

Holme Pierrepont Parish Council & Gamston

Parish News October 2007

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WHAT'S ON

BONFIRE NIGHT

This annual event will be held on Saturday 3rd November at the Village Hall, Old Tollerton Lane, Gamston. The fire will be lit at 5.00 pm and the firework display starts at 6.15 pm. Drinks and hot food will be available. This is a real family event, come and enjoy this traditional celebration of the Gunpowder Plot in safe surroundings.

ALICE

A contemporary treatment of a familiar story which will make you grin like a Cheshire cat! Everyone needs a little Tweedledum and Tweedledee in his or her lives. Alice is a family show for adults and children alike (aged 5+)

Tuesday 6th November, Pierrepont Gamston School on Coledale, 7.00 pm. Tickets on the door, children 50p adults £2.00

UNLIMITED THEATRE: YOUTH THEATRE GROUP

This group meets regularly at the Village Hall, Tuesday, 5.00-6.30 pm and 6.30-8.30 pm, admission price: £5.00/£5.50 per session which can be paid either half termly or termly.

Children can attend a free taster session. For details contact the tutor, Parmjit Sagoo on 0115 878 9460, info@unlimitedtheatre.co.uk or website: www.unlimitedtheatre.co.uk

FREE HOME SAFETY CHECKS

Do you know how to prevent a fire occurring in your home? Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service is carrying out free Home Safety Checks. Fire-fighters will visit, by appointment, to give advice to you and your family on how to stay safe at home.

They will advise on the precautions you should take to avoid fire and how to make an escape plan in case you need to get out quickly. They will also fit smoke alarms where necessary.

To find out more call 0115 923 6240.

MORE TO DO FOR TEENS IN RURAL AREAS

Rushcliffe BC now has an exciting range of mobile fun things to do for teenagers living in rural villages thanks to Lottery funding. This new equipment is the brainchild of the Rushcliffe Play Partnership which aims to improve play activities across the Borough.

There's a mobile skate ramp, in-line skating, a climbing wall, street dance and beat box sessions.

This is only available for rural communities where facilities are minimal. Local groups should decide what they would like, when and where and then contact the parish council.

£1.5 MILLION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON THE A52 AT RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT

The Highways Agency will be carrying out safety improvement work on the A52 at Radcliffe-on-Trent, 8pm on Friday, 12 October until Friday, 7 December. The improvements involve reconstructing both the east and westbound carriageways and installing a missing section of safety barrier between the Holme House and RSPCA junctions.

The work is vital to ensure the continued safe provision of the carriageway, but with this work comes a number of unavoidable restrictions necessary to complete the work in the shortest possible time and the safest possible manner. Expect severe delays on the A52 approaching Radcliffe and on other roads in the area while the work takes place. Drivers are advised to leave plenty of extra time for their journeys or to consider alternative routes or times of travel.

Overnight lane closures will be in place from 8pm on 12 October to enable street lighting to be removed and a crossover constructed to provide a 24-hour contra-flow that will operate from 21 October.

A 40mph speed limit will be in place on both carriageways between the A52/A6011 Gamston roundabout and just under a kilometre east of the RSPCA junction 24 hours a day for the duration of works.

Once the contra-flow begins, there will be no access on to or off the A52 from Nottingham Road or Lees Barn Road, or Stragglethorpe Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent. The traffic lights at the Holme House and RSPCA junctions will then be turned off to aid traffic flow.

Nottingham Road and Lees Barn Road traffic will be diverted through Radcliffe to rejoin the A52 at the Bingham Road/Harlequin intersection.

Stragglethorpe Lane traffic heading towards Nottingham will be diverted via Main Road, Cotgrave, Plumtree Road, Cotgrave Road and the A606 Melton Road to rejoin the A52 at the Wheatcroft roundabout. Stragglethorpe Lane traffic travelling towards Bingham will be diverted via Nottingham Road, Cotgrave and the A46 to rejoin the A52 at the Saxondale roundabout.

For the duration of the scheme, vehicles over 2.9 metres wide will be prohibited from using the A52 between the A52/A46 Saxondale Roundabout and the A52/A6011 Gamston roundabout.

Westbound loads will be diverted southbound on the A46, the A6006 at Dalby and the A60 at Rempstone to rejoin the A52 at the Nottingham Knight Island. Eastbound wide loads will follow the same diversion the opposite way.

The Eastbound bus stop immediately east of the Holme House junction will remain closed throughout the work, as will the westbound stop just west of the junction.

