

WILDFLOWER SOWING Our first event of the year will be the annual wildflower seed sowing day on Sunday 17th April at 1.30p.m. on the Village green. If you attended last year's boules tournament you'll remember the splendid display of flowers. All are welcome to help and it would be great to get the support of local children and grandchildren again this year. Free refreshments will be available.



GARY NEVILLE'S DEVELOPMENT You probably heard that on 3rd March Gary Neville succeeded in getting approval from Bolton Planning Committee to build his new home and wind turbine. Because this development is on Green belt land, the application also had to be referred to regional Government office. They have notified us that they would like to consider this a little longer before either giving approval, or before conducting an inquiry.

The costs for the experts we used to help us fight the two applications came to £2907. Although we collected an amazing £2470 in kind donations our village funds are now down £437. If anyone has not donated and would like to, please send your donation to 20 Watling Street or 68 Watling Street. Alternatively, you can pay online (www.affetside.org.uk) with paypal, credit or debit card. Any cheques should be made payable to Affetside Society please.

TRAFFIC CALMING The Bury Rural Inequalities Forum (BRIF), of which the Affetside Society is a member, together with our Councillor, Yvonne Wright, have had many meetings with the highways department over the past three years to lobby for some traffic calming in the Village. Bury MBC Highways Dept have a recommendation for some traffic calming measures to be installed in two places in the centre of the village. The plans have been approved by the Traffic Management Unit (TMU) (which includes representatives from the police and the Greater Manchester Transport Authority). The only fly in the ointment is a question mark over the funding. But hopefully it will get the finance and you'll soon get your consultation letter so you can comment on the proposals.

HERITAGE BOARD The Heritage board obtained with kind funding from our Local Area Partnership, chaired by our local Cllr Yvonne Wright, is now on the Village green should you wish to stop and read about Affetside's history past and present. Our thanks go to Jim Francis from Old Ned's who provided the historical information.

YOUR DIARY...

Make a note of these dates and details will follow on the website nearer the time.



Sunday 17th April - Wildflower seed sowing at 1.30pm on the Village Green (Details above)

Sunday 22nd May – Tottington Townswomen's Guild Annual Plant Sale and Cream Tea at 1pm onwards at The Cottages, Watling Street. In aid of NW Air Ambulance.

Monday 23rd May - Clothes collection* from 20 Watling Street

Sunday 12th June – Annual Boules Tournament at 1.30pm on the Village Green. £3 adults, £1 children.

Saturday 16th July - Summer BBQ at 6pm on the Village Green.

Saturday 10th September – End of the Summer BBQ (additional date by popular request) at 6pm

Saturday 5th November – Annual lighting of the Bonfire on the land behind the Village Green at 6pm


Monday 28th November - Clothes collection* from 20 Watling Street

Sunday 4th December – Santa will switch on the Christmas tree lights at 6pm prompt.

Sunday 18th December - Christmas Carol Concert at 3.30pm with Tottington Brass Band.

* Clothes, shoes, handbags, belts, curtains, bedding (sheets, duvets etc., but not duvets) should be delivered to 20 Watling St before 10 a.m. Please place them in well tied bags.

Remember to use www.easyfundraising.co.uk if you are making any on-line purchases.

You get the discounts and Affetside  .org.uk

Millenium Green Trust gets a donation. WIN WIN!