

# Dyke Village Newsletter

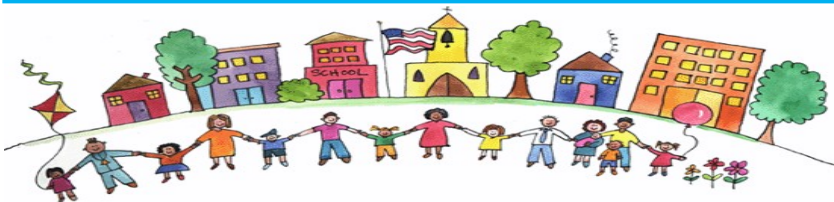
August 2022

**YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS**



*"I wondered why somebody didn't do something.  
Then I realized, I am somebody".*

Unknown



## ***DYKE GARDENERS August***

### **Water and feed regularly**

- Continue to feed tomato plants with tomato food and remove lower leaves to help with air circulation and prevent disease
- Pinch out the top of tomato plants to concentrate the growth into the fruit that has already formed. Aim to leave 5 or 6 trusses of fruit per plant

### **Deadhead and prune**

- Dead-head annual bedding plants and perennials to encourage them to flower into the autumn and stop them self-seeding
- Prune wisteria after flowering by removing all the whippy side-shoots from the main branch framework to about 20cm from their base
- Trim any lavender plants after they've finished flowering
- Prune climbing roses and rambling roses once they've finished flowering (unless they're repeat-flowerers in which case leave them)
- Cut back leaves on grapevines to let the sun ripen the fruits
- Check your fruit trees for brown rot and quickly remove any affected fruit to help stop it spreading
- Cut back Alchemilla and hardy geraniums and penstemon to encourage more growth

### **Save seed and propagate new plants**

- Take leaf cuttings from succulents, such as echeverias, crassula and sedums
- Take cuttings of pelargoniums, fuchsia and rosemary to propagate them for next year
- Plant out any rooted runners of strawberries for a good crop next year

### **Harvest**

- Start harvesting your main crop potatoes and onions, shallots and garlic as the leaves yellow and die back

### **Plant**

- Plant autumn bulbs, such as colchicums, sternbergia and nerines
- Plant out your leeks and brassicas if you haven't already, and you can also squeeze in a final sowing of spinach, beetroot and chard in the first couple of weeks of August
- Sow salad leaves under cover, or out in the open if in warmer parts of the UK
- Look out for seed potatoes to give you new potatoes at Christmas.



# YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU

Would you like to get to know people in your community?

Would you like a say in what happens to the village hall?

Would you like to help us maintain and run the village hall?

Can you help organise village hall events?

Could you contribute to the Dyke Village newsletter?

Could you help open up and lock up the hall after classes and events?

Dyke Village Hall is managed and maintained by a small committee that includes users of the village hall, members of Dyke WI, members of Bourne Town Council and the Diocese. However, there are only 4 people on the committee who actually live in Dyke! It would be great to see more Dyke residents involved. Could you spare a couple of hours a month?

The committee meets once a month (usually in the pub!) and aims to put on village events to raise money to ensure that the village hall is maintained to provide a place where the community can come together.

There are so many depressing news stories at the moment - let's get together to make Dyke a happy place to live where the community comes together to help each other and enjoy friendships.

If you would like to see the village hall used to offer more village-focused events and are willing to help, we would like to hear from you - we have had plenty of great ideas from villagers and others but we are limited by the number of people willing and able to help organise. Some of the suggested events include a race night, beer/wine tasting, musical performances - the list is endless of what we could do with the space, it just needs help to pull things together to make them happen.

Please contact Robin Woodward 07415 132467 for an informal chat if you are interested.

# Dyke Village Hall—Upcoming Events

## SEPTEMBER

Sunday 18th September

10am - 4pm

Trash and Treasure

Tea and cakes in the Village Hall



## OCTOBER

Saturday 29th October

SCARECROW TRAIL

Hot dogs in the hall



## NOVEMBER

TBD

Buckles and Bows

Autumn/Winter Fashion Event



## DECEMBER

Sunday 4th December

Deck the Hall event





## **TRASH OR TREASURE!**

**Sunday 18th September**

**10am - 4pm**

We are holding a Trash or Treasure event at the Hall on Sunday the 18th of September between 10am and 4pm. Please bring any items you wish to donate to be sold to boost your Village Hall funds.

