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HOSM GRAPEVINE

A Community Newsletter
Produced by Holme Parish Council
Feb 10

A Community in Action



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Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council achieves "Quality Status"



Chairman Chris Worrall on behalf of the Parish Council was presented the certificate by Tom Glossop President of the East Riding and North Lincolnshire Councils Association on Monday 25 January 2010, Holme on Spalding Moor is only the 5th Parish Council in this area to be recognized in this way and is now one of only 693 Quality Parish Council's in England

Chris said 'It makes me very proud that the Parish Council has achieved this prestigious award, this "kite mark" shows everyone that the Parish Council is doing a good job. A lot of hard work has gone into the achievement of this award. This shows our working partners and most importantly our residents that they are being represented in the proper way by a Parish Council which has passed a series of tests to show it is operating to a set of standards as laid down by Central Government'

In congratulating the Parish Council, Tom explained that Quality Status is a Government initiative which provides the Charter Mark for Parish and Town Councils. It is a means of assessment for Local Councils, underpinning their important role as the first tier of government, closest to the people they represent and firmly placed at the heart of local communities. Councils seeking Quality Status are assessed by a panel composed of people who are appointed by the relevant Government Minister because of their knowledge of Local Councils and what they can do to help their communities.

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Hallo everyone and a belated Happy New Year to all. Looking back over the last year, our Parish Council has much of which to be proud.

The additional cemetery land has now been fully paid for. The consecration ceremony of the cemetery was a real historic occasion, well attended. During these last dark winter nights the additional street lighting in various places round the village has been greatly appreciated.

I am pleased to say that after discussions with Chris Mottershaw and David Bowden (ERYC Passenger Transport officers) we have managed to sort out and put right, the hiccups "between the 34 and x46 service. Should any future problems occur (and we hope not) these officers can be contacted **directly** on 01482 88770, thus saving time.

Before going any further, I must now give pride of place to our Parish Council which has now achieved Quality Status. Out of 167 East Riding Parish Councils, only 5, including Holme, now have that status. The leader of the E.R. Council, Cllr Steve Parnaby, in sending his warmest congratulations, stressing that it is not easy to achieve such a prestigious award, without a lot of hard work and effort, particularly on the part of Chairman Chris Worrall and Parish Council Clerk Steve Young. Cllr Charlie Bayram and myself offer our warmest congratulations. Well done Holme, We are the best!

More good news on the Holme front. Planning permission has now been granted for the East Riding Councils small development at Port Royal. This has to be completed by March 2011.

What a lively bunch are the Thursday Club folk. Some other Parish Councillors and myself were invited to their Xmas lunch at the Red Lion - gorgeous roast beef and Yorkshire puddings. We had great fun sorting out what really was given during the Twelve days of Christmas! Well done to Kath Batchelor who knew all the answers. Recently Parish Councillors, friends including Ward Councillors Charlie and Linda Bayram, had a most enjoyable informal get together, at guess where? The Red Lion of course, as usual wonderful meal, pleasant company, and not to far to stroll home. (apart form Charlie and Linda).

A number of residents congratulated the E.R.Y.C on the waste and refuse collection during the severe snowy weather. They came on the days it was said they would and as I saw them, cheerful as ever.

Finally, as many of you may know, a number of full and retained fire fighters live in our area. H.F.R.S recently won the Regional Extraction Challenge for road traffic accidents. We now have a training centre, in which some of our local fire fighters, male and female, will be involved. The High Sherriff of Lincoln, Lady Sara McCorquodale has kindly consented to perform the official opening ceremony, to which I and Authority members have been invited.

Cheerio for now,
Doreen and Charlie

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Village Diary

February

- 2nd Tue Miss Potter showing at the Methodist Chapel at 7 pm
- 3rd Wed WI Meeting—Sue Ryder Care - Deborah Rack
- 6th Sat Nigel H Heap appearing at Holme Social Club
- 8th Mon Quiz Night at the Coffee Drop In Shop, 6.30pm Start £5 for Two Course £6 for Three. Bookings Only
- 13th Sat Parish Council Surgery at the Coffee Shop, 10.00am till 12.00p.m
- 17th Wed Parish Council Meeting at the Methodist Chapel, Selby Road. 7.30pm
- 27th Sat Meesha appearing at Holme Social Club
- 28th Sun Church Lunch at the Village Hall

March

- 12th Fri Rock Band Teutonic Fist appearing at the Kingfisher
- 13th Sat Parish Council Surgery at the Coffee Shop, 10.00am till 12.00p.m
- 17th Wed Parish Council Meeting at the Methodist Chapel, Selby Road., 7.30pm
- 24th Wed Lunch and Scrabble at the Coffee Drop in Shop, 12.00 noon Start £5 for Two Course £6 for Three

April

- 2nd Tue Young Victoria, showing at the Methodist Chapel Selby Road, 7.00pm start

Job Vacancy

Litter picker.

Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council wish to appoint a litter picker to work for four hours per week. The job will be to pick litter in the centre of Holme on Spalding Moor for two hours on Monday and two hours on Friday. The work will involve walking around the village, bending to pick up litter and carrying litter in bags so a level of physical fitness is required

Litter grabbers, gloves and a hi-vis jacket will be provided

The rate of pay will be £6.00 per hour and the appointment will commence on 1/5/2010
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Dear Grapevine.

I for one would like to say what a superb 50th celebration the Village Hall Committee laid on for us, and to offer a big pat on the back for all involved in the organisation. Also a huge round of applause for all those talented individuals who bit the bullet to take part – it's not an easy thing to stand up and perform in front of an audience of a hundred plus people – well done!

The other thing I noticed was what a wonderful theatre we have in the village hall – and wouldn't it be nice if it was brought back to life. Surely there must be some budding actors and actresses out there who would like to have a crack at acting. Holme has such a wealth of talent within its boundaries from artists to sculptors, from writers to carpenters, from needlework skills to designers... everyone I'm sure could find something they could do - I know I could paint sets or write scripts - and wouldn't it be spectacular to present amateur shows such as were produced a few years back where the all the village took part.

All it needs is someone to get the ball rolling... could that person be you?

Regards

Karl Sheridan

Dear Grapevine.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of our friends and neighbours that during the 'big freeze' were thoughtful enough to call or phone to see if we needed anything and that we were alright. Once again a big thank you – that's the beauty of living in Holme on Spalding Moor – people care!

John and Betty Hunt.



Humberside Police

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A winter message from your neighbourhood
Police Community Support Officer Andy Symonds.

The Policing pledge

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Visibility means working in the team. This includes working on problem solving, briefings, and for operational reasons could include proactive work in plain clothes to problem solve an agreed local priority. Clearly this challenges the word visible however the emphasis is about working for the area, in the area and not being abstracted away for other duties.

Humberside Police have recorded 11 crimes since December 2009 in the Holme-on-Spalding-Moor area.

Please contact your local Policing Team if you have any information or have any concerns that you wish to discuss.

Readers Letters

Dear Grapevine,

You may already have heard the sad news that the All Stars Day Nursery in the village is to close at the end of January. It seems that in these troubled financial times, the business became unsustainable and there just weren't enough local families taking advantage of the expert care and facilities available on their doorstep. The nursery was run by Sheree Sawyer, a highly qualified and experienced carer who delivered an essential service to many parents in a friendly and family focussed atmosphere where each child was given individual care and attention. Some of those children required extra special care and flourished under her guidance.

My daughter attended the nursery from 8 months of age and as a nervous first time parent, Sheree and her excellent team gave me top quality advice and support with a personal caring touch through that difficult time of leaving a child in the care of others for the first time. I'm extremely sad to have to find alternative care arrangements for my daughter as she was very settled and happy at All Stars. I'm sure I speak on behalf of all the other parents and carers who used All Stars, when I say that I'd like to publicly thank Sheree and all the staff for looking after my pride and joy as if she was their own.

Sophie Smith.

To Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council,

I have been attending parish council meetings in this locality, to gage how each run and the procedures are used. Usually I am not moved to write.

By sheer good fortune I happen to attend yours at just the right time, as a contended planning application was due to be considered. What a marvellous time to observe.

Firstly I must applaud the clerk for a brief, but explicit explanation of the consultations to parish and other bodies consulted in the process, while making clear the decision was made by E.R.Y.C. The even handed, none judgement approach was outstanding, in what could have broken down into a vocal match, given the polarised views. Recognising that, I feel sure that from this, any party will at least feel they have, or can be listened to, even if inevitable some disagree with the outcome. With out interruption the public was allowed to make their observations known.

The chairman skilfully kept the meeting moving along, but without the need to push or overlook any one, and brought in just the right amount of humour with the driving observations of member.

Councillor Engall while not debating the case, was more than able to advise on the procedure for retrospective planning application. A timely and accurate piece of knowledge that cleared the way, to understanding the issue.

Whilst some authorities have been easy to attack in the light of recent events, people who live in HOSM will I am sure realise how fortunate the are, to have such a outstanding proactive parish council, many other councils could learn from your example.

I found the visit refreshing

Mike Whitley

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Riddle Me This.

I am Slim and tall,
 Many find me desirable and appealing
 They touch me and I give a false good feeling
 Once I shine in splendour
 But only Once and then no more
 For many I am "to die for"
 What am I ?

