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THE Cononley NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2023

DECEMBER



BEER FESTIVAL RAISES ALMOST £3,000



It was another great year for the Cononley Beer Festival in October, welcoming hundreds of people and selling more than 1200 pints of beer over the two days. The event raised nearly £3000 for the village. This year boasted a sensational range of real ales and keg

beers as well as plenty of wine, cider, and low alcohol options. The JSP (Jayne Savoury Pale) was well received, and it was nice to remember and chat about Jayne over a pint or two. Thank you to Craven Brew Company in Crosshills for providing this year's extra special brew. We were again lucky enough to have live music from the very talented duo, Blair and Ian on Saturday afternoon.

Enormous thanks to all the generous sponsors who made the event possible, including our main sponsor, Nilorn, who sponsored barrels of beer and provided printing services. Most importantly, thank you to everyone who supported the event and enjoyed a drink, we hope to see you all again next year.

The Beer Festival Team 🍺

THE CONONLEY SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Jingle all the way

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FRIDAY, 15TH DEC @ 7.30PM
CONONLEY VILLAGE INSTITUTE
Tickets £5 (accompanied children free entry)

SATURDAY, 16TH DEC @ 7.30PM
CHRIST CHURCH, SKIPTON
with special guests **Haworth Brass Band**
Tickets £10 (accompanied children free entry)

THE CONONLEY SINGERS

Scan the QR code to book tickets online or purchase in Cononley at the New Inn, the Village Store or by calling 07795 616532

Rehearsals are in full swing for our Christmas concerts. As well as our customary performances at the Institute on 15th December, and Christ Church, Skipton on 16th December 7.30pm (where we will again be joined by our friends from Haworth Band), we are also putting on a concert in aid of Manorlands on

Wednesday 13th December at Sutton Baptist Church. Tickets for 15th & 16th December are available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/cononley-singers. Hope to see you all at one (or more!) of them.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

Come and join us at the Christmas Fair on 2nd December, 11am-4pm at the Institute! Lots of wonderful festive gifts for sale, including wooden items, bags, jewellery, cakes, beauty products, artwork, cushions, and stationery. Our Christmas Café will be serving hot drinks, bacon butties, soup, and homemade

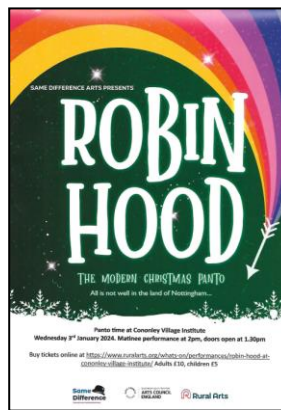
★ **CHRISTMAS FAIR** ★

GIFTS ★ CRAFTS ★ CAFE

Saturday 2 December | 11am-4pm
CONONLEY VILLAGE INSTITUTE

cakes! If any bakers would like to donate something yummy, we would be very grateful! Please drop your bakes off at the Institute on 2nd December from 8:30am.

CHRISTMAS PANTO – WEDS 3RD JANUARY 2024



Robin Hood is coming to the Institute on 3rd January! Doors open at 1.30pm, and the show starts at 2pm. Performed by Same Difference Arts, this year's panto promises festive fun for all the family! Buy your tickets online at

www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/performances/robin-hood-at-cononley-village-institute/. Adult

ticket £10, Child Ticket £5; Refreshments available.

FAREWELL WISHES FROM SANDRA & TONY!

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the wonderful customers who have supported Cononley Village Store. It has been such a fab fun time with all you lovely people. We are delighted that such lovely people have bought the shop and wish Karla and Paul as much fun and support as we've had.



'SAVE MONEY & STAY WARM' - SAT 6th JANUARY



Residents are invited to our free Save Money & Stay Warm event at the Institute on 6th January, at 10am. Members of the Institute Committee and Cleaner, Greener Cononley will demonstrate how Thermal Imaging Cameras can be

used to locate draughts and cold spots, along with sharing information and simple solutions to tackle common problems in the home. Purchased with financial support from Cllr Brown's Locality Fund, two cameras will be available for residents to borrow at no cost. **WANTED PLEASE!** 2 or 3 volunteers to trial the cameras in advance of the event and help with the demos. If you are interested, please email cononleycamera@gmail.com

CONONLEY GALA 2024 – MEETING ON 15TH JAN

As well as being a fabulous fundraiser, the Gala is a very special family-friendly community event, and this year was no different thanks to the dedication and hard work of volunteers.



Our thoughts are turning to next year and we hope to host the Gala in June, as is the tradition. To establish whether we have enough volunteers to make this happen, we're having an initial meeting on **Monday 15th January** at the **New Inn**. Please come along if you would like to be involved in the planning – all support is warmly welcomed! For further info, email cldr.clark.cononleypc@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS AT THE NEW INN

Sarah and James have lots going on at the New Inn this Christmas...

Tues 28th Nov - Temple Spa Pop-Up Shop from 7.30pm.

Sunday 3rd Dec – the 'Big Switch On' at 5pm including an appearance

from Santa and one of his elves, mulled wine, and mince pies.

