

HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Special Points of Interest:

- Protecting the Green belt, update on our petition
- Ambleside Road Safety Petition
- Events This Month in the Parish
- Contact Information

Bull, Boulders and Basketball at Play Park

The Parish Council is proud to announce that the installation of new equipment for older children at the Play Park on Ambleside has been completed.

Monday 21st September was an exciting day when the 45 tonne crane turned up to lift the Leicestershire granite boulders into place. The surrounding wetpour was laid and the equipment ready for use by the end of that week. The renovation of the football area with two new multisports goalmouths, all weather surface and leanback seats was eagerly awaited by the young-

sters and was in use as soon as the workmen had finished. Finally the sculptures were installed. The bull, which represents the agricultural heritage of the area is made from a 200 year old piece of oak from Keddleston Hall and weighs over 1 ton. The oak dragonfly seat represents the Grantham Canal and River Trent and the mushrooms the flora and fauna of the area. Holme Pierrepont and Gams-ton would like to thank Councilors Mike Hemsley, Barrie Cooper and Kay Cutts, Rush-cliffe Borough Council and PlayBuilder for their grants

and funding towards the costs of this project.



Gamston Green Belt Petition Over 2,500 Signatures and still counting

The Parish Council have had an amazing response to their petition to Save the Gamston Green Belt and Saying No to 3500 + houses and Stadium. Launched at the beginning of November, copies of the completed petition forms with over 2,200 names have now been sent to Lord Treisman, chairman of the England 2018 / 2022 bid team. The successful bids will be announced on December 15th? But that is not the end of the petition and adding signatures. A proposal which includes the Gamston Stadium

and 4500 houses at Tollerton has been submitted to Rush-cliffe Borough Council for consideration to be included in the core strategy. With the announcement of the recommendations by the Local Development Framework Committee of Rushcliffe Borough Council due in January 2010, the Parish Council intend to present copies of the all the petition forms to the Council. If you have not signed the petition already we urge you to support us and do so as soon as possible. Petition forms can be downloaded

from the Parish Council website www.holmepierrepontandgamstonpc.org.uk.

To all those people we have spoken to and signed the petition, thank you for your support and good wishes. The Parish Council will continue to oppose this proposal in the Gamston Green Belt. The maps in the centre of the Newsletter show the frightening extent of the proposed development.

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Ambleside Road Safety Petition

Cllr Barrie Cooper presented our petition with over 500 signatures to the County Council at the meeting on 24th September. The County Council cabinet member responsible has now responded to the petition as follows; "Whilst the 2009/10 crossings programme is fully committed, this location will be reviewed and considered for 2010/11 and

future years programme. This review will take into account the strong community desire for a crossing as well as issues such as existing and potential demand, accessibility, traffic flows and accidents along with site conditions".

Environmental Play Day Success

The Play Park on Ambleside was bathed in late autumn sunshine for the first Gamston Environmental Play Day. Play workers from Nottinghamshire County Council joined members of Sure Start and Rushcliffe Play Forum to provide various crafts including making owl bird feeders and bats whilst those who wanted messier play there was the sand and soil pits, clay boggits and the geodome. Andy Harris and his team from the Church at Gamston came along and provided a tasty spiced apple drink made from a secret recipe. Feedback from over 100 children, parents and grandparents who attended the event voted it a great success and would like to see it repeated next year.

Gamston Tree Fest

At dusk there was a lantern parade

You may have noticed the decorated Christmas tree in front of the Play Park on Ambleside. Following the success of the Summer Play Day and the Environment Play Event the Parish Council once again teamed up with Nottinghamshire County Council play workers, The Church at Gamston and members of Sure Start and Rushcliffe Play Forum for the Gamston Tree Fest. Chil-

dren and their parents spent the afternoon making imaginative, colourful decorations for the tree. At dusk there was a lantern parade to the Play Park where the children decorated the tree to the background of the Carlton Brass Training Band playing Christmas music. Then it was back to Gamston Village Hall to sing Christmas carols accompanied by the

band and a cup of mulled wine or hot chocolate.

A Performance of The Sorcerer's Apprentice

On Tuesday 20th October 2009 at the Pierrepont Gamston School, the audience of children and adults watched Mark Pitman of Garlic Theatre; take us through the story of The Sorcerer's Apprentice, using puppetry, mime and a dash of magic.

The performance was received with wonder and awe. The children thought it was entertaining, amusing and lively, with a perfect combination of puppetry and music. After the show, Mark Pitman the puppeteer, gave an explanation of how the magic was done, but without revealing secrets of the Magic Circle!

The next performance will be

[Peach Boy: The Adventures of Momotaro](#)

Thursday 21st January 2010 at 7.00pm

When a washerwoman goes down to the riverbank, she sees a giant peach bobbing towards her! When she takes it home out pops a baby boy with superhuman powers. So starts the incredible story of Momotaro - the Peach Boy, and his struggle to find his place in a world that no longer believes in heroes. Accompanied by Dog, Pheasant and Monkey (and his mother's miraculous dump-

lings) they must go on a quest to save the village from the dastardly demons and marvellous monsters. This new production promises to delight audiences of all ages with its wonderful range of characters, fusion of puppetry and live performance, movement and design, all inspired by the East. 'Peach Boy' is a thrilling epic of growing up, idealism, friendship, daring deeds and comic misadventures. Suitable for families aged 6+ Tickets available from Pierrepont Gamston Primary School Telephone 0115 9819292

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The Bells! The Bells!

St Edmund's bells rededicated

Following a survey on the bells at St Edmund's Parish Church Holme Pierrepont, it was found that the bell frame was becoming unsafe. Fundraising then began to raise the £33,000 needed to replace the frame, retune the bells and to install a new Ringing Gallery.

