



HEYBRIDGE BASIN

Parish Council

Welcome to the latest edition of the Heybridge Basin Parish Council Newsletter.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Thursday 2nd June saw Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II celebrate her Platinum Jubilee, a once in a lifetime event, which the PC are proud to have been a part of.

Over 3,500 beacons were lit across the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and British Overseas Territories to mark this special occasion.

The PC held a Beacon Lighting Ceremony, which included honouring former Councillor, Bryan Harker with the Council Freeman award, the highest award which can be given by the Council.



Unfortunately, a few months later, news of our beloved monarch passing was announced. Operation London Bridge was implemented, including the Council deciding to cancel all meetings until after the National mourning period had ended.

A tribute evening was held on Tuesday 13th September, where members paid their respects and place a wreath under the village sign, followed by a Minute's silence.

BUS SHELTER

A local contractor will be constructing a bench seat, and a set of shelves inside the bus shelter, work is due to commence first week of November. The PC hope to initiate a Village Book Exchange and will encourage residents to deposit books on the shelves for sharing with fellow readers.

A quotation has also been accepted to refurbish the notice board on the left-hand side of the bus shelter, this includes the provision of doors to help keep the public's notices from blowing around the village!

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Row 4 a Reason for kindling donating a new notice board to the PC, which is on the right-hand side of the bus shelter.

DAISY MEADOW CAR PARK

Following on from our last Newsletter, residents will be aware that the car parking charges commenced at the end of March.

With the current stream of revenue, the Parish Council are pleased to announce that a contractor has been instructed to make minor repairs and line the car park. The lining includes the provision of 7 chargeable Blue Badge bays at the canal end, an increased number of 'permit holder' only bays, a motorcycle bay, and regulation sized bays throughout the car park.

Work is due to commence week beginning 14th November and we anticipate that the car park may be shut for 1 or 2 days. Resident Permit Holders will be informed by letter of the exact dates and implications. We ask for your co-operation whilst this work is being carried out.

Residents are reminded of the existence of the Daisy Meadow Residents Parking Scheme, which is open to ALL who live in the village. Please see the HBPC website for applications or contact the Clerk.

A survey is currently being undertaken regarding the current ON-STREET parking regulations within the village, the results will be analyzed by the PC, with the intention of an open village meeting being held to discuss the findings and the way forward. Each household should have received a questionnaire with an invitation to respond by 31st October.

Other projects due to be undertaken within the car park include resurfacing the access road, as well as works to the trees and bushes along it. As the access road is in the Village Conservation Area, planning permission will be required.

VILLAGE SIGN

A huge thank you to Andrew Fawcett for taking his time to repaint the village sign.

SLUICE GATE SAGA

The Parish Council have continued their communications with the Environment Agency, with the latest update being on the 18th of July. A contractor has been instructed to install a WaStop, which will fit inside the pipe, it contains a flexible membrane that stays shut until a head of water causes it to open. This rush of water reduces the chance of debris or silt becoming trapped in the gap, flushing it through, which minimizes the likelihood of water flowing backwards through the sluice at high tide. The PC continue to chase for an installation date.

GREEN GYM

Funding for a Green Gym to be installed at St George's Field is being considered. This would consist of 4 to 6 pieces of weight resistant gym equipment. The Parish Council would like to determine if this is something residents are particularly interested in. Please email your thoughts to our Clerk.