Thurs 7th Dec – Wear your favourite jumper to the pub on Christmas Jumper Charity Day and we'll donate £2 to our nominated charity.

Weds 20th Dec - Carols around the Christmas tree with Cononley Singers, warm drinks, and snacks (time tbc).

Join us for some festive cheer on **Christmas Day!** Doors open at 11.45am and we will be serving between 12pm & 2pm.

Dates and details for our Curry Night, next Open Mic Night, re-opening of the kitchen and launch of our exciting new menu will be advertised at the pub and on social media.



This Christmas

Follow The Star
Join the **Song**

Saturday 9th December 3pm @ St Mary's Bradley
Bradley Carol Service

Sunday 10th December 3pm @ St John's Cononley
Christmas Carols with **The Cononley Singers**

Sunday 17th December 7pm @ St Andrew's Kildwick
9 Lessons & Carols with **The Leodis Consort**

Thursday 21st December 7pm @ St Andrew's Kildwick
Blue Christmas Service

Sunday 24th December 2pm & 4pm @ St John's Cononley
Crib & Christingle Services

Sunday 24th December 9:30pm @ St Andrew's Kildwick
Midnight (Bethlehem time) Holy Communion

Monday 25th December 9:30am @ St Mary's Bradley
Christmas Day Holy Communion

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

HELLO FROM HANNAH!

My name is Hannah Sherriff-Jackson and I joined as the new Clerk to Cononley Parish Council in September. I would like to thank everyone for such a warm welcome! It's great to hear about so many community events going on, and I'm very much looking forward to working in Cononley. I am busy familiarising myself with everything, but here is a quick Parish Council update:



1. Work will start in February to construct steps to improve access to the **canal tow path**.
2. Both **allotment sites** are full, with an average waiting time of 2-3 years. We are keen to give as many residents as possible the opportunity to grow their own produce. Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent Facebook post with your ideas about how we can reduce the waiting time.
4. **Defibrillator training**. Defib Guardian, Laura Rowe, has kindly offered to provide some basic user training. This will be held at the Institute in the new year, date to be confirmed.
3. **Parish Councillor vacancies**. Sadly, we said farewell to Mike Swinden who stepped down in November. His contribution will be much missed and leaves us with another vacancy on the PC. If you are passionate about your community and want to make a difference, why not become a Parish Councillor! To find out more, please get in touch. My office hours are Mon-Weds 9am-3pm; Thurs 10am-4pm, and I can be contacted at cononleypc@gmail.com tel. 07908855677.

CRICKET TEAM CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL SEASON



Not only did Cononley's Cricket Team win the Cowling Cup for the first time in 50 years, but they also got promoted to the second division.

Both football teams are also doing well, and the 2nds look to be building a promotion charge. Off the pitch, the Clubhouse was used by the WI to host the Gala Tea Room which was a big success, and we've since received a couple of bookings. To hire out the Club, please email richard_calvert@hotmail.com.

Refurbishments continue, with the new steps and turning circle tarmac now complete, and the new bar due to be completed soon. If you would like to join the committee or help, please get in touch - the more support the better!

CONONLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Thank you to everyone who baked, donated, and helped at the Gala Tea Room. We had a

fantastic turn-out!

In September, the talents of our WI were clearly visible during a fun and very memorable Belly Dancing demonstration. As the Prosecco flowed, so did our hip swaying! In



October we enjoyed a watercolour class with a very talented artist from Bingley. Everyone took home a painting they were proud of – our WI certainly has talent! We also managed to squeeze in Afternoon Tea at Skipton's Three Sheep Tearoom. November was our AGM and I'm proud to announce that I've been re-elected President and Elaine Shoesmith was unanimously re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer. Our committee members were also re-elected - it's great we have such an enthusiastic, supportive team.

We're looking forward to our National Federation Carol Concert on 7th December at Holy Trinity Church in Skipton, which will be followed by our village WI Christmas Party - kindly hosted by the New Inn. There's lots going on at Cononley WI (including many of us going on a cruise together next June!). If you'd like to join us, come along to our January meeting which will be an Auction Night - always great fun. We meet on the first Thursday in every month, 7:30pm at the Institute.

Julie Cawood – President, tel. 07802 807815



History Corner *Robbery and Fatal Accident at Cononley Lead Mines*

As a quantity of lead had been missed from the Cononley mine, two men were set to watch, and about two o'clock on Wednesday morning the thief made his appearance and got a pig of lead on his shoulders. The watchers saw him, and ran after him; and as soon as heard them he threw the lead down, and whilst trying to make his escape he ran off at the edge of a scar from six to seven yards deep. He was so severely injured that he never spoke afterwards. He was conveyed to Skipton, where he died the same day. He had 14s. on his person. Since the above was written, we have been informed that the man's name was Enoch Garth. He is supposed to come from Manchester. All the lost property has been found near the mines.

Leeds Intelligencer - Saturday 03 June 1854

Note: The only death registered in Skipton with the surname 'Garth' in 1854 was actually an Anthony Garth – not Enoch. His death certificate of 31st May 1854 states the following: "In running to avoid being taken (in the act of committing a felony) fell down a deep gill about 20 feet and from the shock and injuries died in about 12 hours."

