

THE WALCOTE WORD

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REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

Spring is on its way and we might be let out soon but, in the meantime, if you need a helping hand...

Transport to your vaccine appointment?

The race course isn't the easiest place to get to without a car so if you need transport, please see this: <https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/transport-for-vaccinations.html>

Financial help?

The Misterton Charities can make grants to help towards the cost of books, materials or tools needed by students or apprentices, as well as help with travelling or medical expenses. To qualify you must have lived in the Parish for at least two years. To apply or ask for further details please contact: clerkmistertoncharities@gmail.com

Keeping in touch

Did you know that that as well as a village Facebook page there is a village WhatsApp group? You can keep in touch, re-cycle usable but unwanted items, ask for help if you need it or even order cakes from The Black Horse. To join please text Emma Miles on 07960 047770.

Birdsong

With the weather warming up and four minutes more daylight each day, take time to listen to the birds. On 28 March the clocks go forward. It'll be BBQs next!

And finally...

Thank you to Mick Sifford for the brilliant job he's done improving the paths.

THE PRECEPT

For those of you who don't know what this is, it's the sum of money raised through the Council Tax each year for the Parish Council to carry out its work. For 2021/22, with a combination of careful budgeting and a couple of extra houses in the parish, we are pleased to say that there will be a small decrease in the amount sought. Despite this we are still building up reserves for long-term security. We know that unexpected expenditure, such as complying with a request from Highways to take down a rotten tree, can be a problem for small parishes such as ours.

If you have any questions you're welcome to come along to our next meeting, on Zoom, on Thursday 4 March 2021 at 19:30. Nearer the time you will find a link on the parish website.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - update

It's passed examination! That's where it goes to an independent examiner who scrutinizes it, making sure it's lawful and meets certain conditions. The examiner recommended some modifications, which the PC was happy to accept, and we've now asked Harborough District Council if it can go forward to referendum. When the time comes, we hope you will vote for it. We'd have liked the vote to be in May, at the same time as the elections for the local council and the police and crime commissioner. Sadly, that's not to be but we'll let you know as soon as HDC gives us a date. Thank you to all those who've helped us get this far. The examiner's report is available to read on the parish website.

WIND FARM GRANT APPLICATIONS

Given the added difficulty in organising things at the moment, the PC has extended the deadline for applications until 31 March 2021, with a decision being made on them by the end of April. For full details please visit: www.mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk

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