

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER FROM INGLEBY ARNCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL



## **Some Community Events Back At Last!**

Party in the Paddock, hosted at the Blue Bell Inn, made a welcome return on August Bank Holiday Sunday. It was a sell out and in spite of indifferent weather, was a great success.

(See pages 9 and 10 for a full report)

## Thursday November 4th was Polling Day in Ingleby Cross Village Hall

The results of the poll were as follows:  
154 residents voted  
145 voted in favour  
9 voted against

The Neighbourhood Plan will now be recommended to HDC's Cabinet meeting on [7th December](#) and then to a Full Council meeting on [14th December](#) for adoption.



## Village Potholes

You may have noticed that the potholes in the roads in and around our villages have become worse during the last 12 months. At least one of our residents has fallen over as a direct result of the state of the potholes.

There are several issues at play here - reporting the potholes, having them inspected and designated for repair, and getting them repaired properly.

### **Reporting:**

In addition to individual residents reporting local potholes, one of our residents, Tim Roy, has been surveying the potholes twice a year for several years now, and reporting problems to North Yorkshire County Council via their website.

### **Inspection and designation for repair:**

As recently as October 2020 most potholes reported were being repaired within a few weeks (although the repairs were not long-lasting – see later). Despite a large number of potholes being reported in April 2021 only one met the criteria to be repaired.

The same potholes (now larger/deeper) plus some new ones were reported in August 2021. Some were repaired within a week. All of the others were deemed not to have met the intervention level so no action was taken. For example, if you take a walk from the water tower in the direction of the A19 at the East Harlsey junction you will see where some potholes have been filled but adjacent ones have been left. Within a few months (or even weeks) those potholes will have become as large as the repaired ones.

### **Intervention level:**

Until a few years ago the NYCC's website used to list the minimum depth and area of potholes that would be considered for repair. Now it is not as straightforward.

The following is an extract from the NYCC website ([www.northyorks.gov.uk/potholes-and-road-condition-issues](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/potholes-and-road-condition-issues)):

#### ***"How do we decide what to do about potholes?"***

*When we receive a report of a pothole, or when our highways officers identify an issue during routine checks, we carefully examine the problem to decide how urgently we need to act.*

***That usually depends on how serious the damage to the road is, and how busy the road is. It also depends on what is the best***

*use we can make of our resources, staff and repair vehicles.*

*We prioritise the repair of potholes based on the level of risk to road users. If a pothole has been inspected and assessed as needing attention, it will be added to a programme of work. **We prioritise road repair based on a number of factors including the depth, size and location of the pothole on the road; the volume of traffic; and the speed of the road.***

Many of the potholes on the roads in our Parish are 2 to 3 times the old recommended depth, and more than 6 times the width. What else, apart from COVID 19 restrictions, could be behind the slow resolution to our problems?

The Darlington & Stockton Times dated 27th August 2021 reported that *"Earlier this year the Department for Transport announced the authority [NYCC] would receive £37m to maintain roads in 2021/22, £12.6m less than the previous year."* That amounts to a 25% reduction in road maintenance funding from central government.

### **Repair:**

The Darlington & Stockton Times of 3rd September 2021 printed a letter from a Swainby resident complaining about the poor standard of road repairs in our area. He wrote: *"After watching first hand in Black Horse Lane, Swainby to Hutton Rudby one day NYCC Highways workmen filling in a huge line of potholes full of water with tarmac, this is not to be recommended, there was no keying the edges, no emptying or cleaning out and no tar based adhesive preparation before the tarmac fill. Not surprisingly this lasted less than a month."*

We have certainly witnessed the rapid degradation of pothole repairs in our parish that were carried out using a similar process.

### **Looking ahead:**

Our Parish Council would like a more satisfactory resolution to our potholes problem. The subject of potholes is likely to be on the agenda for the November meeting. Also, our County Councillor will be given a guided tour of the worst areas, and will be asked to raise the subject with the Highways Department.

