

500th Bag

The Gamston Litter Pickers started litter collecting in the parish in January 2019 and in October 2022 the 500th bag of litter was filled. Is this good news or bad? The good news is that the regular litter picking is still taking place and many thanks to the volunteers who are doing it. The bad news is the volume of litter that continues to be dropped.

The prevalent problems at present are rubbish thrown from moving vehicles and fly tipping.

Every litter pick seems to have its own tale, as something surprising is often found. For example, the preparatory works for the new cycle and footpath on Regatta Way exposed litter items that had been hidden for many years. Some bags of sodden bedding and clothes had to be dug out of the overgrowth with a spade, and a significant number of cans and drink bottles with old best before dates (such as September 2002) were found.



Bus Shelter on A52

The bus shelter on the west bound carriageway of the A52 at Bassingfield (opposite side of the road to the petrol station) is to be reinstated in the spring of 2023. The new shelter will be a modern design with a metal structure for increased durability, resistance to vandalism and ease of maintenance.

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Free Spirits Over 60's Coffee Morning at Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road, Gamston.

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We are a very friendly group.

Please contact Carolyn Kearton for more information on 0115 981 5722.



Dates for your diary

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| Saturday 26th November | Christmastime at Gamston Village Hall, Holme Pierrepont and Gamston Parish Council (3.30pm to 5.30pm) |
| Sunday 27th November | 'Grand Switch On', Christmas Lights Display, Sandale Close, Gamston (5.00pm). Display will be on daily until 1st January 2023 (4.00pm to 9.00pm) |
| Saturday 3rd December | Community Action Day to clean up the area around Grantham Canal, meeting behind Morrisons (9.30am) |
| Sunday 4th December | Concert by the Neville Singers, St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont (3.00pm) |
| Sunday 11th December | Christingle Service, St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont (3.30pm) |
| Sunday 18th December | Carol Service, St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont (6.30pm) |
| Saturday 24th December | First Communion of Christmas (Festal), St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont (6.00pm) |

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Holme Pierrepont &
Gamston Parish Council
Newsletter

Autumn 2022

A few words from the Chairman

It was lovely to see the Parish Council Summer Play Day return to Ambleside Play Park after two years of having to put the event on hold due to the pandemic.

The Play Day, which took place in August, really brought back a sense of community to the area, as children and their parents joined in the fun. We had lots of positive feedback about what a great family event it was. The next event will be on Saturday 26th November when Christmastime returns to Gamston Village Hall. As usual there will be plenty of activities for the children as well as carol singing and mince pies. We look forward to seeing you there.

In other news, there has been some movement on the Gamston Fields development as Tollerton Airfield has now been sold to Taylor Wimpey. Together with the other developer, Bovis Homes, it is likely that a master plan for the area will be presented soon. The Parish Council will keep you up to date with any further information.

I would also like to draw your attention to proposals by Nottinghamshire Fire Authority which may mean the removal of full-time overnight fire crews at West Bridgford Fire Station. They are currently holding a consultation which will be open until the end of December. If you have any concerns, please make your views known.

For more information all of the above plus other news from around the parish please read on.

Gary Arkless

SAT 26th NOV
3.30PM - 5.30PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
Christmastime
AT
GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL
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FREE EVENT

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Ambleside Play Park

The latest phase of the improvements at Ambleside Play Park should be complete very soon.

Three sides of the play equipment fencing have now been removed and have been re-purposed as a fence alongside Ambleside. These works have been done to further reduce the risk of children running onto the road and to enable the installation of new pieces of equipment.



St Edmund's Church Lighting

St Edmund's Church at Holme Pierrepont is a Grade 1 listed church with a lot of history. It is home to an array of antiquities, ranging from 13th century medieval brasses to 16th, 17th and 18th century memorials relating to the Earls and Dukes who have played a part in the areas past.

At the end of 2019, the lighting system in the nave began to fail. As it was installed in the 1960's, the parts required for its repair were obsolete and consequently the lighting had to be replaced. An electrician and a lighting designer came up with an alternative which would mean the Parochial Church Council, who are responsible for the church, would have to find around £7,000.

By this point, everyone was in the midst of the pandemic which meant that normal ways of fund raising were impossible. Instead, letters were sent out to all those who had links to the church with the hope that at least there would be something to start the ball rolling. However, what was totally unexpected was the generosity of those who responded. Nearly £10,000 was raised in a few months which allowed not only the lighting in the nave to be replaced but also the lights in the chancel.

The work was completed in the summer and on Sunday 25th September the Archdeacon of Nottingham, Philip Williams, held a Service of Dedication at the church to thank everyone for their support.



Sandale Close Christmas Display

It's that time of year again when Gamston resident, David Carter, will be lighting up his home with a fantastic Christmas Display to raise money for charity.