Decembers Answer : I am Tomorrow.

Holme Church service time's

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All Saints (Anglican Church)
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| Flu information | 0800 151 3200 |

Emma's Rural Spotlight

Colin Hattee, one of our local beekeepers, tells Emma Hawcroft of his busy year.

Emma: So what does the beekeeper do at this time of year?

Colin Hattee: The work of the Beekeeper is over for the year with the bees currently spending the winter in the hive with a surplus of stored honey for food.

Emma: Are there any little jobs you need to do over the winter?

Colin: The only remaining job this year is to check there is sufficient stored food to last them until the spring. The beekeeper lifts the corner of the hive in December and, from experience, can tell if the bees require additional stores or not.

Emma: Are the bees hibernating?

Colin: Bees do not hibernate but remain in an active state throughout the winter. The numbers of bees decline from 40-50,000 per colony to 10-15,000 per colony for the winter.

Emma: When the winter is over, what does the beekeeper do in the Spring?

Colin: During early spring the beekeeper checks the colonies to ensure they are in good order. This is done by ensuring there is egg, larvae, pollen, stored food and, most importantly, a Queen.

Emma: Tell me about the Queen.

Colin: The Queen is the nucleus of the hive because without her at this time of the year the colony is doomed. The beekeepers may mark the Queen on her thorax with a colour representing a particular year. 2009 queens should have been marked with a green paint. This enables the beekeeper to tell her age.

Emma: When is the busiest time of the year for the beekeeper?

Colin: In April and May, as the colonies grow much larger and usually decide to swarm; to the disappointment of the beekeeper.

Emma: What happens if the hive swarms?

Colin: Swarm control becomes a priority as the loss of a swarm also means the loss of many working bees which were producing honey. Believe it or not some beekeepers will remove part of the wing of a Queen to prevent her flying and therefore prevent the swarm from departing to another site.

Emma: What happens if the Queen dies?

Colin: Bees are able to produce a new queen by feeding some of the larvae special brood food known as Royal Jelly. This special diet has the ability to convert an ordinary bee egg into a Queen.

Emma: Which crops do you put your bees near?

Colin: Bees are moved during the rest of the year from the winter rape to spring rape, to beans, then borage and then onto the heather moors. This ensures the bees produce lots of honey; subject to the weather of course.

Emma Hawcroft

SOLDIER CAUGHT IN AFGHAN BLAST



Soldier Ben Bainbridge has been seriously injured on patrol in Afghanistan. Private Bainbridge suffered severe flesh injuries and broken bones in an explosion in Hellmand province. The 18 year old is now recovering in Selly Oak Hospital in Birmingham where he was in intensive care for five days following the incident. Since then he has undergone a serious of operations and will stay at Selly Oak until he is moved to a specialist rehabilitation centre for service men and women. Private Bainbridge, a member of the 2nd Battalion the Yorkshire Regiment (The Green Howards), is a former Market Weighton School pupil and grew up in Holme on Spalding Moor. He was on the second half of his first tour of duty when the incident happened. Bens mother Andrea Ella has been staying in Birmingham with Ben. Ben received many messages from friends and family via a special page which had been set up on the Social network Facebook.

Private Ben Bainbridge pictured second row right hand side

Calling Holme on Spalding Moor businesses

As you will have read the Parish Council has been made a Green Community in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust
As part of the commitment we have access to Energy Saving Trust expertise and the Parish Council is currently arranging energy saving initiatives for our residents

The EST has a business energy expert who is willing to come out and talk to village businesses, the plan is that we arrange a meeting in groups and the EST expert will then come out to look at your business on site as a follow up

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Charity Ball

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There will be a raffle and nibbles on the table.

Many thanks



Just a Thought



By the time that this is printed and distributed, we will be well into 2010 and looking forward to the first signs of Spring.

Now is probably as good a time as any to ask you how well you managed to keep your New Year resolutions. Are you still on track and making progress? Did you manage for a week or two but then gave up? Or are you like me; you do not make them in the first place as you know from experience that you are unlikely to stick to them?

We all start with good intentions and always hope that this new year will be better than the last. We hope that by improving ourselves in some way that this will help us achieve our goals. So, we set ourselves a target or two. The most common targets are the following;

- To lose weight and be able to wear some of those clothes left hanging in our wardrobe.
- To stop smoking.
- To stop drinking alcohol.
- To kick a bad habit of some kind.
- To join a gym and get fit.

To learn a new hobby or skill.

All of these are good things to do and some of us might achieve them. However, we often set our aims too high and try to do too much at once. When we do this, we find we cannot keep it up. As a teacher, I had to write targets for myself, my students and my lessons. I learned very quickly that my targets needed to be such that they were achievable and it was often better to set small steps over a long time than take on more than I could manage. Perhaps the people who succeed in keeping their New Year resolutions do the same.