In parallel with donated items being sold at the Hall, we would also like to encourage you to sell unwanted items for yourself if you wish (like a boot fair). For a nominal donation of £5 we will provide a table (under cover if the weather is poor) for you to present your wares in either the Hall or on the Village Green, depending on take up and conditions.

Tea and cakes will be available from the Hall kitchen.

Set up and collection of items for sale from 9am on the Sunday, drop off at the Hall on Saturday the 17th or early Sunday please.

All proceeds will go to the Hall to support maintenance and facility improvements.

Please let Robin Woodward 07415 132467 or Graham Halbert 07840 309656 know if you would like to donate Trash/Treasure, bake a cake, book a table or if you are able to help out on the day.



## Commonwealth Games Quiz [Answers on back page](#)

1. How many countries (nations and territories) are competing in the 2022 Commonwealth Games? 52, 62, 72 or 82?
2. How many parasports are being contested in this years games?
3. In which Canadian city did Roger Bannister and John Landy break the four-minute mile in a race that became known as the 'Miracle Mile' in 1954?
4. The mascot for the 2022 games is called Perry but what animal is he based on?
5. How many times has England hosted the Commonwealth Games?



**Please pick up your poo!!**

The amount of dog poo left on the public footpaths in the village and on the playing field seems to be getting worse.

Please pick up after your dogs. There is no excuse!

**Bag it and bin it!**

**Let's keep our village clean!**

### Keep in touch with Dyke Village Hall

**WEBSITE:** <https://dykevillagehall.org.uk>

**EMAIL:** [contact@dykevillage.org.uk](mailto:contact@dykevillage.org.uk)

Follow us also on the [Dyke Village Facebook](#) page. Please note that this replaces the Dyke Village Hall Facebook page which is no longer being updated.

[Dyke village](#) also has a [WhatsApp](#) group which started as a gardening group in lockdown but has become a way for Dyke residents to keep in touch with general village news. If you would like to be added to this group, please contact Jenny Woodward on 07824 448038 .



# SPOOKY SCARECROW EVENT



**Saturday 29th October**

This years Dyke Scarecrow event will take place around Halloween. There will be a prize for the best scarecrow in the village that incorporates a scary theme. All the scarecrows will be included in a trail through the village and the hall will be open from 10am - 4pm for refreshments including soup and hot dogs.

**Pumpkins, monsters, witches, zombies, skeletons, ghosts - all are welcome at the Dyke Spooky Scarecrow event this October.**

Start thinking about your crazy creations now. Will you choose to make ghastly ghouls, spooky skeletons, vile vampires, wickedly wonderful witches and wizards or perhaps you will decorate your front gardens with pretty awful pumpkins or sticky spiderwebs?

We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Scarecrows should be erected no later than Friday 28th October to be included.

Please let Jenny Woodward 07824 448038 or Anna McIvor 07867 547816 know if you would like to enter a Scarecrow or a decorated window or garden in the competition.



# THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE In Dyke Village

Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June 2022

*A review by Anne Irwin*



Our friendly Village Hall was made ready for this special event with a Jubilee Union Flag and Union Flag printed swags and bows hung across the front of the building. On the porch posts there were red, white, and blue flowers twisted around in welcome. Thanks again to Dyke WI

Bourne Town Council kindly donated the new bench outside the hall, which is dedicated to the Jubilee, together with two substantial planters made by Gary's Gardens for our enjoyment.

## Dyke Village Fete

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June there was tremendous excitement for the Dyke Village Fete held at The Wishing Well Inn. Our marquee was erected and so too were gazebos with a cake stall, bric-a-brac, tombola and jumble. Various festive village games were revived for all to enjoy. Visitors were also able to enjoy refreshments at the Wishing Well.

A special thanks to all who visited and for so many positive comments. We made £475 at this event towards Dyke Village Hall Funds.





