

WEST HALTON AND COLEBY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2025 Issue 6

Hello again everyone 😊 Spring has arrived! is everyone is looking forward to longer, warmer days and being able to get outside more? Lots of interesting articles in this issue; major churchyard work, reports on the latest successful village hall events with more exciting ones in the pipeline; planning information, and hopefully no spelling mistakes this time (thanks to the eagle-eyed resident who spotted the never-ending spelling error 😊) ! So please - read on and enjoy !!

Butchers Arms Public House

We are pleased to announce that the Butchers Arms Public house has been purchased and is going to be re-opened as soon as possible.

The purchaser has various ideas with regards to refurbishment plans, possibly including a conservatory at the rear.

According to Government statistics, 6 pubs a week are shutting so to have someone purchase the Butchers is such good news for our communities. A thriving pub is a vital social hub which needs our support.

At the time of going to press, the purchase legalities are progressing and as soon as we know more information we will let everyone know.

“The Pub is the Hub”

Household clearances

Our area does seem to suffer from fly tipping on a regular basis. NLC would like to remind everyone if they book a contractor to remove household rubbish, the contractor must be a licensed waste carrier. If they are not, then you could be held accountable for any fly tipping that could result from the house clearance. Always ask the clearance company to provide proof of their waste carrier licence.

Let's all help to try and keep our communities free of fly-tipping

Octopus Energy

A planning application has been submitted to NLC with respect to the erection of a wind turbine on the Grange Tigger site, West Halton Hill. The application will be visible on the NLC web site for all to comment on. Please do add your comments to the planning application

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk>

Mayoral Elections

On Thursday 1 May, residents in North Lincolnshire will be voting to help select the first Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority (GLCCA) Mayor.

Don't forget – you will need photo ID to cast your vote!!

Sponsor

We would like to thank the resident who has kindly offered to sponsor this newsletter. Normally the cost is covered by the 3 village organisations. The cost of printing each edition is £35 – if anyone would like to sponsor an edition, please do contact the clerk

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Since the last newsletter we joined in with the Nation-Wide Village Hall's Week.

This event proved popular with everyone who attended. The bacon and sausage butties went down a treat, as usual, and the children had fun with games and karaoke later in the day. We even had a Line Dancing Demonstration.

The social evening was a major boost to the hall and we practically sold out of all the booze!



We are doing a major re-stock before our next Social on Saturday 12th January 6pm – 11pm so add the date to your diaries.

Well done to the quiz winners and raffle winners in the evening.

Footfall over the whole day was an incredible 160 people! THANK YOU.

LINE DANCING CLASSES

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details about the Line Dancing classes starting at the hall in April. £3.50 per person – contact Linda whose details are on our Facebook page.

EASTER EGGS - DONATIONS

If anyone would like to donate an Easter Egg for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt there is still time and it would be really appreciated. Just let any committee member know.

This event is always well supported, and we can't wait to see the children having fun again this year.

The Egg hunt starts at 10am at the hall and the kitchen will be open serving your favourite bacon and sausage butties.



WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS A CADENT CENTRE FOR WARMTH

We will be holding several talks at the village hall to discuss the Priority Service Register, Energy Efficiency and Staying Warm, Carbon Monoxide and the dangers and a couple of slow cooker demonstrations. Dates for all have to be arranged but will be between Easter and the summer.

Anyone eligible for a slow cooker should get in touch as soon as possible so we can request one for you – although stock is limited and Cadent will make the final decision who will receive one.

We can also provide you with a CO alarm and anyone who has an appliance that can potentially produce CO can apply for one.

We don't know when these items will be available, but we will keep you informed on progress. Please keep an eye on our FB page for more information.

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Other planned events for 2025 include:

Social Evening with either Bingo or a Quiz – Saturday 12th April 6-11pm

Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday 20th April

VE Day Event – Saturday 10th May - Street Party Theme

LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE APRIL AND MAY EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

VJ Event – Saturday 16th August – Afternoon tea, quiz and bar until 11pm.

