

WEST HALTON AND COLEBY NEWSETTER

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Hello again everyone 😊 – July already and finally sunshine – we hope everyone enjoyed the lovely weather. We have had a stranger in West Halton! Several residents reported seeing a nearly pure white blackbird. He/she was spotted last year in some gardens, and we are pleased to see it back again. This phenomenon is called leucism and is a genetic mutation. Sadly, they often do not live that long as being white they are more susceptible to predation. Let's hope 'Albi' the albino lives for a few more years.

D-DAY 80 years on.

Our community came together to honour and remember the courage and sacrifice of all the service personnel who took part in the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy in June 1944.

A nationwide beacon lighting took place at 21.15 and residents gathered on the village field around our new village beacon. More about the events in the following pages



HCCP – Humber Carbon Capture Pipeline

There will be a public consultation taking place in West Halton Village Hall on 16th July running from 16.00 – 20.00.

The consultation will be presented by Camargue UK, a company based in Cheltenham. The consultation event will present the Northern Endurance Partnership's (NEP's) new DCO application for the Humber Carbon Capture Pipeline.

This is an onshore CO₂ transportation pipeline from Drax in North Yorkshire to Easington in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

This event will enable the local communities time to study the Government's proposed carbon capture pipeline and for the residents to express their views on the proposal, whether they are directly or indirectly affected by this new underground transportation.

Curlys (local community and charity event organisers) are returning for the 6th year with the Hedgehog Half Marathon on 13th October 2024

Curleys are working once again with the amazing team at Andrew's Hedgehog Hospital, based up the road in Appleby, supporting their valuable work of looking after our prickly chums.

The day will see around 450 runners tackling 13.1 miles around our lovely villages (we are 100% it's one of the prettiest half marathons!)

We always encourage local communities to pop out of their houses and cheer the runners on. It makes a huge difference and really shows off how great our communities are.

Create good luck signs, put some music on, put some chairs out the front or even get in touch if you want to help marshal and volunteer on the route or in your village (contact@curlysathletes.co.uk)

If you have cars parked on the route, where possible, it would be great vehicles could be parked off the road, as much of the course is on open roads to help reduce the impact on local residents. Speed restrictions are in place, -please take care, Runners should be coming through West Halton from 09.25 until around 10.15

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our D-Day events.

These proved to be extremely successful.

We kicked off on Thursday 6th June with the beacon lighting and we had several exhibits inside and outside the hall.

Our newly decorated bar room was a real crowd puller with a battle of the beers theme. We are pleased to say that the UK won that battle too!

Saturday 8th saw the afternoon tea with the family disco later in the evening. We have received some great feedback about both of these events – especially the Afternoon Tea which was delicious.

The family disco was hilarious with children and adults alike having a great time playing with the props, Vic's gun emplacement and Andrew's baby's gas mask proving to be the most popular.

Thank you to everyone who supported us and to our band of volunteers who helped with decorating the hall and car park and to those who helped at both events.

Special thanks to Vic Oliver, Martin Lambert and Scunthorpe IPMS Model Club. Also a big thank you to North Lincolnshire Council who gave us a grant of £250 towards running the two events.

Lots more photos from these events will be on display inside the village hall.



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Planned 2024 Events – Keep your eyes peeled for confirmed dates and further planned events.

Coffee Morning - every Thursday 10.00 – 12.00 £1.00 a brew

Indoor Bowls - every Tuesday 14.00 – 16.00 £2.00 pp

Annual BBQ - date to be confirmed

Saturday 17th August - Family Summer Camp Out and Laser Show on the village green

Race Night – date to be confirmed

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd September - Village Scarecrows and Harvest Festival

Halloween Children's Disco

Sunday 1st December - Carols by Lamplight at the Church followed by the Christmas Tree Light Switch-on

Christmas Craft Fair – date to be confirmed

Children's Christmas Events – dates to be confirmed



Our new website is still a work in progress but we are working hard to get it up and running very soon.

Our AGM was held on Monday 1st July. Thank you to all who came along.

Our treasurer gave her report and the future of the hall is looking good. We still have a lot of repairs that need starting but we plan to draw up a timetable of work and apply for grant funding for some of the major costs. Watch this space.

**Do you have a family event coming up or need a meeting room?
Please ask any member of the committee for details of costs, availability and arranging a viewing of the hall. Very competitive rates!!**

Decorating update:

Thank you to a very generous resident who has offered to decorate the Village Hall for us – with a little help from the committee. We really appreciate your help!

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Flooded footpath

The footpath at the bottom of Winteringham Lane has been impassable for many months due to flooding. The issue was raised with NLC around 7 months ago. NLC have been waiting for the footpath to dry out so that a boardwalk can be installed. As the path is now passable the PC are pushing hard to get the boardwalk installed as the council know many people enjoy using this path.

SSL Certification We now have our SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) certificate in place so when people visit our web page you can be sure that the site is safe. Please do visit the site for all PC minutes, agendas and news
<https://www.westhaltonandcolebyparishcouncil.org.uk>

The Whitton road planter was unfortunately damaged in a road traffic accident back in January. A price has been obtained to repair the planter and to re-site it back on the concrete base. The PC hope to have this work finished by the end of August.

