Village Coat of Arms Competition

Metheringham is to have a commemorative Beacon installed on land to the front / right of the Library. This Beacon also has the facility to display a Village Coat of Arms and with this in mind MACLA (in conjunction with the Parish Council) is holding a Competition to design one. What we are looking to achieve with this Coat of Arms is a unique heraldic design on a shield which depicts what the village represents now and how, over the generations, it has evolved.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The competition is free to enter and open to all.
2. You must though be a resident in the MACLA area.
3. Should entry be sent as a photograph it cannot be returned.
4. Only one entry per person will be allowed.
5. Entries will be accepted from 1 June 2013.
6. Closing date for receipt of entries is 25 September 2013.
7. By submitting entries you confirm that you are the copyright holder and creator of the image and that you will be responsible for any claims by any third party.
8. Copyright will remain with the entrant. However, by entering this competition the entrant agrees to MACLA (Metheringham PC) using this or part of the image for use in the proposed village Coat of Arms,
9. The judges' decision is final and will be announced at the Fayre & Feast on 19 October 2013.
10. The prize-winner (who will receive a prize of £50) will be notified of the result before this date .
11. Entries to be submitted for consideration can be sent in hard copy to: Peter Ford, 31 Caroline Road, Metheringham, LINCOLN, LN4 3HF. Alternatively they can be sent by e-mail in pdf / jpeg / Word to fordy.meg@gmail.com.
12. Any further information can also be sought by these means or on 01526 320016.

An example of the sorts of things which could be included with heraldry items explained

The Shield has a Chevron on it (in a shade of Red) represents the roof of a house this signifies Protection, faithful service.

Below the Chevron is coloured Green shield - representing land. Above the Chevron is coloured blue - representing sky.

The Helmet represents Wisdom / Defence. The Scrolling and Mantling - partly coloured Blue represents Strength and loyalty. Partly coloured Yellow - represents generosity.

From top of shield downwards

The markings at top of shield are Ermine on white background. This represents the Ermine Street which runs across the western extremity of the parish boundary.

The Wings -represents - RAF Metheringham

The Celtic Cross - represents - the village cross.

The Windmill - represents - the Mill - meaning farming / plentifulness.

The shield with the seven triangles - is the Crest of St Wilfrid - it is believed the seven triangles represent the seven hills of Rome.

The lines on white background at bottom of shield represent the Carr Dyke and River Witham on our parish boundaries.

The three creatures are all from the three families who had much to do with the development of Metheringham through time - Skipwith, Chaplin and Londesborough.

The Greyhound is from the Skipwith Crest. The Bird of Prey is from the Chaplin Crest. The Horse is from the Londesborough Crest.

The Latin Phrase - PRO POPULUS PER POPULUS means For the People By the People.