

Brackenfield Bulletin

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Information and updates for the People of Brackenfield Village

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Bolsover Woodlands Enterprise Restore the Nature Reserve Area on Brackenfield Green

As part of the Heritage Project and with the backing of the PC, Brackenfield Village Association engaged this local Social Enterprise group to carry out flailing some of the bramble, coppicing hazel and dogwood, cutting back the willow that was overhanging the path and thinning some of the trees to allow others to mature. They brought in their chipper, chainsaws and brush cutters. The resultant chippings were laid on the path to help improve the surface and some piles of logs and brush cuttings were left to provide habitat for wildlife and to rot down, benefitting the soil.

Can you spare a little time to help keep the woodland in good shape?

It is over twenty years since the Parish Council planted this area and it was in need of a good sort out. Now that the woodland is in better condition, we can plant some snowdrops and bluebells and keep on top of any new bramble growth so the path is kept clear for all to enjoy and the area can thrive with more light and new growth. If you would like to help have a word with Linda Walker.

Background:

The work was funded with some of the Heritage Group grant provided by Derbyshire County Council's Community Leadership Programme. Bolsover Woodlands Enterprise was established over twenty years ago and they work widely throughout the surrounding area. Skilled professional staff train and supervise a group of adult volunteers, all of whom have learning difficulties of one kind or another. Their expertise and diligence is impressive. We hope to bid for a Lottery grant to improve some parts of Brackenfield's footpaths.

Do you know of anyone from Brackenfield who served in WWI and returned?

Philip Smith, from South Wingfield Local History Group, would love to receive information including photos and accounts of what they did after they returned from the War. They are talking to Wessington PC about creating a comprehensive Roll of Honour for Wessington and Brackenfield.

Contact Philip on 07950 355 547 or philip@pandasmith.co.uk



COVID 19 Update

A number of Village Association events and meetings have been postponed until it is deemed safe to get together.

A new date for the AGM will be published in due course.

It is hoped that the Trail Launch/Picnic will be able to go ahead as planned but we will continue to monitor the situation.

The Italian Evening has been re-scheduled for Fri 9th October. Those who have paid can either have the money back or transfer their booking.
Contact Christine

Brackenfield Heritage Café

Admission is £3 per session including refreshments and new faces are always welcome.

Tuesday 30th June at Brackenfield Church Hall at 10.30am: John Taylor: Sutton Scarsdale Hall

If you are planning to attend this event please check for updates nearer the time, in case it has to be cancelled.



Picnic on the Green Sunday 12th July 2020

Remember that this year the Community Picnic will start at 4.30pm and continue into the evening. There will be a plant stall, raffle and W.I. produce.

Bring a picnic, chairs, rugs etc. and settle down to be entertained by my Miss Marina Mae, who will be singing through to around 7pm.

Heritage Trail Launch and Exhibition

From 1pm there will be an exhibition and refreshments in the Church Hall. Those interested in trying out the new walking trail will be able to pick up a leaflet and explore as they wish.

A keen group of around ten local residents have been planning and organizing this venture over the past year. It has been really interesting and they hope that local people and visitors will enjoy it too.



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If you have anything you would like adding to the site, please contact Martin on 07702 046334 or send an email via the site.

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Brackenfield Heritage Trail: Try it Out

The Trail is complete and draft QR Plaques have been placed at Interest Points on the walk. The Planning Group would like feedback about the walk, the information provided and whether directions are clear. Information is on the village notice board and web-site. The aim is to make any necessary changes in time for the official launch in July.

Please send comments to secretary@brackenfield.org or text 07813 397076



This is a difficult time for us all. Remember that you can pick up the phone or use email, Facebook or the Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp Group to keep in touch. WhatsApp members will try to help with bits of shopping etc. (To join contact Christine Edwards with your name, mobile phone number and email address) Let's look out for each other!