

Holme Pierrepont Parish Council & Gamston

Parish News June 2009

CHAIRMAN RETIRES

Cllr Frank Thomas stepped down as Chairman of the Parish Council at this year's Annual Meeting.

In thanking the out going chairman Cllr. John Mason said; Frank Thomas joined the Parish Council in 1991 at a time when the building of the Gamston Estate was starting and David Wilson Homes had submitted a planning application for 107 dwellings off Ambleside. Frank succeeded Theo Kearton as Chairman in 1994, minutes from that meeting noted that the Director of Education had said there would not be a school at Gamston; the provision of a Community Centre was being discussed; the doctors were occupying a portacabin and there were 886 electors in Gamston and 405 in Holme Pierrepont. The following the month the Parish Council received a draft licence for the play area.

As Chairman Frank steered the council to successfully completing all these projects; in 1996 the play park opened, in 1999 the doctors moved into a new surgery and in 2001 the Pierrepont Gamston Primary School opened its doors, the Parish Council being a major player in fund raising and Frank realised his skill as Santa Claus (something Frank continues to this day)' and there are now over 2000 electors in the parish.

We are also grateful to Frank for bringing the art performances to the parish and for planting dozens of trees along Bassingfield Lane.

On a personal note John thanked Frank for helping him through his year as Vice Chairman. [HP&G](#)



Ambleside Pedestrian Crossing Petition

For a number of years the Parish Council has been campaigning for a pedestrian crossing on Ambleside near the Play Park. Meetings and letters to Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Department have received a negative response.

With the popularity of the Play Park, increased traffic including large lorries and buses using Ambleside there is a greater need than ever for this crossing which would also provide a safe link between the footpath running from Old Gamston Village to the footpath leading to the Grantham Canal.

Responding to requests from concerned residents, the Parish Council have decided to organise a petition to have a pedestrian crossing installed on Ambleside. When the names have been collected, the petition will be presented to Nottinghamshire Council by local Councillor Barry Cooper.

You can get involved and support the Parish Council by adding your name in any of the following ways: either fill in the insert enclosed with this newsletter and return to the clerk by post or put it in the new Parish Council letter box near the notice board on Ambleside, fill in the online petition at www.???? Or sign the petition at the Village Summer Fete on Saturday 27th June or the Gamston Play Day on Wednesday 19th August. HP&G

DON'T DELAY – DO IT TODAY

PIERREPONT GAMSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The school is proud to have gained two prestigious awards in recent months, International Schools Award and Healthy Schools Award. Both reflect our work with the children to deliver a curriculum which is appropriate to their needs and interests and helps to prepare them for a future as well-rounded individuals.

In terms of 'International Schools', this school has had a reciprocal partnership with a school in India for over three years, with teachers from each country visiting each other to share insights from each others culture and education system. Our children are always excited to be taught by visiting teachers from India, and earlier this year enjoyed making picture frames.



Over the past eighteen months we have also worked with a group of seven European schools, linking with teachers from France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Poland and Romania exploring a shared project on playground games. Children have been able to visit partner schools in Madrid and Satu

Mare where they visited local sights and joined in sports under the guidance of our staff and teachers from the local school. Latterly, this project concluded with a meeting held in the UK, jointly with Abbey Road Primary, where we were able to take our visitors to a reception at County Hall



and show them some traditional maypole dancing which our pupils had learnt.



With regard to 'Healthy Schools' we have massively expanded our involvement in sporting activity over the past months. Our summer term began with a 'Mini-Marathon' * in aid of Asthma UK which raised a magnificent £1,149. Every child in the school took part, and with the support and encouragement of parents ran distances appropriate to their age, some of them taking a course outside the school grounds. In total, our 200 pupils completed over 100 miles, a

distance equal to four marathons. There are also occasions when we are invited to special events, and one recently was the launch of the new facilities at the National Watersports Centre. Here our pupils had the chance to sample a wide range of water-based activities and the raft-building was especially popular. * Now we are in the season of inter-school tournaments and are proud to have won the first of these competitions, bringing home the Kwik Cricket trophy.

