

Humbleton & Flinton Parish Newsletter

October 2016

Community Plan

So are you ready for HumbletonFest?

This is a night organised by your Community Team to update you on what issues concern our residents – Peter Dudley has got the information together from your questionnaires and views and produced a summary so we can show you it on the night.

It's an opportunity to come and join our party and see if the views surprise you? The flyers have been delivered to everyone's home – we will be in St Peter's Church from 6pm until late, and as we are not licensed it will be free, but donations would be appreciated. We are also providing a toilet so no-one has to hide in the bushes! Have you got your costume ready – prizes for best costume (Adult & child) and how are your pumpkin carving skills.....???

Games are planned including the traditional apple bobbing and pin the broom on the witch.....plus we've ordered some locally brewed beer – come and join us and meet the neighbours – see them in a new light!!

After the party (and the clean-up), we will then be pulling together a draft plan so that we can engage with others in our parish – including Heron's Trust, Ann Watson Trust, the Church and the Recreation Club to ensure their views are noted.

Hope to see you there.....

Are you disabled and need to use a wheelchair in your home? Or perhaps you are caring for a disabled person? Did you know there are council tax reductions available?

Many people know that full council tax has to be paid for a property if two or more people live there and that people who live on their own can apply for a council tax discount.

What they may not know is that they might also be able to get a discount if someone living there qualifies for one of several types of other council tax reductions.

To qualify for a 'Carers' reduction, a person has to be providing care for at least 35 hours a week to someone who is over 18, is not their partner or their child (under 18) and who lives in the same house as them.

The person who they are caring for must be receiving at least one of the following benefits:

- Attendance Allowance
- the higher or middle rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance
- a daily living component of the Personal Independence Payment
- an increase in the rate of his/her disablement pension

There is also a reduction available for people who have mental health problems if a registered medical practitioner confirms that they have a severe and permanent mental impairment and they are in receipt of one of a range of benefits including:

- Attendance Allowance
- a daily living component of Personal Independence Payment
- Employment Support Allowance
- a number of other allowances granted because of disability

For a full list of qualifying benefits visit www.eastriding.gov.uk/counciltax

Those who have reached pension age also qualify if they would otherwise have been entitled to one of these benefits.

A reduction is also available if someone (adult or child) who lives in the house is substantially and permanently disabled and **one** of the following conditions is met:

- There is an additional bathroom or kitchen which is needed by the disabled person because of their disability
- There is a room (other than a bathroom, kitchen or toilet) needed by and mainly used by the disabled person because of their disability
- A wheelchair is used indoors by the disabled person

This reduction results in the council tax bill being reduced to the amount payable for a property in the valuation band below the band currently applied to a property. Properties in the lowest valuation band, Band A, will still receive a reduction on their bill.

Information about the complete range of council tax reductions and discounts, including council tax support (a discount for residents on low incomes), is available on East Riding of Yorkshire Council's website. Applications for reductions can also be made online.

Further information and advice is available at customer service centres or residents can telephone the council tax team on (01482) 393939.

New 105 number – Emergency Electricity Number

On 6 September a new national phone number '105' was launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area.

Marten Hall and family....

It was whilst I was in Baghdad in 2008 that Penny and I decided that we no longer wanted to live in Hull and instead wanted a quieter pace of life for our soon to be born first child, Oscar. When we did finally move to Humbleton in December 2009 it was during a particularly cold winter with foot deep snow drifts and nights spent huddled round our open fire. Gladly, the welcome was much warmer.

We were made to feel so welcome that despite only planning to stay a few years until we bought our next house, we spent nearly 7 years enjoying life in the village and increased our brood in 2011 by one more boy, Harry.

To say that we will all miss Humbleton is a slight stretch of the truth; both boys now have their own room so I doubt we could persuade them back into shared occupancy. But both Penny and I will always remember our time in the village fondly; that first winter wrapped up against the biting cold walking little Oscar around the deep snow of the cricket pitch, the countless conversations and gossip of the bus stop for the school run or Matt's dodgy cider which had a kick like a mule. We now have family in the village, albeit Humbleton Moor Corner, so we'll likely be back for the Family Fun Day or the Christmas lights switch on in December and our kids are still in Sproatley School, so whilst this is goodbye, it won't be for long.

With best wishes for the future,

From Marten, Penny, Oscar and Harry. Oh, and Ebby; she's still with us....just....wait a minute.....nope, she's definitely still with us.

