



West Ashby Parish Council News

December 2025

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A Christmas Present for the Village

In what is truly great news, the Leigate Inn people have confirmed on their social media that they are buying our Village Pub. This is positive for the village as it would have been tragic for those of us who enjoy a quiet tipple to have lost it for good. The pub has served as the centre for social life in the village for generations. Indeed, even Oscar Wilde has drunk in there. There are many villages in the area now devoid of a pub so we must thank our lucky stars that we are not one of them.



We have no information on when it might be open but we very much look forward to it. See you there soon!

For further Christmas cheer, the Parish have lit up some of our planters and the entrance gates to the village which look great. The Church has also erected their Christmas tree this year in the churchyard which looks fabulous. Hopefully, we will see a festival of light and cheer this Christmas in the village – Lord knows we could all use the boost!

Parish Councillors

We welcome Tracy Thomas back on the Parish Council after her sojourn to Malaysia, the draw of West Ashby was too much and she returns, which we are all very happy about.

We also welcome Louise Hebden to the Council, again, very pleased to have Louise on board. Its always great to have fresh ideas and enthusiasm so we are very happy.

That's a full compliment of Councillors so if you have any ideas, concerns, or require help with something please do get in touch with one of us and we shall endeavour to help.

If you wish to consider joining the PC then have a chat with one of the Councillors; and as and when vacancies, or an election loom, you can be advised on how it all works.

Hedge Planting

Our clerk has managed to secure gratis a large number of hedging plants for the cemetery. Keep an eye out for information on WhatsApp / Facebook about planting as these need to go into the ground fairly swiftly but we appreciate that everyone is busy this time of year, and the weather sometimes is less than kind. Anyone able to help, at any point please do let Karen know, otherwise

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keep an eye out for any information on when this can be done.

Church Quizzes

All quizzes for the Church will be held at the Village Hall.

The next Quiz for the Church is on **Sunday 14th December**. It's a **6:30pm** start, teams of 5-ish, £3 each, hosted by Harry Elliot.

Next dates for 2026 are:-

11th January – Alison the Gardner

8th February – Team Buzzards

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Christmas Church



There is a Christmas Carol service on Monday 22nd December at 6pm so if you fancy a sing-along please bring your best voice – maybe a hip flask to lubricate the old vocal chords.

Christmas Day service is at 10am.

Water

Anglian Water seem to be going from bad to worse, but we have kept complaining as has our District Councillor. I am afraid that there is nothing much more can be done until such time as they

replace the lot. Do keep reporting leaks yourselves as the more of a nuisance we are, the quicker things might get done.

Christmas Get Together

As we have no pub for the time being, we are aware from extensive research into the position that the Coach & Horses in Hemingby is open, and on Christmas Eve too. There are a few villagers who shall be going on that night so please, if you fancy a drink with your neighbours, head there.

Other happenings

Odd Jobs

If anyone has any odd jobs you need a helping hand with suitable for a 13-year-old then contact Jesse on 07 442 389 205. He can get helpers if needs be for larger jobs.

Logs

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

Recycling

The Church can recycle printer cartridges, blister packs, stamps, milk bottle lids – all in the porch.

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