

West Ashby Parish Council News

March-April 2025

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Chairman Resignation

We are sorry to report that Jonathan Bunster has resigned from the Parish Council after 20 years of service.

JB joined the PC in August 2005 and became Chairman in May 2013. He has steered the committee through difficult times, including COVID with a good sense of humour and has always been out there, clearing drains, planting, painting, speed-watching and whatever else was needed. We thank him for everything and wish him well.

This does mean that there are now two vacancies on the Parish Council following Sara's resignation earlier this year. If you wish to consider joining the PC then do speak to one of the councillors. Until a re-election our Vice-Chair Carl will lead the Council.

West Ashby Orchard



We are pleased to report that following the planting of the Orchard we have secured 6 extra trees from the

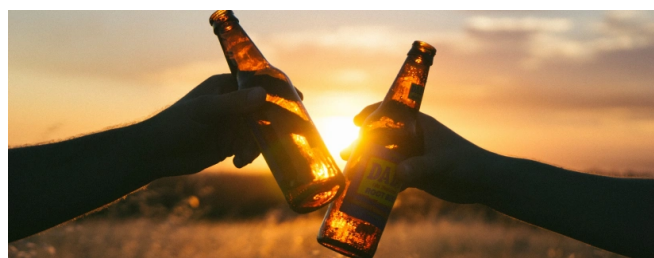
County Council and the Orchards Project to take us to a grand total of 30.

A **huge thank you** to all the villagers that turned out to assist in planting, we had not counted on the efficiency of the boys from Wolds Yard with their mini-digger in getting through the most labour intensive but of the job and digging all the holes early. A big thank you to them too for their kind help.

Other than some mulching and watering we are looking into getting an information board which will set out which trees are which. If anyone is visiting and wants to water the trees, the tank and cans are next to the gazebo.

Hopefully in the future this will give us the excuse for some more events, such as a Wassail in winter to bless the orchard, apple days during harvest and cider making of course.

Midsummer Celebration – Sat 21 June



A new date of Saturday 21 June has been proposed for a summer event including, plant sale, drinks, BBQ and music bingo due to unavailability of some in the summer holidays.

This is also Midsummer's night so plenty of reason to celebrate, be outdoors, drink vodka in Scandinavia Well, we are a Viking village, would be rude not to.

Venue to be confirmed in the next newsletter, anybody who wishes to help/ get involved / has any ideas please do let us know.

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Litter Pick – Sat 19 April

Its been looking a bit of a mess recently with lots of litter especially on “the straight” out of the village towards Louth. So please all gather to correct this on **Saturday 19th April at 10am** – meet at the Village Hall for grabbers, hi-vis and bags. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Please do report any fly-tipping you see ASAP as this should be given priority for action with ELDC.

Food Waste Bins

ELDC will be providing a food waste bin for each property in the district. This is due to a government edict that councils must separately collect and deal with food waste by 2026.

ELDC will announce details in due course but what fun ... another bin.

Other happenings

Logs

There is a village syndicate for log buying – if interested then please ask Rob (Chapel View 07 384 555 207).

Recycling

The Church can recycle printer cartridges, crisp packets, blister packs, stamps, milk bottle lids – please help if you can – all in the porch.

April Church Quiz

Is on **13th April** in the West Ashby Arms hosted by The Montagues, teams of 5, £3 per person, proceeds to the Church. Be seated by 6:30pm.

May's will be on 11th and hosted by the Capulets.

County Council Elections

Just as an FYI 1 May is County Council elections with the mayoral election – ELDC will provide further information nearer the time .

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