

What a fantastic day we all had at the Coronation Village Picnic! Fun, games and entertainment were enjoyed by all. A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who gave up their time and helped to make this an occasion to remember; it's wonderful to see the whole community coming together. We hope you've all see the photos, courtesy of Keith Hann. Well done to everyone who won a prize and thank you to our very own marvellous King and Queen for handing out the prizes. We still have a few medals left, so if there are any children from the village who haven't got a Coronation medal, please contact the Parish Clerk. These will be handed out on a first come, first serve basis. We would also like to thank the generosity of the stall holders who donated their proceeds to the Parish Council for the new Pavilion and to everyone who gave a donation on the day. We have received a total of £279.30.

A huge **THANK YOU** to Gregg Beedle for hosting a brilliantly funny evening of 'Witty Ditties'. What a wonderful turnout and an extremely entertaining evening! Also, many thanks to the Village Hall Committee for kindly letting us have the hall free of charge. The evening raised a total of £629.60 and all proceeds are going towards the new Pavilion.

The Parish Council held it's Annual Parish Council meeting on 24th May. Christine Saint was nominated as Chairman, with Alisdair McFarlane as Vice Chairman. The Council's working groups were decided and these can be viewed on the Parish Council's website - www.montacuteparishcouncil.com.

We currently have two vacancies on the Parish Council so if you are interested in looking after the village, its facilities and services please contact our Parish Clerk. Being a parish councillor is not an onerous task, the work can be varied and very interesting. You do not need to favour any political party as Parish Councils are apolitical; we are here to be a voice and to help the village and its parishioners in any way we can.

A few years ago the village had a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and we are hoping to revive this but to do this, we need your help. We would like to have a group of people in different areas of the village who would be willing to keep an eye on the road or area of the village they live in and for one person to be the co-ordinator for the scheme.

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch was set up in 1982 and is the largest crime prevention voluntary movement in England and Wales. Their mission is to support, and enable individuals and communities to be connected, active and safe which increases wellbeing and minimises crime. To find out more information about Neighbourhood Watch, please visit their website: www.ourwatch.org.uk. If you are interested in helping us, then please contact our Parish Clerk.

Sadly, there has been a spate of vandalism in the village, at the recreation ground and up at St Michaels Tower by some irresponsible individuals, and there has also been a traffic collision again in Bishopston. Fortunately, all of these incidents have been reported to the police and are under investigation.

However, please can we ask you to report any incidents that you may see directly to the police by telephoning the numbers listed below. Any reports given will be dealt with in confidence and your details will not be divulged. Also, you will receive an incident/crime number. Unfortunately, the Parish Council cannot report incidents to the police for you as it would be considered as hearsay (third-party reporting).

For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: www.police.uk. If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime, then it is imperative that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.

Parish Council meetings are held in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every month with the exception of August and December. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 7pm**. Parish Council meetings are open to the press and public, so residents are welcome to come along and listen to what we have to say. There is also a short public session at the beginning of every Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

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