



## PARISH NEWSLETTER No.3 - OCTOBER 2014

The Parish Council continues to work hard on your behalf. We have been monitoring a number of issues with respect to new planning proposals particularly on Green Lane near to Leven Bank. There are a number of other areas on which we can provide an update. We would also like to let you know about some future village events.

**Yarm for Yorkshire:** As you are aware, Yarm Town Council held a poll recently to ascertain whether people would like to move to North Yorkshire or stay as part of Stockton Council. There was overwhelming support, from those who voted, to move into North Yorkshire. However, when Stockton Council were asked to refer the matter to the Boundary Commission, they have refused to do so. The Parish Council has maintained a watching brief throughout this process. Further discussions will take place to decide whether we should also hold a poll.

**Community Transport:** The Parish Council is pleased to report that Stockton Borough Council have agreed to support the bid to fund the proposals for a Community bus which will serve Kirklevington, Hilton and Maltby connecting them to Yarm and Thornaby. The proposal is for the bus to operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Parish Council alongside the Parish Councils of Hilton and Maltby will now be seeking tenders for the service and we will inform residents as soon as possible when the service will start. We are also prepared to support a parents group looking into the possibility of a bus to take children to and from Conyers School each day.

**Local Walks Book:** One of the outcomes identified from the Community Plan was a need for a Walks book for our village and surrounding areas. The Community Plan working group have compiled a booklet which will be available shortly for all parishioners. We will be holding an official launch in the near future.

**Parking Issues:** There have been a number of occasions recently, in the village, where cars have been parked inconsiderately. Pavements have been blocked and parking close to some corners has been very dangerous for other drivers. The key problem areas are near the Crown Hotel on Forest Lane, adjacent to the school entrance and Village Hall and at the T junction on the Green. Please park your cars carefully in future.

**Forthcoming events:**

**Remembrance Sunday:** You are invited to attend a short service of Remembrance on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November in the village church at 10.30am. This will include the laying of wreaths at the Richardson family grave in the churchyard. There will be specific references to both World Wars, remembering those who gave service and also those who supported the war effort locally.

**Carols round the Christmas Tree:** Once again, the Parish Council will be organising a family event on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm with support from the village Ladies choir. Carols will be sung around the tree in the childrens' play area followed by hot refreshments in the Village Hall and a visit from Father Christmas!

**Kirkfest 2015:** Planning will commence shortly for next summer's Kirkfest week. If you would like to be part of the group or have some ideas to share, please contact the Parish Council Chairman, Kate Brown 01642 784918 or the Secretary, Ruth Mazonas: 01642 785137

If you have any other concerns or issues you would like to raise with the Parish Council, please feel free to get in touch with us and we will discuss further.

**NB. It is with regret that we need to inform you that once again the church has been the target of further wilful damage. It is less than a year since a lot of money was spent replacing 3 small leaded porch windows. Additional protection was also fitted. The same 3 windows have again been damaged and will need to be fixed. Please could those residents close to the church keep an eye open for anything suspicious happening and report it. The Church Fete notice board was also removed and found smashed.**

**NNB. We have this week been made aware of site investigation activity taking place on the field behind St. Martins Way. A developer is preparing a planning proposal for that area and is preparing an exhibition which will be held in the village hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The Parish Council will be able to view the plans between 2pm and 3pm followed by the general public between 3pm and 7pm.**