

Charity Pie and Peas Evening

Local residents, who in the past have organised the very popular Gamston Breakfasts, recently arranged a charity 'Pie and Peas' evening to raise money for the Sewa Day Rushcliffe Foodbank in Edwalton.

The event, which took place on Friday 3rd March 2023 at Gamston Village Hall, was a huge success with **£532.50** raised for the foodbank together with four boxes of food and toiletry donations.



Unbeknown to the organisers the supper fell just before British Pie Week, so couldn't have been more apt. The homemade pies went down a treat with many of the attendees going back for seconds. Fortunately, they did leave some for the Poppy and Pint Folk Club who kindly provided the evening's entertainment free of charge in return for food.

Gamston Fields (correction)

In the Autumn 2022 edition of the Parish News some of the information about the proposed new development on the east side of the Lings Bar and the Tollerton Airfield was incorrect.

The land for the Gamston Fields development has in fact been acquired by Taylor Wimpey and the Vistry Group. The aerodrome has been purchased by the Vistry Group and flying will continue under licence from Vistry.

The parish council apologise for this error.

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With great food and music that flowed throughout the evening, there was lots of positive feedback about what a great community event this was. The team who arranged the evening have organised many events in the community over the past few years and would like to encourage more residents to get involved or even organise their own events. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Parish Councillor Melvyn Tisbury at melvyn@castlebarproperties.co.uk.

Social Prescribing Service

Did you know that nearly a third of all GP appointments are for non-medical matters?

This is where the Rushcliffe Social Prescribing Service comes in. Run by a small team, the service is designed to help people address their physical and mental health and general wellbeing by connecting them to support within the community.

Social prescribers listen and put people in touch with all sorts of services from counselling, to benefit advice, to weight loss classes and community groups. They can also offer information on how to age well and stay living independently organising referrals to specialist support services, or just finding more information about a certain condition or diagnosis. Their approach is to offer one-to-one goal-based support, so they will do their best to help patients make the changes they want.

The team work closely with GPs, and nurses so if you are interested in using the service, please contact your GP surgery.

Dates for your diary

Good Friday 7th April Devotions, St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont (6.00pm)

Easter Sunday 9th April Festal Holy Communion, St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont (11.30am)

Saturday 15th April, 20th May & 17th June Gamston Litter Pick, meet at Gamston Village Hall (10.00am)

Sunday 16th April St Edmund's Church Fundraiser, Holme Pierrepont Hall and Gardens, Holme Pierrepont (11.00am to 4.00pm)

Thursday 8th June Vince Eager talk, Edwalton Gamston and District U3A, Edwalton Church Hall (1.30pm)

Thursday 8th June Outdoor Shakespeare - 'Twelfth Night' performed by the Festival Players, the East Garden (or if wet the Long Hall) Holme Pierrepont Hall, Holme Pierrepont (7.30pm)

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Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council
Newsletter

Spring 2023

A few words from the Chairman

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2023. Spring is in the air with the first lamb of the year born at Holme Pierrepont Hall and the daffodils and snowdrops in full bloom around the parish.

Although it has been a few months since our 'Christmastime at Gamston Village Hall' event I just want to say how lovely it was to see so many local families coming together and joining in the fun. Events that bring the community together are always welcome and where possible we will try to support them. With this in mind, the parish council has agreed to make a contribution of £50 to each street in the parish that

is holding a street party to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III over the bank holiday weekend from Saturday 6th May to Monday 8th May 2023. For more information on the criteria to claim this please contact the parish clerk.



Since our last newsletter Gary Arkless, who was a member of the parish council since 2017, stepped down from his position as chairman and resigned from the council itself. Gary was an important and influential member of the council and indefatigable in his work on behalf of the community. His leadership and efforts throughout this time were exemplary and on behalf of the council, I would like to thank him for his unstinting work in supporting all who live in our parish and wish him well for the future.

Cynthia Stacey

Become a Parish Councillor

Holme Pierrepont and Gamston Parish Council is looking for people who would like to represent our community by joining with us and contributing to our ongoing work. You do not need to belong to any political party but you do need the energy and ideas to support local people and help develop our parish for the benefit of all.

By becoming a parish councillor, you will be able to represent the views of the community, improve the quality of the environment, help develop facilities and services like the play park and village hall, support local groups and suggest ideas for new projects and events. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a great sense of achievement and pride.

If becoming a parish councillor is something that may be of interest to you, please contact the parish clerk at clerk@hpgpc.org.uk for more information. Alternatively, if you would like to speak with someone who has recently become a councillor, please contact one of our new recruits. Maria Ubhi from Holme Pierrepont (m.laye@btinternet.com) and Richard Fairgrieve from Gamston (rfairgrieve@googlemail.com) both joined the council late last year and would be delighted to share their motivation for joining and their early experiences of working within it.

Bleed Control Kits

The parish council has recently purchased three bleed control kits, following a campaign set up to help save lives.

The campaign, which was started by Zoe Cooke following the fatal stabbing of her son in 2021, aims to get as many kits as possible into the community so that members of the public can access them easily and help someone in need.

The bleed control kits, which include gloves, emergency bandages and a tourniquet with easy-to-follow instructions, have been designed to help control catastrophic bleeding until emergency services arrive.