I have already mentioned that I do not make resolutions for the new year but, in the beginning of December, I made a resolution which I hope to keep for life.

I have resolved to find at least one thing each day to be thankful for. This came out of a visit to India which I made with my husband and fellow trustees of a charity which we run. People say that a visit to India changes a person. It did me!

We went there to encourage our partners who are working to improve life for some who are living in slums in an area in East India. They have set up small training schools to teach tailoring and computing to adults and our providing elementary education for their children. The people living in the slums are Dalits (they used to be called 'untouchables') and are the outcasts of society and live in unimaginable poverty. Their needs go beyond description and have to be seen to be believed.

A whole family will live in one room made solely of four concrete walls with just holes for a door and a window. The roof is made of corrugated iron and the floor is the ground with, per haps, a rush mat to sit on. They all sleep on the floor which is not too bad in the dry season but terrible in the monsoon as they are forced to sleep in a puddle!

Many of the people had rheumatism or arthritis as a result of their living conditions but none could afford medical treatment and had to live with their pain and disabilities.

We returned from India at the beginning of December to a good home, food, plenty of clothes and the NHS. We were so thankful for all that God had provided for us and I made the resolution to find at least one thing each day to be thankful for. After all, we have been given so much!

Perhaps you would like to make a belated New Year resolution and join me in saying a daily 'thank you' for all that we have in this country which makes our lives so much more comfortable than for most people in this world?

May I wish you all a belated happy 2010?

Sandra

Top tips for protecting your water pipes and heating

Jack Frost is becoming a bit of a nuisance in these parts, but we've got some great tips for preventing your water pipes from freezing and advice on what to do when then big thaw starts.

Top tips for preventing your pipework from freezing

1. Wrap up warm: Wrap all pipework, cisterns and tanks in unheated areas like lofts, roofs, outbuildings and garages with insulation. Use good quality waterproof foam lagging that - you can usually get it at your local DIY store or plumbers merchants.

2. Keep the heat on: Set your timer to constant or 24 hours and use your thermostat to maintain some warmth through the night and while you're out.

3. Your stop taps: Find and label all stop taps and valves - you'll need to turn them off quickly if there's a burst.

4. Draining down: Isolate and drain down external pipework, outside taps, and exposed plumbing.

Top tips for dealing with frozen pipes

1. Freeze!: You're only likely to know if a pipe is damaged when the water in it thaws. So, if a pipe is frozen, isolate the affected area by closing your stop tap.

2. Start running!: When your pipes begin to thaw, run your taps into sink basins and baths to drain the plumbing system. This should reduce damage caused by water escaping from a burst pipe.

3. Warning: After freezing has occurred in pipes there's a risk of a burst if heat is applied suddenly. Don't switch on boilers and immersion heaters until you're sure the system has thawed out - reheat the building using gas or electric heaters.

4. DIY: Thaw the pipe at the end nearest the tap first.

5. Resuming normal service: Check the plumbing system for leaks once it's under pressure and, only when you're satisfied all systems are thawed, switch on water heating appliances.

Thanks

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Parish Council Surgeries

These are a new venture for Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council, they are being held in the Drop in Coffee shop on the Saturday morning before a Parish Council meeting, check village diary for dates. There will be two Parish Councillors in attendance to answer any questions you may have. All current planning applications will be on display for comments. Also we are getting a lot of complaints about Dog mess around the village, so from this month onwards dog owners will be able to obtain free dog waste bags at the surgeries as well.

So please come along and meet us, and more importantly talk to us about your concerns. There will also be one of our East Riding Ward Councillors in attendance as well. TBA

Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council information

Clerk: Steve Young The Hawthorns, 60 Main Street, Bubwith, Selby YO8 6LX
01757 288234 or email: annensteveyoung@tiscali.co.uk

If any resident has questions, comments or problems please contact the Clerk above or any Parish Councillor, we will try and give you an answer or find a person that can !!

The Parish Council meets monthly in the Church Hall, Methodist Chapel on Selby Road, every third Wednesday at 7.30 pm, the next meeting is on Wednesday 19/8/09. If you wish to attend you will be welcome, there is a public session at the start of every meeting for residents to make statements/ask questions etc, please contact the Clerk 5 days before the meeting to get booked in for this.

The Parish Council meeting minutes, once ratified, are posted on the notice-boards, on the community web-site (www.holmeonspaldingmoor.co.uk) or are available electronically or in paper form from the Clerk.