***The Parish Council thanks Tim for carrying out this monitoring on everyone's behalf and for noticing and reporting other things which need attention around the Parish from time to time.***

## **Noise Problems**

The “stay at home” regime at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic gave many people an opportunity to focus more on home improvements and to spend extra time working or having work done in their gardens. Some of these activities have continued into this year but the downside has been the occasional unwelcome effect it had on neighbours. The Parish Council was contacted for advice on at least one occasion when the disturbance on a Bank Holiday was so great that it had ruined a much anticipated family visit. Sometimes noise is unavoidable but giving notice and a word of warning in advance might be appreciated by your neighbours.

Even simple things like grass cutting can be irritating if begun very early in the morning - particularly at weekends.

There are guidance leaflets on Hambleton District Council’s website so if you are having work done by a contractor you can check up on such things as the hour they are permitted to start noisy work, and if there are restrictions on Sundays and Bank Holidays work.

One useful leaflet for Dog Owners, *“Is your Dog Barking too much?”* can be downloaded and has some good advice. Pet owners may be so used to their dogs barking that they do not realise it is creating a nuisance for their neighbours.

If you do not feel that you can discuss a noise problem with your neighbour the course of action is to report it to the District Council.

## **Speeding through the Villages**

The Parish Council had to suspend the Speed Watch checks during Covid, but was in any case very short of volunteers. At present the equipment is with Crathorne Parish. Police Speed checks on Cross Lane have never recorded speeds high enough to warrant the introduction of a 20 mph limit. We are keeping this under constant review.

Online shopping has greatly increased the number of delivery vehicles driving around our village streets. Excessive speeds on the Main Street, where we have a number of families with small children, is a particular cause for concern. Please will everyone respect this and keep their own speed down. Reporting a driver speeding whilst making a delivery is one course of action which can be taken by residents.

## Recreation Area Work Party 25th September 2021

Many hands make light work and the villagers turned out in force to prove just how right that is!

Visitors will see that the large pile of debris that had built up over the last couple of years has now gone, the wildflower area has been cleared and the adjacent hedges have been cut back and the hedge alongside the footpath has been tamed and is now looking very neat.



The Recreation Area has now been truly “put to bed for the winter”.



The bonfire was checked for hedgehogs and moved a few yards to allow the frogs to escape before being set alight. It was maintained

throughout the day and consumed the vast amount of material that came from the hedge cutting and ground clearing.



The **Van der Beken** family made a huge contribution all day, **Kjell, Kimry** and **Naina** (who proved to be an expert at fanning the bonfire flames). **Kate** and **David Cook** with **Lily** and **Molly**, and **Linda** with grandson **Finlay** who moved mountains of cuttings across the field to the bonfire, later assisted by parents **Joanne** and **Joe Potter**.

Newcomers to the village **Tony** and **Ann Hui**, and **Graeme Calder**, were introduced to others and put to work on the list of jobs. We only hope that we haven't put them off volunteering in the future!

People returning to help included **Liz** and **Steve Marwood** (who runs a mean bonfire), **Ann** and **Bill Dewing** (who is tall enough to cut high hedges!) and **Janice Beautiman**, shanghaied by Ruth on her way to post a letter and who spent the rest of the afternoon hauling cuttings to the fire!



The children helped by watering the baby oak trees that Janice had provided for the Recreation area and they certainly appreciated the cakes provided by Ruth!



It was noted that **Alma Fox** had already started on the task of sorting out the willow dens that have both put on a large amount of growth over the last year and this work will continue as time allows.

**(Thank you)**

This was the last work party to be organised by Gerry after the 11 years since the Recreation Area was first opened. There



was a long list of things to be done but the hard work of many ensured that the tasks were all completed by the end of the day.

Ruth plans to organise her final wildflower meadow next spring. She will spray off any weeds and call for help to prepare the ground and plant the seeds. She has already been given some "Pictorial

Meadow" seeds but any spare packets of annual wildflower seeds would be much appreciated.

