

Affetside Link



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The Newsletter for Affetside Village

May/June 2011

HELP POLICE WITH LOCAL THEFTS

As you know, on Monday we had one of our regular clothes collections to help raise funds for the Affetside Society. Unfortunately before the official Clothes Line van arrived, someone else helped themselves to all the



clothes you kindly donated. The official collection vehicle has the Clothes Line logo (pictured) on the side of the van. If you saw

anything suspicious, or anyone else collecting the clothes from 20 Watling Street, probably between 8.30 a.m. and 9.45 a.m. on Monday 23rd May, please contact PC Carolyn Morley on 0161 856 8181, or 07774 122 867.

There have been some thefts locally of coping stones from properties in Bradshaw Road, Harwood Road and also in Tottington. These thefts are taking place in broad daylight and a white transit van, registration number YE02 HLJ, has been seen in the area. If anyone sees this van please can they phone PC Carolyn Morley on 0161 856 8181, or 07774 122 867. Any help from the public will be appreciated.

BROADBAND

Affetside featured in a parliamentary debate on Thursday 19th May when David Nuttall, the MP for Bury North, contributed towards a session about broadband speeds in rural

areas. If you spend any amount of time on the internet you will realise that Affetside is far from blessed with fast broadband speeds. Bury Rural Inequalities Forum (BRIF) which includes representatives from the Affetside Society, is campaigning for faster speeds. In recent weeks this has involved representing our concerns to the CEO of BT, Retail CEO of BT and having Affetside mentioned during the parliamentary debate on Thursday.

The Tottington exchange, which serves Affetside, has been enabled for fibre optic which theoretically means speeds of up to 40Mbps could be available - currently we only get an average of approximately 2Mbps.

To get faster speeds, the local BT 'cabinet' also needs to be enabled and this will only be done if there is sufficient local interest. If we all register our interest it will increase the chances of BT Infinity being rolled out in Affetside. You can register your interest at <http://www.productsandservices.bt.com/consumerProducts/displayTopic.do?topicId=29017> We will put a link to this site on the Affetside website to make it easier to find.

It is FREE to register your interest. So please log on and help get our broadband speeds increased. You will be asked to fill in your landline telephone number and then click to register.

Comments, ideas for future events and/or contributions to Joanne Wilcock, 20 Watling Street, Affetside, Bury. BL8 3QS

ANNUAL BOULES COMPETITION

This year's Boules Competition will be taking place on 12th June at 1.30p.m. Everyone is welcome, so please bring friends and relatives.

French food and wine will be provided. The cost of the food is included in the boules entry fee (£3 for adults and £1 for children). French fancy dress is optional.

This year we will be holding a cake stall and a book stall to help raise funds for the Affetside Society. Please can you donate books and cakes (homemade or shop bought).

You can either bring cakes/books on the day or prior to the event please leave them with Roseanne at No 68 or Joanne at No 20.

JIM FRANCIS

In the last issue of Affetside Link we thanked Jim for providing the information for the heritage board on the Millennium Green. Unfortunately Jim passed away on 28th April. Jim, 85, was a founder member of the Turton Local History Society in 1974 and his scrupulous, dedicated research produced an astonishing 16 books over the years.

TRAFFIC CALMING

The consultation letters have been sent out and your responses are now being considered by the Council.

YOUR DIARY...

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



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.

*We are considering an alternative method of collecting items next time to prevent any opportunist thieves. We will advertise this nearer the time.