The PC is consulted by East Riding Council on planning applications and these are looked at before each meeting. If any resident has a question about individual planning applications or wishes to see plans etc please contact the Clerk who has a copy of all applications

Freedom of Information, Parish Council documents are posted on the community web-site, notice-boards or are available from the Clerk. If you wish access to any document please contact the Clerk

The Parish Council has been concerned during the recent cold spell to get as much help from The East Riding Council as possible for gritting etc. Despite many representations Back Lane is still not on the gritting route, Beverley has been asked to put it on the route for the future. Our salt boxes have been useful and the Parish Council is looking at increasing the number of locations for them

Dog mess is again mentioned to the Parish Council as being a problem particularly around the School. To leave dog mess around for children to fall in is a particularly horrible thing to do, dog mess can be picked up in a plastic bag and put in any litter bin. Please please don't leave this around for others to fall in, pick it up and dispose of it properly

Children riding bicycles in the dark, the Parish Council has had expressions of concern about children riding bikes without lights and a couple of near misses were reported. Please make sure that our young people are safe when out on their bikes, lights front and rear and a hi-visibility top will make them as safe as possible when cycling in the dark

The Parish Council is about to let the grass cutting tender for 2010, if you are interested in applying please contact the Clerk as soon as possible, the cut off date is the 19 February 2010

The number 34 bus service had a slightly adjusted timetable to solve two problems

The next Parish Council surgery is on Saturday 13 February from 10am to 12 noon, this is a chance to look at current planning applications and ask questions of Parish Councillors

The two planning applications for wind turbines at Spaldington were discussed at the January Parish Council meeting. There are plans for 12 turbines in all and a presentation was made by representatives from one of the wind turbine companies plus STOP (the opposition group) The Parish Council will be making a decision on what their recommendation will be at the February meeting

The planning application for four affordable houses at Port Royal was passed at Beverley and these will be built during 2010.



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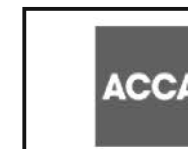
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Karls Corner

If you lived as a child in the 40's, 50's, 60's or 70's, looking back it's hard to believe that we have survived as long as we have.

As children we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Our cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paint, and we had no childproof caps on medicine bottles, and when we rode our bikes we had no helmets.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle... horror of horrors! We would spend hours building go-carts from scraps of wood and old prams then ride down the hill only to find we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and were free to play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlamps came on. No one was able to reach us all day thanks to not having mobile phones... unthinkable today?

We got cut and broke bones and broke teeth, and there were no law suits as a result of these accidents: they were accidents. No one was to blame but us... Remember things called accidents?

We had fights and punched each other getting black and blue, but learned to get over it and learned the art of social intercourse and compromise.

We ate patty cakes, bread and butter and drank cordial, but we were never overweight... we were always outside playing. We shared our bottle of pop with four friends and no one died from doing this.

We didn't have Play-stations; Nintendo64, X-Boxes, I-Pods, video games, 85 channels on TV, personal CD/DVD players, surround sound, personal mobile phones, personal computers, Internet café's. We didn't have Twitter and Face-book... we had friends. We went outside and found them. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them. Imagine such a thing, and without asking a parent! By ourselves! Out there in the cold cruel world without a guardian who had had a CRB check!

We didn't have over indulgent parents or the expectation that we would be driven to and from school even in summertime, that's if our parents owned a car of course. If it snowed we plodded to school in wellies wrapped up to the nines teaching us to brave the elements and accept cold feet and hot-aches.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls, and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we didn't put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

If we dropped a sweet on the floor or pavement we picked it up, rubbed it clean and continued to eat it. We didn't catch a deadly disease or instantly drop dead, or dash to the doctors for a tetanus jab.

Footy and net-ball had try-outs and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. We got on with it.

If we saw a road accident and fatality we learned that none of us are invincible, we didn't need to have counselling only to relive the gory details in triplicate.

Some of us who didn't study as well as others had to accept low grades. Tests were not adjusted for any reason. Our actions were our own - your worked hard you succeeded - you didn't so you didn't!

Consequences were expected, and there was no one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the laws was unheard of... in most cases they actually sided with the law - imagine that these days!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors ever, with the last 50 years being an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We as kids had true freedom, we had failure, we had success, we took on responsibility, and we learned how to deal with all of it.

If you're one of us, congratulations... because we have had the luck to grow up as kids before the nanny state arrived - before lawyers and government began regulating our lives.

However, it would now appear that government think-tanks are offering up concerns that kids of the current generation are becoming too reliant on technology as being the be-all-and-end-all in their lives - that they are spending too much time behind computers and or play stations and becoming alienated from the realities of life.

