



North Leverton With Hablesthorpe Parish Council

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

HABBLESTHORPE CHURCHYARD

There has been some very visible progress at the Hablesthorpe Churchyard.

The paths have been fully cut back and wood chippings have been spread over them.



Old dead wood has been removed and the clearing is

almost ready to receive a new bench and sign for visitors to relax and enjoy the peace.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have come out and given up an hour on a Saturday morning - it is much appreciated. And thanks to Dave from DN22 Trees and Landscapes for providing the wood chippings.

We are looking for materials to make a base for the new bench. The base we are building will be around 8' x 4'. If you have some flags or pavers you would be willing to donate



to the cause, please get in touch.

We could also make use of some sharp sand or paver base to set the pavers onto and if anyone has any grass seed lying around that they don't need we'll take that as well.

DAMAGE TO TREES

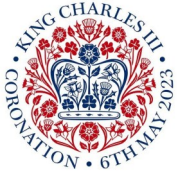
The Parish Council is shortly to take delivery of a tree which will be planted in the Blacksmith's playing field to mark the reign of our recently deceased Queen Elizabeth II.

It is to be hoped that this tree is left free from vandalism!



Could we respectfully request that the perpetrators of all previous damage to previously planted trees desist from any further vandalism? They have been planted for the benefit of future generations and are not there as targets for wanton acts of destruction by a mindless few!

KING CHARLES III CORONATION



King Charles III's coronation will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023 at Westminster Abbey in London.

The Coronation Big Lunch is Sunday 7th May, if you're thinking about organising a Coronation Street Party this is the day to do it, more information can be found at <https://www.houseandgarden.co.uk/article/how-to-host-coronation-street-party>.

As you get out your bunting and start making your finger sandwiches, visit <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-lunch> to get free resources to help you plan the day.

The King and Queen Consort, like Queen Elizabeth II before them, are well known for their dedication to public service, and on the Sunday of the bank holiday weekend, they're encouraging members of

the public to try their hand at volunteering and helping those less fortunate in the community.



LAND AT HABBLESTHORPE

Progress on the PC's acquisition of the waste land at Hablesthorpe has been tortuous in the extreme. Dealing with the Crown's solicitors has proved to be slow, arduous and very frustrating! However, we are now pleased to report that we are entering final negotiations and hope to have secured the sale within a few weeks. Once we have taken ownership



of the land the Parish Council will refer back to previous research/

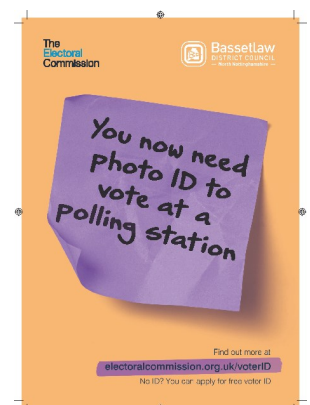
consultations and also undertake a further short period of consultation with the community to help us determine how best to bring this piece of land back into our community. **It should be noted that a key covenant of the sale is that no building works will be permitted on the land** – please bear this in mind when forwarding your suggestions.

ELECTIONS MAY 2023

On Thursday 4th May local elections are taking place across 230 councils in England. At these elections you will need to bring photo ID to be able to vote at a polling station. A wide range of photo ID will be accepted, including passports and driving licences and cards with a

PASS Mark.

If you don't have an accepted form of ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate. Visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call 0800 328 0280



WEDNESDAY CLUB

The Wednesday Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month, we experience a variety of events and this is probably the main thing of our group.

Our year started sadly as we said goodbye to one of our group, Sheila Rickards. Sheila gave a lot in a multitude of ways to many in our community but in the Wednesday Club she was our treasurer, kept a firm grip on the kitty and let us know what we had and



what was possible. She was always very positive and wanted to share our funds with as many as possible to give them good experiences and make life better and happier for the membership. She will be sadly missed by all of us and may she rest in peace.

Sheila was a prime instigator in our visit for lunch at the West Retford Hotel in February. She would have enjoyed the proceedings, and the meal itself, along with our 13 members. We must thank the Community Action Trust group for providing the minibus for our visit and say a big thankyou to our excellent, cheerful and

professional driver. The meal at the hotel was lovely and the staff very accommodating, which helped our enjoyment even more. A lot of chat went on and Sheila's name was a feature of many conversations in a very positive way.

At our March meeting, having concluded our ordinary business, the club was educated, entertained and informed in the ways of Roman medicine by our guest speaker, Rick Berry. He is a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker who acts as a guide and presenter at many local venues and we were very privileged to be the recipients of his excellent talk. He was obviously a successful imparter of knowledge too as the assembled throng scored highly on his post presentation quiz. You see, we are not as daft as some of us might look. A big thanks to Rick for giving of his time and experience in such a generous and entertaining way. We hope to see more of him in the future. On this subject, obviously some of the ladies remember earlier times when he appeared in his fire fighter's uniform but the less said about that the better, I feel.

We do offer a variety of experiences as I said earlier and if you are interested in joining us you would be more than welcome on the

third Wednesday of the month at the Methodist Chapel, Sturton Road, North Leverton. We meet at about 1.30pm and continue until about 3.30pm. Subs are £2 per session to contribute towards the hire of the hall but there is no annual tie in so you can dip in and out as you please.

If you want to keep up with what is going on then please have a look at our Facebook page, cunningly listed under the title "The Wednesday Club". Be careful though that you have the right one as this is obviously a popular day for other clubs' activities who share our name. If you want more information or have problems with transport then contact me, Mike Vessey, and we will see if we can help out.

