

## MONKSILVER PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER JULY 2023

Below are some updates and news from your Parish Council. Please note that all minutes and agendas can be found on the noticeboard on the left hand side of the Notley Arms Coach House. Meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 and early 2024 are 14th August, 27th November and 26th February, all commencing at 7.30pm.

We are pleased to announce that Mary Jacobs is now our Parish Clerk. Mary moved to Monksilver to Sunnybank in the late 1990's and held various posts with Somerset County Council until she took retirement 7 years ago to care for her husband who sadly passed away. Christopher Hill, who lives in Inglewood, has also joined us a parish councillor, and was co-opted onto the Parish Council at our meeting in May. Chris currently works in corporate affairs in the energy sector and has earlier held technical, commercial and strategy roles. He spent much of his earlier career internationally. Chris is married to Natalie and they have 3 children.

All members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings, which are held at the EMN Hall. At this point in time, if you do wish to attend and/or have a particular point to discuss, please do contact Mary James at [monksilverparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:monksilverparishcouncil@gmail.com) no later than a week before the meeting in order that the item can be included on the agenda.

Defibrillator: Just a reminder that the defibrillator is based in the laundry room of the Notley Arms. This is situated at the rear of the right hand side of the Coach House. A team of volunteers monitor the equipment on a regular basis to ensure the equipment is all in working order.

Monksilver Movers has merged with Stogo Cars. This service is used to support people in the local area including Monksilver who are unable to find alternative transport. The cars can be booked for short trips to GP surgeries, dentists, support groups or local shops, or for longer journeys, e.g. to hospital appointments in Taunton etc. The cars are driven by volunteers and they ask for at least 48 hours or preferably a weeks notice for a booking. Bickwatch is a service that can carry a wheelchair. All the services charge a tariff for any journey but have a discount for bus pass holders. Please contact Bethan Harvey-Bishop on 01984 656189 to register with Stogo Cars or for the Bickwatch wheelchair service contact Donna Stevens at [coordinator@watchetconnects.com](mailto:coordinator@watchetconnects.com), tel no. 07599955096.

Placements are still needed around the UK for Ukrainian individuals and families. You can register your interest in sponsoring a family on GOV.UK-Homes for Ukraine. Your details will be passed to your local council who will contact you to discuss the idea further.

A Quiz Night at the EMN Hall has been organised for Saturday 12th August. - quiz starts at 7pm, bar open from 6.30pm. Please contact [delia@brandwoods.com](mailto:delia@brandwoods.com) or ring Anna on 07831576894 to book your team in. Tickets are £10 each including a bbq, 4-6 people per team. Tickets need to be booked by 9th August latest - tickets ran out very quickly for the last quiz and there was a waiting list, so do please order yours as soon as possible!

It was lovely to see everyone enjoying the sunshine at the Monksilver Fete, where an amazing £2,800 was raised for our Church. The money will partially be used to aid fundraising for an upgraded accessible path - many thanks to everyone who helped to make the event such a success.

Best wishes

Your Parish Councillors

Mervyn Orchard-Lisle (Chair), Andrew Howe (Vice Chair), Kate Adams, Dan Cotterill, Christopher Hill, John Stace, Sue Westbury