We urgently need to form "**Friends of the Recreation Area**" to look after this valuable village asset for the future. Please consider if you could volunteer occasionally - particularly residents with young families. Contact **Hazel Warhurst** for more details. (hazndaz@warhurstfamily.co.uk) or telephone **07765005870**

**Grateful thanks from the Parish Council and the community to Ruth and Gerry, for all the years of regular maintenance.**

## **Dog Poo**

Not a nice subject, but one that should concern all of us as village residents. Despite the efforts of the Parish Council to keep a bag dispenser filled and available at a strategic point on the Main Village Street there are one or two dog owners who persist in leaving their dog's deposits for others to deal with. Green Lane, the path to the Recreation Area and the field beyond it are the worst spots.

**Please care enough to end this - Be vigilant - Be responsible.**

## **YET ANOTHER FANTASTIC DAY!!!!**

Since March 2020 our lives have been devastated and dominated by the coronavirus pandemic both mentally, physically and personally. We were denied social contact with family and friends and many families have sadly lost loved ones to the virus.

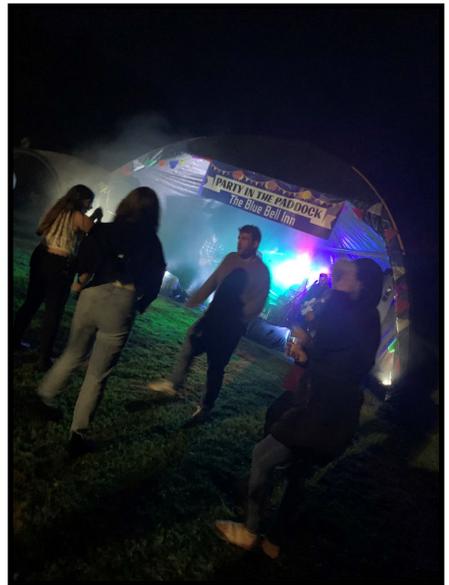
In 1940 Winston Churchills speech "we shall fight them on the beach" was about rising to the challenge and not giving up hope. So on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 residents and friends of Ingleby Arncliffe and Ingleby Cross and further afield, decided that for just a few hours they would rise to the challenge and come together to enjoy an afternoon of music, food and drink and being with, and enjoying the company of others ..... despite coronavirus and the awful weather.

Again we thank brother and sister, Samantha and Christopher Lill, for all their hard work putting Party in the Paddock back on the social calendar for everyone to enjoy.

However they could not have done this without the help of Adrian Hillary, Emma Hillary, Ron Atkinson, Tommy Lawton and Ryan Lishman, for again bringing Party in the Paddock back to Ingleby Cross. Between them they managed to put together yet another amazing afternoon that, despite the past 18 months of coronavirus dictatorship, appeared to be enjoyed by all who attended.

The event was again introduced by Ron's daughter Bidy who professionally with her soundman Stu, pulled all the sound system together to ensure no hiccoughs for the very talented local bands.....thanks Bidy!!

Again we had a lot of behind the scenes help from friends, who of course volunteered their services to make sure that the day was a success. So thanks must go out to the great Blue Bell staff who managed to run both the outside bar and the main bar and kitchen. Thanks also to Karen Hillary for her lovely pasta salad and 'volunteering' to help with manning the gate and help with the



barbeque. Along with Adrian and their son Eric and daughter Emma, Christopher, Ron Atkinson, Dave Henderson and old man Lill (Chris and Sam's dad!!!) the team took on the challenge of BBQ'ing over 200 steaks without a well, well done one in sight ..... or they didn't admit to!!!

We are very grateful to one of the young farmers, Sam who stayed on the gate all afternoon helping the technophobes (Sue Lill and Karen Hillary) with the complicated card machine.....oh yes it was! This has been a difficult time for all of us, but Party in the Paddock could not have been the great event (we hope!) without all of you who, despite the events of the past year and the weather, stuck it out and hopefully enjoyed yourselves.

