

Affpuddle, Briantspuddle, Clouds Hill, Pallington,
Rogers Hill, Throop, Turnerspuddle, Waddock Cross

PARISH EVENTS

Over the last few months, representatives from our local community groups have been meeting to discuss how we can all work better together for the benefit of residents within the Parish.

One area of agreement is that a more collaborative approach to local events would be beneficial and create an opportunity for more people to get involved in event planning and preparation. We are particularly keen to welcome people in the parish who would like to play a part in the community but don't have the time available to volunteer for some of the more time-consuming tasks. If that is you, we would love to hear from you.

Our initial thinking is to hold one major village event each year. At present we have 'Open Gardens' which takes place every other year. The Church Fete has also traditionally been a regular feature in the Parish calendar. It has been suggested that these alternate and become the centrepiece summer event each year. Both events are important fundraising events for the Village Hall and Parish Church but could also provide opportunities for other local groups and charities to raise much needed funds.

One suggestion is that the Church Fete gets combined with a Street Fair, something that has successfully taken place in Briantspuddle in years gone by. It has also been suggested that a Parish Raffle could coincide with the major event each year, with tickets on sale up to and on the day of the event, to assist with fundraising.

We are all very aware of the significant contributions that parishioners make through volunteering. This may be helping with the various local community groups but may also be through local charities who provide support and assistance for our residents.

To recognise this and say thank you to everyone who volunteers we would like to arrange an Annual Garden Party in September of each year. We would love this to be hosted in someone's garden within the parish on a rotating basis. Obviously, the garden needs to be big enough for up to 80 people or more, so anyone who would like to offer their garden then please let me know. We would like to put on food for this event (such as a BBQ Supper) so it may be necessary to make a small charge for the event to cover the costs.

We are keen to hear Parishioners' views on our initial ideas and are particularly keen to hear from people who would like to get involved in designing and planning the various events.

If you are interested or have any suggestions, please email parishevents@hotmail.com

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