MacMillan coffee morning – September date to be advised

Scarecrow weekend – 27th – 28th September

Race night – October Date to be confirmed. Bar until 10.30pm

Children's Halloween Disco – 25th October 31st October or 1st November

Christmas Craft Fair – Sunday 23rd November

Children's Christmas Party – Saturday 29th November 2-4pm, followed by Christmas Tree light Switch on at 5pm.

Christmas Lunch – Sunday 7th December.

EVERY TUESDAY 2PM-4PM INDOOR BOWLS. £2 PER PERSON.

EVERY THURSDAY 10AM-12PM COFFEE MORNING.

Volunteers for any of these events would be really appreciated. From selling tickets to helping to set up or clear up afterwards – and everything in between. Just speak to any committee member.

A resident has suggested having a “West Halton Street Boot” later in the year. The Committee has been in touch with “Light up Winterton”, who are organising Winterton's next Street Boot in April, and once we have more information we will come back with a date.

The refurbishment of the shower room has been completed, and it is now in full working order.

Excellent job and a big THANK YOU to Alex at AM Plumbing & Heating. Fabulous job as always 😊

The work on the hall's flat roof has started, but it uncovered some real issues from the ivy growing on the village green. This is now a work in progress as we need specialist advice on how to continue.

Future fundraising events will go towards replacing the indoor bowls mat and having hopscotch and snakes and ladders in the car park for the younger children and a basketball net for the older children.

We'd like to have a full refurbishment of the toilets and have solar panels installed on the roof and we are looking at grants for these major projects.

Thank you.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Flooding LLFA follow up visit

During a recent follow up meeting, the LLFA (Local Lead Flood Agency) have requested for residents to call in any flooding issues to NLC, be internal or external – no matter how small; for example, flood water present in a garage or flood waters accumulating on the highway. By telephoning NLC, flood statistics are generated and passed to the LLFA. The LLFA team stated that West Halton is (for some reason!!) low down on NLC's floor priorities so we need to bombard them with calls concerning flooding issues.

The telephone numbers to use are

01724 297000 08.30 – 16.30 Monday-Friday

01724 276444 out of hours

Please also take photos, note dates/times and forward these to the Parish Clerk. Thank you

Annual Parish Assembly

The annual parish assembly will take place in West Halton Village Hall Thursday 1st May 2025 commencing at 18.30.

The primary goal of the assembly is for the Parish Council to report on its activities and achievements during the last financial year. The assembly also provides a platform for residents to voice their concerns and to have their say on parish affairs.

After the Parish Assembly has taken place, the Parish Council Annual meeting will be held, during which the officers will be elected

Everyone is welcome to attend

West Halton Hill Refuse operation

FCC, the company who run this site, invited the PC to look around the site, in view of recent residents' concerns over lorry traffic and current activity. Several soil surface areas of the landfill site have settled and 'pitted' thus allowing water to accumulate on the surface. The lorries have been bringing in clean, uncontaminated soil to reinstate a smooth, solid surface, prior to re-grassing. The current activity has ceased at the time of writing, however it is expected to re-start once drier weather has arrived. If any residents have any more concerns regarding the land fill site, please do contact Council. FCC are willing to discuss any issues that residents are worried about.

2024-2025

March 2025 sees the end of the current PC financial year. Did you know that Parish Council accounts need to be audited twice? Once by a local 'internal' auditor and once by an 'external' Government appointed auditor. Our un-audited year end accounts will be published on our web site shortly, to be replaced by the audited ones later in the year

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Allotment mains water

All the necessary pipework, fixtures and fittings have now been purchased. The contractor will be coming in the next few weeks to dig the trench for the mains water to be connected. There will be some pipework protruding out of the ground for several weeks, just outside the allotment gates. We will ensure the area is barriered off for health and safety reason. The pipework will be there whilst Anglian Water apply for permission to work on the highway. Unfortunately, the road will have to be closed for a day whilst the connection takes place.

Closure date to be confirmed after the application has been submitted to NLC

Litter bin

NLC have installed a new large litter bin outside the Alkborough Lane exit to the village field and it will be emptied during their weekly rounds.

The small bin which was installed on the wall has now been removed

Chestnut Mowing

Chestnut Mowing has made the first village field and cemetery cuts and they will be back fortnightly to keep our community looking tidy. The verges have also received their first cut of the season.

