2019, following his training at St Mellitus College in Liverpool alongside a 3-year placement at Holy Trinity Bingley. Before his journey into ordained ministry, he was an Engineering Manager in the electrical industry. For the past three years he has served as curate in Birstall, looking after the parishes of Birkenshaw and Gomersal. He is married to Esther, who is a primary teacher with a specialisation in languages and they have two children, Lukas (11) and Alice (10).

In the meantime, we would love you to join us for services at 11.00 on Sundays and Tea and Toast at 10.00 on the first Tuesday of each month. All welcome!

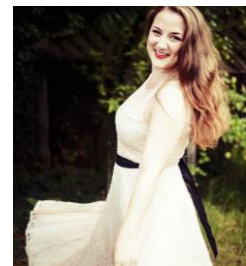
## CONONLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Cononley WI is going from strength to strength with lots of new members and a very eclectic mix of speakers! We had a great session "proggng", making some wonderful wreaths, and a very thought-provoking talk on Domestic Violence. On 2<sup>nd</sup> June, we'll be having a talk about Guide Dogs for the Blind, complete with puppy! Our Annual Summer Lunch is on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, and in July, Wendy Lill, Adventuress Woman will be talking about walking from Jordan to Petra. Want to join us? We meet first Thursday in every month at 7:30pm at the Institute.

## 'MUSICALS & MEMORIES' 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

Local singer April Elizabeth Green is hosting a concert at Cononley Institute on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June - and you are invited! The concert, which is titled "Musicals and Memories", will feature much-loved songs from the shows and popular classics, where there will be



sure to be something for everyone. Having trained as an opera singer, April has many years of professional experience singing for concerts and events and is excited to have the opportunity to sing in the village she moved to 4 years ago! For more information about April's singing, visit [aprilizabethsoprano.com](http://aprilizabethsoprano.com). Tickets are £5 and can be bought in advance by emailing [aprilgrime@gmail.com](mailto:aprilgrime@gmail.com). Doors will open at 7pm - and of course the bar will be open too!

## CONFEST 2022 – SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY



Tickets are available now for this fabulous outdoor music festival at Cononley's Riverside Campsite, with over 14 local acts playing for local charities. Gates open at 11.30am, music starts at 1pm. Buy tickets at the New Inn, The Railway, the Village Shop or

online at Eventbrite – see <http://www.confest.co.uk/tickets/>

## CONONLEY SPORTS CLUB 🏈 🎨

Both football teams are coming to the end of the season and unfortunately no silverware! Cricket has started with two wins. It would be great to get some support during the Summer months. The refurbishment to the outside space and inside the club continues. Parking permits are now available for this year - please contact [richard\\_calvert@hotmail.com](mailto:richard_calvert@hotmail.com) if you would like to buy one or renew.

## FRIENDS OF CONONLEY SCHOOL – SUMMER FAIR



This will be held at school on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. Everyone is welcome! Further details to follow.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Councillor Vacancies.** We are delighted to welcome Cllr Andrew Powell who joined us last month. We still have 3 vacancies that really need filling as soon as possible, so if you would like to find out more, please email [cononleypc@gmail.com](mailto:cononleypc@gmail.com) or visit [www.cononleypc.org.uk](http://www.cononleypc.org.uk).

### Voluntary post: Cononley PC Website Editor 🖨️

We are excited to announce a new voluntary role, 2-4 hours per month, which would suit a computing/IT student or retiree.

*Duties include:*

- Uploading PC minutes & documents to the website.
- Adding news and events relating to the PC, Institute and Playing Field.
- Edit/design new pages to keep the website up to date.
- Manage email campaigns via the WIX platform.

*Skills Needed:*

- Competent at using WIX website design software and platform/similar web design tools
- Experience of designing and using email shot campaign
- Knowledge of accessibility requirements for website design, and knowledge of website administration

If you would like to apply, please email [cononleypc@gmail.com](mailto:cononleypc@gmail.com)

### Allotments 🍌 🍎 🍅

16 water butts have now been delivered to help tenants harvest rainwater. Not enough volunteers came forward to form an Allotments Association so the PC will continue to manage the running of the sites and consult with tenants where possible.



The PC is still chasing outstanding allotment rental payments for 2021. If you know you haven't paid, please email Lee [cononleypc@gmail.com](mailto:cononleypc@gmail.com) or ring Cllr Clark on 07792385155 as a matter of urgency. Electronic payments are preferred, but payments by cheque can be placed in the Institute post box. If you do not wish to continue renting a plot, please let us know as soon as possible as we have a long waiting list.

## ENERGY SAVING COFFEE MORNING – 24<sup>th</sup> SEPT ☀️



Following the success of our March Composting Coffee Morning, please come along to discuss and learn how to save energy and save money at home, 10am-1pm at the Village Institute. Entry is free, refreshments provided. More details to follow.

## THANK YOU, LITTER PICKERS!

In April, as part of Keep Britain Tidy's "Great British Spring Clean" and Aire Rivers Trust #OurCleanRiver Campaign, residents of all ages gave up their time to clean up Cononley



Beck, stretches of the River Aire and areas of the village. Craven District Council

collected almost 10 full bin bags. A huge thanks to everyone who took part.

## CONONLEY BEER FESTIVAL 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Planning has already begun for this year's Beer Festival to try and ensure the event is as successful as last year's. We look forward to seeing you at the Village Institute in the autumn. Cheers! The Beer Festival Team 🍺



## MUSIC MAYHEM! 🎸 🎵 🎹 🎸

The Institute was packed out for a truly amazing line-up of performers - so much talent in such a small community! Great to see new residents along with all the regulars; everyone was so happy to be together again. The bar raised £187.25 for improvements to the Institute and Ukraine donations reached £37. Thanks to all who attended, performed, and helped.

## FRIENDS OF CONONLEY STATION



We hope that you have enjoyed the station gardens so far. Now that the bulbs have gone, it is time for the summer bedding plants. Thank you to three local ladies for their kind donations to buy

the plants. A special thank you to the Wood family for all their hard work in keeping the gardens watered, weed-free and tidy. Thank you, Marten Lougee 07813393381.