

WEST HALTON AND COLEBY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome 😊 to the first edition of our newsletter !!! It's our first attempt at doing something like this so we hope that everyone enjoys reading it. The newsletter is being produced in conjunction with the Parish Council (PC), the Village Hall Committee and the Parochial Church Council (PCC).



Hopefully we will publish a quarterly newsletter which will include news, future planned events, and other information we feel residents would like to hear.

What would you like to see in our community? What events would residents like organising? Please do come forward with ideas.



If you know of any interesting articles, news, or information you would like to share please do contact one of the contacts listed on the back page. Thank you 😊

Sadly, it has come to the residents attention, that the Butchers Arms Public House is up for sale.

We really do not want to lose this valuable community asset. Investigations are underway to see if it is possible to establish a community group with the view of keeping the Butchers Arms open.

We will keep everyone updated as to the progress



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There have been several projects that the PC have been working on during 2023. Coleby finally has a new bus shelter. Many thanks to L M Joinery who have demonstrated some excellent workmanship in producing a fitting shelter and to Winterton Lions for their generous donation of £500 towards the cost. A Lion's plaque will be installed on the shelter during the next few weeks and the PC will provide a bin

Coleby residents decorated the bus shelter at Christmas time – it looked amazing and extremely festive – what a good idea !

3 pin boards are in the shelter for use as a community noticeboard; a shelf has been installed and a popular book swap is now up and running. Currently there is a bench in the shelter however the PC may look at installing proper seating, in conjunction with Coleby resident wishes.

Unfortunately, some 'person' recently decided to take it into their head to cut all the middle out of one of the new football nets on the village field. Why people do this is beyond comprehension!! So many children (and teams) have been enjoying the football field for matches and training. Due to a very kind donation from a resident the hole has been 'patched' up. Luckily, we do have a spare set of nets which can be put up for any future matches. The vandalism incident has been logged with the Police and hopefully we will not have any more such incidents. The Village Hall and Parish Council are exploring the possibilities of installing CCTV.



There has been a dedicated volunteer team hard at work removing all the ivy which had decided to completely take over parts of the village field wall. Many thanks to the resident who also removed a large section of ivy from the wall near to the barrier gate. There is just one area of ivy removal along Churchside that needs completing. Amazingly the wall is not in a bad condition in this particular area. There were fears that, if all the ivy were removed in this section, the wall would collapse. The team will have one more push towards the end of February to finish the job. Anyone who would like to assist please do contact the Parish Clerk.



The Village field wall repair is still a big on-going project. In 2024 the stonemason will return to mend another section and the PC is actively looking at obtaining grant funding to support the cost. There are over 200 metres of wall that require mending!!

The PC have put in place an annual plan of works will include a village tree inspection, maintenance of the cemetery hedge, cemetery trees and surrounding cemetery environment. Included in this years programme were removal of the dead and decaying tree stumps in the cemetery and an inspection of all the trees on the village field. Several branches were identified as rotten and these were removed. This work could not have taken place without the help and assistance from a resident who supplied chain saws, loppers and a tractor and trailer to take away all the arisings. Thank you !

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2024 Proposed projects

Re-vamp field car park
– add post + rail
fencing + access gate
(subject to funding)

Web page
SSL
certificate



In January we applied for the annual NLC “In-bloom” grant for funds to plant up the village planters. A decision on the application should be announced late February. In addition, we requested funds for 3 new wood planters; one of which (if we are successful) to be installed in Coleby.

Currently our web page does not have SSL certification, so when people visit, the site displays a message stating that the site is not safe. It IS 100% safe however to make the site more professional and up to date the PC will apply for an upgrade to the web page.

Coleby Defib – A location has been found for a unit to be installed. Excellent news ! Grant funding will now be applied for

We have a new team of councillors who really do want to help all residents and to make Coleby and West Halton more pleasant and pretty places in which to live. We do have 2 vacancies on the PC. Have a think about joining us. A fresh face and new ideas do make a difference. Is there anything you would like to see improved within your community? These are public funds we hold so we do need feedback and suggestions. Please speak to us 😊 by contacting any member of the council listed on the back page.

We are delighted to announce that our grant application has been successful. The PC will purchase one SID speed flashing sign and this will be installed on one of the poles which have been erected. The plan is to rotate the SID sign around the parishes.

As soon as the SID device is in place, the PC are looking into the feasibility of starting a community speed watch group. More details to follow

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Village Hall News

What a busy year we have had at the Village Hall. What with scavenger hunts, Easter egg hunts, Summer camp outs, laser shows and finally Santa turning up its been all go and a really exciting year. The committee have worked extremely hard to put on events for the residents and we do hope that everyone has enjoyed them. If anyone has any ideas, please do approach one of the committee. We are always open to suggestions 😊



Don't forget our Indoor Bowls Sessions 😊 These take place every Tuesday in the Hall. It only costs £2 per person – this includes refreshments. Come along and have a go – its great fun and we all have a really good laugh. Do we take it seriously? ... maybe it's a bit competitive at times



Our Easter Egg Hunt and Scavenger hunts early in 2023 were thoroughly enjoyed by the children – over 25 kids came along to participate.