Our school Summer Fair is on Saturday 20th June, when we hope to welcome lots of visitors and friends, and the event will include a chance to see our maypole dancers putting on a display. [HP&G](#)

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 13th July in St Edmunds Church, Holme Pierrepont. The council does not normally meet in August and the first meeting after the summer will be 14th September in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend meetings and time will be made available to address the council on matters of local importance. [HP&G](#)

POST BOXES

Small post boxes are to be installed at various key locations in the parish, if you wish to contact the Parish Council by letter or respond to a consultation or petition post into one of the boxes and we will do the rest. Locations have yet to be finalised but look out for them near our notice boards. [HP&G](#)

LAG Meeting

Come and meet your local Neighbourhood Policing Team on:
Thursday 9th July 2009 @ The Gamston Village Hall,
Gamston for the Local Area Group meeting. A chance to express your concerns about the area you live in. Call us on:
PC 2344 Steve LEEK Tel: 0784947053 or 0115 9455999 ext 6145

PCSO 7424 Tony DAVIES Tel: 07982468783 or 0115 9455999 ext 6145 [HP&G](#)

VILLAGE HALL

The village hall is available for hire and is suitable for a wide range of activities on a regular or ad hoc basis, for further information mandy.b@dsl.pipex.com or 0115 981 5110 [HP&G](#)

SUMMER FETE

This year's Gamston Village Summer Fete will take place on Saturday 27th June. The main event runs from 12noon to 4pm with a range of stalls and activities suitable for all ages, including an inflatable slide, a clown striker, hook-a-duck, teddy tombola and a cash prize raffle. As usual there will be children's races at 3pm (and possibly adult ones too!!). A variety of refreshments will be on offer: a BBQ, teas coffees and cakes, pop & sweets plus a licensed bar selling real ale, lager and wines which will stay open until 10pm. Entrance is free for under 16s and cost just £1 for adults, so come and join us on what will hopefully be a warm, sunny and enjoyable day.

The Ambleside petition requesting road safety improvements will be available for signing

THE TRAGICAL HISTORY OF DR FAUSTUS

Performed by Third Party Productions at Pierrepont Gamston School on Friday 22nd May 2009

Christopher Marlowe's play is the story of an insatiable intellectual who, having mastered all the academic disciplines of his age, turns to black magic, rejects God and sells his soul to the Devil for twenty four years of magic power.

In this play is some of the most popular dramatic verse ever written and the players had managed to find some rather brilliant comedy to go with it. So, the audience was presented with a refreshing new take on an old story covering the seven deadly sins. It was beautifully acted by the three players and some of the effects were magical in both senses of the word! The audience were really appreciative with much animated conversation after the performance. An evening well spent! HP&G

EVENTS AT HOLME PIERREPONT

St Edmund's Church Holme Pierrepont - Saturday 13th June 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Piano music by Bach, Chopin and Brahms Performed by the Musicians from the Welsh Royal College of Music and Drama. Admission Free

Holme Pierrepont Hall - Sunday 28th June at 2.30 p.m.

A celebration of the anniversaries of Handel and Purcell performed by Musica Donum Dei.

Tickets £12.50 (children under 16 free) to include wine or fruit juice, strawberries and access to the gardens, available from Classical CD 0115 9483832 HP&G

GAMSTON PLAY DAY

It's halfway through the long summer holidays and the children are beginning to get bored.

What we can we do that's DIFFERENT, LOCAL and FREE?

Wednesday 19th August 2009, 12.00 noon until 4.00pm

at the Play Park, Ambleside, Gamston is a date for YOUR diary.

The Parish Council have lined up a range of attractions suitable for children up to the age of 16 years at this FREE event including: the climbing wall, circus skills, balloon modelling, face painting, a boccia workshop and Morrison's Challenge.

The event is part of Trent Fm Thunders Summer Tour, so come along and see the Thunder Vehicles, meet the crew and hear the Trent Fm Sound.

Further attractions to be announced.

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