

Humbleton & Flinton Parish Newsletter

February 2015

Parish Council News

The Parish Council meeting was held on 5 February at Maple Garage at 7pm, with two residents in attendance. All Councillors bar one were present.

Concern was raised about the bridle path between Lelley and Maple Garage and who was responsible for maintaining.

ERYC are evaluating what action can be taken about the footpath along the road from the Old School to the MUGA, known as the 'trod' – currently finances do not allow for this to be tarmac. All the work identified in the bi-annual walk about with ERYC has been completed however the general works have yet to be planned. This includes a solution for the erosion of the corner near the MUGA. The request for a 'Children' notice near the bus stop has been rejected as we do not have a school or playground. The missing brown cycle loop sign has been reported as damaged and missing to ERYC and should be replaced in April.

Concerns about the dyke in Flinton near Fairfield House were discussed and are to be raised directly with ERYC about a solution especially due to the nature of the waste in the dyke.

The maintenance schedule was on track, however additional work was highlighted as required in the church yard regarding spraying the briar.

Hérons Trust has not had a trustees meeting and so no update could be provided, however the MUGA has had higher fencing installed and is replacing the tennis net.

Dog fouling is a constant issue – please can all dog owners act responsibly and clean up after their pet.

Full planning permission is being sought by Rathlin Energy (UK) Ltd for a temporary well site at West Newton B. The application was discussed and resolved to support the application whilst noting our concerns that industrialisation of our countryside continues apace.

Humberside Police crime reports have been quiet with little crime in our villages except for the theft of red diesel in Humbleton.

The Humbleton phone box is to be adopted by the parish and plans are to install a defibrillator, with the aid of grant funding. Consideration to whether Flinton phone box could also be adopted and used is to be requested from ERYC.

West Newton Rathlin residents committee, unfortunately one of our representatives has had to withdraw and so we looking for an additional resident to attend meetings and feedback to the parish – is anyone willing to assist?

The cost of the RAF WW2 memorial is currently prohibitively expensive, and so alternative solutions are being explored.

The next meeting is 28 May 2015 at Maple Garage at 7pm and includes the Annual General Meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch

We are very lucky to live in a relatively crime free parish – but unfortunately we have to be wary of strange phone calls and cold callers, in particular those people who cruelly prey on our elderly or more vulnerable residents.

Farm watch continues to provide support in our area providing assistance to the police in targeting those who intend to steal from our local farmers.

Making our neighbourhood safer is partly about increasing security but it is also about reducing the incentive to commit crime. Remember to keep valuables out of sight in your car, even when in your drive, and ensure your sheds and garages are locked.

West Newton Residents Liaison

As mentioned at the Parish Council, unfortunately one of our residents has had to withdraw from the liaison committee and so we are looking for a replacement. This involves attending meetings with Rathlin Energy to ensure the residents are kept up to date with events as they occur at the construction site. This is a dual-role in that you need to be able to feed back to the parish about what is discussed (using the newsletter if appropriate) and to ensure residents views are fed back to the committee.

Are you willing and able to assist us by joining as our representative?

Parish Council Elections

The Parish Council Elections will take place at the same time as the General Election. If you have a strong interest in helping retain our community spirit and sense of identity, you are urged to consider putting your name forward for the Parish Council.

If more people stand for election than seats, there will be a contested election. If the same number of people stand for election as seats, or less stand for election, those standing will be elected unopposed. A contested election gives parishioners a chance to choose their Parish Councillors. This is fair and democratic. Please give this serious consideration.

Ditches, drains & hedges

Ditches, drains and hedges: Please be reminded that the maintenance of ditches, drains and hedges is the responsibility of the landowner. If your property has a public right of way (footway/footpath/public right of way) adjacent, you are responsible for maintaining any ditch or hedge which borders your property.

If you are unable to carry out maintenance work to either a boundary hedge or ditch yourself, please contact me for contractor details.

Parliamentary Elections

I'm sure you'll have noticed the increased media coverage about the political parties – and this will get more intense as we get nearer to 7 May and the elections.

However have you checked that you are on the electoral register and are eligible to vote – in particular if you have a young adult recently turned 18 or have recently moved into our parish – please ensure you are on the register – contact ERYC to get your details added – so that you can vote at the forthcoming election.

Friends of Humbleton

Following the notes in the last newsletter, we have started the process about replacing the 'temporary' tree with a more permanent fixture – and are awaiting ERYC comments. We are also in discussion about the type of tree to plant – current suggestion is a Korean Spruce – if anyone has any knowledge about how or where to source a tree from – please get in touch.

