

## Parish Council Meetings

23rd January 2023 6.30pm

27th March 2023

Ordinary Meeting 6.00pm

Annual Meeting 6.30pm

All Parish Council meetings  
are held in Coughton CofE  
Primary School's hall

**THERE WILL BE 15 MINUTES AT THE  
START OF EVERY MEETING FOR YOU  
TO ADDRESS ANY ISSUES, CONCERNS  
& QUESTIONS. IF THERE IS ANY-  
THING THAT IS CONCERNING YOU,  
OR THAT YOU FEEL NEEDS LOOKING  
INTO, PLEASE COME TO THE MEETING  
AND LET US KNOW. IF YOU DON'T  
TELL YOUR PARISH COUNCIL, WE  
CAN'T TRY AND PUT IT RIGHT FOR  
YOU**

**Agendas & Minutes of all  
meetings are available on the  
Parish Council website and  
noticeboard by Coughton  
CofE school**

## Parish Councillor Vacancy

Do you have time to volunteer for a  
couple of hours each month to help  
with village issues? We need  
someone to join us and help with  
village matters and stop Coughton  
from merging with other towns and  
villages. Please contact the Parish  
Clerk or pop and have a chat with a  
councillor. 'WE NEED YOU'

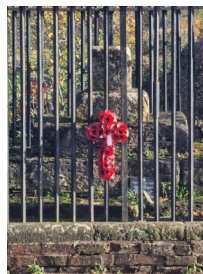
## Parish Council Meeting 28th November 2022

This evenings Parish Council meeting was  
attended by 2 members of public. One introduced  
himself as newly moved to the village and told us  
his future intentions for his property. We were  
joined by CC Justin Kerridge who spoke of the  
situation regarding the path from Coughton to  
Studley and the cost of approx. 96k to repair this.  
The potholes in Coughton Lane were reported and  
are being repaired on 22nd and 23rd December  
with a road closure in place. The jetting of the  
blocked drains in Sambourne/Coughton &  
Coughton Fields Lanes is on the list to do but the  
PC have been informed this would also require  
traffic lights, which will cause congestion. The  
headmaster of Coughton CofE School informed us  
that one of his teachers had received a 'silver  
award' for teacher of the year, which is  
wonderful news. The £100 raised from the sale of  
the calendars has been put towards the village  
Christmas tree along with £50 from the Parish  
Council Chairman's fund. The budget review was  
deferred until January when we also discuss the  
precept. The ford group name will be changed to  
the Environmental Group to incorporate  
pathways and rights of way work

Chair of the Parish Council Roy

Piddington, laid a wreath on

Remembrance Sunday at the cross  
on the A435, to remember all who  
have been lost in conflict, both  
human and animals alike.



## Coughton Parish Council

Sarah Whittaker: Clerk

Roy Piddington: Chair

Len Carter: Vice Chair

Lynne Stanton: Cllr

Christine Lewington: Cllr

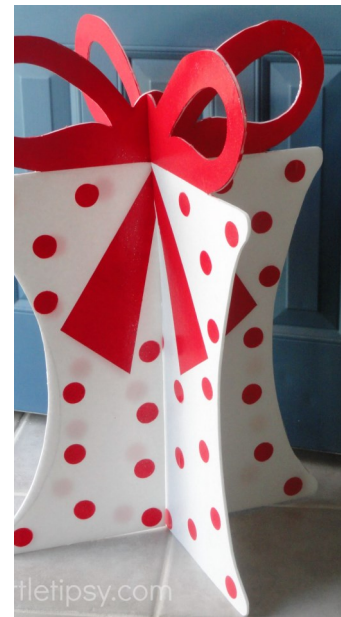
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**Volunteers to deliver the  
newsletter bi-monthly to a  
maximum of 20 houses in  
the village would be much  
appreciated. Please  
contact: Lynne Stanton**

# COUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022

After another very strange year, with  
people still suffering from this  
dreaded Covid, although we hope we  
are seeing it diminish. It has  
effected people in so many ways,  
some depression or isolation but also  
bringing communities together  
helping one another, which has been  
wonderful to see.

With the passing of our beloved  
Queen and Charles now becoming our  
King, we have a Coronation to look  
forward to in 2023 along with all his  
new reign entails. Let us hope that  
this coming year is a good one for  
everyone.

