



POLLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

2023

You are invited to attend The Annual Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 17th May 2023 in the Parish Rooms starting at 7.30pm.

The **Village Website** is managed on behalf of the Parish Council by Eric White. It aims to provide an overview of the village, its administration, and its main clubs and activities. In particular, it includes minutes of meetings and notices issued by the Parish Council. **Thank you, Eric, for continuing to update the website!** It contains a calendar of current activities and meetings. which can only be useful if groups add details of their future events. Please email general enquiries and comments to pollwhite@hotmail.com

Your Councillors

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Clerk to the Parish Council

Paul Hodgson	860485
	8, Gowdall Lane

Chairman's report

This is the first opportunity we have had to produce a Newsletter since 2019 as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic which began in March 2020. This placed restrictions on the council in respect of holding meetings and also on the delivery of a Newsletter. As we are back to something like normality, we are pleased to be able to update all village residents of both the Council's activities and those of other local groups.

First of all, can I express our sadness to those residents who lost family members and friends to Covid during this difficult time and our sympathies go to their families. I would also like to express my thanks to all residents who rallied round to support those who were in need and perhaps less able during this time. There were messages of support and encouragement, decorations on notice boards and decorations on the Christmas Tree which remained in place for an extended period. This to me is what Village Life is all about, when everyone pulls together to help and make life just that little bit better for everyone during these times of uncertainty. Thank you!

Councillors expressed their sadness and regret at the loss of Robert Kealey as a valued member of the Parish Council for over 50 years. His knowledge and interest in improving the village for the benefit of the community, along with his sense of humour, will be greatly missed!

Our new Councillor Geoff Cook has settled into his role and taken responsibility for the Litter Picks which are now well established in the Spring and Autumn of each year. We would like to extend our thanks to our regular band of litter pickers who collect litter round the Village on a weekly basis. **PLEASE HELP TO KEEP POLLINGTON TIDY!**

One of our main complaints at the moment is Dog fouling which is again becoming more of a problem. I accept that most dog owners are responsible and it is only a minority who choose to leave the deposit where people walk. **PLEASE PICK IT UP!** Take it home or place it in the Litter Bins provided. I must also point out that dogs are not allowed on the playing field! There are signs in the car park at the Village Hall, but it would appear they are being ignored. This is a Playing Field for children and Sports Field for adults and they should not have to suffer the unpleasantness of treading or falling in dog faeces, coupled with the disease that this can spread!

As most of you are probably aware, as a Parish Council we are required to have an Emergency Plan in preparation for any serious event in the Village. This is in urgent need of updating and I would encourage anyone who can offer help in any way, to complete the attached proforma and return it to our Clerk, Mr. Paul Hodgson at 8, Gowdall Lane, Pollington. Any information provided will remain strictly confidential, otherwise than in an emergency situation, when we may need to contact you.

We are also concerned about the lack of an active Neighbourhood Watch Group. (Please see entry by Peter Warren) Peter is the only existing member of the group and currently holds the position of treasurer. There are funds available to make the

Village a safer place, but we urgently need some younger volunteers to run this essential group. It could be run as a Social Event with visiting speakers and refreshments, which would probably make it more attractive, still maintaining its usefulness for what it was intended.

During the last three years, Pollington Parish Council has made the following improvements to facilities in the Village. Fences have been replaced at the Bowls Club and the roadside at the Playing Field. Upgrades have been made to the Parish Rooms with new UPVC windows and a roller shutter will shortly be fitted. The play equipment in the park has been repaired and painted. Regular checks are carried out on this equipment for the safety of all users. New picnic tables and Litter Bins have been provided. The Village Hall roof has been repaired and the car park resurfaced.

We continue to enjoy the support of our local East Riding Councillor, Caroline Fox, who has a keen interest in the Village and the Memorial Garden on Heck and Pollington Lane, for which we express our thanks.

I would like to thank Paul Arnold for his commitment to producing this Newsletter to its usual high standard. We are very grateful for all the time and effort he gives in assisting the Parish Council.

Our Annual Meeting will take place at the Parish Room on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ken Wilson



Pollington church continues to do its best to serve the communities of Pollington and Balne. Like many other aspects of our society, the pandemic had hit us hard financially. However, we are trying our best to emerge from this and continue to support our communities.

Pollington has services at 10.45am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month. We have just started our Cafe Church on the 1st Sunday which is a more informal family friendly service. Everyone is always welcome. If

you would like more details of services or want to book a wedding or a Baptism please contact Eleanor on 01405 860866 or eleanorbox@yahoo.Co.Uk

We are also looking for someone to be our treasurer. If you feel that might be something you could help us with please contact Eleanor.

Sport in Pollington

POLLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The hall is a lovely open space with ample parking making it ideal for parties, clubs and classes.

We have a newly fitted kitchen and recently updated the chairs. The hall is currently used regularly by **Guides, Brownies, a Yoga class, Yorkshire Country Women Association meetings and a Taekwondo club** and is also available to hire for private functions for a very reasonable £10 per hour.

Improvement plans for the future include disabled access toilets with baby changing facilities and a porch.

The current committee of 6 volunteers have worked hard over the last 12 years to keep the hall open and provide a 'hub' at the heart of the village for everyone to enjoy. **We would love to see some new faces on the committee and would like to welcome new members to our next meeting which will be advertised on our Facebook Page.**

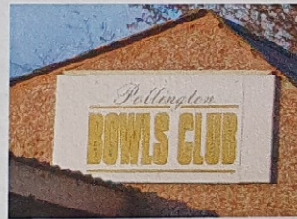
Bookings If you would like to book the hall please ring or text **Alison on 07922 731329**

POLLINGTON CRICKET CLUB now play in Division Two of the Pontefract and District Cricket League and play on alternate Saturdays from the last week in April to the Second Week in September. The Senior Team achieved 4th place in 2022, narrowly missing promotion into the First Division. Your support on Saturday afternoons is welcome.

