

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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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.

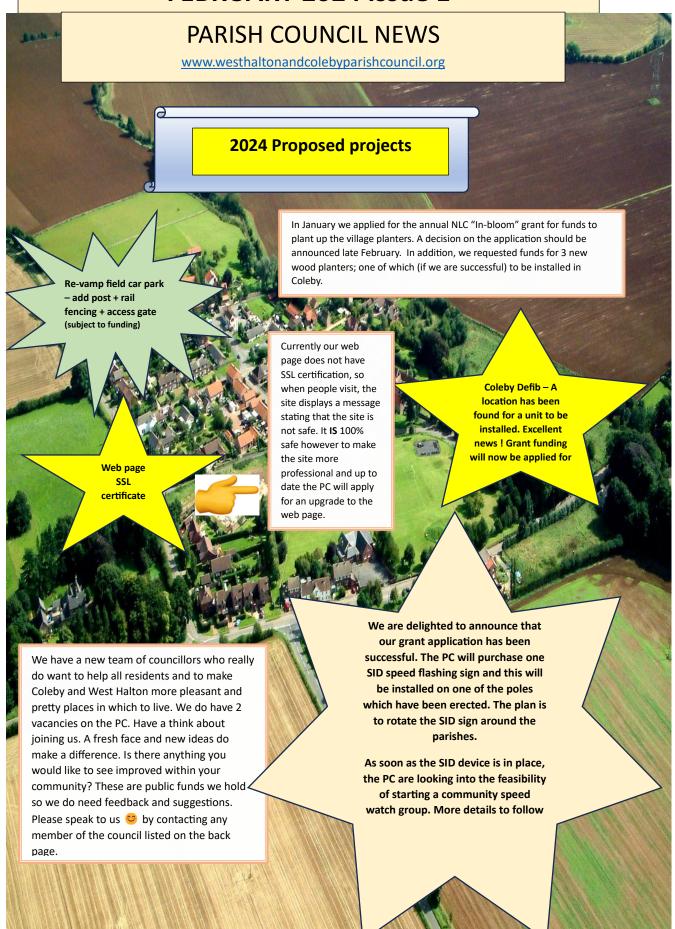
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Unfortunately, some 'person' recently decided to take it into their head to cut all the middle out of one of the new football nets on the village field. Why people do this is beyond comprehension!! So many children (and teams) have been enjoying the 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!



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

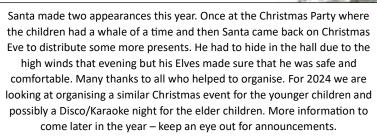


Our Easter Egg Hunt and Scavenger hunts early in 2023 were thoroughly enjoyed by the children – over 25 kids came along to participate.

And even more exciting was out 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.



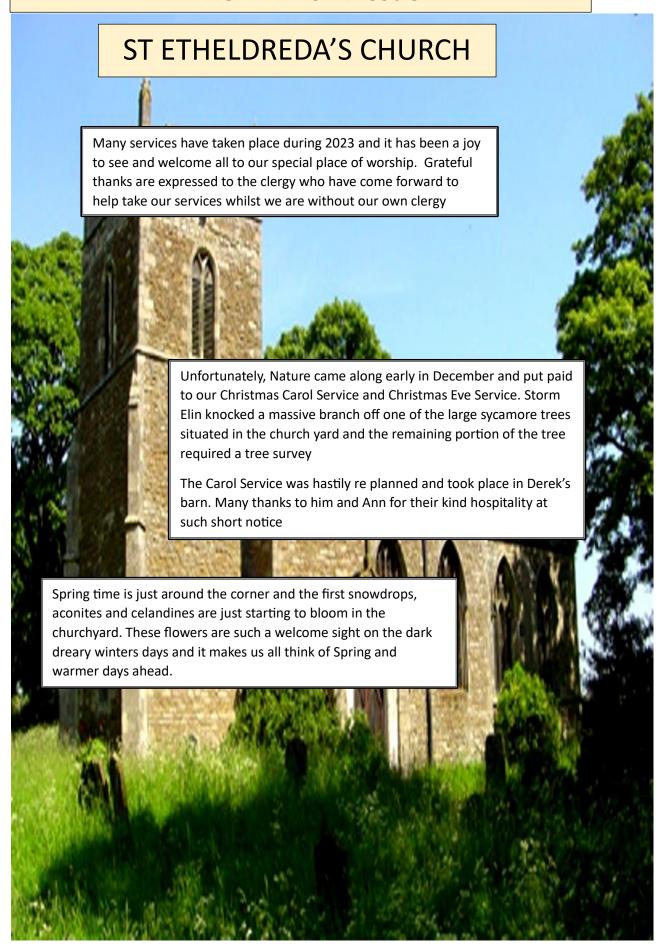
Did you know we hold a weekly coffee morning in the village hall? Every Thursday from 10.00 – 12.00. Pay £1 and get a cracking good cup of coffee, or tea if that is your preference Free biccies too. Bring your knitting if you want and sit down in a warm friendly environment and have a good natter.





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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.



Our next service is Sunday 24th March Holy Communion 11.15

Other events planned for 2024 include;



<u>Act of Remembrance</u>. 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