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Appleton Wiske Parish Council

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!!!

Appleton Wiske Parish Council has a vacancy for a councillor. If you are able to attend regular monthly Monday evening meetings and are interested in helping the council and feel you can add value to our community, we would really like to hear from you. Please write a short letter introducing yourself and saying why you'd like to help and send to Leonie Smith, Parish Clerk at 4 Hunters Ride, Appleton Wiske or email leonie_dawn@hotmail.com

Mini Recycling Centres

In March 2016 Hambleton District Council is ceasing its mini recycling bank service – all the banks will be removed, including those located in our community.

This change is a result of the new kerbside recycling service being introduced in March – all homes are being provided with a third wheeled bin to recycle even more materials. By encouraging residents to recycle further HDC do not expect the mini recycling centres to be needed. HDC can also make significant savings – the cost of servicing these sites is high.

Village Halls and schools will become part of the new system – receiving two 240 litre wheeled bins, one to take glass (not schools) and one for mixed paper, card, cartons, plastic and cans. Pubs and other sites will be expected to find their own recycling contractor if they wish to continue to recycle waste products.



Appleton Recreation Association 200 Club

Our Christmas draw took place in the Lord Nelson on 24 December 2015 and we are glad to announce the following winners;

1st Prize £500 - Peter Drummond 2nd Prize £200 - Paul & Debbie Brown 3rd Prize £100 - Rob & Jayne Little

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 Easter Draw.





APPLETON WISKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last term was a very busy time in school. We are very pleased to announce that we have been awarded a Silver School's Games Award and that we have gained our Inclusion Quality Mark at the highest level. Our school elections took place for School Council, Playtime Friends and E-Safety Officers. The Playtime Friends have introduced a "craze of the week" at playtime and lunch time. Thank you to Friends of the School who provided the funding to buy the weighted trick hula hoops to start our hula hooping craze. Forest

School visits took place on a weekly basis and we had a big focus on reading with a school reading competition, a book fair, visiting storyteller and reading information session for parents. We also hosted a visit for Early Years teachers from the Swaledale Alliance who came to learn about Outdoor Provision and Forest Schools. We are pleased to have been chosen to share our outstanding provision in Class 1.

We held our Harvest Festival in church and the proceeds of our harvest sale were donated to the World Food Organisation. On Remembrance Day, Father Simon led an assembly with the children observing the two minutes silence and we ended our term with a lovely Christmas Carol Service in Church.

Our breakfast and afterschool club started and is proving very popular. We are now able to provide care from 8am to 6pm each day and the children are enjoying a range of activities including music, baking, craft and sport.

We had a very successful sporting term. We took part in the Sainsbury School Games Cross Country Competition with many pupils going forward to the area final. Our Year 3 children enjoyed an Aerobics session at Ingleby Arncliffe Primary School and the Year 4 children took part in an Anti-Bullying Street Dance workshop at both these events the children were commended for their outstanding behaviour. We were very pleased that our boy's football team went through to the Area Final and the girl's football team won the trophy at their football competition. They will go forward to represent Hambleton in the Sainsbury's Sports Games on the 3rd July. We also welcomed students from Durham University who have invited us to be involved in a sport and nutrition action research project.

The Friends of the School held their annual sponsored walk and photo competition and organised a wonderful "Bake Off" competition, which the children really enjoyed. We have welcomed Mr David Jowsey in school at the end of term, who is also an author and illustrator of children's books. He did a wonderful job of painting the scenery for the school play and if you would like to look at his other work you can visit his website at www.davidjowsey.com. We have had a lovely end to the Christmas term with Christmas lunch, the Christmas play, party day with the puppet man and the Carol Service in Church. We ended the term with a visit from a very special guest who brought treats for everyone!

This term we are looking forward to our Year 5 Residential at Robinwood and our regular Monday swimming sessions. The forthcoming sports fixtures include the Swimming Gala, Sportshall Athletics, Dodgeball, Hi 5, Quick Sticks Hockey, Key Steps Gymnastics and the Cross Country Finals. We are also excited about the Friends of the School Barn Dance on Friday 29th January. Tickets are on sale now!



Scarecrow Festival

Thank you to all who supported the Scarecrow Festival in 2015 and how rewarding to see the donation from the event in action helping towards the repairs to the church roof.

In 2016 the festival will be taking place on the 2nd & 3rd July and the enthusiastic planning team are already hard at work. The proceeds this year will be shared between the Pre School, the ARA and go towards running costs of the Village Minibus.

Have a good new year and don't forget to put the date in your diary.







