



# PARISH NEWS



Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council

October 2010

## Steve Stafford Takes On New Role As Head Teacher for Pierrepont Gamston Primary School

*"As the new Head Teacher embarking on what I hope will be a very rewarding and successful time for both me and the school, I would like to thank everyone at Pierrepont Gamston Primary School and in the local community for the warmth of their welcome.*

*I am a practising Christian who grew up attending church schools in Southwell, and I know the importance of the core values which the school holds.*

*It is key for me that people feel the school is like a family where everyone cares about each other and where children are able to achieve success in a happy and secure environment. Educating and inspiring the next generation is not only one of the most important and rewarding jobs but it is also one of collaboration in which everyone plays a role.*

*Pierrepont Gamston Primary School has everything going for it; a very strong staff team, lovely children and supportive parents. Our school is already a wonderful place to be and I relish the challenge of building on its success and also forging even closer links with the local community."*



Steve Stafford with pupils at Pierrepont Gamston Primary School

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## Rebuilding Gamston Village Hall *Have Your Say*

The Parish Council is embarking on a plan to rebuild Gamston village hall and invites you to have your say on this exciting project.

The present village hall, formerly a cricket pavilion in West Bridgford, was originally moved to a field near Gamston in the 1930s. During World War II villagers tired of walking down the unlit lane to the village hall and so it was moved to its present site in the centre of Gamston village.

We feel now is the time to replace it on the same site, with a building of similar size built to meet the needs of local people and 21<sup>st</sup> century energy and environmental standards.

Our plan begins with a consultation of residents in the Parish and present users of the village hall. You will find the consultation form inside this newsletter and we urge everyone to fill it in and return it to the Clerk by 10<sup>th</sup> October. Alternatively you can fill in the form on our website at [www.holmepierrepontandgamstonpc.org.uk](http://www.holmepierrepontandgamstonpc.org.uk).

**Find your consultation form inside this newsletter!**

The results, once analysed, will be published in a future issue of Parish News .

**Census Day  
27<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

The Office for National Statistics (ONS), which carries out the census, is trying to engage with as much of the population as possible to show how important it is to complete and return the census form.

Census statistics are vital to help plan for the future; they provide accurate information on numbers of people, where they live, their characteristics and their needs.

This all helps government decide the allocation of resources to public services so that both central and local government are able to plan local services, including education, healthcare and transport.

If you want any further information regarding the 2011 Census, go to [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk). Information about 2011 census recruitment can be found at [www.censusjobs.co.uk](http://www.censusjobs.co.uk).

**Date of Next  
Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 11th October at 7.30pm in the village hall, Old Tollerton Road, Gamston.

The November meeting will be on the 8th at the same venue. Residents of the Parish attending the meeting will be invited to address the Council between 7.30pm and 7.45pm subject to the current rules of the Parish Council.

**Problems with Roads or Lighting  
within the Rushcliffe area?**

To report a:

- ⇒ pothole
- ⇒ faulty street light or traffic lights
- ⇒ drainage or flooding problem
- ⇒ excessive weed or plant growth, or an overhanging tree
- ⇒ damaged or uneven pavement
- ⇒ problem with a bridge

visit the County Council's website at: [http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/traffic\\_and\\_travel/roads/highwaydefect.htm](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/traffic_and_travel/roads/highwaydefect.htm).

The Highways Office will investigate the problem and take any necessary action. Alternatively you can report the fault or problem on tel: 08449 80 80 80.

The **A46 and A1 Trunk Road, M1, A52 and A453** are the responsibility of Aone+ - please telephone them directly on **tel: 0844 372 8381**.

**Budget Advert**

Get your message across to 1200 homes in the Parish for only **£25.00**.

For your business card to appear in the next issue of our newsletter, contact the Clerk on 0115 983 0231.

**A New Seat for St Edmund's Church**



Margaret Left, a bell-ringer at St Edmund's and also a resident in Gamston, gives the seat a trial run!

St Edmund's Church has proudly acquired a brand new seat. Earlier this year a County Council Initiative offered every Parish Council either a seat or a noticeboard, and the decision was made to accept a seat for the churchyard at Holme Pierrepont.

The new wooden seat has been placed at the back of the church, with a tranquil view over the churchyard. From here one can sit, reflect or remember.

No news yet from the City Council on the location of the proposed football stadium.

We'll continue to press for information and keep you posted!

### Summer Play Day Success

A large turnout of local families enjoyed this year’s activities at the Play Park on Ambleside. Rushcliffe Play Forum had a very popular musical crafts table whilst the New Youth Theatre held lively dance workshops. Rushcliffe Borough Council supported the event with the climbing wall, circus skills and balloon modelling, Sure Start were face painting, Nottinghamshire County Council Play Workers were kept on their toes with the messy play area and the Church at Gamston provided refreshing drinks.

The Junior Fun Dog Show, supported by Pedigree Wholesale, proved a difficult task for judges Rita Harbury-Carlisle of Nottingham Pet Crematorium, Rushcliffe Borough Council Dog Warden Colin Offland and the Mayor of Rushcliffe, Mrs Marie Males. The Parish Council donated the entry fees from the Fun Dog Show to the Mayor’s charity, The Ear Foundation. This, along with a donation from Coronato Bros Ice Cream, totalled £80.

The Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Mike Hemsley for his support for this event.



Fun Dog Show



The Mayor & Cllr Barrie



Trying out our circus skills and having fun!

### Fun with Friends at Gamston Toddler Groups

Our new TODDLERS PLUS toddler groups started on 17<sup>th</sup> September and have so far been thoroughly enjoyed by the parents, carers and children who have come along. Aimed at babies and pre-schoolers, the groups are held in the Gamston village hall which provides a small, safe environment for playing with the various toys and activities on offer. There is also a large outside space for energetic play and plenty of opportunity to get to know other children and parents in Gamston.

TODDLERS PLUS is a joint venture by the Parish Council, the Church at Gamston and Sure Start. We are groups committed to working for families in Gamston. It has been great fun to build on from our experiences in providing Play Days at the Park and to work together during the Spring and Summer to find a venue, funding and support for toddlers, parents and carers.

Because of the limited space at the village hall, each session can only accommodate up to 7 families. This means that your weekly slot will need to be pre-booked at the beginning of each term. For more information and to enquire about a space for your family, please contact:

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