

LONDONTHORPE & HARROWBY WITHOUT 2007 Parish Council Newsletter.

ABOUT THE PARISH

This is the Parish Council's first attempt at publishing a Newsletter. The main purpose of it will be to inform, and get the opinions of parishioners to help develop future plans.

The Parish covers a large area that wraps around the east side of Grantham. It includes Londonthorpe, Alma Park, The Spinney Estate, Harrowby, Prince William Of Gloucester Barracks and the area of Bridge End Road Estate, east of the town boundary.

Nearly four thousand people are on the electoral roll for the Parish; this is increasing weekly as the Spinney Estate keeps growing. This will obviously slow down, as this building work finishes in 2007-8.

The Parish is served by the one church of St. John the Baptist in Londonthorpe. Primary schooling within the Parish is provided by the Belmont Community School on Harrowby Lane. Other schools are situated just inside the town boundary.

Londonthorpe boasts our only Post Office. Shops can be found on Alma Park Road including a Fish and Chip shop, Newsagents, Hairdressers and Electrical Repair Shop.

Plans have been passed for a convenience store to be built on Sunningdale.

Alma Park provides employment for several hundred occupants of the Parish, it being one of the Grantham District's main light industrial estates.

Belton Park Golf Club lies wholly in the Parish as does Kesteven Rugby Club.



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Opening hours are as follows:

Tuesdays, 8.30am to 12.30pm & 4.45pm to 6.15pm

Wednesdays, 4.45pm to 6.15pm

Thursdays, 8.30am to 12.30pm & 4.45pm to 6.15pm

Belmont Community Primary School, Harrowby Lane, NG31 9LR 01476 567939 Head Teacher Mrs. M. Purvis.

Caring for Children - Striving for Excellence.

Belmont is a happy, lively school with a learning environment that promotes independent learners and thinkers and encourages children to achieve their full potential. They offer after school/breakfast clubs, a huge range of extra curricular activities and much, much more.

Please contact the school for further information.

www.belmontprimary.com



St John The Baptist, Londonthorpe. Priest in Charge the Rev Chris Boland. The Vicarage, Church of Ascension, Edinburgh Road Grantham Telephone No. 01476 564781 Services are held @ the following times.

1st Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 2nd Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion 3rd Sunday 11.15am Family Service

4th Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion

Tom Childs Community Memorial Award

Tom Childs was the much-loved Clerk to the Parish Council for 27 years prior to his death in 2004. He had served previously as Councillor and Chairman. He had worked tirelessly beyond his remit in doing many jobs, which the Parish should have been paying someone else to do. He was one of the original Governors of Belmont School when it opened in 1976. This Award will honour two people who have shown the same sort of commitment towards others in the Parish each year. There will be two age groups, 21 and under and over 21.

This years recipients have been selected and will be announced late in June.

The Council are pleased to this year to welcome a local company **Withambrook Windows** [01476-590116] as the main sponsors.

Any other local business interested in assisting in the sponsorship of these awards next year should contact the Clerk at the address on the front of this newsletter.

COUNCIL CALENDAR 2007-8

Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September and December @ 7.00p.m. at Belmont School.

The Annual Parish Meeting is held at 6.45 p.m. prior to the March full Council meeting.

Members at present are as follows:-

Chair Cllr. Ms. Jenny Foster
Vice Chair Cllr. Mr. Neville Thompson
Cllr. Mr. John Anderson
Cllr. Mr. Paul Bakker
Cllr Mr George Chivers. + SKDC Cllr
Cllr. Rev. John Cook
Cllr. Mr. Nick Craft + SKDC Cllr
Cllr. Maj. Dennis Hannant
Cllr. Mrs. Rachael Marshall
Cllr. Mr. Geoff Parnham
Cllr. Mrs. Margery Radley

All are contactable through the Clerk.

A Little About The Council And Its Duties

The Parish is allowed to have 13 Councillors due to its large size. At present there are only 11 due to two members recently moving away. It was hoped by Councillors that some interested parties would put themselves forward for election. This was not the case so two Councillors are still required, people interested in the Somerby Hill area would be especially welcome as at present we have no representative from there.

The Council this year have supported **LIVES** First Responders, a team of volunteers trained to attend emergencies. The Parish assisted with a grant towards the setting up of the new group covering Londonthorpe village side of our Parish. A grant was also made to the one that covers the Spinney round to Somerby Hill.

Assistance was also given to the **Woodlands Trust** with the new wildflower meadow at Londonthorpe Wood, which we hope will be enjoyed by all. A voluntary care team is being formed by Woodland Trust to look after the site.[volunteers required]

Play Areas: all 4 are have undergone renovation this year. Fifth Ave is to be fenced in for the safety of users and the "Springer Ride" has been replaced. Londonthorpe has also had a replacement "Springer Ride".

Notice Boards: there are five around the Parish and they are for the use of all Parishioners. Please feel free to advertise your events on them. One more notice board is planned for the Persimmon development on the Spinney.

The Parish Council is a link between the public and all major providers such as LCC especially the Highways Dept, SKDC the Planning Dept. The responsibilities of the Council include footpaths, footway lighting, recreational facilities, public seats, litter control and open spaces. The Parish Council is looking to employ a Community Cleaner. They will be employed for four hours per week. This will be in addition to SKDC's own street cleaners. All areas of the Parish will be covered as required in an effort to keep the area clean and tidy.

Fly tipping is causing a problem in certain areas and we would ask you report any seen to SKDC.

This year Londonthorpe has been entered into the Lincolnshire Best Kept Village Competition, we wish them every success.

The Councillors are keen to provide the best possible service within their remit to all areas of the Parish.

QUESTIONNAIRE

WE WOULD BE PLEASED IF YOU WOULD COMPLETE THIS SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE TO ENABLE THE COUNCIL TO FORM AN IDEA OF WHAT PARISHIONERS' THOUGHTS ARE OVER THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS.

Please return via one of the following: Belmont School, Londonthorpe Post Office or to the Clerk by hand, post or email at the address on the front of this newsletter.

Any further comments you would like to make should be forwarded on a separate sheet of paper. All responses will be anonymous.

1. TRANSPORT. Is public transport serving you adequately in your area?

Yes

No

Your comments:-

2. CRIME. Is there an issue with crime in the vicinity of your home?

Yes

No

Any comments:

3. FOOTPATHS. Are there any problems with the footpaths in your part of the Parish? Yes

No

Any comments:

4. HEALTH. Which Doctors' Surgery do you use?

a. Harrowby Lane

b. Other Grantham surgeries.

Others please specify:

5. ENVIRONMENT and FACILITIES. Do you and your family use any of the facilities in the Parish?

Yes

No

If yes which?

a. Play areas

b. St John the Baptist Church

c. Belmont School

d. Londonthorpe Post Office

e. Belton Park Golf Club

f. Alma /Londonthorpe Woods

5b. WHAT OTHER FACILITIES DO YOU THINK COULD BE PROVIDED?

6. WHICH AREA OF THE PARISH DO YOU LIVE IN?

a. The Spinney/Sunningdale

b. Alma Park/Polygon

c. Kenilworth Road

d. Londonthorpe

e. Harrowby

f. Somerby Hill

7. WERE YOU AWARE THAT YOU LIVED IN THE PARISH OR DID YOU BELIEVE YOU LIVED WITHIN THE TOWN OF GRANTHAM?

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