

# LATTON PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

### **HAVE YOUR SAY! Latton Parish Plan - Household Survey**

We want **everyone** to have their say about what will make Latton Parish a better place to live. Enclosed with this newsletter is your copy of the **Latton Parish Household Survey**. Please take a few minutes to complete it. It can be done easily on line. Much of it is 'tick box' and should not take very long. Your views really do matter in helping us take action and make changes and improvements to the Parish that you want and need! If you have any questions or want help with the survey please contact Janet Sharpe on 07784 922976 or email

[lattonplan@lattonparish.org.uk](mailto:lattonplan@lattonparish.org.uk)

#### **Our 'Wishes' for Latton Parish**

A miniature apple tree doubled as a 'wishing tree' at the Church BBQ and Jubilee Garden opening ceremony on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The Parish Plan Steering Group asked those attending (and in particular the children!) to hang their wish for Latton Parish on the wishing tree. Some 20 odd 'wishes' were collected and these ranged from sparkly new swings for the playground to faster broadband. All these suggestions will go towards the information on which we will base the final Parish Plan. Thanks to all who took part. If you have a wish for the Parish or a photograph of what you like about the Parish and what you don't like please email

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#### **Collaborating with Down Ampney**

In September Councillor Julia Job met with members of the Latton Steering Group to share with us how Down Ampney had developed a parish plan and how they had used the plan and views of residents to obtain funds for various projects such as the village hall, playgrounds etc. We also learnt more about working with The Co-op who are the main landowners in the area.

#### **Campaign to Reduce the Noise on the A 419**

The campaign group met for the second time and momentum is gathering to campaign to get the concrete section of the road (affecting Latton Parish) resurfaced with quieter asphalt. With the traffic along the road only set to increase over the coming years it is priority now to reduce the road noise so that the health and wellbeing of everyone affected is protected. If you want to say how you are affected by the traffic noise and give your support to the campaign - there are two ways – fill in the **Latton Parish Household Survey** and go on to the new website [www.A419nag.co.uk](http://www.A419nag.co.uk). Please do both!

#### **Fundraising for New Swings!**

Latton Parish Council will soon be replacing the swings in the Play Area. We are currently organising events to raise money to pay for the swings. If you would like to organise an event or make a donation, please contact Bev Blunden (Parish Clerk) on 01793 750801 or email [clerk@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk)

The sooner we raise the money, the sooner the new swings will appear!

You are invited to the

Lighting of the Latton Christmas tree

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012



6.30pm

Outside Latton Village Hall



*Children can visit Father Christmas!*

**Christmas Raffle in aid of Swings for the Play Area**

**Everyone Welcome!**

*Come along & help plan this event on 15 Nov, 7.30pm at Village Hall*

Latton Toddler Group

The Toddler Group meet at Latton Village Hall from 9.30-11.00am on Thursdays, but are taking a break until they open a reformed group in Jan 2013. Please contact Laura on 07835 165907 or email [laurawright\\_1983@hotmail.com](mailto:laurawright_1983@hotmail.com) for more details. You will be very welcome – please support this group if you have a toddler.

Latton Diamond Jubilee Community Garden

I hope everyone who attended the Church BBQ/ official launch of the community garden enjoyed themselves. I was really pleased by how many people came given the miserable weather!

There is a list of jobs to be done on the Garden Noticeboard – anyone can come to help!

There are a few ideas for future development which I would like peoples' views on:

- 1) Herb garden – I am thinking about an area with predominantly Mediterranean style herbs, ie predominantly sturdy, hardy perennials which will pretty much look after themselves
- 2) Moving the gravel to the area around the raised beds (on membrane) which would make the area around the beds easier to keep tidy, with the large concrete area then being painted with eg hopscotch, stepping stones etc.

We will soon be forming a 'Users Committee' to plan the garden. I am thinking about a planning morning, probably in the New Year, to look at other plans people may have for the garden for next year. Our younger supporters have also suggested that we have gardening sessions over the weekend so maybe depending on peoples' availability and interest we look to have sessions on say Saturday mornings, complete with coffee and cake of course. This feels like something again to try later on in the winter when we are starting to gear up for spring.



### Councillor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies on the Parish council. The Parish Council meets every two months in Latton Village Hall and every meeting is open to the public. If you would like more information or are interested in joining our friendly group of Councillors, please contact Bev Blunden (Parish Clerk) on 01793 750801 or [clerk@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you!

**Your Parish Council currently consists of 6 Councillors who have either been elected or co-opted onto the council. We currently have one vacancy on the Parish council. If you would like to be considered to be co-opted onto the Council, please contact the Parish Clerk, in the first instance, to register your interest. The councillors are all volunteers and receive no financial payment for their time. The Parish Council meets every two months in Latton Village Hall and every meeting is open to the public.**

**Your Parish Council councillors are Graham Blunden-Chairman, Jonathan Archer, Kathy Doyle, David Wilkinson, Allan Hobbs and David Newman. Bev Blunden is the Clerk to the Parish Council. If you have ideas on how to improve the Parish to benefit all of our residents, either attend the next Parish Council meeting to express them or email your ideas to [clerk@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk) for consideration, you will always get a reply!!**