This was not just about getting out there and enjoying ourselves, it was also about raising money for a couple of local charities. Approximately £1200 was raised, which was divided between Ingleby Cricket Club and The Young Farmers. The Blue Bell also donated £500 to Yorkshire Air Ambulance. So a big thank you to you all for helping our local clubs and such an important organisation, The Air Ambulance.



The Blue Bell Inn is grateful to everyone who has supported the pub in such difficult times, Christopher and Samantha are so lucky to live and be supported by a fantastic community. So old woman Lill (Chris and Sam's mum!!) just wants to say:

**THANK YOU!!**

**AND YES, WE WILL BE RETURNING NEXT YEAR!!!!**

## Remembrance 2021



### **Monday 1st November**

Our six foot Tommy silhouette was erected at Ingleby Cross War Memorial and flanked by knitted poppies.

### **Thursday 11th November**

Armistice Day in our parish was marked by Tim Alderson playing the Last Post and Reveille **at 11am** at the Ingleby Cross War Memorial. A large number of residents gathered to mark the occasion and to stand quietly for some moments of reflection.

### **Sunday 14th November**

The joint Remembrance Service with East Harlesy Parish took place in St. Oswald's Church, East Harlesy, following which both wreaths were laid at the East Harlesy War Memorial. Our Parish wreath was later brought back and placed at Ingleby Cross.

Tim Roy

*The Parish Council thanks:*

#### **Keith Henderson**

*for cutting the grass and making the War Memorial area tidy,*

**Tim Alderson** *for playing his bugle to mark the two minute silence for us, and*

**Tim Roy** *for once again setting up and managing the Parish Remembrance Display.*



## Life Saving Defibrillators in our Parish

This is a reminder that we have two community defibrillators in the following locations.



This one is down at Ingleby Cross , on the wall to the right of the Village Hall main entrance.

### Village Hall



The other one is situated at the Atkinson's coach depot on the Main Street (by kind permission) - in the top village - Ingleby Arncliffe. It is just round the stone pillar next to the vehicle service area with the black door.

### Atkinson's Coach Depot

There are clear instructions on each defibrillator case on how to access the equipment in case of emergency. The advice given by the NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is to try to have a second person with you if at all possible, or shout loudly for help.

Calling "FIRE" is the most effective.



## Vacancy for Parish Clerk

Susan Stephenson has given advance notice that at the end of the current Financial Year, she will be relinquishing her role as Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to the Parish Council, This will allow plenty of time for anyone with an interest in taking on the role, to speak to Susan and learn more about what this paid role entails. Tel: 07944 754932

### Current Parish Council Members and contact numbers:

David Cook	07870 227306
Barbara Funnell	07958 179014
George Hunter	01609 882410 (Retiring soon)
Clive Walley	07711 255586 (Retiring soon)
Hazel Warhurst	07765 005870

Following any resignation, Hambleton District Council will advertise a casual vacancy by posting notices in both Notice-boards. Residents will have the opportunity to put forward their names for co-option to serve until the end of the current council period. To learn more about how a Parish Council works why not speak to one of the above serving councillors or attend one of our monthly meetings held in the Village Hall, Ingleby Cross? We do not behave like Handforth Parish Council of Jackie Weaver fame!

## Ingleby Villages 100 Club

A friendly reminder to anyone wishing to join or re-join the club. Please pay your subscription as soon as possible. All households should have received an application form by now. Please join and support your community hall in these difficult times. £15 ensures you are entered for all 52 draws for 2022. We thank those who have already paid. You have been very generous. You will receive a letter confirming your payment and lucky number in the New Year. If you need any more details please contact Cliff at **Homelands: (01609)882586**.

Some folks have asked if they can pay by bank transfer - no problem. The details are here. Please put your name as reference.

Account number: **21164023**  
Sort code: **40 35 03**  
Account name: **Ingleby Cross Village 100 Plus Club**  
Many thanks

*Cliff Rudd*

## Retirement of Secretary of the Village Hall Committee



**Margaret Ryder** (pictured centre) was presented with a Betula tree by **Clifford Rudd**, Chairman of the Village Hall committee. This gift was in recognition of Margaret carrying out her secretarial duties for the committee for many years.

A vacancy exists for this role. Anyone interested should contact Clifford Rudd at Homelands: (01609) 882586.

### Communications

Remember that our community has a website with a lot of useful information on it. Look up [www.inglebyarncliffe.org.uk](http://www.inglebyarncliffe.org.uk)

There is also a **Parish of Ingleby Arncliffe** face book account and a closed fb group account **ICAP Ingleby Community Action Plan** - set up for mutual support during early Covid days.

Community messages are distributed 'BCC' from time to time as necessary, by email, for those who have given us an address to use. To be included on the list just email Susan on: [clerk.inglebyarncliffe@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk.inglebyarncliffe@btinternet.com) or Hazel on: [hazndaz@warhurstfamily.co.uk](mailto:hazndaz@warhurstfamily.co.uk)

*The Parish Council would like to record its thanks to Hazel Warhurst for all her hard work in arranging for this edition and all the other Parish Council newsletters. We know it is greatly appreciated by the community.*

## **Oil Club details:** For the benefit of new residents

This Oil Cooperative enables residents to buy their central heating oil at a good price. [www.boilerjuice.com/heatingOilPrices.php](http://www.boilerjuice.com/heatingOilPrices.php)

We hope to better their national average price by 3p or more.

If you are not a member but would like to know more, please go to the Parish Council Website: [www.inglebyarncliffe.org.uk](http://www.inglebyarncliffe.org.uk)

Under **ABOUT OUR VILLAGES** follow the dropdown menu and then go to the right to **CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND GROUPS** for details of how to sign up to join the oil club .

**Judith Temple's** email address is: [oilclub.iaic@gmail.com](mailto:oilclub.iaic@gmail.com)

### **DATES FOR 2022**

- Tuesday 18th January 2022
- Tuesday 15th March
- Tuesday 17th May
- Tuesday 19th July
- Tuesday 20th September

## **Festive Cheer - Sharing our Light throughout December** *(a version of an Advent Calendar)*

Last year Leti Hawthorn suggested and co-ordinated a seasonal activity of decorating and sharing an image of a window, or a Christmas scene to give us all something attractive to look at, and cheer us up in the dark and cold winter days, made worse by Covid.

There was a wonderful response and it was possible to include even those residents living outside the village streets on the extremities of the Parish.

If enough people are interested in doing this again we just need a volunteer to take on the role of coordinating the order in which windows and decorations are revealed, from December 1st onwards.

**Please contact Hazel ASAP or post messages on the ICAP fb page if this is something you would like to be involved with.**

## **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - June 2022**

It's not too early to start sharing ideas about how our village community might like to come together and celebrate this event.

## **A Recycling Heroine in our Community**

Many of you will already know **Sylvia Stevenson**. For over a year now Sylvia has been opening her porch as a collection point for donations to the **Northallerton Food Bank**.

This Christmas she has suggested we might like to support the Soup Kitchen where **Steve Read**, one of our residents, volunteers.

Suitable donations needed are those which can be included in a "Goodies" bag as a Christmas gift for each visitor. They could be:-

- Selection Boxes
- Sweets
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Flannels
- Bars of soap
- Wipes
- Deodorant
- Combs
- Hairbrushes

Sylvia's address is **Thistledene, Cross Lane**.

The porch is usually available during daylight hours. A notice is always displayed when the porch is open.

You can also leave there various items of recycling which are not currently collected at the kerbside.

Sylvia has provided a collection point for the following items:

- Used stamps for the RNIB. (Please leave at least 1cm of envelope around each.)
- Spectacles (broken or complete)
- Spent Computer Ink Cartridges.
- Biros & Marker Pens.
- Redundant Mobile Phones.
- Tablet blister packs.
- Plastic bottle tops from milk and other bottles.
- Crisp packets and outer bags from multi packs.
- Brassieres .
- Duvets and warm clothes for the homeless.

***Thank you, Sylvia, for offering this service to residents!***