



The LOXWOOD Village Voice

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VILLAGE LITTER PICKING

On Saturday 11th May, the Loxwood Society and the Loxwood Community Gardens Initiative are holding a village litter picking morning starting at 9.30am in the Diamond Jubilee Garden.

Both organisations have decided that we would like to hold these litter picking events on a regular basis. To facilitate this, we have jointly purchased litter picking equipment that we can use on each occasion.



If you would like to maintain a tidy village, why not come along.

We will designate a certain area of the village to be covered and will ensure that you all work in pairs. Please bring your own gloves and if you have a hi-vis jacket please bring that, if not we will supply one for you.

Annual AGM and BBQ

The AGM and BBQ will take place at North Hall on the 28th June at 7.30pm. We will endeavour to keep the formalities as short as possible so that we can get on with the eating and drinking. There will be a licensed bar and John Murray will be providing the meat!



All are welcome, membership of the Society is NOT required, so why not come along and find out what is going on in the village and at the same time enjoy a sociable evening with good food, beer and wine

Subscriptions

The annual subscription is now due. Please send cheques to The Treasurer, Loxwood Society, Old Oak House, Loxwood, West Sussex, RH14 0SN or you can renew your subscription at the AGM and BBQ. The cost is £5 per year.

I enclose £..... as membership of the Loxwood Society for the year 2019

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REOPENING OF KNEPP LANE FOOTPATH

Further to the report in our December Newsletter regarding the positive outcome of the application to reopen Knepp Lane, WSCC Highways dept. have very quickly taken action to clear and open the path and construct a new bridge across the stream. The entrances to the path, just north of the canal crossing by The Onslow Arms and in Station Road just over the hill as you leave the village, are both clearly signposted with a green 'Public Footpath' sign. The path is a convenient route for walkers from The Onslow Arms to the footpaths that run from Station road across to Merryhills and the woodland beyond. It is a pleasant countryside walk which avoids the centre of the village, enjoy it!

VILLAGE FETE AND FUN DOG SHOW 8TH JUNE 11AM TO 4PM

Arrangements for this great village tradition are well advanced with more attractions than ever. Free programmes are being distributed around Loxwood and surrounding villages so you can see what fun and interest awaits you. Everyone will find something to enjoy this occasion so if you have not been before why not make 2019 the year of your first visit. If you are new to the village then this will be a good opportunity to meet other residents. If you feel you would like to help in future fetes or other activities in the village please go and talk to one of the fete committee members identified by a badge.



Finally, whether you intend to come or not, please look at the list of required items in the programme to see if you can make a contribution to this event.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Following on from the public meeting which was held just before last Christmas last year at which it was decided to start the process of updating the Neighbourhood Plan, a new Steering Group has now been formed consisting of 4 parish councillors and 4 members of the public. One meeting has been held and the Steering Group is in the process of mapping out a strategy to address Chichester District Councils (CDC) proposals for 125 new houses in Loxwood.

CDC has now published the results of the draft Local Plan consultation which took place earlier this year. The draft district wide parish housing policy which allocates the housing allocations for all the parishes in the district, which proposes 125 houses for Loxwood, received approximately 230 comments. **Over 100** of those comments came from Loxwood residents.

Well done Loxwood!

Thank you to all those residents who sent letters to CDC.

We will have to wait and see what changes CDC make to the draft Plan before deciding what to do next.