

Summer Play Day

In August, the parish council held its annual Summer Play Day and what a tremendous community event it turned out to be. In celebration of the Paris Olympics the theme this year was Children's Sports for All, and what a joy it was to see so many children trying out the different activities.

There were queues throughout the afternoon for the inflatable climbing wall, while Bella, the stilt walking 1970's sport coach, joined the children in the 'have-a-go' games area, where they tried out their hula hoop and skipping skills or had a go at playing tennis, cricket, badminton and golf. Notts County Foundation set up shootout nets for all the budding footballers, while elsewhere children enjoyed a bouncy castle, slide, sand pit and face painting or waited patiently for Karen, the stilt walking balloon modeller, to create her wonderful balloon animals.



Councillor Andy Brown, the Mayor of Rushcliffe opened the Play Day and this year was accompanied by representatives from Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) to mark the first phase of the parish council's inclusive play project. As previously reported, the parish council had been awarded UKSPF funding through RBC and as a result had organised for Proludic Ltd to supply and install a bucket swing and trampoline at the park. It was great to be able to celebrate the start of the project with the many families and children who came along to the summer event.

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The Gamston Ranger

Gary Dykes, is a volunteer with the Grantham Canal Society (GCS) and also the ranger responsible for the Gamston section of the canal. The parish council asked Gary to explain more about what this involves:

"I have lived in Gamston for 26 years, and like many, have enjoyed walking along the canal. It's our wildlife haven on the edge of the city. When I retired two years ago, it was an easy decision to make my regular walks more useful.

All 33 miles of the canal are looked after by rangers, each with their own section. While I look after this one, Mike, another Gamston resident, is the ranger for Bassingfield. Some of the longer sections have two rangers, which means that they can often enjoy regular walks together.

As a ranger, I carry out regular litter picks plus any minor maintenance work. For example, when brambles and nettles get out of control and encroach onto the towpath, I sort out getting them cut back. More importantly, as a ranger, I can report problems directly to the Canal and River Trust or the GCS. It helps that other canal users are also very good at highlighting issues on the Gamston Community Facebook page, and we are lucky to have a small army of local people who enjoy using the canal and want to keep it looking good.

The Canal and River Trust is the charity that owns this section of the canal and is legally responsible for ensuring that the towpath is kept safe. Each autumn, after the bird nesting season has ended, they employ contractors to cut back the verges of the towpath. They are not, however, required by law to keep the canal in water. The GCS works hard to restore the canal, and recently, over a period of three Saturdays, replaced the fencing on lock 2. For more information on the GCS, please visit their website at www.granthamcanal.org or the GCS Community Group Facebook page.

For those who want to keep up to date on what is happening to the canal in this area, WeBCan is a community group that has adopted the Lady Bay and Gamston sections. For more information on what they do, please visit the WeBCan Facebook page."

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Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council
Newsletter

Autumn 2024

A few words from the Vice Chair

Welcome to the Autumn 2024 edition of the Holme Pierrepont and Gamston Parish Council Newsletter.

It has been a busy few months at the parish council. In August, we held our annual Summer Play Day, which this year was based around Children's Sports for All. It was a fun afternoon, and it was lovely to see so many children trying out the many activities.

On the same day, we also celebrated the first phase of our inclusive play project, following the installation of a new bucket swing and trampoline at Ambleside Play Park. The parish council has now secured additional grant assistance from the Nottinghamshire County Council Local Communities Fund and has arranged with Proludic Ltd to supply and install a further four new pieces of play equipment at the park.

Please keep a look out on the Holme Pierrepont and Gamston Parish Council Facebook page for notification of installation dates.

Coming up, we will be holding our annual Christmastime at Gamston Village Hall event on Saturday 30th November, where everyone can enjoy a whole range of festive activities. Additionally, on Monday 2nd December, we will be opening the hall for our new free Warm Hub Coffee Mornings, offering a hot drink and company to anyone who wants to come along.

More information about all these events, plus a variety of other news, can be found throughout the newsletter, so please read on.

Cynthia Stacey

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Christmastime

at Gamston Village Hall, NG2 6NX

SAT 30TH NOV | 3.30PM - 5.30PM

BRASS BAND & CHOIR
NATIVITY STORY
FESTIVE SINGALONG

BALLOONS & FACE PAINTS
CHILDREN'S MUSICAL SHOW
MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

with Burton Joyce Community Brass Band and Lady Bay & Ruddington Community Choirs

DONATIONS IN AID OF

rainbows
Brightening short lives

Sandale Close Christmas Display

It is that time of year again, and Gamston resident David Carter is all set to light up his home on Sandale Close with another fantastic Christmas display.

For the past twelve years, David has put on a mesmerizingly festive display, and this will be his ninth year of raising money for the RSPCA Radcliffe Animal Centre. As David says, "The RSPCA Radcliffe Animal Centre is independently funded and costs around £800k to run annually. Last year, I raised nearly £4000, but as costs have skyrocketed, I would really like to exceed this amount in 2024."



David is always amazed by the positive feedback he receives and tries each Christmas to add something new to his display. This year, new additions include an animated light show with sound-to-light, talking heads and a choir to entertain all the visitors.

Santa Claus will perform the 'Grand Switch On', which takes place on Sunday 24th November at 5.00pm. The display will then continue each evening between 4.00pm to 9.00pm until Wednesday 1st January 2025.

