



SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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100 Club

As the Lethbridge Recreation Field Committee are no longer in existence, the Parish Council have launched a 100 club.

The Lethbridge Committee 100 club will no longer operate after the end of March and anyone who has paid beyond that date will be refunded by the Lethbridge Recreation Field Committee.

The profits from our draw will still go solely towards upkeep and improvements of the Recreation Ground and the facilities there.

There are a few numbers still available – if you wish to join, please do so by 6th April in order to be in the first draw. Forms are available in the village shop or by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Precept

When you receive your council tax bill for 2023/24 you may notice that the Council has had to increase the amount that you pay to the Parish Council. The 18% increase equates to an extra 27p per week for a Band D taxpayer.

This is mainly due to the fact that the felling of the Leylandii at the Recreation Field cost in excess of £19,000 and has eaten into our reserves.

Dog Walkers

Just a reminder to dog owners to be respectful of other dog owners or walkers in the village. Some people are nervous of dogs and some dogs are nervous of other dogs, so if you are asked to put your dog on the lead please do so.

Please also keep to the footpaths and do not allow your dog to run free in the fields where there are crops.

The majority of dog owners act in a responsible way, but the Council are receiving reports about the minority who do not. Please remember that we do have a dog warden patrolling the village on a regular basis.

Find out what happens in your village

The Annual meeting of the Parish will be held on Monday 22nd May at 7.00 pm in the village hall.

At this meeting the local groups and the Parish Council let everyone know what they've done in the past year.

Everyone is invited, old and new villagers. If you are new to the village or maybe moved in lockdown, you may not be aware of the different groups that you can join.

Tea & Coffee will be available and we are hoping that the different groups will have a table showing what they do and how you can join them.

Defibrillator Awareness Training

There are 2 defibrillators in the village – one at the Recreation Field and one outside the village hall. As it is few years since one was last held, Community Heartbeat will be holding a training session for up to 50 attendees. The cost of this will be covered by the Parish Council. Once we have a confirmed date, we will post details on our notice board outside the church and on our website.

Consultation on Stroke Services in Somerset

NHS Somerset want to hear your views about Stroke Services in Somerset. They are looking at:

- One hyper acute stroke unit in Somerset located at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton
- Acute stroke services at either:
 - 2 acute stroke units, one at Musgrove Park Hospital and one at Yeovil District Hospital
OR
 - 1 acute stroke unit, which would need to be located with the hyper acute stroke unit at Musgrove Park Hospital

Option A	Option B
A single hyper acute stroke unit at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton	A single hyper acute stroke unit at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton
An acute stroke unit at both Musgrove Park Hospital and Yeovil District Hospital	A single acute stroke unit at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton

There is a public consultation which closes on Monday 24th April and can be accessed at <http://www.somersetics.org.uk/stroke>. It is important that village communities like ours have fast access to these services, so please go online and tell them your views.

The Parish Council can be contacted via the Parish Clerk on 07541 537681 or by emailing clerk@sheptonbeauchamppc.org.uk