24-hour access will be maintained to Radcliffe-on-Trent Cricket Club and neighbouring property owned by Data Contracts Specialist Management and, on the eastbound carriageway, the travellers' site next to the RSPCA.

More about the scheme can be found on the Highways Agency's website at www.highways.gov.uk/roads

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The Parish Council has been concerned for some time about speeding traffic in the parish especially in areas where there are children and has decided to implement a Community Speedwatch scheme. The scheme involves local residents in speed reduction activities. Trained volunteers will carry out the speed monitoring with the follow-up work on education and advice conducted by the police.

Community Speedwatch schemes are voluntary and have already been successfully taken up in the Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood and Ashfield districts of Nottinghamshire.

A minimum of six volunteers is needed to set up a scheme, with the support of their local parish council and community. Volunteers will receive their initial training from the police. When and where the speed reduction activity takes place will be decided by the volunteers. Suitable sites will be chosen by members of the Speedwatch team or the parish council and each site will be risk assessed by the police, with members of the Speedwatch team, to identify any potential hazards.

Any offending vehicles will have their details recorded by the volunteers, who will pass them to the police. The registered keeper will then be sent a letter asking them to keep their speed down and if anyone is identified as a persistent offender, the vehicle details may be circulated for targeted police intervention with a view to prosecution.

If you would like to join the team please call Cllr. Mark Bancroft for an informal discussion.

AMBLESIDE SAFER CROSSING

Ambleside is a very busy estate road used by buses and lorries as well as cars. The Parish Council wants to create a no parking area around the crossing and improve signage to enhance safety that will improve awareness and visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.

The existing crossing located close to the popular childrens' play park is very poor and has been a concern of the Parish Council for many years. The crossing forms part of the footpaths network linking the old and new parts of Gamston to West Bridgford. It is a key footpath that will be enhanced by the forthcoming new pedestrian bridge across the Gamston Canal. The County Council Highways Department has refused to fund a scheme to provide a safer crossing.

This crossing is used by school children attending the Primary Schools of Abbey Road, Gamston and the senior Rushcliffe School at Boundary Road as well as adults and children arriving at the playground. The existing facility is hazardous for many reasons: there is no designated parking at the playground, parking on the pavement is common and occurs close to the crossing, as the playground is on the inside bend parked cars significantly impair visibility for vehicles travelling in both directions and at the crossing there is a grill on the east side adjacent to the kerb where bicycle/prams wheels can get caught.

The Parish Council is asking for significant improvements to be made including a proper crossing, better signage, an interactive speed sign and replacement of the inadequate grill.

LATEST GAMSTON PARK AND RIDE PLANS

The County Council have been busy trying to establish an alternative site following the withdrawal of their planning application on the Highways Depot site in March last year after nearly 5 years negotiations. The current proposal is for a 1000 car park to be constructed in 2 phases on Green Belt land bounded by Radcliffe Road, Regatta Way, the new sports pavilion to just beyond the Lings Bar roundabout. No details available on entry/exit positions.

For many years the principle of a Park and Ride in the A52 corridor has been accepted but why promote a site close to the end of this congested corridor from Bingham to Nottingham on land in the flood plain.

Views can be e mailed to the Clerk for the Parish at clerk@holmepierrepointandgamstonpc.org.uk or Cllr Tisbury at melvyn@castlebarproperties.co.uk

DON'T BE A MONSTER ON HALLOWEEN

The Parish Council would like to remind all Trick or Treaters to be considerate to others and to take care whilst out and about. Last year, nearly 100 extra calls about rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour across the county were made to the police on Halloween.

While most people find trick or treating harmless fun, others can find it intimidating and it can be quite scary for people who live alone or who are elderly or vulnerable. We'd ask anyone going trick or treating to remember that not everyone enjoys Halloween, and if someone asks you to leave, please do so without causing them distress."

A poster has been produced by Nottinghamshire Police that people can display in their windows if they don't want to be visited by trick or treaters and can be downloaded by visiting the Nottinghamshire Police website - www.nottinghamshire.police.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

Owing to a resignation due to relocation there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. It may be necessary to hold an election but it is more likely that the council will co-opt a member. If you are interested in this role please contact either the Chairman or clerk for an informal discussion.

The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr. Jane Mansell for all her hard work while a member of the Parish Council and wish her every success for the future.

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Parish Council meetings are usually held on the second Monday of every month (except August) at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall on Old Tollerton Road, Gamston; the next scheduled meeting will be on 12th November.

For details of Free Spirits activities including coffee mornings, the Paint Group and outings, contact the clerk.

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