

THE WALCOTE WORD

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FLOODED WITH VOLUNTEERS...?

With the recent rains, have you watched the brook rise up and up, wondering what to do? Would you like to have a plan and be able to help other residents of the parish? If the answer to either of these questions is yes, perhaps you would consider being a Community Flood Warden?



Each parish has been asked to appoint 2 or 3 people to this role. The tasks that could fall to Flood Wardens include:

- Monitoring local conditions
- Distributing information to residents
- Liaising with other authorities on behalf of the parish
- Reporting flooded properties and alerting authorities to local conditions

Training is available.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact our Parish Clerk, Cathy, (clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk) who can provide more details.

To find out which areas have been identified as being at risk, look at:

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flooding-risk/map>

WELCOME

Welcome to this edition of The Walcote Word, a quarterly newsletter sent out electronically by the Misterton with Walcote Parish Council. If you have any news or photos that would be of interest to others, want to help or just unsubscribe, please contact:

clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk

Hard copies will be placed on the Parish notice board and in the pub but if you know someone who can't access these or a computer, please let us know.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We're getting there

The Plan is now out for consultation and can be seen with supporting documents at: www.mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan.html. There is also a comment form that you can complete and return to the Parish Clerk or, if you like, just email her. Remember to supply your contact details. The consultation is open until 13 April 2020 after which the responses will be considered and the amended plan submitted to Harborough District Council. Please let us have your views.

WALCOTE SPEED CAMERAS

What next?

The average cameras were initially installed on a one-year trial. That has now come to an end and we understand that a report will be submitted to the Leicestershire County Council at its June Cabinet meeting for a decision as to their future. The Parish Council strongly supports their retention and will consider its next course of action at its meeting on 26 March. If you wish to lend your support, you could make your views known to your County Councillor: blake.pain@leics.gov.uk

LUTTERWORTH EAST

An impressive number of residents turned up for the meeting with Simon Lawrence and Ian Vears of Leicestershire County Council on 20 January. LCC owns most of the land that forms the Lutterworth Strategic Development Area and is the proposed developer. They fielded questions on such matters as traffic, pollution, drainage, design standards and the lack of a North/South by-pass for Lutterworth. The application for outline planning consent for the SDA (and detailed for the spine road) is due for consideration by Harborough District Council's planning committee on 21 April 2020 so you still have time to add your own comments. You can do this at: <https://www.harborough.gov.uk/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications>. The reference number for the application is 19/00250/OUT. Should you be interested, you can find the supporting documents at: <https://pa2.harborough.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=PMWU02HW06O00>.

SPRING CLEAN YOUR WAY TO A BRIGHTER SEASON!

After a long grey winter, Misterton and Walcote aren't looking at their pristine best, so the Parish Council is planning a village clean up on the evening of THURSDAY 2 APRIL. We will meet at the Triangle opposite Morrisons' garage at 6:00 pm. Harborough District Council has promised to lend us litter pickers, gloves and hi-vis jackets, but please do wear older clothes and sturdy footwear and bring any other piece of kit that you think might be useful. We will concentrate on cleaning the village centre and Lutterworth Road but, if sufficient volunteers join us, we will also wash the road signs. Please do come and help! For more details, contact Cathy on clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk. See you all on April 2nd!

VILLAGE FOOTPATHS

If you've been brave enough to venture across the Swift and through the woods recently, you'll know it's not easy going. There's a tree down to the north of the Swift and the path's completely under water to the west of the power cables in Rye Close Spinney. All of this is County Council land and they have reassured us that they're aware of the problems and when the weather improves, they'll look at sorting things out.

FULL STEAM AHEAD

Misterton with Walcote's Memorial Hall has recently benefited from the generosity of a local business. One of the Hall's regular users (the lunch club) has been struggling with the ageing oven. With the help of the well-known local volunteer and fundraising champion John Warren, Waitrose manager Steve Ham was able to secure funding for a replacement cooker from their discretionary community fund.



The lunch club and the Misterton with Walcote Community Trust who run the Hall, are very grateful for the help and support Waitrose have given.



A GRAND NIGHT OUT – a date for your diary

You are invited to the Black Horse on Thursday 19 March (7:00 for 7:30) to come and help raise funds for the missing church roof and at the same time enjoy tasty food and good company and support the local pub. Nathan and Emma have designed a special three-course menu for £25. What's not to like? For tickets or further information contact: mistertonchurch@gmail.com.

Next meeting of Misterton with Walcote Parish Council: Thursday 26 March 2020
at 8:00 pm in the Meeting Room at The Memorial Hall.

The Annual Parish and Council meeting is on: 19 May 2020 at 7:30.

Please join us.