

Aldwick Parish Council Newsletter – October 2020



Extension for annual grants!

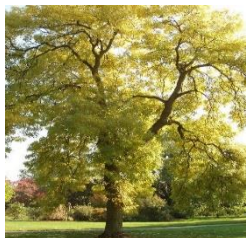
Because of the exceptional year we're experiencing, the deadline for annual grant applications has been extended. We'll let you know the extended deadline soon, but the important thing is that you can still apply. We are also running a Covid fund for grants to organisations which are helping individuals in our community. There is no deadline for this, but you should apply using the grant form. *Please mark your application Covid -19 grant.*

Remembrance Tree to be Planted



Our annual Remembrance Day service will be a little different this year, due to the pandemic. Unfortunately, we won't be able to offer residents our usual hospitality, in the form of tea and cakes. However, we hope that the ceremony can take place as usual. You are invited to the Millennium Gardens at Aldwick Parish Council on November 11th from 10.30 a.m. for the 11.00 a.m. ceremony. This year, to mark the seventy fifth year of the cessation of hostilities in the far east and the ending of WW2 we are planting a beautiful multi-stemmed silver birch with a commemorative plaque. The tree is being sponsored by Aldwick Parish Council, The Places for People Group Ltd and the Tivoli Group Ltd. We look forward to seeing you, but do watch our website for possible changes to this schedule.

Speaking of trees...



Do you have an Ash Tree on your property? Or do you know where one is growing? If so, our Tree Group wants to hear from you. You've probably heard of Ash Dieback, the fungal disease that is of great national concern. In West Sussex, nearly 21% of all broadleaved trees are Ash, covering 4,968 hectares. Their destruction would have a huge impact on wildlife and the environment. While West Sussex Council is monitoring the trees it owns, our group wants to identify every Ash tree in Aldwick with a view to tracking, and where possible helping to prevent, the spread of Ash Dieback. Please email Cllr Gillian Edom at gillian.edom@aldwickparishcouncil.gov.uk Ash Dieback spread can be controlled and if you want to read more about it and its effects, you'll find lots on the Woodland Trust website (www.woodlandtrust.org.uk) or the Tree Council <https://treecouncil.org.uk>

Shop Local

We've said it before, and we'll say it again. The lure of out of town shops may be calling now that restrictions have been eased, but please remember the local shops that provided goods and services when times were really hard. We all need to continue to shop locally to keep our shops and pubs going. So please, use 'em or lose 'em!

