



# Much Hoole Parish Council Newsletter

## **A note from the chairman**

A Happy New Year to you all.

This year looks like being another busy year for Much Hoole Parish Council. The Council continues its support for the building of the new Village Hall, while continuing with the initiatives started over the last year or so.

The Council began the year with a new clerk, Angela Nicholls. We all welcome Angela and look forward to a happy association.

I attended the remembrance service in November, at St Michael's Church and laid the poppy wreath on behalf of the Council.

We continue with the planting of the northern gateway; thanks go to Ronnie and Linda Dalton who carry out this for work us.

There is also the Trafalgar Garden on the recreation ground. For some time this had been kept tidy by Cllr Richard Gelder, the Council are grateful for his efforts. However, it would be great if we could perhaps get together a team of helpers, to keep this area looking its best. Could you give an hour or so, to help with this? Please contact any council member.

The Council acknowledges the help of the HAPI Group (Hoole Action Plan Initiative) and other people who have provided help in various ways. For example, with the regular inspections of the popular off road cycle track, to maintain the facility and keep it safe for our young people to use.

We look forward to another successful year.

**Eunice Houghton**

**Chairman: Much Hoole Parish Council**

# NEW VILLAGE HALL and SCOUT BUILDING.

## Brief Update

Our existing Village Hall as everyone knows is to be replaced by a new one. In order to contribute towards the financing of the new one the Parish Council agreed to sell the land on which the Scout building is now located (Pinfold Land) and build a new Scout building . This sale is almost complete and after the sale the finances are roughly as follows:-

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| Proceeds from selling the Pinfold Land .  | £250,000        |
| Village Hall funds which include a £22,400 Parish Council contribution. Including the regular £2000 granted by the Parish Council each year | £139,840        |
| Money from Much Hoole Parish Council Grant towards the Scout Building   | £ 18,600        |
| Additional money added to the Village Hall savings fund in 2017-2018  | £ 23 000        |
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| <b>Total</b>  | <b>£431,440</b> |
| Approximate cost of the new Scout Building  | £ 85,000        |
| <b>Money currently available to build the Village Hall</b>  | <b>£346.440</b> |

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The Village Hall needs approximately £400,000 to complete the build . The trustees are confident that it will be possible from grants and donations to bring our New Village Hall building fund money to over £400,000 by the summer.

## Much Hoole Parish Council continues its support of the Village Hall committee



Fund raising by the village hall committee is proceeding, to enable a new hall to be built. .The parish council has agreed to sell the pinfold land at the corner of Northern Avenue to provide funding towards the project with a new scout hut being provided on village hall land.

Having surveyed several halls in the area the village hall committee have concluded that a high quality building will give the new hall a better future.

Reassessment of building costs has shown the need to raise more funds than originally considered. The committee has raised approximately £130000; the proceeds of the sale of the pinfold land, in the region of £250000, will be added to that. The village hall committee have reported they are searching for grant funding.

In its 2017/18 budget, the parish council has agreed a grant of £18,600 towards the cost of the new scout hut and a further £23,000 to be put in the council's village hall building fund.

The basic parish council precept will amount to £11,369 and the total budget for 2017-18 will be £52,969 including the items for the new hall. This is to be a one year only increase for the rate payers amounting £1.04 per week (band D property – SRBC information) on the council tax.

The result will be a high quality facility for the village to be proud of.

# Community Events in Much Hoole which are year round

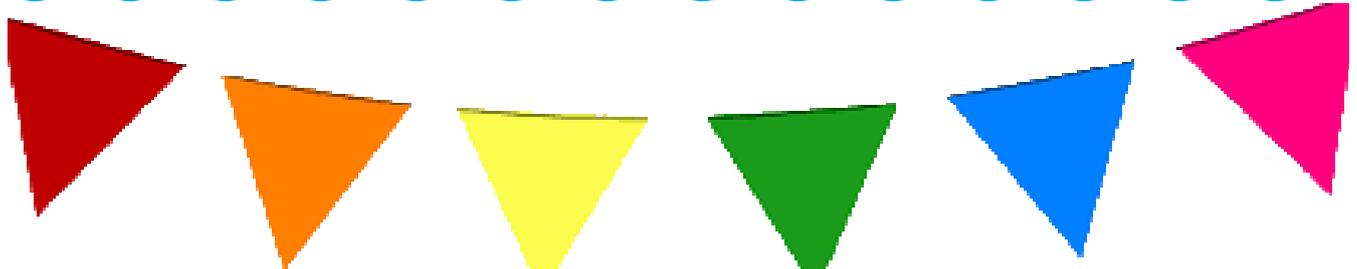
You don't have to be a member of Hoole Village Hall to come to the hall. There are benefits to membership so please ask.

There are a number of very popular events taking place here in the village and it is amazing that some people don't know about them. Without doubt the weekly Bingo sessions every Wednesday at 8 pm have a good regular crowd with good prizes.

One of the priorities of our local borough council is to tackle the loneliness problem of older people who have limited contact with others and it may be their children live away or many other reasons. The Local's Lunches which take place every other Thursday address this problem perfectly and many people of different ages attend on a regular basis. Lyn Smith and her sister Amy and their little team provide an excellent two course lunch with tea and coffee and also the bar is open so from about 11.45 to 2 pm they have a great time.



Every week there is a person to give a little 20 minute light hearted talk on a variety of subjects. This can be one of a number of "Tales from the Inside" about prison life by a Howard Davidson (ex prison governor) or "Tales from the Deep End" by Alan Taylor (ex Swimming Pool contractor) or "Tales of Passage" from Stan Pickles (ex funeral director). We also have other local people who like to enlighten us with little stories and subjects that are surprisingly interesting. In fact one of the regular speakers is going to give a talk on staircases! How can that be entertaining? – well you have to come to find out. Please look out for the notice board by the village hall a few days prior. Just turn up but if you ring Lynn on 07950 201662 it helps to confirm the numbers.



## Much Hoole Spring Fair Bank Holiday

**Just to let everyone know, there is to be the annual  
Spring Fair at the Village Hall on:**

**Monday 29th May 2017**

**More details nearer the time**

**Lots of fun for all the family**

**Put the date in your diary**

# Christmas Market

The Christmas market was a success this year raising well over £1,200 plus profit from the bar. The weather was kind to us and it was possible to have stalls and a kiddies funfair outside. Father Christmas was in his grotto and Elsa (from Frozen) came to switch on the Christmas Tree lights.

It is important to recognise the organisation that goes into an event like this and it is all by volunteers. Nicola Dickinson Dalton was the team leader



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