



Appleton Wiske Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

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Your new Hambleton District Councillor



Steve Watson - WHO??

Hello and thank you for electing me as your district councillor in the recent election. With the new Ward boundaries, brought about by the reduction in councillors by Hambleton District Council, I am now your new Ward representative for Appleton Wiske and Smeatons.

Prior to this I was the councillor for the Cowtons, Worsall and Great Smeaton and now look forward to representing you in the new Ward. Some of you may have seen me delivering election leaflets and it was interesting to talk to a number of residents and find out what your issues were, as well as visit all of the homes in your beautiful village.

I have lived in East Cowton, in what used to be the village school, with my wife Pat for roughly 27 years and some of you may know her from her role as Group Scout Leader. We have a small menagerie on our small holding which keeps us both busy - geese, ducks, chickens and sheep plus our 2 dogs. I have worked across the Hambleton area as a telecoms engineer and manager until retiring this march after nearly 40 years so may have visited some of you in that role previously.

With more time to give I look forward to representing your interests within HDC and regularly attending parish meetings so that I can listen to your views. If you need to contact me, I am available via email cllr.steve.watson@hambleton.gov.uk or 01325 378783

Appleton Recreation Association 200 Club



Our Summer draw took place in the Village Hall on Monday 06 July 2015, following the Parish Council meeting, and we are glad to announce the following winners;

1st Prize £250 - Gail and John Fiske

2nd Prize £100 - Ann Wilkinson

3rd Prize £50 - Johnathan Taylor

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support by being involved in the draw, If anyone is not in the 200 club and would like to be, it is £20 a year and numbers can be requested through Andrew I'Anson 07949 341784, Leonie Smith 0777 3810863 or Helen Healey 07988 115 197. There are a few numbers to be filled before the autumn draw in September.



Appleton Wiske Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association (YCA)

The Appleton Wiske Yorkshire Country Women's Association meet every second Wednesday in the month in the village hall annexe.

Forthcoming events - 09 September 2015 - Dawn Webster will be presenting a talk about Kiplin Hall. In October we have a change of date to 28 October to go to the Hambleton Forum to see the musical Copacabana.

If you are interested in joining our friendly group please come along and you will be made very welcome.

For a detailed list of our events please keep an eye on the notice boards or contact Michelle Street, Secretary 01609 881422 or Margaret Lamb, Chairperson. 01609 881468

Scarecrow Festival 2015

We raised an amazing £4,200 with our Scarecrow Festival on 04 & 05 July. Over 1000 visitors arrived and we heard many comments on the marvellous scarecrows, delicious teas, beautiful quilts in the exhibition, lovely welcome, delightful gardens ("had they been spruced up for the occasion?" - well really!!) and our lovely village, "It must be a great place to live".



The Northern Echo, Darlington and Stockton Times, Radio Tees and Tyne Tess Television were all interested, although as far as we know the latter did not visit, although they said they might.

Winners of the Raffle

1st prize Jean Jones
2nd prize Margaret Lamb
3rd prize Dorothy Walker

Winners of the Ladybird Hunt

1st prize Ashden Blackman
2nd prize Louise Potts
3rd prize Becky Radigan

Mrs Sew and Sew Scarecrow "guess the number of patches on my dress" - actual number 286

Adult winner - Jill Bainbridge (277)
Child winner - Joe Shuttleworth (285)

Photographs of all scarecrows will be published on the Village Website but can also be viewed at <http://helenjohnsonyorkshirewriter.co.uk>

NEXT YEAR - we are looking for a cause in the village to raise money for. If you have any suggestions please let Gill or Brian Rawling know before 10 August and they will be discussed at the next meeting.

Thank You

Tim Haw would like to say thank you to several kind members of the village community for making donations towards the cost of vets bills for his pet cats.



Defibrillator

You will have seen that the village defibrillator has been installed on the porch wall of the post office.

There is no 'training' required to use it but we will be holding a 'familiarisation' session on 17 August if you would like to see how it works.

To register for this session please email kenblackwood@btinternet.com or call 881660

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WE NEED YOUR VIEWS AGAIN!!

One year ago we asked you to tell us what you thought the housing need was for the next 10 years.

The results were analysed by Hambleton District Council and the result (July 2014) was that there is a need for a small development of 10, 2 - 3 bedroom dwellings of which 4 should be affordable.

We then advertised for suitable sites in September 2014 and we have now had the sites assessed by 3 planning bodies.

As a result of the assessments, 2 sites have been identified as the most suitable and we are seeking the views of the residents as to which should be adopted in our Neighbourhood Plan.

We will be sending a letter and a form to all households in the village so you will have the chance to express your view. To help you choose we will also be having a consultation in the village hall in September (date to be confirmed).

Thank you

The Neighbourhood Planning Group.

Minibus Update

We are still waiting for news on the delivery of the new village minibus from the Department of Transport's Community Transport Minibus Fund., our MP, Rishi Sunak, has agreed to seek the latest information for us.

Whilst the current minibus still continues to pass its 12 weekly safety checks, its appearance does little to encourage additional use as rust is becoming more prominent.

Val Hills continues to take bookings on 01609 881 553 and the regular 'shoppers' service leaves the centre of the village at 09:15 each Wednesday and returns from Northallerton from the rear entrance of Morrisons supermarket in the Applegarth car park at noon, after collecting the prescriptions from the Mowbray surgery. Prescriptions are available from the Post Office from Wednesday afternoons.

Appleton Players

Our production for 2016 is the Pied Piper of Appleton.



Adult auditions will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 03 September at 7:30 p.m.
with rehearsals commencing the following week.

Children's auditions will be Thursday 10 September in the Village Hall at 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in taking part and can not attend auditions please contact Shirley Duffield
- Director or Children please contact Linda Whyman.

If you would like to help in any other way or would like further details please contact Michelle
Street on 01609 881422 or m.street2@sky.com

Appleton Recreation Association

The ARA has had a great first half of the year with the new equipment installed in the play park area. This has also seen increased use of this area.



We are always looking for ways to improve this area and the fencing around the play area and the skate park is to be renewed in the near future. After this we aim to replace the fence along the whole playing field at the back end of the year.

We have also now amalgamated with the Tennis Club in the hope that this will help both groups be seen more favourably when it comes to trying for grants.

I would like to thank our small team of volunteers, without who these things would not happen, but as always we are looking for additional helpers if anyone wishes to join our team please get in touch with Andrew I'Anson 07949 341 784 or Leonie Smith 01609 881454.

Lastly, I would like to thank Paul Robson, who does a fantastic job for us cutting the grass on the playing field and the hedges on a cost only basis, without his generosity we truly would struggle.

We look forward to the remainder of 2015 and look out for fundraising events and the Grand Official Opening of the new look play park.

St Mary's Roof Campaign

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Scarecrow festival which raised an amazing £4,200. this has gone a long way towards the costs of the chancel roof which can hopefully begin in Sept/Oct.

Very generous donations from families who have graves in the churchyard have enabled us to hire someone to cut the grass for the year alongside our two hardworking volunteers (Ken and Simon) who will continue to cut the grass round the church.

There are many other collections that take place throughout the year for good causes; Service Charities, Childrens Society, Northallerton Food Bank, to name but a few. The church is open daily, during the day, for anyone to visit and also find a haven of peace.