Defibrillator

Success – we received the grant funds from Withernwick Wind Farm and have purchased the defibrillator which has also been fitted.

A huge thanks to Phil Stannard for repainting the Humbleton phone box which looks amazing.

Flinton is next on our list..... BT have recently advised us that they are decommissioning the Flinton phone box – do you think we should adopt it? If so we will need a volunteer to paint it for us.

Parking on Footpaths

Parking on the footpath is a nuisance, selfish and breaks the law. It obstructs access for children in buggies, wheel chair users, endangers all pedestrians and damages pavements. Often residents ask what can be done to stop such anti-social behaviour. This is the advice we have received from Humberside Police - parking on the footpath is a road traffic offence of 'unnecessary obstruction'.

Can everyone be more considerate and not park on the pavement.

Calendar of Events

Saturday 29 October	HumbletonFest at St Peters Church 6pm til late
Thursday 17 November	Parish Council Meeting at Maple Garage 7pm
Tuesday 29 November	Flower & food demonstration at Maple Garage.
Saturday 3 December	Christmas Light Switch on at The Green at 6pm
March 2017	Great British Spring Clean – date to be agreed

Please check the notice board / website as the Parish Council meetings can change date.

Christmas Gifts for Senior Citizens

It is that time of year when we have to start planning for Christmas and so to the gifts for our senior citizens....are you eligible?

It has been a long tradition for our Parish to give our pensioners a gift at Christmas. This has been to those ladies over 60 and gentleman over 65 in Humbleton & Flinton. If you believe you are eligible (one gift per household) or whether your neighbour or friend is eligible, please let Vanessa or your local Councillor know your name, address and whether coal/antracite or voucher is required so that our list can be updated.

City of Culture – Hull 2017

Well the first quarter's events – Made in Hull, have been announced, and I for one am excited about what the year holds for us in Hull and hopefully changing visitors (and locals) perceptions about Hull. I'm probably biased as I've signed up to be a City of Culture volunteer for the full year and have already completed my training, got my uniform (sea of blue takes on a new meaning) and attended several masterclasses and volunteered at one event to date – Hull Fair.

I'm also aiming to do some of the 'tourist' things in Hull which as a local girl I've not done for a long time – including the fish trail and the ale trail. I hope to visit the free museums in Hull and see what I've been missing. I found out during the masterclass at the Hull History Centre that if you visit you can trace your ancestry for free...and that they hold monthly (Saturdays) lego building sessions – aimed at families using history and / or Hull as a theme – so in June the theme was Doctor Who as a Hull person had written a couple of episodes of Doctor Who. Did you know that William Wilberforce founded the RSPCA....I didn't until I did the training....

For those events I can't attend as they've sold out already – Spiders from Mars – I'm hopeful I can get in through volunteering in some way.... #everyonebacktoours! #hull2017

News from St Peter's Church Humbleton

Recent weeks at St Peter's have been very hectic – we have had three weddings and sadly one funeral. The Elvis tribute night performed by our very own Steve Caprice, was a very successful night raising over £600 and a good night was had by all including dancing in the aisles and almost groupies at the back. Grateful thanks to Barbara and Steve for providing the 'feel good factor'.

The Harvest lunch held on 2 October was well supported and Susan encouraged us all to 'sing' for our meal which was supported by the organ. This raised £450 for church funds.

Due to the holidays and the fact that August & September have been busy months, it was decided to move the annual MacMillan Coffee Morning to Saturday 14th October, raising about £300 for the MacMillan fund.

The annual food and flower demonstration will be on 29th November at Maple Garage – please come and support us - £6 on the door to include a mince pie and a glass of wine. Bring a friend too.

A new idea is a Memory Tree – we cannot emulate the success of All Saints Preston with their Christmas tree display, but we aim to display one tree this year. From 1st December, there will have a tree in the Church with cards and baubles for you to remember your loved ones. The Church will provide cards and the baubles – you can write a name and/or message and hang them on the tree, or you can bring your own bauble. This is free, but any donations will be sent to Dove House Hospice.

Friends of Humbleton

The Family Fun Day was a fantastic day – the weather was great, and the event was well supported with many residents and non-residents attending. The races were well supported and so many children entered and we had many medal winners on the day. We want to thank everyone who supported the event – we couldn't do it without you and the funds raised help us to put on the Christmas event – which is planned for 3rd December at 6pm at the Christmas Tree, then moving to St Peters Church for further celebrations – come and join us!