Our meeting place is warm, cosy and wheelchair and handicapped friendly and with loos to help redistribute the tea and coffee that are included in our subs and precede our official business and chat.

Hopefully might see you there. By the way, there is no minimum age requirement for entry.



ALL CHANGE

We advertised a vacancy on the Council in the last newsletter for a volunteer to join us in overseeing the wellbeing of the Parish and its residents. We are



therefore pleased to announce that we have

recently co-opted a new Councillor, Stephanie Baker, she has already settled in well to her new role and is making valuable contributions to proceedings.

Councillor Peter Dadd has decided not to stand as a Councillor at the forthcoming elections and is retiring from the Council after serving for 12 years. He has contributed a great deal over the years and the Council would like to express our gratitude for

his time serving on the Council and wish him well for the future.

Thank you Peter.



COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Following Councillor Dadd's resignation we now have one vacancy on the Council and would welcome a new volunteer to join so if you have ideas and opinions about what goes on locally and would like to influence it please consider joining us. It's a varied and interesting volunteer job and makes a real difference in your community. There are 3 main areas of local well-being you would directly

influence:

Decision Making:

Attending meetings to debate local issues, where local money should be spent and what services should be delivered.

Monitoring: Councillors make sure that decisions lead to efficient and effective services - keeping an eye on how well things are going.

Getting involved

Locally: Councillors have responsibilities

towards their Parishioners and local organisations. This could take as much or as little time that you have available! Planning issues are a key example of this activity.

To qualify councillors simply need to live or work within three miles of the village in which the Parish Council is based and be aged 18 or over. It's a vital job and you will make a real difference! For more information please contact the Clerk via email:

clerk@northlevertonwithhablesthorpeparishcouncil.gov.uk

FLY TIPPING

We have recently seen a sharp increase in the number of fly tipping occurrences in our Parish. These have been reported to the relevant authorities or have been cleared up by the PC itself. We would remind everyone that fly tipping is illegal and could lead to heavy fines being imposed on either those carrying out the fly tipping or the original owners of the illegally tipped material. There are free and easily

accessible tipping facilities provided by BDC in Retford – please dispose of your rubbish responsibly or make sure that if anyone is to take material away from your property that they intend to do so within the law. Obviously we would like anyone who witnesses any fly tipping to inform the authorities as soon as possible with details of where, when, who and, if possible, vehicle registration numbers.



BLACKSMITHS PLAYING FIELD



We are always striving to make Blacksmiths playing field into somewhere children of all ages want to play. If you have any thoughts on what additional play equipment

would make it better or if you consider that some of the existing equipment is no longer suitable, then please let us have your thoughts by sending an email to the Clerk at -

clerk@northlevertonwithhabblesthorpeparishcouncil.gov.uk

PAVEMENT PARKING



It has come to the Parish Council's attention that parking on pavements has increased. We politely ask that you refrain from this practice, it causes problems for the infirm, elderly and people with pushchairs who are having to walk on the road to pass, this is clearly not safe. Please try and leave enough room for pedestrians to pass. Thank you.





It's been a few months since we were last in touch and we wanted to give you an update on STEP, both what's been happening at site and what you might see in the coming months.

STEP news

The Government recently announced the creation of a new organization to deliver STEP – **UK Industrial Fusion Solutions Ltd** which is a big step forward for the programme. You may have also heard about the creation of new government departments over the last month. Fusion sits within the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, demonstrating a continued high level of support across government for the development of this technology, a key part of which, of course, is STEP at West Burton.

West Burton site news

You may have already noticed drones flying over the site, this enables us to get a thorough picture of the whole site including boundaries and landforms. This work will be ongoing for the foreseeable future.

Over the coming weeks, as we head through Spring, you may see 4x4's moving around the site and people in high visibility jackets with clip boards and measuring tools. This is the start of our site characterisation work and will help us understand the flora and fauna across the site and is the very start of our environmental assessments. As part of this work we'll be installing motion activated cameras to get a full picture of the wildlife in the area.

Looking ahead, we are working out the detailed activities needed to fully understand the geology of the site and we'll share more information once we know what, and when, we'll be undertaking this work.

Next community event...

And finally, if you or anyone you know, would like to find out more about STEP and the work we're doing on site at West Burton, then please pop **Wednesday 14 June** in your diary as we'll be at the **Trinity Arts Centre in Gainsborough**. We'll send a reminder out nearer the time.

We'll be running this event a little differently to make use of the fantastic facilities at the arts centre. We will be holding some 'what is fusion?' live sessions and screening the 'STARMAKERS: the Energy of Tomorrow' film - a documentary following the lives of the engineers and scientists working at the Joint European Torus (JET) as they overcome many challenges in their attempt to achieve a world record in sustained fusion energy.

As always please do get in touch if you have any questions and we hope to see you in June.

Saranne, Pippa & Michelle

If you, or anyone you know would like to be included in these updates going forward, please sign up here <https://step.ukaea.uk/sign-up/> or if you'd like to be removed or unsubscribed from our contact list please let us know at communications@step.ukaea.uk.

KIDS PAGE

Transportation Matching

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| bus | --- | boat | --- | truck | --- |
| | | underground | --- | ship | --- |

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PARISH COUNCIL

MEETINGS

22nd May 2023

5th June 2023

3rd July 2023

4th September 2023

2nd October 2023

6th November 2023

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