Possible road closure

There is a potential road closure planned for Water Lane 2nd – 6th June to allow jetting and mapping of the sewer system. For more information, please visit One Network

<https://one.network>

Police speed check

We have been pushing the Police to bring speed cameras to our villages in an attempt to deter this anti-social activity. A recent visit took place, and more visits will take place in the not too distant future. Our SID statistics are being forwarded onto the local constabulary so they can continue to understand the issues our communities are facing.

Car Park Re-vamp

We are still working on this project. Now that we are into the next financial year, we can apply for grant funding. It is proposed to put a low fence around the area to prevent cars driving onto the field.

A removable portion of fence will be required to allow approved vehicular access.

We have noticed several young people come regularly to use the football pitch for training. We are proposing to install a removable height barrier. By doing this it will hopefully allow us to leave the barrier open more often to allow people to park on the car park. Not the village verges.

The PC are also considering installing a gate to the left of the barrier to allow pedestrian access to the play area, so that people do not have to squeeze through the small gap or duck below the barrier.

What do residents think about the installation of a small gate?

ST ETHELDREDAS CHURCH

Once again our year of services began in early February with our Candlemas service held in the evening by candlelight. Although it's our first service of the year, it also brings to an end the church's Christmas season, and following this, the Christmas wreath decorations and the Christmas tree are packed away for another year. Both this and the March service were well attended and we are very grateful to have our services led by Rev. David Beverley, who was at one time Chaplain to the Scunthorpe Steel works.

March has been a busy time in the churchyard and the first Saturday saw a visit from the Community Payback team – actually, it was two teams of 6 with two supervisors that arrived as one team had had their placement cancelled at short notice. Their loss was our gain, and the team of 14 started to clear the overgrown vegetation, brambles and ivy from the east and south perimeter walls. It was soon clear that more visits would be needed to complete the clearance of the entire churchyard and so the team visited on each of the following three Saturdays.

The team worked hard and with good humour and we were impressed at how much was cleared on each visit. Not only are the walls clear of ivy, but the large Sycamore trees have been 'ringed' of ivy growth, some having the branches stripped of it completely. This has not only transformed the churchyard, but also the approach to the village from the south, as the churchyard wall is now completely visible from the road. The snowdrops that were such a beautiful sight in February have now been replaced with a carpet of lemon and pink primroses and the lush leaf growth of the bluebells has appeared on the south side of the chancel wall. It's worth a walk through in the gorgeous sunshine we've been having to be delighted by the sight of them all!

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The wreath making workshops that are held each December have always been held to raise funds for the restoration and repair of the church building. In April the stonemason will visit church to begin to remove loose and inappropriate mortar from the south elevation of the chancel wall, re-pointing it as necessary to prevent water ingress into the building, particularly around the window tracery. The guttering will also be removed and re-levelled.....lets hope the good weather continues for this work. Thank-you to all who attend these workshops. Not only do you produce the most fabulous wreath creations, but you help to keep our beautiful church watertight and windproof.

Our next services are planned as follows;

Sunday 27th April 2025 11:15am Holy Communion Service. This will be a United Service with the congregations from Alkborough, Whitton, Burton and Flixborough joining together at West Halton for a service led by Rev Phillip Brent.

Sunday 25th May 11:15am Holy Communion Service with Rev David Beverley.

Sunday 22nd June 11:15am Holy Communion Service with Rev David Beverley. This will be our patronal festival as St. Etheldreda's day is celebrated annually on June 23rd.

Our village service falls on the fourth Sunday of each month and so as Mother's Day and Easter Day this year do not fall on 'our' service day, we have not been able to host special services for these special days this year.

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 church.

We will be holding an Act of Remembrance in November. More information to follow at a later date

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Road Sweeping

We had another visit from the road sweeper early in March 2025 which was excellent news. There will be a regular visit approximately every 12 weeks

Parish Councillor Vacancies

As we go to press, we have two vacancies still for Parish Councillors. If you do feel you would like to apply, please do contact the clerk.

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You can help to shape the future of your community

Pink litter picking bags

If anyone needs any bags, please contact the clerk. I have a box full.