

Holme Pierrepont Parish Council & Gamston

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PLAY PARK YOUTH AREA GETS THE GO AHEAD

During the past couple of years young people living in the area have given their opinion to members of Holme Pierrepont and Gamston Parish Council about ideas and equipment they would like to see used for the proposed second phase of the Play Park on Ambleside which will be suitable for teenagers up to the age of 16 years. You may have already seen the final design when it was presented at the Parish Council AGM or in Morrisons one Saturday morning. Councillors have spent the past year seeking funding but unfortunately, we have been unsuccessful with a Big Lottery Playful Ideas funding application - only one out of over 30 bids from the East Midlands was successful - and we were 'reserve' in an application for Playbuilder funding with Rushcliffe Borough Council. Your district and county councillors have fully supported the scheme by donating grants from their Electoral Division Initiative (EDI) allowance and a grant of £4,000 has been secured from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Aware that further time spent applying for funding could add inflationary costs to the project, Councillors have voted to fund the shortfall for this much needed facility for young people and expect it to be completed during the Spring of 2009.

If you visit www.holmepierrepontandgamstonpc.org.uk/chillout you will be able to see the completed design and equipment planned for this exciting project which features a boulder chill out zone, an all weather football area with multisports goal ends which will be marked out as a boccia court, lean back seats, stepping post and beam activity trail, a life size bull, dragonfly seat and mushroom sculptures (to be used - not just admired) and a cycle rack. Not your usual predictive play equipment found elsewhere but something challenging and different for the young people living in this community.



Visit the web site and complete the on-line form or email your views to us.

The Parish Council would like to thank Capital One volunteers for all their hard work over the past year helping to maintain the Play Park.

ARTS IN THE PARISH

Two performances are planned. The first on 18th November is *Sir Gawain and the Green Knights* and tells the story of a young knight's epic journey through the changing seasons to find the Green Chapel and keep his appointment with fate. It's a tale of temptation, romance and chivalry, shot through with rough-knuckled action and tall-tale humour, brought to life with the help of puppets and live music – a dazzling theatrical treat for young and old. Suitable for families, knights and princesses aged 8+.

The second performance is on 8th January and is *Straw Headed Peter*. A cautionary tale for naughty children. A very funny, new telling of a classic cautionary tale for all the family – a refreshing breath of fresh air – dark, grotesque and hilarious for a dark time of year. Both performances will be at the school on Coledale, starting at 7.00 pm. See the notice boards nearer the time for details or visit the web site.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL

Gamston Village Hall Committee (GVHC) continue to work tirelessly behind the scenes, meeting once a month, to keep the hall in working order and available for the use of local residents.

Coming up shortly we have our annual and increasingly popular Bonfire Party on 1st November and Christmas Carol Singing on 22nd December and, in the new year, the Summer Fayre will take place as usual on the last Saturday in June. The committee is always open to suggestions about these events or ideas for new ones, so if you have any let us know.....

Also, as some of you may be aware, we are starting to look at replacing the current building, which has done service around the Parish for 70+ years already and hopefully can be kept in a reasonable state of repair for another 5-10 years but unfortunately will not last forever. This project is in the very early stages at present and will involve consultation throughout the Parish and beyond as it progresses. In order for it to be successful, we will need lots of support and help from the community, so if you are willing to get involved – particularly if you have relevant skills or experience to offer - please get in touch.

GVHC contact: Sonia Ostapjuk, Chair – sonia.ostapjuk@ntlworld.com or 0115 982 0589

Bonfire Party and Fireworks

Saturday 1st November
on Gamston Village Green
5.00 pm: Gates open.
BBQ, Mushy Peas, Sweets & Pop, Tea Bar,
Licensed Bar available
6.00 pm Fire lit, 6.30 pm First firework display
Cost: Adults: £2; Children: £1. Pay on gate.

Christmas Carols

Monday 22nd December
at Gamston Village Hall
7.30 pm Refreshments are provided: tea, wine,
sausage rolls and mince pies.
This is a joint event with Gamston Church...

EVENTS AT ST EDMUND'S CHURCH HOLME PIERREPONT

October 12th	Harvest Festival Service @ 5.30 pm.
November 9th	Remembrance Service @ 6.30 pm.
November 15th	Radcliffe Ladies Choir - Memorial Concert for Frank Harrington @ 7.30 pm. Proceeds to St Edmund's. Frank Harrington sadly died as a result of a mugging.
December 7th	Christingle Service @ 4.15 pm. A lovely occasion for all the family.
December 10th	Skylarks Carol Service
December 14th	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight supported by the Radcliffe Ladies Choir.

THANKSGIVING FOR 1,000 YEARS OF FARMING AT ADBOLTON

The sale of Simkins Farm, Adbolton, on the edge of West Bridgford, marked the end of an era which was commemorated at a Thanksgiving Service on the 7th September 2008. It was the last farm in the ancient parish of Adbolton, where harvests had been brought in for over a thousand years.

The Reverend Robert Breckles, Rector of Lady Bay with Holme Pierrepont and Adbolton, welcomed local historian Peter Hammond who explained the Origins of Adbolton, then recalled the history of the Farmers of Adbolton. County Councillor Kay Cutts and, Chairman of the Parish Council, Frank Thomas gave readings. The planned outdoor picnic had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather, but was held instead in All Hallows' Church Hall.

