

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Antisocial Behaviour

Unless you are a resident of Warren Lane, you may not be aware, that there has been quite a serious problem with drug related offences underneath and around Arthington's beautiful and dramatic viaduct. This Grade II listed historic structure attracts many visitors, including of course people who don't actually live in Arthington and who, unfortunately and inconsiderately, abuse the environment. Litter is a big part of the problem too and because we're unable to have bins on site (Leeds City Council's refuse vans are unable to get down there), this mounts up and is not only unsightly but also dangerous to families with children and pets.

As the longer evenings and nicer weather approaches, it's feared the traffic and problems will only increase. The police have been informed and are keeping a close eye on the situation, with the help of nearby residents.

It has also been brought to our attention that some visitors will park their vehicles at the top of Warren Lane and walk down to the river accompanied by a number of off-lead dogs, allowing their dogs to foul at will and generally ignoring their animal's behaviour. Many owners aren't aware that dogs should be kept on a lead in public areas and that it's a punishable offence to not clear up after the dog fouls. What a shame!

We want to protect and preserve our community and so in an effort to do just that, the following has been implemented. There are now laminated signs and notices from Leeds City Council dotted around the area, as well as a supply of poo bags available for dog owners to use at:

- Lawsons Barn
- On the right hand side fence under the viaduct
- The first tree encountered along the riverside.

Thanks go to Councillor Shepherd for providing these amenities.

Lets work together to preserve our beautiful parish!

Are you looking for a local venue for your upcoming event or function?

Did you know that you can hire Arthington Village Hall?

The Village Hall is available for hire to suit the needs of individuals, groups societies or businesses. If you are searching for a venue for a meeting, to teach classes, plan a family celebration, party or if you just need a space to indulge a personal interest, Arthington Village Hall is an affordable, local option. The hall is available seven days a week and has its own car park, disabled access, tables and chairs and catering facilities.

For further information, please email arthingtonvh@gmail.com

The Village Hall does not receive any funding for the upkeep of the building, maintenance is funded by events held in the hall.



Above is a photo from April's Spring Clean.

Please do make us aware of any concerns you may have regarding your immediate neighbourhood, we are here to help.

You may get in touch with your local councillor or the Clerk by emailing: arthingtonparish@live.co.uk

Looking Ahead to Spring 2017



At our last meeting, it was suggested that more daffodils should be planted around the parish so the work is on our agenda for the coming Autumn. Between now and then, we'll be looking at sites that would benefit from more flora so if you have any suggestions that would help us, please get in touch with the clerk at arthingtonparish@live.co.uk

Coming Soon... 

Arthington Parish Council will be online!

It has now become mandatory for all Parish Councils to have a website to display all information including meeting agendas, minutes and 'details of our finances to ensure transparency. We're currently working to get this set up, so watch this space!

News from the Village Hall

The Village Hall has had another successful year. Our two main events were done in conjunction with the Village Green association, the first of which was an Afternoon Tea with Caroline Fields.



The sell out show did not disappoint, with a variety of songs from the 40's onwards and more. The Hall was at capacity (with even a waiting list for tickets!) and because of this, it's hoped that another concert will be on the agenda for next year.

Secondly, we welcomed the Tour de Yorkshire through the village again this year and the village hall provided both

early morning and afternoon refreshments to satisfy spectators of both the women's and men's races. Much needed bacon sandwiches, teas and coffees were on offer and the support from spectators meant a very successful day for the hall. Many thanks to all those who helped out and made it such a brilliant day.



On a sad note, earlier this year we lost a much respected Trustee and former member of the Village Hall Committee. Mr. Selwyn Pennington, who passed away at Easter, was a stalwart of the Village Hall and dedicated many, many years of his life to Arthington. He will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with his family.

Welcome Fiona!

Local resident Fiona Mernagh was recently elected as the new councillor to the Parish council, following Councillor Hemingway's retirement at the beginning of the year.

Fiona moved to the area 3 years ago and says that "*the issues affecting small communities like Arthington are of particular interest to me, hence putting myself forward to be a local Councillor.*"

She goes to say; "*I am very much looking forward to working with my fellow Parish councillors and the Arthington Community.*"

Did You Know?

There are three notice boards dotted around the Parish along Arthington Lane.

One is opposite the pub on the gable end of houses, the second is at the very start of Warren Lane as you enter on the right, and the third is just across the road and dowses of the Village Hall.

We post different items of interest on the boards so please keep a look out for new notices.

Next Parish Meeting

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 20th July 2016** and all local residents are very welcome to attend. Please look for details on notice boards closer to the time. so come along and meet your Parish councillors!

The Parish Council meet at the Village Hall on Arthington Lane.

Your parish councillors are:
Ian Lister (Chairman), Neil O'Brien (Vice Chairman), Barbara Shepherd, Diane Fox and Fiona Mernagh.

Hannah Hay is clerk to the council.

Should you have any issues you'd like to bring to the Parish Council's attention, please email Hannah at arthingtonparish@live.co.uk or telephone **07497 602283**.

ARTHINGTON VILLAGE GREEN ASSOCIATION
 presents

ANNUAL YORKSHIRE DAY BBQ & BOULES on the Village Green

SUNDAY 31st JULY 2016 from 1pm

Bring your own food and either yourself or one of our helpful 'chefs' can cook it on the BBQs provided. Tables and chairs will also be provided.

Boules to be played from 1pm. If you would like to enter the event, please contact Neil O'Brien (0113 284 3407) or Val Butcher (0113 284 2065).
 No boules experience needed!

This annual event is a fun day out for everyone and we're always fortunate with good weather so please come along and support us. By joining in this great day, you'll be helping to uphold the tradition making it possible to do it all again next year.