

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Your Parish Council met on the 16th September. Preparations for the open-air Mass were discussed in detail. Tina, Phil, Barry and the team put in a lot of hard work - along with all the volunteers on the day - to make the event such a great success - over 200 attended the Mass and BBQ which followed - our new Youth Choir gave their first performance - it was the first time that we had been able to celebrate Mass together for almost 2 years and was a great success!

We are making progress with our '200 Club' - we now have 95 members and were able to announce our first monthly prize at the open-air Mass. The Next Draw is at the end of the 10.15 Mass on Sunday 31st October - plenty of room for more members! It is not too late to become a Member and be included in the October Draw. Forms can be found in the Church and on our Website. The 200 Club Co-ordinators state "What can you buy for the Person who has everything? - A 200 Club Number!

Plans are going well and being put in place for a Campaign Team to lead the agreed Planned Giving and Stewardship Drive. No actual Dates have been agreed for the Drive as more time is needed to fully prepare for this but all being well this could start as early as the middle of November this year. You will be hearing more about this shortly.

We had quite a long discussion about car park safety - in particular - what could be done to minimise the risk to pedestrians (particularly school children) of cars arriving for and leaving church services, and school pick-ups - we are exploring a number of ways of promoting safety in our car park - we'll update you later. We won't be holding a Fete this year - but we are considering smaller alternatives such as a Christmas Fair - no final decision yet and we will keep you posted!

We were very pleased to note the increased participation of our young parishioners - both in the Youth Choir and as Readers during services - Fr Patrick has done a great job in providing opportunities for our younger members to participate - and in motivating them to do so.

Other points discussed were regarding Arrangements being made for a Virtual Meeting with our Local MP where Parishioners can share their Concerns and find out more about Related Parliamentary Work. This looks now to be on the 5th November at 5.30pm.

A discussion was had on creating ways to show Parishioners the funds raised, and the funds needed for the Thatch Fund.

An update was also given on how the Choir are getting back into singing including dealing with Face Coverings.

Our next meeting is on the 18th November - if you've anything you'll like us to discuss please do contact me on - [hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk).

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