APPLETON PLAYERS

How time flies! The Appleton Players have been entertaining us with Pantomime for 30 years and, as part of the celebrations, have produced a comprehensive list of cast & crew who have been involved with the group over all those years. Copies of the document are available, and can be requested by emailing: peterawpanto@btinternet.com

The celebrations culminate with a 30th Anniversary Social Meeting, to be held in the Appleton Wiske Village Hall on Sunday 7 February 2016, from 14.00 to 17.00.

Past, existing and prospective members are cordially invited to this nostalgic get together. Photographs will be on display and should provoke some lively discussion and reminisces. Light refreshments will be provided – to assist with the catering please inform us if you intend popping along by emailing: peterawpanto@btinternet.com

Also a huge thank you to everyone involved in making the Pied Piper of Appleton such a great success this year.



Dog Walkers

Please note that Dogs are not permitted to be walked on the Playing Field/Football Pitch.

Also please can we remind all to please PICK UP after your dogs.



Saint Mary's Church

THANKSGIVING FOR THE ROOF REPAIRS

There will be a special Service in St Mary's at 6:00 pm on Sunday 7 February as an Act of Thanksgiving for the completion of the first phase of the roof repairs to the church. Everyone is most welcome especially those who have contributed

to the fundraising. Please see Church Notice Board for further details.

POPPY APPEAL

Through your generosity last November the Poppy Appeal in Appleton Wiske raised £ 779.00. This was part of the record sum raised in the Northallerton Area of over £ 22,400 – Thank you.



Community Car Scheme

The Northallerton and Bedale Community Car Scheme is a service for people who are unable to access public or private transport due to disability, age or where they live. The local needs include taking people to doctors and hospital appointments, to attend further education, occasionally for shopping trips (when the weekly minibus journey isn't suitable) and from time to time on longer journeys.

Volunteer drivers, using their own car, receive expenses of 45 pence per mile from their own home. In our local communities, this would mean that just to get to the start of a user's journey; there could be an additional cost to the user of £9.00 when the driver lives in Northallerton.

The scheme provides public liability insurance for the drivers. All volunteer drivers are subject to a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check being carried out. Northallerton & District Voluntary Service Association (who manages the car scheme) will help with this. Drivers must inform their insurance company that they are part of the volunteer scheme though this does not normally affect their premiums.

If there are volunteers from Appleton Wiske and nearby villages willing to become volunteer drivers or you would like to find out more about this scheme, contact Ken Blackwood on 01609 881660 or email minibus@appletonwiske.org



thirsk community care

Urgent Help Needed!

Thirsk Meals on Wheels needs new volunteers to cope with the growing demand. Thirsk Community Care took over the coordination of the service two years ago. At that time it only took out 40 hot meals a week. It is now delivering over 130 meals a week to the elderly around Thirsk.

Official Figures show that in the UK, 10 patients are admitted to hospital each week with malnourishment – which is an increase of 50% over the last five years. Rising energy bills can mean that older people have to choose between keeping warm or buying food, leaving many unable to afford a healthy diet.

Meals on Wheels not only provides a vital service that helps older people with a healthy diet but also helps combat the problems of loneliness which can also lead to health problems such as Depression, Cardiovascular disease and Dementia.

'46,000 older people in the UK have lost their Meals on Wheels Service in the last three years and we are determined to keep ours' says Ellen Cross Chief Officer of Thirsk Community Care 'and to be able to keep going and meet this ever growing demand we need 5-10 new volunteers to join our team.'

The Meals on Wheels service operates Tuesday – Sunday. Please get in touch if you if you can spare couple of hours a month please email Alison.Ballard@thirskcommunitycare.org or call her on 01845 523115

Appleton Wiske Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association (YCA)

Yorkshire Country Women's Association - AGM Wednesday 10th February - please join us for our first meeting of 2016.

Margaret Lamb will be stepping down as chairperson (although she will still be a member), we would all like to wish her well and thank her for all her hardwork. Margaret would like to thank members for all their support and wish her successor all the best. Meetings will continue to be the second Wednesday of every month, if you can not make the AGM and would like to join and receive an itinerary for this year please contact Michelle Street by email :m.street2@sky.com.



Appleton Wiske Tennis Club

Tennis season will soon be upon us;

Anyone interested in taking out a membership for the coming year please contact Richard Smith (smudge_smith648@hotmail.com) or Beryl Thompson (berylwh@me.com).

It is expected that membership fees will remain the same as 2015

Adults - £32 Children under 18 - £7

Household membership - £70

(2 adults and any person 18 years and under or anyone in full time education at that address)

It is hoped that there will be new locks on the gates before the season starts and all existing members to organise distribution of new keys.