THE RADCLIFFE & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Provisional Plan for the visit of the French this year is as follows:

Saturday 25th October - Arrival at East Midlands Airport.

A welcoming tea party is proposed at New Grange Hall, from 3.30 to 5.00 pm.

Sunday 26th October - Visits to a variety of local venues with hosts during the early part of the day, returning in time to prepare for the grand evening dinner and dance to be held in New Grange Hall.

Monday 27th October - Cultural visit to Stratford by coach. Full details later.

Tuesday 28th October - Departure for airport.

To subscribe to the e Newsletter visit the association's homepage, at

<http://www.radcliffe-twinning.org.uk>

VITALISE SKYLARKS FUNDRAISING EVENTS!

Charity Fire Walking Challenge Wednesday 29 October, 7.00pm

Safely walk across a lane of red-hot coals; break a board of wood in half with your bare hands; walk over a bed of broken glass..... All in one evening! This has to be one of the most thrilling fundraising challenges you could ever participate in! We just ask that you raise the minimum sponsorship amount of £50 in aid of Vitalise Skylarks – and we are sure you will be able to raise more when your friends find out what you will be doing!

Winter Ladies Lunch, Thursday 13 November, £29.75

Join us for a special Winter Ladies Luncheon in aid of Vitalise Skylarks at the award-winning Perkins Bistro, Plumtree, Nottingham. After lunch you will have the opportunity for some specialist retail shopping so you can make a nice early start to Christmas gift buying! 12 noon, pre-lunch drinks, 1.00pm, two-course seasonal menu with coffee and petit fours, served in the newly-converted Carriage Hall

Cantonese Evening, Sunday 16 November at 6.30pm for 7.00pm, £16.50

Enjoy an evening of delicious Cantonese food in aid of Vitalise Skylarks and Lutterell Ward at the acclaimed Pearl Restaurant, Bridgford Road, West Bridgford.

Carols by Candlelight, Wednesday 10th December at 7.30pm, £6

Our annual Christmas Carol Concert to be held at St. Edmunds Church, Holme Pierrepont featuring The Burnside Singers and Radcliffe on Trent Handbell Ringers. Ticket price includes a festive drink and mince pie. Join us in singing a selection of well known Carols!

For further information visit our website www.vitalise.org.uk or contact Caroline Kew Tel 0115 981 9632

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IMMOBILISE PROPERTY REGISTRATION SCHEME

Nottinghamshire Police is working in partnership with the Immobilise Property registration scheme. Registering your valuables with Immobilise means that if they are ever stolen, the Police will be able to return them to you if they are recovered. Like all police forces, they have access to the Immobilise database and actively check the database to see if property that they suspect is stolen has been registered by its rightful owner. If the Police know property is stolen they can prosecute the offenders and return your valuables to you. To register your property free of charge, visit the website www.immobilise.com

WILDLIFE NEWS

There have certainly been some great sightings recently at Attenborough. Amongst the waders there has been common sandpiper, greenshank, little ringed plover, dunlin, wood sandpiper, black tailed godwit, oystercatcher, green sandpiper, redshank, water rail and snipe plus up to 5 little egrets. The local ducks have been joined by both a garganey and a red-crested pochard while a Mediterranean gull dropped in on 18th August. Birds of prey have included hobby, kestrel and common buzzard plus a wonderful red kite on 17th August.

PLANNING RULES - IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR HOUSEHOLDER DEVELOPMENTS

As from 1 October there will be new rules in respect of the types of development that a householder can carry out without planning permission. These changes are intended to make it easier to improve a dwelling by relaxing planning controls on smaller extensions. It also introduces new controls over hard surfaces such as driveways, aimed at reducing water run-off which contributes to flooding. The changes will apply to any new development commenced from 1 October onwards and householders are advised to complete the Council's Householder Enquiry form to find out if permission is needed.

Planning permission will generally be required for the laying of an impermeable driveway or other hard surface of more than 5 square metres in front of a house. More information from Rushcliffe BC or at <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/genpub/en/1115315495577.html>

GRANTHAM CANAL

The Grantham Canal Partnership has been working for some time on a plan to link the canal to the River Trent. Recently emda funded a major study into the possible options. Scott Wilson has been appointed consultants to look at the area bounded by Gamston in the west, Radcliffe on Trent to the east, Cotgrave in the south and the river to the north and to identify a preferred route for the link.

KENNETH CLARKE MP

Your local MP is available for constituents at Rushcliffe House, 17-19 Rectory Road, West Bridgford NG2 6BE on Saturday 15th November. For an appointment 0115 981 7224 or office@rushcliffeconservatives.com

RESOURCES

Handyperson Services, some help around the home, free for some receiving benefits 0115 977 5351
Nottinghamshire CC one-stop-shop for the over 50's www.notts50plus.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

Member Resignation. Due to the resignation of Cllr. Ian Firth there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. Any resident interested in being co-opted to the Parish Council should contact the clerk

The council meets on the second Monday every month except August at 7.30 pm in Gamston Village Hall, one meeting, usually in September, is held in St Edmunds Church, Holme Pierrepont. The next three meetings are 13th October, 10th November and 8th December. Members of the public are always welcome to attend and time will be allowed to address the council on matters of local interest. Details of meetings are posted in the notice boards and on the web site at

www.holmepierrepontandgamstonpc.org.uk

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