The kits purchased by the parish council have been registered with the emergency services and are installed in the defibrillator cabinets in the parish, located at Gamston Village Hall, Holme Pierrepont (Home Farm opposite the red post box) and Bassingfield (outside Elms Farm).



Millennium Garden

The Millennium Garden on the corner of Sanday's Lane and Holme Lane, near Holme Pierrepont Hall, is a popular place for walkers to take the weight off their feet and watch the world go by. The garden, which includes a seat around a large oak tree, was created as a result of community efforts, almost twenty-five years ago, to celebrate the beginning of the new century and mark the passing of the old.

While local residents have kindly looked after the garden, it was reported last year how the parish council stepped in to organise an alteration to the seat to accommodate the growth of the tree over the past two decades. Unfortunately, not long after this work was finished another repair was needed when the wall edging the garden was severely damaged by an anonymous passing vehicle. As a result, the parish council stepped in again to arrange for it to be rebuilt.

The work is now complete and the garden is once again ready to offer pleasure to those who, to misquote WH Davies, "have the time to sit and stare".

May Elections

Rushcliffe Borough Council and Parish/Town Council elections are taking place on Thursday 4th May 2023. If you vote at a polling station you are now required to take photo ID. A passport, driving licence or a blue badge are amongst some of the documents you can use. For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted please visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call their helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

Two Holme Lanes

If you look at a pre 1960s map of the parish, you will find that Holme Lane is shown as a hamlet which stretches between what is now the Bassingfield Lane junction on the west bound carriageway of the A52 and the Holme House traffic lights on the east bound carriageway.

The hamlet was originally part of the Manvers Estate, and William White describes it in the 1832 History, Gazetteer and Directory of Nottinghamshire as, "consisting of a good inn and a few dwellings on the Bingham Road, 4 miles East, South East of Nottingham".

The inn, known as the Fox and Crown, dates back to the 17th century when the landlord was Captain Richard Brightman a royalist in the civil war. It was closed down around 1900 by the then Vicar of Holme Pierrepont Church, whose son, instead of attending church on Sunday spent his time there gambling. It was eventually demolished in the 1970s to make way for the building of the Happy Eater, which has since become the Mewar Haveli Restaurant.

Next to the Fox and Crown was a blacksmith, which later became Duxbury's garage, petrol station and car showroom. This too was eventually demolished and is now the site of the petrol station on the A52. There is also a record of a school in Holme Lane in the 1800s and a primary school in the 1850s. In 1925 Earl Manvers built a new school which closed in 2001 following the opening of Pierrepont Gamston Primary School on Coledale.

There is no record of a second Holme Lane until the revised 1952-1964 Ordinance Survey map was published in 1967. Whilst the new map showed the original Holme Lane hamlet, the road that links Adbolton Lane and The Green in Radcliffe on Trent also appeared with the same name. Why this happened no one is sure because whilst street naming has been a statutory function since 1847, no evidence of a name for the track passing through the grounds of Holme Pierrepont Hall to Radcliffe on Trent has been found prior to this date.

For a period of time there were two Holme Lanes in the parish although if you search Google Maps today the original hamlet has now disappeared.

West Bridgford Canal Group

Following last summer's prolonged dry weather, which led to sections of the Grantham Canal in the area drying up, a number of concerned residents have come together to form the West Bridgford Canal Group (WeBCan).

The aim of the group is to restore consistent water levels in the section of the canal which runs from Gamston through Lady Bay to the Trent, ensuring that the area remains an attractive amenity for local people and a haven for wildlife.

Chaired by County Councillor Penny Gowland, WeBCan includes representatives from Lady Bay and Abbey Park Community Associations with Councillor Geoff Prett representing the parish council. The group has already started dialogue with organisations including Rushcliffe Borough Council, the Environment Agency, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and the Grantham Canal Society.

There has recently been some work on the canal with volunteers from the Grantham Canal Society clearing culverts, blockages and overgrown bankside vegetation, whilst volunteers from the Canal and River Trust have been undertaking reed clearance.

The search continues for an engineering solution which will guarantee a steady flow of water and WeBCan are investigating what factors have led to the current problems as well as working with the relevant authorities to devise and fund measures to safeguard the water supply in the future.



Christmastime 2022

Christmastime at Gamston Village Hall took place on Saturday 26th November helping everyone get into the spirit of Christmas. The hall was filled with enthusiastic children and their parents making Christmas crafts (created by the Rushcliffe Play Forum and Sarah Sharpe from St Luke's Church), having their faces painted and being entertained with a Childrens Musical Show put on by Super Sparkle. Once activities were complete, Reverend Mark Fraser, Vicar at St Luke's Church, told the story of the Nativity.

Meanwhile, outside the hall, Karen, the amazing balloon modeller, created all kinds of balloon animals, while the Burton Joyce Community Brass Band and the Lady Bay and Ruddington Community Choirs, entertained the crowd with seasonal music. Everyone was then encouraged to join in the carol singing followed by a cup of hot mulled wine and a mince pie.

Thanks to the generosity of those attending, the parish council raised **£219.93** for the Rainbows Children's Hospice in Loughborough.



The parish council would also like to say well done to David Carter who, as a result of his Christmas Lights display on Sandale Close, raised **£4,000** for the RSPCA Radcliffe Animal Centre.

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