Parish Council News

The Parish Council meeting was held on 1 September at Maple Garage at 7pm, with one resident and one non-residence in attendance.

Concerns were raised about the children in the village pulling dog waste bags out of the bins near The Green and throwing them at each other and vehicles – this is a health hazard.

The walk about had been completed during the summer and was attended by Lisa and Jane, we are still waiting for the report. The benches in the villages both were identified as needing repairs, which the clerk will action.

The clearance of the hedge, threatening to overcome the Flinton bus shelter, has now been cut back significantly by the landowner, however this has identified the poor state of the roof on the bus shelter – which is being dealt with by the clerk.

Lisa Brazier had resigned as a trustee of Heron – the clerk is to request a copy of the constitution so that a replacement trustee can be organized.

Police reports – nothing significant to note except the recent spate of burglaries in Flinton.

Rathlin – no meeting held since last Parish meeting, however Environment Agency approvals had been issued.

Phone box – now painted – thanks to Phil Stannard. The clerk had applied for funding from the Withernwick Wind Farm successfully and the defib had been ordered, received and was due to be fitted shortly.

Flinton street lighting concerns raised with ERYC, awaiting a response. It was noted that not all the lights had been upgraded.

The bus consultation highlighted that the afternoon service would not from April 2017 pass through Humbleton, which means we would lose the service – it was worrying that few residents had responded to the flyers, but it was noted that most residents did not rely on the bus service.

The Great British Clean up for 2017 is planned nationwide for March 2017 – consideration to be given whether we do a local clean up that month.

The notice board in Flinton is in poor condition and it was RESOLVED to replace it.

The road towards Danthorpe has sunk in places and is to be reported to ERYC.

The bridle path from Lelley to Sproatley is very overgrown and is to be reported to ERYC.

Clerk's salary review completed and RESOLVED to increase to £375/quarter.

The finance report, previously circulated, was discussed and payments approved as follows: Clerk salary and expenses (£246.45); HMRC £50 and WEL Supplies £1,524 for the defibrillator.

The next meeting is 17 November 2016 at Maple Garage at 7pm.

Heron's Trust

Unfortunately there is nothing to report except that behind the scenes things are happening, but at the present no plans have been formalised. The planning permission for the sports / community building has now expired, and although we could re-submit the plans, the Trustees believe there is little interest in retaining a community building and unless a surge of interest occurs there would be no point investing any more time and money in a project no-one except the Trustees seem to want to pursue. The Chair believes this is a pity as the building had many facilities that would have been beneficial particularly to the Recreation club, but it was an asset to the Parish and surrounding areas too, as there are few community buildings left.

The trustees have given a few grants this year for school starters and movers. There is still time for any young person to apply for help with Education – either new or ongoing. Apprenticeships are viewed favourably too – so please apply if you need help. Many people do not know who to apply to – please contact Mrs Fay Crawforth of Cold Harbour Farm, Fitling who is a Trustee – so drop her a line or speak to Mrs Brenda Frear on 01964 670788.

Brenda Frear, Chair

Editor's note: the trustees are aware of several individual views on the Old School and its continued important role within the community. It is good to see that the Chair is keen to retain the Old School as a community building. The trustees are always after support and ideas so if you can help please let them know.

Our Autumn Countryside by Harry Buck

Once again the harvest has come and gone – almost. The weather was very kind for the start but then quickly changed resulting in no fantastic yields with only average quality.

From a scenic point the countryside change rapidly, from crops to stubble to almost seed bed in record time. It was good to see so much baled straw on the move, yet the problem of black grass may have been checked by the long gone stubble farming, however that is no longer an option – thank goodness. I used to hate the job of burning straw in the fields, while the chopped straw should be giving a benefit to the sod.

Some of the senior people can still talk of days of stoking crops, followed by stormy weather, machines struggling to gather tangled crops – all now but history.

Also not many people were sad to see the end of the winter threshing days, even so the old machines are a great interest when working for charity days. The ancient craft of a good ploughing still holds a lot of interest both on the farms and local ploughing matches. It's great that the World Ploughing has been held here in Yorkshire near York this year, after 16 years elsewhere in the world.

It will soon be bonfire night so please everybody be careful!

Keep well, Keep laughing

If anyone has any events or information to add for future issues – let Vanessa know.

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