Texting is easier than meeting friends face to face, social skills are being lost, and worse still kids are becoming less self reliant, parents feeling that they have to shoulder the responsibility of providing everything for them. Obesity, failure to interact with other members of the community, failure to accept responsibility for their actions, inability to read and write or even communicate correctly - these are some of the things that this generation of kids are encountering - sadly some retreating into lives of virtual reality thanks to the internet.

Thankfully this is only a minority, but it does make one think. I personally feel that our generation had the best years ever for growing up...

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Bogus Prize Offers

Prize draw offers and competitions are often brought to the attention of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Consumer Advice and Education Team.

Older people and those who have taken part in competitions in the past are usually targeted by prize draw scams.

Prize offers can be made by post, telephone, fax, text message, e-mail or any other means. Many of these awards are con tricks designed to attract people by offering them a prize. Participants are asked to send a "processing" or "handling" fee in order to claim their award.

Contact details for these prize offers are often PO Box addresses or mail only addresses but the scams are frequently run from abroad.

This means that people who send money in response to these offers are not likely to receive anything back if the offer is misleading.

Angela Currie, Consumer Education Officer said, "If you have to send money to claim your prize, the chances are it's a scam".

Anyone who would like to reduce the amount of personally addressed junk mail they receive can register with the Mailing Preference Service on 0845 7034599. The amount of personally addressed mail received should start to reduce after 4 months.

You may also opt to have your name excluded from the edited electoral register. To exclude your name add an X to your next electoral registration form, under the heading "Edited Register".

Portfolio Holder for Public Protection Cllr Evison said, "This type of scam probably does not involve asking for large sums of money from the participant, it never the less is very upsetting for those who enter into a competition in good faith. If anyone has experienced such problems I do urge them to contact Consumer Direct."

For further advice on scams contact Consumer Direct on 08454 040506

Consumer Watch

Local Trading Standards need members of the public to act as their eyes and ears.

Consumer Watch gives people a simple way of alerting Trading Standards to any contact from rogue traders. By taking part, consumers will be helping to ensure that more people are protected from those who may be breaking the law.

To be effective Trading Standards need to know at an early stage what is happening on your doorstep, to help consumers to know what to do a Consumer Watch pack has been developed.

The pack contains information about the type of problem areas Trading Standards are interested in. To help you do this they have drawn up an incident checklist, which is included in the pack.

We are looking for information about:

- Individuals who turn up in vans and offer to do work**
- One day sales offering deals too good to be true**
- Junk mails offering cheap or free holidays**
- Annoying telephone calls trying to sell something you don't really want**

Angela Currie, Consumer Education Officer said 'Often people engaged in such activities prey on vulnerable sections of the community, we need to know about traders who are operating in this way so we can take any appropriate action'.

**If you would like a Consumer Watch Pack please contact
East Riding of Yorkshire Council Consumer Advice and Education Team
08457 887700 and ask for Consumer Advice or extension 6256
Email; consumeradvice@eastriding.gov.uk**

Or at any East Riding of Yorkshire Council Customer Service Centre or Citizenlink portal

Parish Councillor Profile



Name : Anne Dowson

Attendance: 33 meetings out of 34 = 97% (34 being the number of meetings so far this elected term)

Duties on the Council: Parish Plan Working Committee
Burial Committee
Representative on Holme Playing Fields Committee

I have been on Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council since 1983. I became involved with the Parish Council through attending meetings with regards to a planning application for the development of the Cherries and the Chestnuts. Over the course of the year I attended the Parish Council meeting as a member of the public along with some friends of mine who were neighbours. As the meetings progressed and the issue was resolved I was asked if I would be interested in standing at the next election.

I knew most of the Parish Councillors, a number of whom were farmers I had made contact with through my involvement in the production of the Countryside Treasure Survey which I undertook on behalf of the WI, this survey was to record and list buildings and features in the village. This eventually grew to include the old field names in the Parish and hence the contact with the farmers who were a great help in compiling the lists. The survey was displayed in Beverley and won a place to be displayed at St. Williams College in York along with surveys from the Yorkshire region. Eventually the booklet was published to coincide with European Architectural Heritage Year 1976 and has since been reprinted several times and raised significant funds in its different and updated formats for both charities and the village.

What I like about the village is being part of a community who are both friendly and caring. Children who grew up with my children in the village and now have families of their own are a wonderful community and its great to catch up with them at the School as they collect their children and I'm now collecting my grandchildren.

I think this was one of my reasons in getting involved with the resurrection of Holme Feast providing something for the younger generation. The support we received in setting this up and running again was amazing and the same old faces were there interspersed with new faces and everyone has thoroughly enjoyed the events. Look out for 2010 Feast the Sunday before the start of term in September the trophies will be on display in Margaret's window in August, the event is free and everyone is welcome. Why not bring a picnic down to the playing fields with your teddy, we'll have a teddy bears picnic with a cup for the best teddy, Sunday 5th September put it in your diary.