This is the tenth year that David has been putting on the lights display on Sandale Close and the seventh where he has been raising money for the RSPCA Radcliffe Animal Centre.

As David says,

"My display will be raising money for the RSPCA Radcliffe Animal Centre to which I am affiliated. All donations go towards helping to care for all the wonderful animals and the running of the Centre and they will be very much appreciated. The Centre is funded independently and receives no financial aid from the RSPCA National Society. Last year, despite Covid restrictions, I raised nearly £3,500. This year I would like to exceed this amount especially because of the cost of living crisis the Centre's costs have skyrocketed."

Santa Claus will perform the 'Grand Switch On' which will take place on Sunday 27th November at 5.00pm. There will also be a raffle and stalls selling Christmas gifts so come along and have some fun. David's Christmas Display will be on daily from 4.00pm – 9.00pm until 1st January 2023.



Fire Station consultation

The Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority, which comprises councillors from Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council, is consulting on plans that would see West Bridgford Fire Station close at night. It is believed that the money saved will be used to upgrade Ashfield Fire Station so that it will have full time overnight cover rather than 'on call' status.

Local Councillor, Jonathan Wheeler, is leader of the opposition on the Fire Authority and is leading the campaign to stop this. He has asked everyone with concerns to please fill out the consultation and make your views known. The consultation can be found at <https://online.ors.org.uk/questionnaire/1414B7B> and needs to be completed by the 23rd December 2022.

Gamston Fields update

Tollerton Airfield has now been sold to Taylor Wimpey and no more flights will be taking off or landing (except under special licence). This should mean that together with Bovis Homes, who own the other half of the land to be developed, they can come together and present a master plan for the whole area.

This should include not only homes, but the supporting infrastructure such as shops, schools and a health centre that a development of this size requires. This would negate additional pressure being placed on existing services within the current Gamston area.

Although the development falls within the Tollerton Parish, as the planning application will have an impact on Gamston the Parish Council will also provide comment on the planning application.

The Parish Council will keep you up to date with developments.

A 'Right Royal Play Day'

It was great to see the Parish Council Play Day return to Ambleside Play Park this summer, bringing the community together again.

Continuing the Jubilee celebrations, the theme this year was a 'Right Royal Play Day'. The event, which took place on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th August, was opened by the Mayor of Rushcliffe, Councillor Tina Combella who, later in the afternoon, also awarded prizes for the best dressed Kings and Queens.

As well as a bouncy castle, sandpit and pony grooming, this year there were also Forest School crafts and activities, and Milla's African drumming workshop. Super Sparkle entertained the children with her magical storytelling, music and games while Karen, the still walking court jester, provided a balloon modelling session making balloon crowns, swords and sceptres.



Grantham Canal

According to Tony Osbond, General Manager at the Gamston Canal Society, the proposed Gamston Fields development has opened up the possibility for the reconnection of the Gamston Canal with the River Trent.

The society has put together a provisional plan to reconnect the canal through the Adbolton Lane approach and has made a number of presentations to Nottinghamshire County Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council and Ruth Edwards MP for Rushcliffe about this. A meeting with National Highways concerning the lifting of the eastbound lane of Gamston Bridge (A6011) and Gamston Lings Bar Bridge (A52) is also being planned. The society has also identified a location for a Western Base which, once established, should attract volunteers to help with maintaining and clearing the canal of debris, trees and reeds etc. While nothing is yet decided this is an interesting development.

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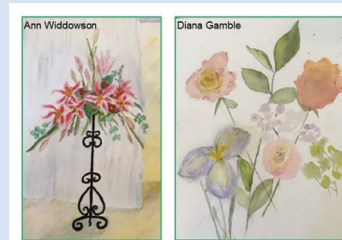
Although it was a hot afternoon, fortunately the trees helped to keep everyone cool. There was definitely a buzz in the air as the children were both engaged and engrossed in the many activities. The Parish Council had lots of positive feedback with many saying what a great family event it was.



Live, Laugh and Learn

Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A was founded in 2014, is affiliated to the National organisation and is part of the local Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Network. Like its fellows, this U3A brings those in their 'third age' - usually interpreted as people who are retired or semi-retired – together to form new friendships, develop their interests and discover new learning opportunities.

Though relatively young, it has a friendly, vibrant, dedicated and growing membership (about 135) featuring many interest groups catering for those interested in crafts, games, languages, outings, science, walking, wine tasting, and many more. Their arts and photography for fun group has several talented members as shown by some of the wonderful paintings above.



On the second Thursday of each month, members meet at Edwalton Church Hall to listen to invited speakers and to enjoy each other's company over tea/coffee and biscuits.

'Live, laugh, learn – but most of all laugh' is the groups motto, so if it something you think that that you may be interested in, please visit their website at <https://edgamu3a.weebly.com> to find out more.

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