

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### Village Website

www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk

### Derbyshire County Council (DCC)

Telephone: 01629 580000

www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Your County Councillor:

Judith Twigg: 01629 813292

Call Derbyshire 0845 605 8058

(to report pot holes, streetlights)

### Derbyshire Dales District Council

Telephone: 01629 761100

www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Your District Councillors:

David Hoskin 07831 883717

Jacque Bevan 01433 650581

### Parish Council Meeting Dates

Next meetings: 28 March, 18 April,

23 May, 27 June. All 7.30pm in

Sampson Room, Memorial Hall.

### Refuse Skip Dates in 2010/11

7.45am - 10.45am

Oddfellows Road Car Park

March 12, 26 (Further dates awaited

from Derbyshire Dales Dist Council)

### Peak District National Park

Authority (PDNPA)

Telephone: 01629 816200

www.peakdistrict.org

### Mobile Library

Thursdays, 10am-1pm, 2-5.30pm

Oddfellows Road Car Park

### Member of Parliament

Patrick McLoughlin 020 7219 3511

patrick.mcloughlin.mp@parliament.uk

### Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Derbyshire Police Call Centre

Telephone: 0345 123 3333

bakewell.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

## YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

### **Chairman :**

Councillor Mrs. Jane Marsden

Telephone 01433 650659

### **Vice Chairman:**

Councillor Mrs. Pauline Whitney

Telephone 01433 650261

Councillor Mrs. Anne Claxton

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Councillor Bill Gordon

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Councillor Mrs. Jean Hodgkinson

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Councillor Simon Taylor

Telephone 01433 651810

Councillor Bill Hanley

Telephone 01433 650316

## HOW TO CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL

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## OUTSEATS PARISH COUNCIL



## NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2011

### Issue Number 23

#### Hathersage Swimming Pool

There has been considerable debate in the village in recent weeks regarding the Swimming Pool. The Pool was originally left as a gift by Mr Lawrence to the residents of Hathersage and Outseats, so while Hathersage Parish Council are the Trustees for the Pool, Outseats Parish Council take an active interest in how it is run and in its long term future.

Outseats Parish Council regard the Pool as a wonderful asset that should be cherished for its value to the village and local communities and one that is unique within the National Park and Derbyshire. Furthermore, the Council are very supportive and appreciative of the large amount of voluntary time and effort put in by the Recreation Committee and others to protect, conserve and maintain it.

The essential repairs currently

required for the pool were explained in a leaflet included with the Christmas card delivered to all houses in Outseats. Outseats Parish Council support the recommendation made by the Recreation Committee that a fibreglass lining is the best solution to protect and maintain the pool for a number of years to come; the reasons for this include that it will provide a medium term solution that is affordable now, it will ensure that the pool opens for at least part of 2011 (important for tourism and the revenue support from Derbyshire Dales District Council), that it protects staff jobs and ensures continuity. We also feel it is important that the Pool is able to be open in this, its 75th Anniversary Year, and the current plan is that the repairs will be completed in time for the Pool to open by the end of May.

However, this is only the first stage in the repairs needed to the Pool. In

the next few years extensive refurbishment/replacement of the plant and filtration system will be required and finding the funding for this is going to require considerable time, effort and resourcefulness. Furthermore, Government cuts may threaten the grants that the Pool currently receives, so alternative ways of finding funding may be required. No doubt further capital expenditure will also be required in the years to come, to maintain the Pool to a standard that everyone in the village wants.

The challenges that the Pool presents need the whole village to pull together if we are to maintain and enhance this wonderful asset. If anyone is able to offer any assistance in helping to resolve the many challenges facing the Pool, or to help with obtaining funding or grants, the Council would be very grateful to hear from you.

#### **75th Anniversary of the Pool**

As noted above, this year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Pool and plans to celebrate this milestone are already underway. The main events will take place over the weekend of 23-24 July and further details will be published in due course. If you are able to offer any assistance towards organising or funding these celebrations, please contact the Clerk; we also hope that everyone can attend an event.

#### **New Councillor Appointed**

Following the departure of Councillor Graham Markham earlier this year, the Council discussed a number of candidates who had put themselves forward for the vacant post. It was decided that Bill Hanley was the most

suitable candidate and he has since been co-opted onto the Council. Bill is a resident of Outseats, living on Coggers Lane.

#### **Snow and Ice**

The Council would like to thank all the residents who helped clear snow and ice from the roads and paths during the difficult weather in December. The Council had ensured in the summer that it had extra stocks of grit already available for emergencies and we hope that everyone found this beneficial. Nevertheless, extra grit is only useful if there are also people to spread it, so we would like to thank everyone who did this. Furthermore, we must remind all residents that the grit in the grit bins is solely for use on the public roads and paths; if residents wish to grit their own property then they must buy their own supplies for this purpose.

#### **Budget 2011/12**

The Council has now set the budget for the next financial year. While it was successful last year in maintaining the precept at the same level as the previous year, this was only made possible by a significant reduction in the Council's reserves and this is not sustainable. Furthermore, the financial burden on the Council has increased (for example, the lack of delivery of grit by Derbyshire County Council last winter meant that the Council have had to make their own provisions) and this situation is only likely to increase in the coming years. Therefore, an increase in the precept has become inevitable. The Council have done everything possible to keep this increase to a minimum, with no

significant increases planned to this year's expenditures and reductions made where possible. Nevertheless, the overall budget is expected to rise from £10,501 to £12,048 next year.

#### **Finances**

Since the last newsletter, the Council's principal expenditure, other than the Clerk's salary and expenses, has been £3,150 contribution towards the running costs of the Swimming Pool, £230 for extra grit salt, £152 for stationery (including a new laminator), £834 for clearing footpaths and cutting grass in the Parish (some of which is reclaimable from Derbyshire County Council), £69 for room hire and £26 towards improvements in the village website.

#### **Planning**

Since the last newsletter, Council have received notifications that Peak District National Park Authority have approved planning applications regarding Cumulus, Ranmoor Lane, Upper Hurst and Upper Hurst Farm. PDNPA have also rejected the proposal by The Plough in Leadmill to erect a semi-permanent summer marquee for weddings and other social events.

#### **Long Causeway**

Following lobbying from the Council and from the Forum on Ancient Byways, Derbyshire County Council (DCC) have now allocated £71,000 for repairs to Long Causeway and two other ancient routes in the locality (Brough Lane and Chapel Gate). The Council are concerned to ensure that this money is used for proper long term maintenance, rather than the temporary, unsatisfactory repairs that have been made in the past, so have

contacted DCC to ensure that they discuss any planned maintenance with us before it begins.

#### **Hope Valley Railway Users Group**

The Council would like to thank HVRUG for their continued efforts to improve the regularity of service on the line to Sheffield and Manchester. It is hoped that their tenacity will soon mean that an extra rush hour service is added on the line and they already have plans for ways to further enhance the service. Details can be found on HVRUG's website: [www.hopevalleyrail.org.uk](http://www.hopevalleyrail.org.uk).

#### **Village Website**

The Village Website is now up and running and can be accessed at [www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk](http://www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk). As well as offering information on the village and services available, the website also includes the agenda, minutes and other notices posted by the Council. It even includes back-copies of this newsletter.

It has been suggested that a Website Coordinator be appointed to organise the parts of the website that are not specifically about the work of the parish councils. In particular, the "What's On" part of the website needs to be regularly maintained and updated. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, they should contact the Clerk.

#### **Parish Council Meetings**

The dates and locations of the next Parish Council meetings can be found overleaf and are also available on the village website, which has details of all meetings planned for 2011. We welcome attendance by all our residents.