POLLINGTON BOWLS CLUB

This popular facility is situated at the rear of the Village Hall Car Park.

Please contact Paul Hodgson for information 01405 860485 or 07850 240499



POLLINGTON MEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM of open age, play in the York Minster Engineering League. We have been promoted to league one this season and are currently sitting in eighth position. Two seasons ago we won the York League Junior Cup and have gained two promotions in seven years.

The club is run by Sam Bate and assistant manager Josh Thornton. We are always on the lookout for new players. You can follow us on Facebook, just search for Pollington FC to keep up to date with fixtures and results

We also have a Sunday Team in the village which is run by Sam Hirst.

Pollington Groups

Pollington Monday Club for the over 60's are looking for new members. Meetings are held in the Parish Room from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. A weekly charge of £2 is made to cover costs. We are a friendly group who enjoy a natter, a game of dominoes, a break for refreshments followed by a game of Bingo. On the first Tuesday of each month from April to October, we run coach trips to places of interest. **A full list of trips for 2023 are shown below.**

Trips

2 nd May	Langlans Garden Centre, Beverley	£10.00	9.00am
6 th June	Southport	£15.00	8.30am
4 th July	Dobbies Garden Centre, Bakewell	£15.00	8.30am
1 st Aug.	Thornton-le-Dale, Whitby	£15.00	8.30am
5 th Sept.	Dean's Garden Centre Scarborough	£15.00	8.30am
3 rd Oct.	Blackpool [including Lights]	£15.00	10.00am
7 th Nov.	Bury Market [Christmas shopping]	£12.00	8.30am

(To Book, please ring Margaret on 01405 860892 or Pat on 01405 861781)

Pollington Neighbourhood Watch

As some of you will know I am the treasurer of the Neighbourhood Watch and the link person to the County Hall Co-ordinator at Beverley for all such groups. Since before the Covid Pandemic and to date a few of us have tried to make our group more proactive, but due to lockdown and other circumstances nothing got going. If we can't make it work for the village, and to do so needs people to get involved, it will simply cease to exist. It has happened elsewhere.

We do hold funds in excess of £700 for the benefit of the village community. In the past we have been able to distribute safeguarding, home security information and advice, security pens and Smart Water. We also ran film shows for youngsters during school holidays. These funds that enabled us to do this were made available through money provided by the Parish Council and the Police Commissioner. We were also donated money from Snaith Neighbourhood Watch when it folded.

The money we have is being eroded as a result of our bank starting to charge charity and community accounts at the rate of £5 per month plus a charge for every transaction (a minimum of £72 per year). We can simply do nothing and let it disappear into the bank's profits.

I feel we need at least one meeting in order to make a decision to transfer the balance to a bank that does not make such charges. I think that this is a real priority. At that meeting, if it is felt we should continue as a group we can form a new committee and become active again. The alternative is that we shut the group down and give the money back to the Parish Council. This means we will no longer be a neighbourhood watch village which in some cases may have implications for some house insurance policies.

If we are going to continue as a group we will in the very near future need a new treasurer as I need to let go of this job for personal reasons.

Peter Warren

Local History



Pollington History Group meets on the first Thursday of every month except August and December in the Parish Rooms at 1.30pm.

There is no membership fee. Refreshments are served and just occasionally you might be asked to bring the milk! We all share an interest in local history and the group has amassed a considerable archive of

documents, photos and videos.

At present we are focused on the houses and inhabitants of Pollington over the years. **Pinfold Lane** was the topic at our February Meeting where the conversation was both lively and informative. Maps, photographs and personal recollections helped the group to build up a picture of the changes which had taken place. The Miller's house, later a school room, has long since gone. It's now a car park. The Mill, probably medieval, went before that. The pinfold and Blacksmith's shop are still there. Of course, the quarried areas behind them were called Millfield and had been used for strip farming before the Enclosures of 1775.

Possibly more relevant will be a further sharing of tales about individuals and their families as we compile an evidenced record of Pollington.

Our next target is West End which has several fine old properties, one of which is probably the oldest in the village. Unless you know differently of course!

This is a small section of the map produced by Mr Cawthron who was a Pollington Blacksmith in 1818.

Pollington's Roman Coffin has a new home in Doncaster's Museum and several PHG members have been to view the exhibit. We are hoping to learn more about the circumstances of why it was buried at Pollington and if this means that there was some Roman occupation here!

Please look on Facebook for the most recent contributions to our knowledge of Pollington People and so much more!



Pollington Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association



This year Pollington Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association is 40 years old so we will be celebrating in style.

Our group meet on the first Tuesday of every month and all our meetings are open to visitors. At our meetings we have speakers covering many topics and a chance for people new to the village to

get to know other people from Pollington

Outside the meeting we have coffee mornings, craft afternoons and various outings.

Please come along and give us a try

Membership £20 per year visitors £4 per meeting.

Contact Leila Scruton on 01405 785687 or Leila.scruton@live.co.uk for more details.

Talks

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| 2 nd May | The History of the Old Mill Brewery by Ian Cowling |
| 6 th June | The Goole Triangle by Alex Ombler |
| 4 th July | RD Hypnotherapy, Snaith by Rebecca Donaghue |
| 1 st August | Holiday |
| 5 th Sept. | My Life in Music by Stuart Atkins |
| 3 rd October | Linbee Dogs Rehoming Charity Talk
by Tracey Pennell-Watson |
| 7 th Nov. | Pollington YCWA 40th Anniversary
PARTY TIME - Fun and Games |
| 5 th Dec. | Christmas Crafts with Leila and Pat |