I love Church Hill it's a very well known landmark, it's a peaceful and beautiful place with the most fantastic views of the surrounding countryside. On numerous occasions I have had the pleasure to meet up with people from all over the world looking for their ancestors origins all of whom are looking for the Brigham's or the Crosby's both of which lived in Holme in the 17th Century and went out to America in the 1640's. These visitors are amazed that I know of their families, but what hasn't occurred to them is that these two young people who set sail for America, have had thousands of descendants and they love to pass on their research to me. I can tell these visitors the house where their ancestors lived in Rowley, mass even though I cannot trace mine back (yet) beyond 1790. But it's all good fun and I do treat it as a hobby even though it is part of other people's hobbies.

Church Hill just recently and Corporal Tom Cooper of the Sherwood Foresters featured in our last edition of Grapevine, this was a project I had spasmodically worked over the years trying to get War Graves status for this resting place, after ten years our Chairman succeeded in arranging the refurbishing of the grave and I am more than happy with the results and very grateful for his efforts.

I'm involved with fundraising on a regular basis for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Fire Fighters Benevolent Fund and the British legion at the East Riding Kite Festival. All these charities this year will benefit from the event as they have in other years and we hope if the weather permits to have the Battle of Britain memorial Lancaster attending, any ex military are welcome to join in taking the flypast in the main arena.

I love living in the village, I do however think and it does sadden me, we do not have sufficient housing to offer to all our young people from the village who have grown up here and who would still love to carry on living here. But at the present time we do not have sufficient affordable housing either to rent or buy, this would be on my wish list for the future so the young do not migrate. I would love to see more young families start out in the village.

One other thing I would like to see for the Parish Council are some younger members standing at the next election. So if your over 18 and live within the Parish Boundaries and have a genuine interest in the village, the Parish Council may be for you.

Parish Councillor Ann Dowson



Love from your valentine.....

Valentine's Day isn't actually a traditional holiday that is recognised all over the world (like Christmas, New Year and Easter). It's a holiday that has varying opinions about where it came from and why. Some people believe it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity.

He died on February 14th 269 AD, the same day, each year, when the love lotteries were drawn. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note to the jailer's daughter who he had begun to love, and signed it "From Your Valentine". Other aspects of the story say that he was a priest and got jailed for defying his Emperor, and the next Pope set the 14th February to honour him.

Gradually February 14th became the day for love messages to be exchanged and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. The holiday is marked by sending poems and gifts, which even school children joined in. Nowadays it's become a commercialised spending holiday for shops because of people searching for perfect presents!

Here's a little holiday help for everyone who has someone they want to gift this year.....

Guys- we don't all want chocolates and flowers! We like thoughtful gifts that prove you've been listening to us and care about our interests!

Here are a few starting points to help:

If she's into her dancing, get lessons for the two of you to learn how to tango, they always said it takes two to tango!

Plane tickets for her and a bunch of girl mates to have a girly weekend (another cheaper version is buying her a DVD and making up a girls night in pack, and then leave the house quickly!)

If she's ever dreamt of being a model (which most of us will have done) give her the chance and get her a Hair and Beauty Makeover and Photo-shoot.

If you have an organised lady you can buy her a personalised notebook to record all her to do lists and secret doodles of how much she loves you!

Girls- stuck for finding the perfect something for him?

Here are a few ideas:

An experience day is a nice idea- if he's into racing get him on one that involves getting behind the wheel of a racing car for the ride of his life!

A framed photo of the two of you to put on his desk or in his room to remind him of the brilliant times you've had together!

Giving him tickets to his favourite sporting event or musician.

Giving him the space and freedom of a boys night out/in (whichever he chooses)

Get him a chain or a chain bracelet, but make it special by engraving it, something that the two of you remember with a smile, be it a pet name or a special date.

If he's not very organised and needs a push in the right direction do this with a personalised calendar (his name and yours or I love you message maybe) and write on all the important dates you want him to remember!

But sometimes the best present of all is just when your sat slobbering out in your worst clothes and your partner/boyfriend/husband/wife/girlfriend tells you they love you as if they had to tell you right that second because they couldn't keep it to themselves any longer. I love you is sometimes the best and only present you need.

Jenny x

Parish Council

Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council has a compliment of 13 Parish Councillors and they are elected every four years, the next elections will take place in May 2011. The money necessary to allow the Parish Council to function is raised by the precept, this is an amount of money decided by the Parish Council at their December meeting. This amount is then raised for the Parish Council by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and is collected with the Council Tax. It is paid to the Parish Council in two equal halves in May and October each year. For information, the Parish Councillors are not paid and do not claim any expenses.

