

## Agenda for the AGM & Open Meeting

1. Introduction and apologies
2. Chairman's report
3. Treasurer's report and annual accounts
4. Election of Committee and Officers

### *7.30pm Refreshments*

5. "RED KITES in the DERWENT VALLEY"  
- a talk by the 'Friends of Red Kites' group
6. Village Centre Improvements - update
7. 'Blooming' Shotley Bridge - update
8. Village Heritage - update
9. Councillors' report
10. Any other business
11. Raffle draw

*The committee has also decided to ask for a donation for refreshments at each meeting and to hold a raffle to cover costs.*

*If you are interested in any of the Trust's activities but unable to come to the meeting or would like to join, please visit our website at*

*SBVT.wordpress.com or telephone ...*

*Chairman - John Worters (506248)*

*Secretary - Jeff Singleton (507665)*



## **NEWSLETTER**

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## **AGM & OPEN MEETING**

**Tuesday 30 June 2015**

**AGM 7.00pm**

**Open Meeting 7.45pm**

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

**Roman Catholic Church Hall**

*The Church is on Snows Green Road and the Church Hall has disabled access. If coming by car, please park considerately. This is an open meeting for all members, guests, and local residents. Find out about the Village Trust or simply join in the discussion.*

## **AGM NOMINATIONS**

All the existing members of the Executive Committee are willing to continue for another year but if any member wishes to stand for election please notify the Chairman before the meeting starts. There are spare places for two new committee members at present.

## **RED KITES**

**The Trust has invited the ‘Friends of Red Kites’ [FoRK] to give an illustrated talk about their work and the magnificent red kites which are now often seen riding the air currents in the skies above the village.**

## **VILLAGE CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS**

The last two environmental improvement schemes are in progress, using S106 funding from the Story housing development site. Paving and walling for the new seating area opposite Rumi’s has been completed in readiness for the installation of seating and a replica Pant. The new conservation style street lighting posts and lamps are to be installed shortly.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANT**

An application for funding from Durham County Council has been successful. Councillor’s Oliver and Robinson have generously given £2500 each from their Neighbourhood Budget for Trust projects.

## **VILLAGE HERITAGE**

The Heritage Group has started research into the history of the village. With the grant from DCC it will be able to purchase 4 new heritage plaques and publish a 32 page booklet. The Trust is looking to take part in ‘Heritage Open Days’ this September, with guided and self guided walks around the village. If you would like to help on the weekend of 12/13th please get in touch.

## **‘BLOOMING’ SHOTLEY BRIDGE**

The Northumbria in Bloom judges will be visiting on 20 July. Two [double tier] oak barrel planters have been purchased with the grant from DCC. On 6 June volunteers will be filling these and the tubs with summer bedding. If you would like to join the ‘Blooming’ group or volunteer to look after tubs please ask.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

To help cover expenditure, it has been necessary to increase membership fees from 1st July. Your last chance to pay at the 2014 rate will be at the open meeting, or post them in advance to the Trust’s treasurer, Garth Johnson [Messenger House, Messenger Bank, Shotley Bridge, Consett, DH8 0HT].

New **Annual membership** - £4 individuals, £6 couples, £7 for businesses and community groups.

New **3 Year membership** - £10 individuals and £16 couples. £18 for businesses and community groups.