May you all stay happy and healthy



## Geoffrey Parkin 1.11.1951 - 11.7.2022

Most of you will be aware of the recent passing of our much loved Coughton resident Geoffrey Parkin. He was never happier than doing things for others: from delivering papers and newsletters in Coughton Lane, watering plants, collecting prescriptions and cutting the grass for the neighbours. Although he was not too keen on machines with a mind of their own! Neighbours tried to introduce him to an electric bicycle, but this was declined with a polite 'no thank you' as he was not sure who or what would be in charge. Geoffrey had a wonderful memory, always remembering birthdays and leaving little gifts on neighbours doorsteps. He loved plants and flowers, often receiving cuttings and gifts from people who's flowers he had admired. Dogs loved Geoffrey and he always had time to fuss any requiring attention. In all Geoffrey was a very caring, generous, gentle man with not a bad word to say of anyone. He is sadly missed by us all



## Community Help

Coughton Parish Council need volunteers & assistance to organize community events, such as the Ford Group, Cemetery Tidy, Book Club, Walking Football, Yoga. The Barn Project, Hog Roast, Coughton Fete & Flood issues are also projects with which we need help. We appreciate time is valuable but even if it's just an hour or two you have to spare, this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact a Councillor or the Parish Clerk to add your name to our list. Thank you in anticipation.

## Coughton Trip to Molland

This day out was superbly organized by Geoff Collett, We all joined the coach at The Throckmorton and duly made our way through very tiny lanes to this lovely village. We were unexpectedly met by Magnus, who took us on a tour of the village and the Throckmorton estate. There were 1000s of pheasant as it was the Molland shoot! We were left to look round the lovely parish church of St Mary's followed by a superb lunch and several drinks at The London Inn. A fabulous educational day was had by all! Thanks to Geoff & Magnus.



## Halloween in Coughton

Once again the villagers in Coughton did a spooktastic job of decorating their homes, here are a few photos of the village,



Well done to one and all :)

## Dates for your Diary

**Coughton Community Choir Practice every Thursday @ Kings Court Hotel 6.30pm**

**1st December Coughton Community Choir Christmas Dinner**

**9th December Coughton Hog Roast**

**22nd December Carol Concert St Peter's Church @ 6.00pm**

## Next Years Events

**Bi-Monthly Parish Council Meetings**

**Cemetery Tidy Weekends**

**Sunflower Competition**

**His Majesty King Charles' Coronation Coughton Fete**

**Photograph Competition (see Facebook)**

**Scarecrow or Plant Pot Competition**

**Halloween Party**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**Monthly Coffee Morning in 'The Mews'**

**Carol Concert**

**Hog Roast**

## Coughton Community Choir

If you would like to join Coughton Community Choir, they meet at Kings Court Hotel, on a Thursday evening @ 6.30pm. After choir there are always a few refreshments in the bar (if that doesn't entice you nothing will!) **Contact; Parish Councillor Christine Lewington for more info.** The choir performed at Top Dog Antiques Christmas Shopping event on November 24th, (see photo below) with a few partaking of the mulled wine on offer! We will also be performing at Coughton Hog Roast on 9th December and the Carol Concert at St Peter's Church on 22nd December @ 6.00pm.



## Stray Dogs/Animals

If anyone finds a stray dog, please take it to your local vets to be scanned for a chip. If you do not have time, please contact your local dog warden.

**McGettigan Vets 01527 893016**  
**Dog Warden 01926 456734**

**Please contact Lynne if you would like to put something of interest to the village into the newsletter**

## Coughton Community

As we are now coming towards the winter months, can we kindly ask everyone to take care of the drains in the lanes at the front of their properties or report any issues to your Parish Councillor. We realise this is the responsibility of highways, but they are not always quick to sort these issues due to resources.



## Coughton Environmental Group

After the annual Parish Council meeting, we had an overwhelming response to our request for help for this group. Should anyone else still wish to join, please contact the Parish Clerk & she will pass your name onto the relevant person.

## Parish Council Informal Coffee Mornings

Coughton Coffee Mornings will resume in the spring when we have better weather. It would be wonderful if you would join us for a coffee, a chat and CAKE!