The precept for the year 2009/10 was set at £25,000 and has been raised to £26,500 for 2010/11, the increase is equivalent to £1.16p per annum for each dwelling, although the Council Tax banding system means this will vary slightly depending on which band your dwelling is in.

The Parish Council now owns and will run the new cemetery which has recently been consecrated and expenditure needed on the cemetery is more than this increase. Councillors debated at length what improvement to the Parish should be allowed for in the precept and these were;

1. Litter, many complaints are made to the Parish Council and it was decided to employ a part time litter picker to patrol the village twice a week. It was also decided to buy some litter pickers and Hi-Vis jackets to help voluntary groups such as the Holme WI, Scouts and Playing Fields Association who run annual litter pick events. It was also decided to buy some "Do not Litter" signs to be placed on the playing fields. These measures were costed at £1,460
2. The new cemetery needs £1,800 to be spent to finish off the paths.
3. The Council has a commitment to improve knowledge and performance of Councillors and the Clerk, so an allowance of £300 was set aside for training.
4. The community web-site which contains Parish Council and village information costs £192 per year, a grant has been obtained for £100, so a figure of £92 was set aside for the remainder.
5. £600 was set aside to provide more benches.
6. As you will have seen in the last Grapevine the Parish Council asked for applications for annual grants, this is open to all groups to apply for grants to help their group function. The Parish Council was able to support every application made.

Free Gift

The Home Energy Check Questionnaire enclosed with this copy of the Grapevine, fill it out and return it freepost and get

- 1/ **Two free low energy bulbs.**
- 2/ **A free energy check for your home.**
- 3/ **First chance at the free or low cost energy savings such as insulation.**

Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council in conjunction with the Energy Savings Trust are making this offer as part of The Green Community Initiative, some of you will have seen the Energy Check Questionnaire before and if you have already filled one in don't panic you will still receive these financial benefits.

More savings are promised as part of the Green Communities initiative but to take advantage you need to return the Home Energy Check.

For further information contact Steve Young 01757 288234 or the Energy Saving Trust and talk to their local friendly advisors on 0800 512012 or visit their website

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

We Plan a meeting between residents and lots of companies who can provide you with energy savings and therefore financial savings, this will be arranged and you be advised of the date and place.

ERYC on the Visit.

Back in September 2009 ERYC visited the village with a road show, where senior members of the Council attended along with Ward Councillors, and officers from the various Council departments. A number of different issues were brought up regarding topics such as speeding, smells and this years Council Tax and the Councils Budget in the present financial climate.

Well these views were listened to and some were answered on the night, whilst others needed some back ground information before any decisions or answers could be given. One such problem was the speeding on Back Lane and Selby Road. Following requests made by residents through the Parish Council and the event, speed monitoring equipment was set up on each road for two seven day, 24 hour speed and vehicle classification surveys were arranged in the village.

The results are as follow:

Back Lane

The survey was carried out on Back Lane using hoops across the road.

- 1/ In total, over 7 days (10/11/09 to 16/11/09), 7393 vehicles used Back Lane at this point
- 2/ The average speed of all vehicles was 35.9mph
- 3/ The 85% tile of all vehicles was 42.7mph (the highest speed up to 85% of all vehicles travelled.)
- 4/ 17.4% of vehicles were travelling at or under 30mph.
- 5/ 82.6% of vehicles were travelling over 30mph.
- 6/ 56.7% of vehicles were travelling between 30mph and 40mph and 22.8% of vehicles were travelling between 40mph and 50mph.
- 7/ 6 vehicles were recorded exceeding 65mph.

Conclusions

The average speed of vehicles is over the 30mph speed limit (35.9mph)
82.6% of all vehicles exceeded the 30mph speed limit
54.9% of vehicles exceeded the Police enforcement level for a 30mph speed limit.

Selby Road

The survey was carried out adjacent to number 39 Selby Road using hoops across the road.

- 1/ In total, over 7 days 21912 vehicles used the A163 Selby Road between 10/11/09 to 16/11/09
- 2/ The average speed of vehicles was 30mph
- 3/ 85% tile of all vehicles was 34.2mph (the highest speed up to which 85% of vehicles travelled)
- 4/ 53% of vehicles travelled either at or below 30mph
- 5/ 44% of vehicles travelled between 30mph and 40pmh
- 6/ The highest speed travelled was by 1 vehicle between 60 and 65mph

Conclusion

The average speed of vehicles was 30.0mph at the posted speed limit of 30mph and the 85% tile was 4.2mph higher at 34.3mph
47% of vehicles travelled over the 30mph speed limit
12% of vehicles exceeded the Police enforcement level for a 30mph

SPEEDING WILL BE ON THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA