



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER FROM INGLEBY ARNCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL



Our Village Hall

pictured looking splendid ready for the New Year's Eve Party, after much hard work by the ladies of the Social Committee.

The hall is available to hire for special events by contacting the caretaker, Ian Heseltine, on (01609)882861 or 07773844427.



Happy New Year to you all from Ingleby Arncliffe and Swainby and Potto schools.



Some important decisions were made last term which affect our schools and the communities they serve.

On 23rd November 2016 two difficult decisions were taken by the Governing Body of the Mount Grace Federation.

The first decision was that the Mount Grace Federation would be dissolved on 3rd January 2017. This means that Osmotherley, Ingleby Arncliffe and Swainby and Potto schools have now ceased to act as a single organisational structure and have become non-federated schools once again with separate governing bodies, budgets, and staff. There are vacancies on the Swainby and Potto and Ingleby Arncliffe governing bodies for Foundation Governors and Parent Governors. If you feel you have the time and commitment to serve on these bodies, please get in touch with me.

For the next two terms, Swainby and Potto and Ingleby Arncliffe will still continue to work together on one site: at Swainby and Potto until February half-term and then at Ingleby Arncliffe until the end of the Summer term. The schools are being led by Mrs Sharon Daly, newly-appointed, full-time Interim Executive Head Teacher.

The second decision was that the Federation governing body agreed that consideration should be given to the amalgamation of Swainby and Potto and Ingleby Arncliffe schools into a single school from September 2017, with a full, formal consultation process taking place in the Spring.

This process has now started and a formal proposal to close one school and create a single VA school has been issued. Please respond to the proposal, whether you are opposed to it or support it, as feed-back from the communities is very important.

Joyce Bean
Vice-Chair

Swainby and Potto/Ingleby Arncliffe Governing Bodies

The decision to retain only one of the two school sites will have a big impact on that village. Please take the time to read the document and send in your comments

The consultation document about the proposed amalgamation and retention of one school site has been emailed to everyone on the Parish Council e-list. If you have not received it and wish to read it, please paste the address below into your web browser, or alternatively contact Swainby school office on 01642 700518, where some hard copies are available.

<http://northyorks.gov.uk/article/23998/Childrens-services---consultations>

Paper responses should be returned to North Yorkshire County Council, who are administering this consultation on behalf of the governors of the school, at the address below:

FREEPOST RTKE-RKAY-CUJS
Strategic Planning
– Swainby and Potto,
North Yorkshire County Council,
County Hall
NORTHALLERTON
DL7 8AE

The closing date for responses is **Monday 20 February 2017**. All responses to the consultation received by this date will be considered by the School's Governing Body in March 2017.

If the Governing Body decides to proceed with the closure proposal, then statutory notices would be published in the local press. These notices provide a further four weeks for views to be made. A final decision would be made by North Yorkshire County Council's Executive Committee in May 2017.

On 19 January 2017 at 6.30pm, as part of the consultation, there will be a public meeting at Swainby and Potto Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School. All villagers are welcome to attend.

Parish Councillors serving for 2015 -2019

- Ruth Eastham (01609) 882336
- George Hunter (01609) 882410
- Diane Shaw (01609) 882218
- Clive Walley (01609) 882072 - Chairman
- Hazel Warhurst (01609) 882442 - Finance Officer

Recreation Area

A very big "THANK YOU" to the 14 people who turned out for the work party on 11th December.



Lots of jobs got done, including pruning all the new hedges, with the cuttings built into a large bonfire. We will tackle the old hedge another time! Contact Gerry Eastham (882336) if you wish to help with the bonfire in due course.

Both willow dens were rebuilt and secured for the winter and good use is planned for the cuttings.

Voluntary effort to maintain the recreation area is greatly appreciated as it avoids the need for otherwise costly work to be paid from the funds raised by the Sports Day BBQ or the Parish precept.



We hope that the access path will be made an all-weather track this year and are thankful that it is now being kept clean by the many dog walkers who use it. Dogs are not, of course, allowed on either the recreation area or the school field, whether or not on a lead, as a matter of hygiene for the children who play there.

Ruth and Gerry Eastham

Neighbourhood Plan

The date of the next Open Evening to share progress with residents of our parish will be **Friday 24th February 2017**.

Parish Council Website Update

Significant progress has been made in establishing a new Parish website, which can be viewed at <http://www.inglebyarncliffe.org.uk/>.

The site still some pages to complete but even now it provides a good deal of information on Parish Council business, including agendas, minutes and approved accounts. In the next few months the outstanding pages will be completed and there will be further details on the Parish council's expenditure, budgets, council policies and the Parish's Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council intends the site to be useful to Parish residents, community organisations and visitors alike. We would like suggestions on how the website can be developed to meet those intentions.

Particular thanks should go to Lizz Hepple who designed the website and trained a number of residents on how to maintain their respective pages.

To complement the website, a Facebook page under the name - **Parish of Ingleby Arncliffe**, has been introduced which we would encourage residents both to view and use.

Clive Walley

Oil Club Dates

Orders needed by 7pm on these dates:-

Tuesday 24th January: Tuesday 28th March: Tuesday 23rd May:

Tuesday 25th July: Tuesday 26th September:

Tuesday 21st November* One week early to allow for delivery before Christmas.

