

25th ANNIVERSARY AS PARISH CLERK.

In September we celebrated Anne Sutton's 25th Anniversary of public service as Clerk to the Parish of Washingborough Council. At a small ceremony held before the Council meeting, Ron Oxby of NKDC made the presentation to Anne, with positive recognition coming from many organizations and societies that have worked over the years with Anne. On behalf of the whole parish the Council add their grateful thanks!



PLAYING FIELD PAVILION

Unfortunately due to the high demand of applications for the Lottery Community Fund our application for a refurbished pavilion was not successful this time. The Parish Council is presently appointing an architect to draw up plans for a new building and also investigating other sources of funding. This major project will be a big commitment but the current pavilion does not meet future demands and will soon require expensive repairs so a new build is considered the best option.

Coming soon – help will be needed next year to update our Parish Plan / Village appraisal! Anyone who is interested in our village will be most welcome to join a working group and the input of all residents is needed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN ALL THESE MATTERS.

May we wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year



BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2007

We are very proud and pleased on your behalf to report that Washingborough has won the Final of this Competition for the second year running (large village category) and a presentation of a plaque, certificate and a tree was recently held at Washingborough Community Centre. The tree is to be planted on the grassed area on Lee Avenue opposite Grosvenor Mews and two entrance signs added to the B1190 (Fen Road and Lincoln Road).

PARISH COUNCIL CHANGES 2007 - 2011

The present Parish Council is now made up of the following members:-

Cllr Mrs Marion BRIGHTON OBE [Chairman]

Cllr Rob SWINNEY [Vice-Chairman]

Cllr Mrs Betty BLAND

Cllr Mrs H.Lorraine BOSWORTH

Cllr Richard BOX

Cllr Neville BRITTON

Cllr Rob DOWLMAN

Cllr David ROSE

Cllr Mrs Sheila SMITH

Cllr Mrs Jo WALTON

Cllr Mrs Judy WHITFIELD

Cllr Anthony WRIGHT

There is still a vacancy in light of the recent resignation of Graham de Caux. If anyone is interested in being co-opted please contact the Civic Office – we need your help.

Contact the Clerk, Mrs Anne Sutton at the Civic Office, Fen Road, Washingborough, Lincoln LN4 1AB. Tel:- 01522 790109. Opening hours Monday – Friday 9.30 – 12.30pm, Monday afternoon 2 – 6 pm and Wednesday afternoon 2 – 4pm.



REPORTING POLICE MATTERS

To report any concerns, PC Andrew Brown, our new Community Beat Manager can be contacted on 01522 882222 ext 5718, mobile tel: 07939 896212 or by e-mail on Andrew.brown@lincs.pnn.police.uk. Alternatively you may use the normal Police contact number 01522 882222 or Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 to report more urgent matters.

Flooding

After June's torrential weather conditions, which did cause a lot of flooding problems in the village, many of you may now be anxious about this forthcoming winter in case similar weather conditions occur again. We are in contact with Anglian Water, Environment Agency, Lincs County Council Highways, Witham Internal Drainage Board through North Kesteven District Council and a great deal of action has been taken to try and alleviate many of the problems reoccurring again. The Parish Council wish to report that a supply of sand bags is held at the Civic Office and a bulk supply of sand will be delivered to the Playing Field site as and when required again.

For your information the Civic Office has some small booklets available which give you details of what to do in emergency situations and where to seek help.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

After the recent surveys to assess the demand for this type of housing, there have been 14 definite interests registered. North Kesteven District Council are now looking into finding land and asking landowners and developers to come forward with offers.



CHURCH CLOCK

Thanks to all the fund-raising work and events organised by the Church and with the help of a grant from the Parish Council we should hopefully see the Church clock working again soon

RESERVOIR

A lot of water problems have occurred over recent years at this site due to people filling the outlet unit with rubbish which blocks the flow. Anglian Water who control the outlet have asked people to report any such incidents to them either directly or through the Civic Office.

NOTICES

Can we remind you to check your boundaries again for overhanging branches and shrubs and cut back any offending growth please.

DOG BINS May we remind dog owners that dog faeces **MUST** be placed in the specially provided dog bins and not in the ordinary litter bins as they are collected separately for obvious reasons.

SCHOOL LANE PARKING

Despite our local policeman sending letters out to all parents of the local school children, the parking in School Lane has not improved. Can we please ask all parents to either start walking to collect their children but if you must use a car that you come and park it in the Community Centre car park and walk the short distance. These practices will help relieve the problems considerably.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Some of you will have seen that the Centre now has 150 new chairs, the padded seat type and that the old heavy table leaves have been replaced with large folding ones. Although the latter are still heavy they are very useful as they have no lips on their edges, which make it better for caterers with tablecloths. You can see these in the picture which also gives you some idea of how the Main Hall looks with a marquee lining.

