



Parish Council Newsletter

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Here's your latest monthly parish council newsletter. We hope you agree it contains items of useful information relevant to your work as parish councillors. If you have any news, observations, comments, experiences (good or bad) to share which may be of interest or help to your colleagues at other parish councils please email me at andrew.malkin@boston.gov.uk give me a call on 01205 314308 or drop a line to Communications, Boston Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston, PE21 8QR. **Please provide email addresses for anyone who wants to receive this** – we can easily add all councillors' email addresses to a database for this purpose only.

Parish meetings boring? Not at Old Leake

They know how to put on an annual parish meeting at Old Leake. These can carry a reputation of being very formal, prescriptive and, to not put too fine a point on it... worthy, but a bit boring!

But they're having none of that at Old Leake where the worthy, important and necessary aspects of the annual meeting are sweetened with an entertaining mix of music, entertainment and cake.

At the recent event organised by the parish council, contributing organisations laid on displays on separate tables to show what they had to offer.

- These included:
- Old Leake Village Hall Committee
 - Coastal Community Choir
 - Cheer ExTreme
 - Old Leake with Wrangle Methodist Church
 - Crafty Corner
 - Caddington Hedgehogs Care
 - British Legion local branch
 - Old Leake Country Music Club
 - Old Leake Parish Council
 - Old Leake Resident Association
 - and Boston Borough Council
- The meeting gave the opportunity for groups and



organisations to make residents aware of what services and activities are available in the village as well as providing councillors with the chance to meet and discuss with residents matters of concern or ideas for future improvements within the village.

Chairman of the parish council, Cllr David Norton, introduced the event and each organisation gave a brief presentation about their group at the end of the evening.

There were also awards for local volunteers.

Refreshments were provided free of charge.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2k7CeCP>

Who are YOUR community champions

Boston borough's Service to the Community Awards are being rebooted – and parish councillors can play a vital role in their future success.

Boston Borough Council's Cabinet agreed that parish councillors and Boston Town Area Committee members (BTAC) are among those who will know best who the community champions are in their areas best deserving of nominations for an award. Anyone can nominate anyone, but nominations have fallen away in recent years to just one or two, putting the scheme at risk.

The Cabinet agreed that presentation of the awards, especially with nomination numbers being so low, did not require a lavish and expensive ceremony, but there were individuals who deserved thanks for what they did and a show of appreciation.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2IKpxvJ>

Don't 'waste' this opportunity to have your say

Parish councils have been urged to have their say on a major review of waste collection services across the county. Currently the district councils throughout Lincolnshire do things differently where recycling is concerned. The strategy will seek to harmonise recycling streams across the county with the aim of allowing households to be clear about what can be recycled and to reduce contamination of recycling collections and to remove recyclable material from the ordinary rubbish collection. Cllr David Brown, Boston Borough Council's portfolio holder for waste services, said as much as 25 per cent of the 360,000 tonnes of household waste collected in Lincolnshire each year is placed in the wrong bins and could have been usefully recycled.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2IXdqMv>



GDPR is here, but don't panic and carry on

It's anecdotal evidence that some parish councils are "petrified" of the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation). It's true that some aspects of the new rules (and for that matter the old rules) can be a cause for concern and there are elements of individual risk. But there are easy-to-follow instructions for avoidance of that risk. The key words when it comes to GDPR are privacy and personal data. What's the definition for these? It's anything which identifies a living individual. The new rules also introduce protection for so-called special category data and this includes information about racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, genetic data, biometric data, data concerning health or data concerning a person's sex life or sexual orientation. Bear in mind that identification of an individual can also extend to pictures and car registration numbers. Parish councils will be entitled to collect and retain personal data, but they will have to be able to demonstrate that they have it for lawful reasons and they are properly protecting that person's personal data.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2rVDNaa>



Borough council meetings – June 2018

- Tuesday 5, 6.30pm – Overview and Scrutiny – Environment and Performance Committee in Committee Room
- Tuesday 12, 2pm – Licensing/Regulatory & Appeals Committee in Committee Room
- Wednesday 20, 6.30pm – Boston Town Area Committee in Committee Room
- Thursday 21, 6.30pm – Overview and Scrutiny – Corporate and Community Committee in Committee Room
- Tuesday 26, 10am – Planning Committee in Committee Room
- Wednesday 27, 10am – Cabinet in Committee Room



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