Coleby Defib

At the time of writing, the PC is still awaiting a decision on the community grant application. The application was submitted to NLC Mid-May with a decision promised by the end of May/beginning of June. The PC are **extremely** frustrated with the amount of time this is taking so the clerk has requested the assistance of the local ward councillors to escalate the issue with NLC as the PC recognise that a defib is a vital community asset.

LLFA (Lead Local Flood Authority)

We mentioned in the April newsletter, that the LLFA established ownership of the Walker Close drain. The PC are pleased to report that work has taken place. The pipe in which the drain rod was stuck has been removed, and a new pipe and soakaway have been installed. Hopefully this will resolve the issue of flooding in Walker Close. Only time and the weather will tell!

The PC have been busy mapping the branch of West Halton beck, which runs behind Glebe Farm and parallel with Coleby road. Maps and photos will now be sent to the LLFA to help them with their investigations. A new culvert has been installed on Coleby Road, opposite the cemetery and highways are due to inspect the metal grill/old culvert on Coleby Road to determine what work is needed in this area.

Council members will now carry out the same mapping exercise on the branch of West Halton beck which runs towards Alkborough

SID Speeding sign

The SID has been in its present position (Coleby road) since 30th May.

Stats obtained for the period 11/06 – 01/07 show 2563 vehicles were recorded of which there were **45%** speed violations!! Its obvious that there are still irresponsible, selfish drivers out there who think it is 'cool' to drive at excessive speeds through our community

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Winteringham Lane

The PC recognise that Winteringham Lane is in a shocking state. Weeds are growing alongside the kerbed areas, the footpaths are barely discernible and some of the hedges are over hanging the footpaths making it virtually impossible to walk along the pathways. The PC are investigating organisations who could possibly assist with cleaning up this area. NLC road sweeper has visited West Halton recently, however it seems that they do not even think about coming down Winteringham Lane!!

Verge grass cutting

Last year due to a funding deficit only 7 cuts were possible. The PC have negotiated with NLC and we are delighted to say that we have received additional funding toward devolved grass cutting, the first payment being received at the beginning of July. This means that our contractor will be able to cut the verges a total of 8 times during the season. The PROW will be cut 3 times. The PC does recognise that there is a 'silent band' of community spirited residents who regularly cut areas of highways verges at their own expense and in their own time. Our thanks go out to these people who help to keep West Halton and Coleby looking so lovely during the summer months.

Village Field wall repairs

The council have allocated a further £2000 in the 2024-2025 budget to cover the cost of repairing another section of the village field wall. The PC are presently holding off on this project, as, some of these funds may have to be utilised to provide more mapping information relating to the flooding incidents. Once all the mapping has taken place the PC will be in a better position to scrutinise what funds can be used against which projects

Mystery of the disappearing streetlight

When Northern Power Gen recently installed the new electric transformer in White House Lane, it became apparent that the streetlight had been taken down and not replaced. After lengthy consultations with NLC, we now have installed a brand new fully functioning streetlight.

Have you spotted a bike?

There were 3 bikes hiding away in the Village Hall loft, rusting away and un-loved, from the days when various professional cycles races passed through.

After some TLC involving the attaching of a wicker basket and plant box to each cycle along with a lick of paint, the bikes are now on display around West Halton with their wicker baskets and boxes planted up. Many thanks go out to the residents who worked on these.

Ivy Clearance

The team have completed the clearing of the ivy off the village wall. There are 2 areas along Churchside which have been left as it is just impossible to remove these by hand.

Once the PC have established how to proceed with the wall repairs in this area, these 2 areas will be tackled. In the meantime, growth will be kept under control.

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Our next services are planned as follows;

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Service details are also on the Church Facebook page.

As always, there is a warm welcome to all our regular parishioners and any new people who wish to come along and worship in our lovely

Services

We've now been without a vicar for 4 years and our services continue to be delivered by retired vicar Rev. David Beverley and Penny Pringle, our Licensed Reader. We are very grateful to them both for keeping us going so brilliantly with interesting and well - attended services. The news from the Diocese is that in September the post will be advertised with the hope that there will be applicants to interview regarding filling the position of vicar or Priest in Charge for the parishes at this northern end of the Deanery.

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Further dates for your diary

Act of Remembrance at the Churchyard Memorial– date to be confirmed in November. This is still in the planning stage and more details will be announced nearer the time.

1st December 2024. Candle lit lantern Christmas Carols in the Churchyard.

This will not be a service but an opportunity for villagers to gather together to sing Christmas Carols outside the church porch. More details nearer the time, but it's something to look forward to and a date for your diary. This will be followed by a procession to the village field for the Christmas lights switch on. The Village Hall bar will be open after the light show. Committees are working on putting final details together and once these have been firmed up information will be shared in the October Newsletter and on social media.

The PCC will be hosting their annual popular Christmas Wreath Making in December. More details on timings and costs will be provided once a date has been confirmed.

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Fly tipping

Our area seems to be extremely prone to periodic fly tipping, some of which has been disgusting and dangerous.

If you do see a fly tip, please do report it via the NLC web page. It only takes a few minutes to complete their on-line form. You can also upload pictures which helps.

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/fly-tipping-and-abandoned-vehicles/>



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