## **Dyke Open Gardens**

It was cooler weather on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June for the Open Gardens afternoon. The starting point was Eastgate House where visitors were greeted warmly, collected maps and enjoyed tea and cake, before setting off on their garden adventures. Twelve generous Dyke residents opened their gardens. We encountered such diversity and creativity. Beautiful flowers, healthy vegetables, shady trees and shrubs and a variety of animals and secret sheds and studios were admired by all.

Thank you Dyke gardeners for hosting and for sharing your hard work.

## **Party on the Green**

The forecast weather for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June was poor! Undeterred Robin and his crew erected several gazebos on the Village Green and found tables and chairs. They decorated the gazebos with bunting and laid cloths on the tables ready for the afternoon feast! Those who braved the rain and summer chill arrived in winter coats and boots with their picnic teas to share. Anna McIvor must have been in a baking frenzy because she brought wonderful cakes, scones and meringues for us all. Thank you, Anna. A toast to the Queen and we all tucked in!

There was a real Dunkirk spirit feel to the event and a lovely community vibe - the atmosphere was wonderful even if the weather wasn't!

## **Wonderful Henry at The Wishing Well Inn**

After tea on The Green villagers were keen to warm up at the Wishing Well Inn. There, Dyke's own Henry Jurquet put on a fantastic performance singing songs we all knew and loved. The room was full of happy villagers and their friends and family who sang and danced the night away. Thank you, Henry.

# Patchwork and Quilting with Sue Hagan

Dyke Village Hall 10am - 1pm

**Starting on Friday 2nd September (to be held fortnightly)**

Are you looking to learn to quilt, or for quilt projects, or new quilting techniques?

Then join us at this first session for a morning of quilting and conversation with like-minded folk.

Learn quilting basics along with hints and tips to get your quilting off to a flying start.

Classes are limited to ensure that everyone can work at their own pace and receive the support they need. **Places are limited and booking is essential.**

**Please note - you will need to bring your own sewing machine.**

To book your place or for more information contact  
suehagan@sky.com 07803943806



## Greenacre Dyke

**Do you have friends or family coming to visit who need a place to stay?**

**Greenacre Dyke is a newly refurbished three bedroom (two double rooms and a twin room) bungalow at the edge of the village.**

**Owned by Dyke residents Darren & Jo and available to book via  
[www.Airbnb.co.uk](http://www.Airbnb.co.uk) – just put the postcode (PE10 0AF) into the search box**



## Visit to Toilethorpe Open Air Theatre

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Dyke WI enjoyed a wonderful summer's evening at Toilethorpe to see 'Hay Fever' By Noel Coward.

We enjoyed the humour, the costumes, and the music so much.

The weather was just right and it was a great opportunity to be out together following all the previous Covid restrictions.

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July Dyke WI hosted **Second Helpings Stamford** whose manifesto is to 'Feed Bellies not bins'. The project aims to reduce food waste by using food gifted from local sources that would otherwise go to landfill by working with supermarkets and local suppliers to distribute surplus food. The Saturday lunchtime café is based on Barn Hill and offers a 3 course meal on a Pay-As-You-Feel basis – your choice is to donate whatever value you feel your food is worth and this can be in the form of money or time. There is also a community fridge and bunker offering core products such as bread, potatoes, vegetables and fruit. It was an interesting and informative presentation.

Our next meeting is on:

**Thursday 18th August at 7.30pm in Dyke Village Hall**

**Laughter Yoga**

If you would like to join us, please contact:

Helen Whitfield 01778 571789

## Commonwealth Games Quiz

1. How many countries (nations and territories) are competing in the 2022 Commonwealth Games? 52, 62, 72 or 82? **72**
2. How many parasports are being contested in this years games? **8**
3. In which Canadian city did Roger Bannister and John Landy break the four-minute mile in a race that became known as the 'Miracle Mile' in 1954? **Vancouver**
4. The mascot for the 2022 games is called Perry but what animal is he based on? **A Bull**
5. How many times has England hosted the Commonwealth Games? **3**



For enquiries about renting out Dyke Village Hall please contact Anna McIvor on 07867 547816

If you would like to contribute to the next edition of the newsletter please let us know.

Text or call: Jenny Woodward on 07824 448038

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### Dyke Village Hall

The Village Hall in Dyke is managed by a committee all of whom live locally. They work to provide a hub where people can meet and enjoy social events.

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