And even more exciting was our first Scarecrow event held in September. We had over 30 scarecrows in place, ranging from Spongebob Square Pants, car mechanics, farmers and Star Wars characters. The winning Scarecrow voted for by the public was Tea for Two – well done to the winning residents.



Did you know we hold a weekly coffee morning in the village hall? Every Thursday from 10.00 – 12.00. Pay £1 and get a cracking good cup of coffee, or tea if that is your preference 😊 Free biccies too. Bring your knitting if you want and sit down in a warm friendly environment and have a good natter.

Santa made two appearances this year. Once at the Christmas Party where the children had a whale of a time and then Santa came back on Christmas Eve to distribute some more presents. He had to hide in the hall due to the high winds that evening but his Elves made sure that he was safe and comfortable. Many thanks to all who helped to organise. For 2024 we are looking at organising a similar Christmas event for the younger children and possibly a Disco/Karaoke night for the elder children. More information to come later in the year – keep an eye out for announcements.



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So what do we have planned for 2024? Here are some of the exciting ideas 😊

Scavenger
Hunt 25th
February

D-DAY 80 years commemoration.

There is going to be a countrywide beacon lighting event on Thursday 6th June to remember all the forces personnel who took part in this vital WWII event. Its thanks to their participation and sacrifice that we can all live in our safe and free society. The VH and PC are investigating the possibility of installing a beacon on the village field so that villagers can join in the Nationwide event. More details to follow.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Easter
Egg Hunt
31st
Match



LOOK HERE'S OUR NEXT BIG
EVENT 😊 FASHION SHOW !

Other events being considered are;
Children's litter pick
D-DAY commemorations
Race night
Summer BBQ
Car boot Sale
Family Bingo and Beetle Drives

A thriving village hall is a vital component of local village life and it's a recognised fact that we all need to support and take care of them. Our hall is badly in need of refurbishment and re decoration. The committee are investigating the costs; these could be in excess of £10.000 and we are actively looking into all possible grant funding available. This will be a massive project to undertake but we must maintain the upkeep of our lovely hall for our community.

Fashion Show

and shopping event

EX HIGH STREET LADIES CLOTHING SALE & FASHION SHOW

Great price clothing for all seasons, smart and casual for ages 16-60+ size ranges 6-24
NO SECONDS, TOP BRAND NAMES AT BARGAIN PRICES

Fashion Show raising money for: West Halton & Coleby Village Hall

Address: Coleby Road
West Halton
DN15 9AP

Date: Thursday 14th
March 2024
Start Time 7pm

Time:

Ticket Price: £5.00 to include refreshments

Contact: Denise
07763872241

Tickets to be purchased before event.
All items sold as-is and for on the night.
Card accepted where goods are sold.

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ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

Many services have taken place during 2023 and it has been a joy to see and welcome all to our special place of worship. Grateful thanks are expressed to the clergy who have come forward to help take our services whilst we are without our own clergy

Unfortunately, Nature came along early in December and put paid to our Christmas Carol Service and Christmas Eve Service. Storm Elin knocked a massive branch off one of the large sycamore trees situated in the church yard and the remaining portion of the tree required a tree survey

The Carol Service was hastily re planned and took place in Derek's barn. Many thanks to him and Ann for their kind hospitality at such short notice

Spring time is just around the corner and the first snowdrops, aconites and celandines are just starting to bloom in the churchyard. These flowers are such a welcome sight on the dark dreary winters days and it makes us all think of Spring and warmer days ahead.

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Our very popular Christmas Wreath making session was held the first weekend in December. 42 people came along to 3 separate sessions and some wonderful and varied wreaths were created and £595 was raised for the church funds. It was a great get together and everyone said how much they had enjoyed the sessions, the delicious cakes, Christmas treats and drinks provided. Many thanks to the members of the PCC who worked so hard to put on this popular event.



We held our Annual Candlemas Service on 2nd February at 18.00 hours. This is always a special service held at St Etheldreda's. At the end of the service all the lights were turned off and prayers were said by candlelight. Candlemas celebrates the presentation of Jesus at the temple of Jerusalem and signifies the spiritual end to the Christmas festivities.

Our next service is Sunday 24th March Holy Communion 11.15

Other events planned for 2024 include;



Act of Remembrance. The PC have spoken with the RBI Winterton branch and they have offered to hold a small service of Remembrance in November within the church yard, around the War Memorial. More details to follow.

Christmas 2024 – In conjunction with the village Hall there are plans to hold Carols in the Churchyard by Lamplight followed by a procession to the village field for the Village Christmas Lights Switch on – Watch this space 😊