The work was finally completed in November and on Sunday 22nd November 2009, a Service of Re-dedication of the bells was led by The Right Revd. Anthony Porter, Bishop of Sherwood. The service was graced with the presence of the High

Sheriff, the Mayor of Rushcliffe, County Councillor Kay Cutts, Parish Councillors, the Chairman of the Southwell & Nottingham Guild of Bell Ringers and a congregation of 150. During the Re-dedication and also at the end of the service, the refurbished bells rang out.

At the conclusion of the formalities, a buffet and wine was enjoyed by all those present.

Newsletter Editor

The Parish Council is looking for help in producing the newsletter and would welcome hearing from anybody who has experience of producing a newsletter or editing. The newsletter is produced 5 or 6 times a year but this could be increased if help was available. Anyone interested should talk to any councillor or contact the clerk

Gamston Bonfire Party

This year's Bonfire Party took place on the evening of 7th November on Gamston village green. Gates opened at 5pm and a steady trickle of spectators quickly turned into a very large crowd as people poured in to see the Guy Fawkes engulfed by flames when the fire was lit at 5.45pm and enjoy five separate display boxes of fireworks. The evening had record numbers of attendees and was a huge success, with both bar and BBQ completely selling out.

Holme Pierrepont, St Edmund's Church

6th December at 4.30 pm
Christingle Service
13th December at 6.30 pm
Nine Lessons and Carols
followed by mince pies & coffee
24th December at 6.30 pm
Christmas Eve
Holy Communion
25th December at 10.30 pm
Christmas Day
Holy Communion

Holme Pierrepont Hall

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'The Holly and the Ivy'

Music from Christmas Past. Traditional carols, concertos and other seasonal delights! 2.30 pm & 6.00 pm, Sunday 13th December 2009. Tickets £15 (reserved front row) and £12.50 (unreserved), children free - to include mulled wine/orange juice and mince pies. Tickets from Classical CD 0115 9483832

Village Hall Event

Christmas Carols in the Village Hall: Gamston Church and Gamston Village Hall Committee invite you to join them for festive refreshments and carol singing on Monday 21st December from 7.00 pm.

The Church at Gamston Services for December 2009

Services start at 10.00am and are at the Community Centre unless otherwise stated
6th December
Marin Blyth/Rosie Farrow-Morning worship

13th December
Bob Weir
Morning worship

20th Dec
Janet Tanner
Nativity

25th Dec Worship at West Bridgford Methodist Church 10.30

27th Dec Worship at West Bridgford Methodist Church 10.30

SPECIAL EVENTS
21st December
Carols by Candlelight
Village Hall at 7.00pm

24th December
Christingle
Community Centre at 4.00pm

*Christmas carols
21st December*

Pierrepont Gamston School, Coledale

The Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 12th December between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm. There will be refreshments available, tombolas, raffle, Christmas auctions, Face Painting, Crafts, santa's Grotto, Books and Toys, Fun and Games. Everyone welcome.

Our Partners

The Parish Council is very grateful to all our partners for their help and encouragement in putting on a number of events during the year, most notably Gamston Play Day, The Environment Day and the TreeFest. Without the support of the County Council, Rushcliffe BC, Rushcliffe Play Forum, Sure Start and the Church at Gamston the events would not have been possible. We would also like to thank out County and Borough councillors for their support and financial help during the year

Tollerton Airport

Conditional planning consent has been given to develop Tollerton Airport. The scheme involves redevelopment for up to 28,600 square metres of B1 enterprise park, the airport control tower with ancillary facilities, dining and meeting rooms; energy centre; associated access, parking, landscaping and infrastructure works and off site highway improvements. Further details are available on the Rushcliffe BC web site quoting planning reference 08/00653/OUT

Sherwood Foresters Western Front Memorial

Councillor Mrs Diane Kidger and her husband David represented the Parish Council at the unveiling of the Sherwood Foresters Western Front Memorial on Saturday 24th October at Tyne Cot in the Ypres Salient, Belgium by the Lords Lieutenants of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. The Parish Council recently made a small donation to the appeal fund and were very pleased to be able to help.

The Radcliffe & District Twinning Association

The Birthday Visit to Bussy-St-Georges was a fantastic success! The 10th birthday of the twinning with Bussy was celebrated in style and our French friends laid on a tremendous programme of events which included - a formal buffet meal with the Mayor complete with "Moulin Rouge" style entertainment, a treasure hunt through Paris, a boat trip up the Seine and finally, a delightful, intimate evening meal in Montmartre.

Presents were exchanged and everyone had a great time. New friends were made and old friendships renewed. Photographs of the visit have been posted on the website, <http://www.radcliffe-twinning.org.uk>. Further information from jry-croft@ntlworld.com.

Damage to notice board, post box

The parish is relatively free from vandalism but just recently a notice board at the Play Park was uprooted and the Parish Council letter box on Ambleside forced open and made unusable. Both these items will be replaced but you are asked to please report any suspicious behaviour to the police or Crimestoppers

"Say NO" poster

The last newsletter included a centre page poster and we would like to thank everyone who displayed this poster in their window or garden. We know from the feedback and requests for further information that we have received from local radio and newspapers that these posters had a tremendous impact, thank you all for your support.

Have Your Say

The next LAG meeting will be on Thursday 14th January in the Village Hall. This is your opportunity to talk to the local police and PCSO's about local policing and crime issues of importance to you. For more details watch the notice boards and the council's web site nearer the time.

Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and prosperous and peaceful New Year.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be 14th December in the Village Hall at 7.00 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. January's meeting will be on Monday 11th. A schedule of meetings, agenda and minutes of all Parish Council meetings can be found on the web site

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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.

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