

Saltby 2000

January 2024 Newsletter

Key Events in 2023

The newly regenerated Saltby 2000 committee got started with a bang in May 2023 with the King's Coronation party. It was kindly hosted by John and Kathy Cox at The Nag's Head and was made possible by generous donations from John and Kathy, Saltby Estates, as well as other local businesses, including those who donated prizes for the Auction of Promises, raffle and 'guess the bottle' game. We were overwhelmed by the support of the village and a great time was had by all.

In July we had hoped to host a Saltby Farm walk, however the weather was not on our side and after careful consideration, we had to make the difficult decision to reschedule it for this summer, so watch this space. This is an event that we are keen to promote to aid cohesion with the village and the surrounding countryside.

In October we held a Halloween Barn Dance party at The Nag's Head, with the kind help of John and Kathy Cox. It was a great night with live music, fancy dress and dancing. As some people may be aware, we had initially intended for this to be a larger event, however after a discussion with some of the villagers, it was decided that a downsized version of what we had originally planned would be more popular. The Saltby 2000 Committee is here to try and put together fun events for the whole village to enjoy, so your feedback, good or bad (although preferably constructive rather than bad) is vital to the continued success of the committee. If you have any ideas, thoughts or events that you would like to see hosted by the committee, please get in touch via the contact form on the Saltby Website, or alternatively contact one of our committee members directly.

In December we hosted a Carol Service in St Peter's Church, led by Rev David Cowie, with drinks afterwards at The Nag's Head, and we were again overwhelmed by the village support, raising £137.17 for the church. It definitely got everyone in the Christmas Spirit, although there may have been a few sore heads in the morning!

Most recently the fence bordering the Spinney had fallen over and we coordinated the rebuilding of the fence with help from Frazer Jolly, so thank-you Frazer for donating his time and resources.

Other News

In other news, after much discussion with some of the longstanding village residents, the decision was made to sell the big top marquee. The marquee was purchased a number of years ago for £300. It was an enormous, big-top marquee that took considerable manpower and space to erect. The general consensus of those that had been involved in erecting it in the past was that it was impractical to continue storing it indefinitely and it was deteriorating. We were able to sell it for £1500, so a £1200 profit was made on the original purchase cost. These funds, along with others in the Saltby

2000 account, give us a buffer to host events, without the pressure of having to place the costs personally on our committee members. If you would like to see a full audit of our accounts, please contact either our Chair or Treasurer.

The Committee also spent important time in 2023 reviewing and refreshing our governance including our constitution. Part of this included taking over the management and update of our website as it had been stagnating for some time!! Now we have full access and functionality we plan to utilise this for uploading key committee documents and event publicity (alongside our village Facebook page).

During 2023 the committee were successful in winning 2 separate grants; one for our new King's Coronation bench situated opposite the church and the other for the 2 oak planters near the noticeboard. I hope you agree that these add something special to our village given we don't have any dedicated community space – the planters will continue to be seasonally refreshed throughout the year.

We have updated and redesigned our village map and contact details. The last version was 2015! These were recently hand delivered by the Committee so everyone should now have a copy – please let us know if we have missed anyone as spare copies are available. Many thanks to Jo Goodberry who has donated her time and skill to redesign our map; I'm sure you will all agree this looks fantastic! We thought this was so lovely, we included a 'special edition' version in your pack in case you wanted to frame it. We plan to update this annually so please do let us know of any amendments needed (thanks to all those who have already commented & apologies for any unintended errors/omissions). We do hope you will find this useful.

Plans for 2024

Looking forward to 2024, we are hoping to host regular smaller events, and then focus on a larger event later in the year. Also look out for our village lottery, where we are drawing an address each month to give a fun prize to the lucky resident! The draw will be held in The Nag's Head on the final Friday of each month (starting February), so come along for the draw or wait in suspense to see if you'll get the lucky knock on the door! It is a free draw but if you do not want to be included you can always opt out, by either letting us know on our websites' contact form or contacting a committee member directly.

If anyone would like to support the Committee, we have established an 'extended' Saltby 2000 group - whilst not full committee members, these are a valuable group of villagers who provide support to specific events when time allows. Please contact one of the Committee members if you would like to join this group.

Committee Members:

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