If you are new to the village and want more information about the benefits of the Oil Club and how it works, please email:
jude.temple@btinternet.com

Judith Temple

To be added bcc to the e-list circulating useful Parish, Police and Community messages and updates, send an email to Hazel: hazndaz@warhurstfamily.co.uk

Village Hall News

Back on 26th November, **George and Monica Hunter** hosted another Wine Tasting Evening. We were all to be transported to sunny Spain with top of the range wines and delicious foods of the country. Almost 80 people packed the hall. Many thanks to all who helped make the occasion so successful. Almost £600 was raised.

At the Church Coffee Morning on Saturday 3rd December we showed our appreciation to **Ernie Laking** as he was retiring after serving over fifty years as Treasurer on the Village Hall Committee. The village presented him with a stunning, limited edition, framed print of a Spitfire flying over the countryside.



From this you may gather that he has a passion for these aeroplanes.

Also we gave him a special Border Fine Ornament, a stylish pen and an orchid. Both **Ernie** and **Winifred** have done anything and everything over the years to maintain and improve our beautiful hall. Whatever the occasion they are usually in the background washing up, drying pots, cooking bacon and doing useful jobs to help raise money towards the upkeep of the hall. We have been saved from spending thousands of pounds due to Ernie stepping in and saying "*I can do that*".... and he did. Thank you. You are a lovely couple.



Now to our New Year's Eve Party - it went with a bang! We partied till the early hours. Our guests enjoyed a three course meal, games, a quiz,

dancing and fine wines. The ladies' Social Committee excelled themselves. A big thank you to them for all the time they give to decorating, setting up the hall and clearing away for these major events. We raised the staggering sum of over £700 of which £100 is to be donated to the Friarage MRI Scanner Appeal. Ingleby, you are just great. Hope to see you at the 2017 do.

We begin 2017 with a fabulous evening on **Saturday 8th April**. By popular demand we are bringing back **Michael Buble and the Rat Pack**. Letters are being distributed to everyone in the village. Don't be shy, book your tickets immediately as they will be snapped up and we are limiting numbers so remember, no hanging about. The ladies' Social Committee has decided that monies raised will go to the **Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Appeal**. We have a branch based in Middlesbrough. Come and have a wonderful night with Michael. Listen, sing along and dance. If you are unable to obtain tickets maybe you would consider making a donation or providing us with a raffle prize.

Watch out for more Village Hall events. We have plenty of ideas.

Sue Rudd

From Our Local - The Blue Bell Inn

We have had a very busy time since taking over The Blue Bell last May. Christopher, Samantha and their great team, Philippa, Eric, Becky, Charlie and Kayleigh (oh, better mention Dad who does his bit...thanks Dad) have done a fantastic job in getting us back on the map. We are now a pub that both locals and those passing through enjoy popping in, enjoying good food and drink in a cosy and inviting meeting place. We may be biased but we truly believe that the team we have are friendly and pleasant and genuinely care about the pub and the people who walk through the doors.

We have reintroduced the Wednesday Steak Nite; Friday is Fish & Chip Nite and is followed by the increasingly popular Quiz, thanks to our quiz master Alan O'Connor.

Christmas and New Year were very busy and the New Year's Eve 60's 70's & 80's night was very well attended. A BIG THANKS to our DJ, Mr Adrian Hillary..... fantastic taste / choice in music and hopefully will be back by popular demand next year.....hint, hint Ade!!!!

For the New Year we have a Burns Night on the 27th January. Traditional Scottish fayre with a very close friend of ours who will be

doing the renowned "address to the haggis." Options available for those with dietary needs. The haggis will be vegetarian and gluten free, and this also applies to the starter and sweet. Bookings are advisable and now being taken. The "address to the haggis" will take place at 7.30pm.

Christopher is currently working on the Valentines Day menu and again booking is recommended.

Changes are in place for improving the pub internally and I am sure the ladies will be happy to know our priority is to improve the ladies' toilet.....no more queuing ladies!!

We hope to open up the back room and make this a more friendly, comfortable area for people to sit and enjoy food and drink. Other changes are planned and we hope that they will be enjoyed by both locals and visitors to the village.

Finally the Lill family would just like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has helped and supported us over the past 8 months.

Sue Lill

Carols Round The Tree

The Parish Council's annual carol singing took place on Monday, 19th December and was attended by 15 to 20 residents. Our thanks go to Margaret Rowling who accompanied the singing on the keyboard. The carol singers were then treated to mulled wine and mince pies hosted by The Blue Bell.

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Sports Day 2017

The date for this looks like being **Saturday, September 9th** - still to be confirmed - due to commitments of the organisers earlier in the summer.

The number of helpers on the day has dwindled in recent years. We will be appealing in due course for the names of people willing to transport tables and chairs down to the field, to mark out the track, sell raffle tickets, take a turn on the refreshment and drinks rotas, serve the food during the barbecue, and - very important - help to clear everything away at the end. **Without this Sports Day will not happen**, so please respond positively when the call goes out. Thank you.

Hazel Warhurst and Ruth Eastham