

West Ashby Parish Council News

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Church Lane

Welcome all to our June newsletter, and what a beautiful half-term week we have all just endured ... I mean enjoyed with our children.

To begin with good news, as I write our County Highway workers should be buzzing around like high-viz bees rectifying the build out outside the Church. Short of a biblical flood, the drain was nowhere in the vicinity of where water might reach it despite Anglian Waters best efforts.

We are also being provided with a dropped kerb, the first of many (over the coming decades given the glacial speed with which these things happen).

As soon as the workers have departed, and we've checked that the work is satisfactory, we will install our stone planters and plant them in time for the opening of The Ashby. For those subscribing to the YouTube channel **Diary of a Pub Landlord** Harry & Laura are deciding on exterior paint colours (vote green!) so once the pub is painted and our planters are in place we should have a glorious centre to our little village! Let's get WA looking colourful and beautiful for summer, please do water any planters near you as they will need it if we get our El Nino summer.

West Ashby Classic Autos Run WACAR

It's in its infancy having just had its first run but four villagers, with passengers, had our first run out on Sunday. Two of Germany's finest autos,

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with one of East Germany's contributions, together with Abingdon's famous MG wound their way across the Wolds through Fulletby, Tetford, South Ormsby (pit stop), Belchford, (pit stop 2), and finally Hemingby. What a lark – and no breakdowns!



Anyone who'd care to join, with an old, or interesting car (or bike), please get in touch with Rob 07 384 55 207 or Tony Forbes-Marsden (our resident mechanic) 07 711 017 479 as we will organise another soon.

Shocking News

Our village defibrillator is beyond economic repair; it is still functioning but parts are no longer obtainable to keep it in tip top condition.

Therefore, we have had a gander at new ones and as you might expect, they are not cheap, all are circa £1,000. The Parish Council will be looking for grants and donations from the County and others but we expect we will still be short; we have no spare allowance in our budget for this.

To anyone feeling generous, or feeling they should hedge their bets, we would of course be delighted to accept any donations towards the new de-fib. We will see what we can do and report back with how short we are in the next newsletter.

The Ashby

Is still on-track to open in July despite poor Harry falling off his bike and hurting his hand. We wish him well and hope it isn't his pint pulling hand.

Roadworks

Our County Councillor Natalie has had a walk around with Highways to check on general condition and required works in the village. We were reminded that they have a vast County to oversee and there must be priorities but they are going to fix a few of the things that need looking at urgently like loose or sunken drains and reinstating some signs. Some works have also been done to the Church Lane potholes.

What we must do is all use "*fixmystreet*" to report terrible pavements. They agree to relaying the path between the church and cemetery but unless we jump up the list due to a number of complaints we could wait a while for the rest ... do your thing people.

Burial Plots

One of the ways we make extra money for the Parish to pay for things like a de-fib is through the sale of exclusive rights of burial i.e. a plot in the cemetery. Its looking really nice there with the Orchard and cherry trees so if you wish to purchase a plot or two for your eternal rest or damnation – we pass no judgment on which, please do contact the clerk for further info.

We are installing a new bench in the Orchard so one can admire the view or take a rest from fruit picking.

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Poo & Park

They don't go together really, just is a catchy title ... we are still getting complaints about dog poo being left, please bag it, pick it up and dispose of in a bin or at home.

The situation is better but there is still too much parking on pavements occurring, the pavements are too narrow as it is without dumping metal boxes on them so please don't.

Church Quiz

The Church Quiz will be held at the Village Hall on Sunday 13th June. It's a 6:30pm start, teams of 5-ish, £3 each, hosted by the Hunters. All money goes to the Church.

Following this, the 8th of July hosted by John Elliot, keep an eye out for where this will be held.

Other happenings

Motorbikes at the Manor

Larry & Christine Riches will be hosting this event on Sunday 9th July at the Manor House. The VCC will be laying on refreshments, all money to the Church.

Motorcars at the Manor will be on Sunday 9th August.

Odd Jobs

If anyone has any odd jobs you need a helping hand with suitable for a 13-year-old (who has helpers) then contact Jesse on 07 442 384 205.

Logs

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

Recycling

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