CONONLEY WILDLIFE GROUP



Autumn has brought some exciting new sightings in the valley. The mist has been rising off the river in the morning and flood water in the fields has attracted

wading birds and ducks. Three Great White Egrets were seen on the Ings which is a rare sighting for Cononley and a new record. Look out for Whooper Swans and Geese which can sometimes be seen flying over at this time of year. Despite the inclement weather, work at the Pinfold is ongoing and we are busy planting bluebells and preparing the ground for sowing wildflowers. We always need more volunteers, so if you can spare any time to help us, please get in touch. Look out for our stall at the Christmas Fair and do come over and have a chat!

Ruth Parker 07775 737722 & Maeve Dracup 07956 000172.

CONONLEY CINEMA CLUB

The last film for the Autumn is "See How They Run" Cert 12, a comedy drama in Agatha Christie style, starting at 7pm on

Sunday 26th November at the Institute. We are busy planning the Spring Season and in particular thinking about older films which will be new to some, and great to see again for others. The first suggestion is "Brassed Off" from 1996, a real Yorkshire based film. Do you have any suggestions or a favourite film that you think others would enjoy? If so, please go to our Facebook page or email us at cononleycinemaclub@btinternet.com.

MUSIC MAYHEM – SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

It's Mayhem time again on 3rd February 4-6pm & 7-11pm at the Institute. Join us for a bit of musical fun to cheer up the dreary days of the new year, where Cononley's abundant talent is showcased. It's open to any person/group who wants to



sing/play (or dance!) in front of a friendly audience, and for any level, from seasoned performers to newbies. The afternoon session is for children or adults playing just to family and friends. All listeners and performers are welcome. Entry is free, and there'll be a bar and nibbles. It's essential that

anyone who wants to perform lets me know by mid-January so I can organise a rough programme. Also, please let me know in advance if you need accompanying by keyboard or guitar. Contact **Joan** on **07718 874600**.

NEW FITNESS CLASS AT THE INSTITUTE

Every Wednesday at 6pm, Fitness Coach, Olivia Bell runs classes for ladies to improve mobility and body strength, ending with relaxation. For more details, email livingmumlife@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S PUPPET SHOW COMES TO CONONLEY!

On **15th February**, the Institute will be hosting 'The Nosy Little Troll' at 3pm, age range 3-8 years. Find out more at cononleyinstitute.co.uk/events.

DEAD EYE POND

Winter is a very special time with migrating birds taking a well-deserved rest, moody skies becoming the norm, resident wildlife hunkering down in available nooks and crannies and predators scouring the margins for their next meal. Dead Eye will remain open over the winter unless Throup's track shows signs of excessive damage in sodden conditions. If this happens, the access gate will be locked until conditions improve. Given the remoteness of the site, if you spot any concerns, please email friendsofdeadeye@gmail.com so that remedial action can be taken. Mike & Dan.



FRIENDS OF CONONLEY STATION

Well, no more watering this year! Hayley has tidied the beck-side garden ready for winter, although there are still some flowers and colour to brighten your day. The tubs have been replanted and will be added to as required. Fingers crossed the bulbs make it in 2024! If you have any spare plants, please text **Marten** on **07813393381**.



FRIENDS OF CONONLEY PLAYING FIELD



Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey. Watch this space for exciting things to come in the new year! Please email

friendsofcononleyplayingfield@gmail.com to share feedback, ideas, or volunteer to keep our playing field the wonderful community space that it is.

UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR BROWN

At the time of writing, a complex situation has arisen with respect to the possibility of 25 houses being built on land between Meadow Close and Moorfoot Lane. An application was rejected by the old Craven District Council planning committee on the grounds that there were few planning gains and several planning losses. The developer has submitted an appeal. Officers from the council chose to defend that appeal on only one ground which was a concern about the heritage impact on a former barn on Meadow Lane. I submitted lengthy evidence to the appeal that there were other grounds for rejection.

A second application was submitted which changed the layout of the 25 houses to avoid the heritage impact. This was rejected in principle by the Planning Committee of the Skipton and Ripon Planning Committee of the new North Yorkshire Council on a motion I proposed.

What happens next is likely to depend on the outcome of the appeal on the first application. Should that find in favour of development, the initial scheme can go ahead. Should it be rejected on the one single reason of heritage, then it would call into question the rejection of the second scheme and that scheme may be approved. Should the appeal be rejected on multiple grounds, it is likely that any appeal against the rejection of the second application may also be rejected.

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CONONLEY SCARECROW FESTIVAL – 6TH MAY



Get your thinking caps on for next year's theme which is Cononley Olympics. More details to follow in Spring!

AIREDALE HOSPITAL & COMMUNITY CHARITY

We are the dedicated charity of Airedale NHS Foundation Trust (ANHSFT), supporting the staff, patients, and communities of Airedale across West & North Yorkshire and East Lancashire. All our events can be found on our website, www.airedalecharity.org, including our Christmas Sock Day on **Friday 15th December**. Why not wear your favourite socks and donate £1 to help us care for the Airedale Community. Thank you!