CHRISTMAS
at St Edmund's, Holme Pierrepont

Sunday 1st December
Christingle Service 3.00pm
with children from Pierrepont Gamston Primary School

Sunday 15th December
Sanctuary Carol Service 6.30pm

Sunday 22nd December
Carol Service 3.30pm

Tuesday 24th December
First Communion of Christmas (Festal) 6.30pm

Off their trolley

The approach of autumn has seen an upsurge in anti-social behaviour in the parish.

The latest fad is throwing items into the canal. On Sunday 6th October, Gary Dykes, the Grantham Canal Society Gamston Ranger, retrieved six shopping trolleys from the canal near Morrisons. Morrisons are aware

of the problem, and the suspected perpetrators are a group of youths who often gather in shop's car park in the evening.

Larking about near water is never a sensible thing to do, so if you do see anything amiss happening near the canal, please contact the police on 101.



Happy 10th Birthday

Edwalton, Gamston and District U3A recently celebrated its 10th birthday and, in that time, membership has grown to almost 200 members from all walks of life who are retired or semi-retired.

As numbers have grown, so have the activities on offer. There are currently thirty groups where members can enjoy everything from learning modern languages, to painting, to improving their fitness through table tennis, cycling or walking. There are also a number of regular social events, including wine tasting, theatre visits and a pub quiz.

Each month members meet at Edwalton Church Hall on Vicarage Green where they catch up with old friends and listen to one of the many interesting speakers who have been invited along. New members are always welcome, so if this is something that you may be interested in, please visit their website at <https://egdu3a.u3asite.uk> or go along to one of their meetings to find out more.

Safety Zone

Holme Pierrepont Country Park is much more than leisure and sports activities. In September each year, it hosts a two-week 'Safety Zone' event for years five and six primary school children.

Safety Zone is organised by the Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue for Service and is supported by other agencies including the Nottinghamshire Police and the East Midlands Ambulance Service. It enables children to experience risky situations first hand and learn how to deal with them in a controlled and supervised environment. They are taught safety skills through demonstrations using real equipment based on lifelike scenarios, which can be difficult to replicate in the classroom environment. Where possible, they are given practical opportunities to practise the skills taught to them so that they can apply those skills to real life situations with some degree of experience and confidence.

The children come from schools across both Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and this year around 1,280 pupils attended the event.

Holme Pierrepont Country Park

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

As we near the end of 2024, we'd like to take a moment to thank our wonderful local community for all your support this year. Holme Pierrepont Country Park isn't just a place to visit—it's a place made special by you, the local residents. We're excited to share some fantastic offers and reminders about what's waiting for you, right on your doorstep!

Winter Walks & Family Days Out: There's nothing better than wrapping up warm and enjoying a peaceful winter walk through our beautiful country park. Whether you're bringing the dog for a stroll or letting the kids burn off some energy in the play area, it's all here for you—completely free of charge. Come and enjoy the natural beauty that's part of our shared home.

Special Offer for Local Residents: Free Hot Drink with Every Mini Golf Ticket! We've got a little treat just for you, when you buy a mini golf ticket, bring this newsletter along to the White Water Café and enjoy a FREE hot drink on us! It's the perfect way to enjoy a fun day out with family or friends, close to home.*

*One hot drink per mini golf ticket. Mini golf tickets can be purchased via our website.

Half-Price Car Parking Pass – Just for Locals! To make your visits even easier, we're offering a half-price car parking pass for local residents – just £32.50 for 12 months! It's ideal for regular visitors and great value for the whole year. Visit our website and use the code **Annual50** to claim the offer: <https://www.nwscotts.com/hpcp/offers>.

Try Our Gym for FREE – Exclusive to Our Local Community! We want to help you stay fit and healthy! That's why we're offering 4 weeks of FREE gym access, exclusively for the local residents. Enjoy our gym, fitness classes, and facilities—all in a welcoming environment. To claim this offer, simply call our sales office to book your free trial or pop in with a copy of your newsletter.

Unforgettable Birthday Party Packages: Got a birthday coming up? We've got you covered with birthday party packages full of fun activities for all ages. Whether it's for kids, teenagers, or even adults, we'll make sure the day is one to remember!

Thank You for Your Continued Support! Your support means the world to us, and we're so grateful to be part of this community. As we look ahead to 2025, we have even more exciting events and offers in store, so keep an eye out—we can't wait to share them with you!

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Warm Hub Coffee Mornings

Gamston Village Hall is a lovely, energy efficient building and in December will be opening up as a warm, free space for members of the local community to come along and enjoy a cuppa and some company.

The first 'Warm Hub Coffee Morning' will take place on Monday 2nd December, between 10.30am to 12 noon, so if it is something that you think you may enjoy, why not pop along? Whether you want to bring your knitting or craft projects, have a game of dominos or cards, read a book or chat with other local people with a hot drink and a biscuit, it's up to you.

Gamston Village Hall is located on Old Tollerton Road, NG2 6NX in Gamston Village and is fully accessible. If you do drive, please be considerate of other road users and local residents when parking. The coffee mornings are free of charge, so please come along and try one out. If you do have any questions, please email the parish clerk at clerk@hpgpc.org.uk or call her on **07432 620 204**.

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WARM HUB COFFEE MORNING

GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL,
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