

LATTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

You are invited to the official opening of
the latton diamond jubilee garden at

St John's church bbq

On Sunday 23rd sept at 12.30pm



Use It or Lose It!

Did you know the Mobile Library stops in Latton by the telephone box? The next visits are Mon 16 July, 30 July, 13 Aug & every 2 weeks after that at 11.40am. You can join at any session. There is a good selection of children's books and DVDs! Use it or we will lose it because Wiltshire Council are going

Message from Peter Colmer - I am conscious that I make a contribution to the Chronicle on a monthly basis that gets distributed to all residents in Latton, the content of which is relevant to all areas within my sphere of responsibility and not parish specific. I do attend every Latton parish council meeting to pick up on issues locally and try and assist with resolving them. If any resident of Latton or Water Eaton, have any specific issues that I can assist with, please contact me directly and I will do my best to assist. Contact details: Peter Colmer- Wiltshire Councillor, E-mail address: Peter.Colmer@Wiltshire.gov.uk Tel 01793-750245 (Home) 07720-387708(Mobile)

Latton Toddler Group & Down Ampney Pre-School

The toddler group meet at Latton Village Hall from 10-12am on Thursdays - contact Jackie on 07850678918. Down Ampney Pre-School has spaces from September - it takes from age 2 and was rated outstanding in its last inspection. For more details contact 07753440644.

Latton Community Speedwatch

Speedwatch is having an effect on the speed of motorists driving through the village as shown by our results. However, when we leave a large gap between sessions, we see speeds increasing. For Speedwatch to remain viable, more people are needed to volunteer. Training is given - the more people who offer to join, the better our chances are of getting a local training session. When we have the speedgun (which is one week in three) we need to do four sessions per week, so if you can manage an hour every three weeks, let Graham Blunden know on latton_speedwatch@btinternet.com.

How to contact Latton Parish Council - Latton Parish Council has a new email address which is clerk@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk The Parish Clerk (Bev Blunden) can also be contacted on 01793 750801. If you would like to view the accounts for Latton Parish Council, contact the Parish Clerk. Remember to check our notice boards for the latest news, information and events concerning your parish. You can also receive an email update by sending an email to the Parish Council requesting to be included on our electronic mailing list.

Coming soon - our new website at www.lattonparishcouncil.org.uk

Latton Diamond Jubilee Garden

Poppies - I hope everyone has had an opportunity to see the lovely display of poppies in the community garden. The garden is for everyone to enjoy, and the gate is always open, so do go in and enjoy a stroll around to see what's going on, what's growing, what's ready to pick and so on. If you manage to go in on a sunny day, and you stand close to the poppies you will see that they are a mass of insect activity, bumble bees and honey bees (hopefully some of them from my beehive!) and lots of other pollinating insects which are so important and badly needed in our countryside today.

Wednesday Work Evenings - And a quick reminder that we always have our garden working evenings on Wednesdays from about 6pm onwards, and we need as many people to come along and help as possible. You don't need to be a gardener, you don't need to be young, fit, experienced, knowledgeable or anything else, just interested in lending a hand for an hour or so.

Current priorities - Can you help with any of these? - We are looking for some gravel boards, or old scaffold boards to contain the gravelled area. We need someone to strim around the perimeter of the field where the grass is too rough to mow. We need to remove the nettles & weeds growing around the perimeter beds

Thanks - We have had some very generous help recently from a number of people – an enormous grass cutting machine the colour of Gene Hunt's Audi Quattro, has been generously donated to the garden by Jim Donovan, and after a bit of welding work organised by Rodney Can-We-Fix-It-Yes-We-Can Williams is now doing a sterling job for us. Dylan has whizzed round the veg garden with a strimmer, and is bringing over a large quantity of compost for the growing beds. James Doyle of The Gardeners obtained a large pile of gravel for us, and also donated loads of mature plants. And the parish council is paying for the cost of refurbishing the old WI Silver Jubilee commemorative bench which has been rusting away at the back of the village hall for years and will now have a new home in the Diamond Jubilee Garden. And finally thanks must go to our youngest gardener, Tiffany, (aged 7 ¾) who turns up unfailingly every Wednesday, and has grown a sunflower, a row of lettuce, some radishes, helped plant wildflowers, watered, weeded and generally been an inspiration to us all. Thanks Tiff.

Kathy Doyle and the Latton Community Gardeners - If you'd like to help in any way, come along any Wednesday evening or contact Kathy Doyle on 759066 or email kathy.doyle@btconnect.com

Shaping the Future of Latton - Developing a Parish Plan for Latton

Watch out over the coming weeks for a household questionnaire which is being sent out to get your views of how living in Latton could be improved. This, together with discussions with local businesses and agencies and events will help us get evidence on which to base our village action plan. We know already that residents are concerned about the road noise from the A417 and the impact of the heavy goods vehicles that go through the village, we also know that many people really enjoy the countryside, good access to the road network and the walks around the village. Please take a few minutes when you receive the questionnaire to tell us more. The Latton Parish Plan Steering Group are: Ralph Young, Chair, Tim Giddy, Deputy Chair, Janet Sharpe, Secretary, Huw Jones, Communication Officer, Barry Branigan, Treasurer, Linda Archer, David Wilkinson. We meet now every two weeks and would welcome additional members if you would like to be involved. Please contact us if you would like any further information or have questions about the Parish Plan. Our email is parishplan@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk

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 for consideration, you will always get a reply!!