

CHURCH NEWS

Revd. Kara Werner attended the meeting of **VIA** Steering Committee on March 28th

The Church is keen to develop its facilities for the community. There is now a kitchen and disabled toilet and a dedicated area set aside for meetings etc. It was suggested that a “village hall” type committee could be set up to support and this facility. It was acknowledged that there remain issues with regard to parking and options for providing this still need to be considered.

A mothers and toddlers group is going to start soon and there may well be a coffee morning to follow. Realistically, the Parish is never likely to have its own village hall so it would seem sensible to work with the Church in trying to improve and develop the use of the “community hall” facilities that are now within the Church.

Improving facilities within the Parish will certainly be a consideration for the Neighbourhood Plan. If you have any ideas can offer any support, please contact the Church directly, VIA or the Parish Council.

WALK THE PATHS EVENT

In the near future we need your help surveying the condition of the footpaths, gates and stiles in the Parish. Walks will vary in length from 3-6 miles. Please look out for more details nearer the event. There are grants to improve footpaths and we should make use of these to ensure access remains open to all. Come and enjoy the **Spring Sunshine**.

WAR MEMORIAL GRANT

The Parish was presented with a cheque for £500 from DCC by our local County Councillor, Chris Jackson. The grant was allocated from Cllr Jackson’s Community Leadership Scheme and will be used to improve the memorial foundations. We would like to thank Cllr Jackson for this generous donation and all the hard work and support he has given to the community as our elected member.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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**Please note, we now have a new Parish Clerk for all correspondence.*

The clerk is the first point of contact for all parish and council matters

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Newsletter

It has been quite a dramatic winter with several periods of snow. Hopefully we have now seen the final flurry of winter and **Spring Is Coming**. The Council has been active in seeking to get roads and drains cleared and potholes filled, with some success. Looking forward **Vision Idridgehay, Alton and Ashleyhay (VIA)** has now been set up and has started work on the **Neighbourhood Plan**.

There is a review from **VIA** in this newsletter and articles and updates on the following:

Police Patrol
Snow Patrol
Walk the Paths
Church News
Neighbourhood Plan Update
War Memorial Grant

So, please read on.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is also the AGM. This will take place at 7pm on Wednesday the 8th of May in the Church. The Council Meeting will follow. All are welcome to attend.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

We had an excellent turn out at the January **Neighbourhood Social**. Fifty people braved freezing weather to hear talks about the neighbourhood. Following this a Steering Committee was set up and **VIA - Vision for Idridgehay, Alton and Ashleyhay** came into existence.

In March the Parish Council formally wrote to Amber Valley Council to inform them that we would be producing a **Neighbourhood Plan**. This has been accepted and is currently out to consultation as part of the due process. It is important to note that **VIA** is led by the Parish Council but is run by the people of the Parish.

VIA has three working groups to concentrate on particular areas of interest and your input is important. Some suggestions from residents to date are as follows:-

To improve Internet access so small businesses can thrive in our community,

To make it easier for old farm buildings to be converted into housing or small-scale business premises,

To encourage low cost housing so younger people can afford to live in the area and/or housing that is more suitable for the elderly,

To support people in reducing their energy consumption or making use of alternative energy supplies, and

To restrict development to within existing curtilage?

Future meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee will be held in the room

above the corn store at 7pm on 30th April and 30th May and usually on the last Tuesday/Thursday of alternative months. Watch the parish notice boards and website for later dates.

RETIREMENT

Dick Parkin, after 13 years of service, has retired as the Parish Council's Clerk. The Council presented him with a print of the Eadric's Way map as an acknowledgement of all his hard work and dedication to the Parish and wish him all the best for the future.

GARDEN FETE 2013

This year's Idridgehay Garden Fete will be on the **21st of July** at Town Head Farm on the Green



SNOW PATROL



It has been great to see neighbours working together clearing and gritting footways during our long winter. This is still in its infancy and we are still learning. If you have any suggestions on

how to improve gritting and snow clearance for next year please let us know. Would some community snow shovels help? Please also remember that the grit is for public areas only

POLICE PATROL

At the March meeting of the Parish Council PCSO Paula Bennett told us of the Police Surgery held once a month in the area. She will be at Rood Lane Idridgehay, from 1:15pm to 1:45pm on the following dates in a Mobile Police Station:

Wednesday 10th April, Monday 13th May
Tuesday 11th June, Monday 9th July

Please go along to discuss any issues you may have. You can also contact Paula for non-emergencies on the Derbyshire Police tel.no. 101, or email:

belper.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

Paula also talked about various other issues, the main one being speeding through Idridgehay. Due to the lack of fatal accidents, speed surveillance in Idridgehay is not a police priority. Paula does carry out speed checks but these only result in a warning letter being sent to the driver. There is also a mobile speed sign that can be used but this needs people to keep an eye on it when it is in use. If you would be interested in helping with this please contact the Parish Council or Paula directly.

Now that **Spring is Coming**, thieves tend to take greater interest in sheds and outbuildings. Please make sure these are secure and report any suspicious vehicles. Please let your neighbours know.

