

Newton Matters!

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The Newsletter of The Newton on Ouse Parish Council

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

These are uncertain times. Nationally, the uncertainties are all too clear. Locally too, there remains uncertainty about the future of our close neighbour, the RAF base in Linton. Wendy and I had the privilege recently to attend what will be the last Annual Reception and Sunset Flyover at the Base, and it was a moving occasion as the band of the RAF College played and four tucanos flew low over

the base, symbolising the end of an era. Closer to home there remains much uncertainty as to how to provide the most useful community facilities for the village, and I know many of you have filled in a questionnaire setting out your views. The Parish Council will be ready to support the trustees of the Parish Hall and the Playing Field as they discuss and develop plans for the future.

Some things are certain, of course. The magnificent new roof on the Church should protect this beautiful building for many years to come. And some issues remain high on the Parish Council despite much effort over recent years: the state of the roads through the village; the speed of the traffic; and the horrific accidents that occur all too frequently at the junction by Brickyards Cottages. As ever, the Parish Council welcomes your views on these and other matters of concern.

DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator is now in position by the entrance to the Parish Hall, and training has been given to all who requested it. At an official presentation on 23 August, Tim Key, chair of the Parish Council, thanked Ray Evans, chair of the Easingwold Lions, for their contribution towards the provision of the defibrillator.



PARISH HALL NEWS

Firstly, thank you to all who completed the community questionnaire which is now being analysed by an independent agency. Once the results have been finalised and returned to the Parish Hall Committee a further consultation will take place as to the future plans for a community centre, with the opportunity for everyone to take part in the discussions

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Wow, what a great evening we had at the Ladies Night on 18 July. Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up the hall, for making the excellent choice of canapes, for assisting on the night and for providing an exciting choice of prizes for the raffle. "Hearts" of Easingwold brought an extensive and tempting range of fashions which were modelled by a group of fun and cheeky ladies! The prosecco flowed and everyone had a great time raising an overall profit of £610.



PLAYING FIELD NEWS *...it's all kicking off!*

As autumn comes the football season starts and we have two resident teams who play most weekends, so you can come and enjoy a game of football live! Absolutely free!

Halloween... as darkness falls prepare to be scared - very scared. Halloween is almost upon us and the spirits are already stirring. Watch out for details of the night of nights and start planning your costume and make up. Christmas will soon be here, so get ready for the children's party! It will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday 20 December from 7.00pm til 9.30 pm with tickets costing £5 per child. Included in the price - pizza, a chocolate fountain, music and games. There will also be a special visit from Santa who is taking time out from his busy schedule to give the children a present

The next Playing Field Meeting is scheduled for 23rd October. Please come along if you would like to see what we do. Contact: Steve Calvert 848452



Running for Charity

Congratulations to Councillor Lesley Devlin and her partner Mark Dickinson who took part in the York 10K run on 4th August, starting and finishing on the Knavesmire. They completed the course in 1hr, 1min and 28secs, and 1hr 10min and 31secs respectively each raising £300 for their charities, MIND and Sepsis research. Well done.

Church Matters

Hasn't it been a glorious Summer, not least because of the wonderful sunshine with which we have been blessed, but our Safari Supper in June raised an amazing £554 so thanks to all who took part! As many residents will have noticed All Saints is finally seeing the fruits of its fundraising labours as the roof restoration work reaches completion and we hope to start on the consequential plaster repairs inside the church in the coming weeks. We would like to thank everyone for their continuing support and for Linton Village Hall for use of their facilities for all our services in the interim.

We have recently introduced a monthly 'Messy Church', which was a huge success, and not just for



our younger parishioners! Everyone got involved with potato painting and crafting and generally getting sticky! Future 'Messy Church' days will be held on the second Sunday of each month at 11am at Linton Village Hall, so come along with your little ones and get messy together!

For the first time All Saints marked National Baby Loss Awareness Week with a special Wave of Light Service on 15th October.

A special collection was held in support of the Petals Charity which provides bereavement counselling for parents. Also coming up, the Annual Gift Day will be hosted at Wyverns in Newton on 2nd November. And Christmas will soon be upon us with the usual Christmas services and our popular Christingle with Nativity. Looking forward to getting everyone involved in this special service on Christmas Eve.

The church relies upon a dedicated group of volunteers to assist with its day to day running. If you have some spare time and would like to be involved to assist with such jobs as cutting the grass, please contact a church warden to offer your help.



The Carnival is Over

On 30 June, the Newton Singers gave their final concert to a Parish Hall bursting at the seams.

It was an emotional evening, both sad and joyous at the same time. Sad because the choir was disbanding after almost 40 years, and joyous because it was one of our best performances to our most appreciative audience of family and friends.

We would like to thank everyone for their support over all this time with special mention to Les Bresnen, our long-suffering musical director for the last 25 years, and to David Theakston for his very kind tribute to the choir at the close of the show.

We hope that you all enjoyed the evening.



Allotment Open Day

Very many thanks to all involved for what turned out to be a very successful Open Day. After all the beavering away in readiness for the event the site looked good. The rain kept off (except for one short, sharp shower) and there were plenty of visitors, some of whom had never visited the site before. There was an impressive display of produce and flowers, and sales went well.

The Bradam Cup was judged this year by Dave Appleby, a resident of the village and a keen gardener and horticulturist.

1st place: Plot 6 (Mick Rawling)
2nd place: Plots 7B and 18A (Mick and Sue Chadwick)
3rd place: Plot 3 (Jennifer Ascough)



In addition to the official judging of plots Mick Rawling also organised a visitors' vote which was won by Mick and Sue Chadwick who are awarded a bottle of bubbly. The raffle was won by Stuart Cassidy.

Well done, Stuart. A just reward for all your input and impressive contribution to the produce stall. Particular thanks are due to the Chairman, Mick Rawlings, who spent many hours mowing the allotment paths and putting up the gazebo which kept off the rain and provided much-needed shelter from the brisk wind.

Thanks also go to those who baked cakes or took on special tasks during the afternoon. The refreshments

were appreciated by all, and the home baking which remained at the end of the day was sold (at a good price) to boost our funds still further.

Thanks particularly to Sue Chadwick who could not be present on the day owing to a previous commitment, but who put together a lovely hamper of produce to raffle. This turned out to be a brilliant idea... it seems that very few folks can resist those tickets, and the money rolled in! Something to remember for another year. At the end of the afternoon a concerted effort ensured that the packing up was done in record time. All in all, a good team effort.

The Government has made a commitment to provide every home and business in the UK with access to a basic broadband service so that browsing the web and keeping in touch with families and friends is easier. The Better Broadband Scheme has been extended for a further year until 31st December 2019, ensuring that a subsidised basic broadband installation remains available to eligible applicants. If you currently experience broadband speeds

of less than 2 Megabits per second (Mbps), the Better Broadband Voucher Scheme may be able to help you access a basic broadband service that will offer download speeds of at least 10 Mbps. The Better Broadband Voucher Scheme, developed by the UK government, provides a voucher worth up to £350 for basic broadband installation to homes and businesses that will not benefit from superfast broadband. <https://basicbroadband.culture.gov.uk/>

--- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ---

Thursday 31 October at 6.00pm: Halloween Party in the Parish Hall

Thursday 5 November from 6.30pm: Firework Night on Newton Landing

Saturday 30 November from 10.00am – 4.00pm: Christmas Fayre in the Parish Hall

Thursday 12 December at 7.30pm: Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Hall

Friday 20 December at 7.00pm: Children's Christmas Party in the Parish Hall

Friday 3 January 2020 at 7.00pm: Pantomime – Mother Goose in the Parish Hall

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