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BCA comes of age with charity registration

The charity commission registered the BCA as a charity on 22nd February. This is crucial for the BCA to obtain grant funding and to claim Gift Aid on donations. The BCA is to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the best structure for a smaller charity that wants to hold land (e.g. the play area). Registration has involved a new constitution with our aims defined in formal legal terms that meet the Charities Act. The new organisation will start operation immediately following the BCA Annual General Meeting.

Play area funding latest

Nettleton Parish Council has awarded a grant of £1000 towards the play area equipment from the Community Infrastructure Levy funds it has received. The dinner and auction at the OH@H raised a further £400. The total raised so far is just over £18,000. An application has been submitted to the Jack Lane charity for a grant of £2,000 and we are entering the competition for a share of the £10.000 Bristol Post /Airbus community awards. Now that BCA is a registered charity, many more grant givers will accept our applications, and so we will be making several more grant applications in the coming weeks.





Ladies' night

On the 10th of March, 15 village ladies met for a meal at The Old House at Home, and not for the first time! A good time was had by all, probably helped by the many glasses of gin dotted around the tables! We will plan another evening in a while and the date will be circulated. If you haven't been to one please join us, it's a lovely way of meeting other ladies in the village.

Possible new 100 Club payment options

How can we pay the annual subscription?

The lottery club has been established since May 2015 and from its very beginning has been instrumental in the provision of much needed source of funds for the development of village projects and activities.

Currently members pay their annual subscriptions each time by online banking (6 monthly of annually) or doorstep collection of cash/cheques. However the BCA committee has recently discussed the possibility of offering an additional/alternative method of payment of subscriptions via a banking standing order. These are very easy to set up and once in place reduce the need for later reminders and remove the risk of not remembering to pay on time, which could have an impact on the allocation of a place/ number in the draw.

What do you think?

Chris Bennett our lottery promoter will, in

current members to seek your views on this additional method of payment, and if appropriate to yourselves make any suitable arrangements.

The lottery club will begin its third year from June 2017 whereupon residents will be asked to renew membership and indeed seek to suitable arrangements to contact you. invite additional members

the very near future, get in touch with all Chris says, "On behalf of the BCA we say a big thank you to all lottery members, and hope you continue to support the village in this way"

> If you would you like more information or wish to join the village lottery club, then please email chriswatkinbennett@supanet.com or contact a BCA committee member, and we will make



The Sun Shines on the Burton Fencing Team

and Tom Nattrese for leading the work posts trimmed in the next week or so.

Thank goodness for the weather being so technically and for everyone who came and kind as a great group of guys and gals put in gave shedloads of time and effort to get this a heroic effort to erect the play area fencing done. It's looking great so far, and we'll get and gates. A huge thank you to Adrian Packer the ramps up to the gates sorted out and the

Speedwatch

We have carried out 11 Speed Watch sessions in 2017 so far, checking 2069 cars of which 77 (3.7%) have been reported for exceeding 35mph, the fastest going at 49mph.

What's on?

The next **village tidy up day** will take place on the 8th April, villagers will be meeting at the church at 10am and are encouraged to concentrate on the areas around their homes.

Easter egg hunt: The Old House at Home is hosting an easter egg hunt at 3pm on Monday 17th April. 1st and 2nd prizes for most eggs collected. BYOB (Bring your own basket!)

A Tex-Mex Mens' night will be held at the Major's Retreat on the 21st April, please get in touch with a BCA committee member if you are interested in attending.

Sunday lunch for all the family: At the Old House at Home again, there will be a family orientated Sunday lunch on the 23rd April with £1 from every kids meal (£7.50 for main course & dessert) going to the play area fund.

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held at St. Mary's Church on the 24th April, please come along to hear about and voice your opinions on this and next year's actions and events.

The **annual church fete** will be held on the 10th June.

Keep an eye out for news on a "**Wines from around the world**" event, planned to take place some time in April or May

Burton Briefs

Takeaway pizzas to fund the play area: The Old House at Home has added home-made thin crust pizzas to its takeaway menu. A small selection is available to order for collection over the phone or at the bar. £1 from every pizza sold goes to the BCA play area fund

Happy hour extended: Happy Hour is now available at The Old House at Home from 16:00 to 18:30 every weekday.