We are hopeful that the marquee can be repaired and any damaged poles replaced before the Family Fun Day event.

Our next meeting will be after Easter to discuss the Family Fun Day in July – talk to Helena, Kathryn, Vicky, Angela, Mally or Vanessa if you want to get involved. The date has not yet been confirmed but we look forward to seeing you.

Poppy Selling Volunteers – help needed please

Help is needed – Mary has for many years sold poppies in Humbleton but has finally decided to hang up her collection box, but is looking for someone to fill her shoes. Ideally 2 volunteers – one for each village would be appreciated – please contact Mary on 01964 670834.

Church Notes

Services

Our usual Sunday services are at 10am on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, and at 11.30am on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Special services for Lent and Easter in the Humbleton, Elstronwick and Burton Pidsea group are as follows:

15 March - 11.30am Mothering Sunday service at Humbleton

29 March - 10.30am Palm Sunday service with procession at Burton Pidsea

Good Friday - 10am Good Friday Family Service with assembling Easter Garden at Burton Pidsea

Good Friday - 2pm An hour at the Cross at Elstronwick Church

Easter Sunday - 8.30am Holy Communion at Elstronwick Church

Easter Sunday - 10am Holy Communion at Burton Pidsea Church

Activities

Fund raising activities - we always need to plan some fund raising activities as we find it hard to cover the costs of keeping the church open for the benefit of the village.

4th May - May Day Tea party at Humbleton Church

28th August - Elvis at Humbleton Church

25th September - 10-12 Macmillan Coffee Morning Humbleton Church

4th October - Harvest lunch at Humbleton Church, followed by Songs of Praise

Calendar of Events

Monday 4 May

Thursday 7 May

Thursday 28 May

Sunday 12 July

Thursday 13 August

Friday 28 August

Friday 25 September

Sunday 4 October

May Day Tea party at Humbleton Church

General Election

AGM & Parish Council Meeting at Maple Garage

Family Fun Day (to be confirmed)

Parish Council Meeting

Elvis at Humbleton Church

10 – 12 Macmillan Coffee morning at Humbleton Church

Harvest lunch at Humbleton Church

Please check the notice board as the Parish Council meetings can change date.

Heron's Educational Foundation

The Foundation (locally known as Heron's Trust) is an educational charity derived in the 1800's for the 'Education both physical and mental of the poor children of the Parish' from the will of Francis Heron.

What is now known as the Old School in Humbleton was built for this purpose. Now the children are not educated in the village, the trust continues to help support the young people from the villages of Flinton, Fitling and Humbleton by giving grants to children on starting school, entering secondary education, going onto Further or Higher Education. There has also been one off grants for various needs deemed eligible by the trustees.

If you know someone in any of these categories, send a letter of request to Mrs Fay Crawforth, Cold Harbour Farm, Fitling, Burton Pidsea, Hull, HU12 9AG.

Heron's are still working on the replacement of the Old School, but is struggling with finding the funding to be able to move the project forward. The planning application for the new community building was approved in 2011 and little progress has been made due to limited sources of funding and limited knowledge of how to tap into such funding.

February in Our Countryside by Harry Buck

Yes February already, this month so far seems to be a bit of a waiting game – waiting for the land to get a bit drier, waiting to be able to do jobs in the garden, but then the old saying reads "February fill duke, March muck it out".

It's always good on the nice weather days to hear the spring bird song and see how the daylight improves at both ends of the day.

Once again the snowdrops and daffodils are coming along nicely – let's hope the frosts we've had have done a bit to kill off some of the slugs and grubs etc.

One interesting thing to see is how busy the moles have been, especially along the road sides – this tells us two things as that's where the worms are easier to get at which makes up most of the moles' feed, and also how much easier it will be for the moles to dig among the very good soil of most of the road sides.

Recently I saw a Buzzard perched on the top of a tall pole – it looked very elegant and sedate – just waiting to make a swift pounce on some creature down below.

Big flocks of wood pigeons (stoggies) are easy to see at the end of each day when they roost in the woodlands and then fly off the next morning. These birds are one of the species which seem to be thriving, whilst others are dwindling.

Keep well, Keep laughing!

If anyone has any events or information to add for future issues – let Vanessa know. If anyone has anything to be included please give to Vanessa at Springfields.