

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL SUMMER NEWSLETTER – JULY 2015

TOUR DE YORKSHIRE

Once again we saw the spectacle of thousands of cyclists riding through Arthington on Sunday 3rd May 2015. From early morning bikes were speeding through the village in a westerly direction with the riders taking part in the Tour de Yorkshire ride (Sportive) for amateur cyclists, returning again later, going in the opposite direction. All this was before the main event in the late afternoon when we watched the riders of the Tour de Yorkshire speed past before tackling the climb up Black Hill Road on their way to Roundhay Park for the finish of Stage 3. The Village Hall was open for parking and refreshments from 9am, with the now famous bacon sandwiches and home-made cakes being served and a successful day was had, the car park being full to capacity.



Thanks to all volunteers who helped to raise money for our Village Hall.

Memorial Bench

The memorial bench for Councillor Clive Fox was put in place, outside Arthington Village Hall, in April and all comments have been very favourable. Grateful thanks to ward councillor Billy Flynn and the Leeds Outer North West Area Committee for funding the project.



THE LEANING PHONE BOX OF ARTHINGTON.....is leaning no more. It is now standing upright outside the Village Hall and the renovation of the paintwork will take place shortly. This will be carried out by the parish councillors.

Parish Inspection

Parish Councillors carry out an inspection of the parish every year and on the recent tour in late June it was noted that several sites need attention.

A report will be submitted to Leeds City Council for their action.

Items to be reported are:-

The bad state of Bedlam Lane, overhanging branches on Black Hill Road, uneven surface after roadworks on upper part of Creskeld Lane and the viaduct area being full of litter.

We are pleased to report that all gullies have been inspected in the upper area of Arthington Parish and those which needed clearing have been cleared.

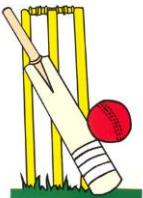
We supported residents on Rawden Hill about speeding vehicles and Leeds have erected some new signage.

Have we missed anything?

BROWN BINS at last! After repeated pressure on Leeds to supply Arthington with brown bins we now have them and how did we ever manage without them????

New Councillors

We have been pleased to welcome 2 new councillors in the past year. Barbara Shepherd joined the council in July 2014 and Diane Fox was co-opted onto the council in March 2015. The contributions they have made already has been much appreciated.



ARTHINGTON CRICKET CLUB (continuing from our last newsletter)

When the league season finishes in the middle of September the club organizes the Arthington Festival, when it plays 9 visiting friendly teams. To get all the games in requires playing both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. This year the festival will run from Sunday 13th September to Sunday 11th October. As a matter of interest, these games always seem to bring settled and sunny weather – hardly ever are games rained off! Many people travel to Arthington to watch and for example, at the last game last year (12th October) there was a crowd of 54.

By Martin Binks - Hon. Secretary

JOB VACANCY – CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

After holding the position for almost 5 years, our clerk Val Butcher has decided to retire and so we have a vacancy for a new clerk. This is a paid position, mostly working from home, requiring a flexible approach to hours worked. Applicants will need good organisational and computer skills plus knowledge of basic finance.

They will need to have their own computer, scanner, printer and access to the internet.

The bulk of duties involve preparing agendas, attending evening meetings and taking minutes, follow up actions, maintaining financial records, operation of a payroll, production of 2 newsletters per year and other administrative tasks as directed by the Council.

This is a varied and interesting role, very much at the heart of the local community.

No previous experience is required - training is available and support is on hand from councillors.

Applicants are invited to contact the current clerk for further details on 0113 2842065 or email arthingtonparish@live.co.uk

----- AND FINALLY FOR YOUR INFORMATION.....

Your parish councillors are; Ian Lister (Chairman), Jim Hemingway, Neil O'Brien, Barbara Shepherd and Diane Fox. Val Butcher is clerk to the council (tel 2842065), email address: arthingtonparish@live.co.uk. The parish council meets in the parish rooms (village hall) on Arthington Lane. The next meeting is in October 2015. Please look for details on notice boards.

Arthington parish covers an area east of Pool to the Harewood side of Arthington village in one direction and from the river Wharfe up the escarpment to the northern edge of Bramhope village on the other. The parish includes parts of Breary Lane East, Creskeld Drive, Creskeld Lane, Creskeld Garth, Creskeld Park and Creskeld Crescent.