

The next issue of the Parish News will be printed for circulation in March 2013**submission deadline: 15th April 2013****FOSTON & THORNTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL****FOSTON PARISH COUNCILLORS: THORNTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCILLORS:**

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Most Parish Council documents are available for inspection and an appointment can be arranged by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall and usually start at 7.30 p.m. Agendas are displayed on the parish notice boards seven days prior to the meeting.

Future meetings are scheduled for:

Wednesday 06 February 2013

Wednesday 06 March 2013

Wednesday 03 April 2013

Wednesday 01 May 2013

Wednesday 05 June 2013

Wednesday 03 July 2013

Wednesday 07 August 2013

Wednesday 04 September 2013

Wednesday 02 October 2013

Wednesday 06 November 2013

Wednesday 04 December 2013

FOSTON & THORNTON LE CLAY GO 'ONLINE'

The Parish Council are delighted to announce that the new Parish Website is "live":

Please visit the website, it is packed with information!

<http://foston-thorntonleclay.ryedaleconnect.org.uk>

Parish Council agendas and important notices will continue to be placed on the parish notice boards to serve those parishioners who do not have computer/internet access.

From January 2013 the Parish News will be placed on the Parish Website, however the Parish Council are aware that not everyone has computers/internet, so if you would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the Parish News, this can be arranged by calling the Parish Clerk on 01904 468773.

The Thornton le Clay and Foston Local History Group

The Local History Group has been running for less than a year, but what we lack in experience we make up for in enthusiasm! So far, we have had two kinds of meetings:

1. Reminiscences, in which long-standing residents of the village join us to talk about their memories, which we record and discuss. The next one of these events is on April 18th in the Village Hall.
2. 'Open days' in which people come along to the Hall bringing anything of historical interest – letters, photos, maps, postcards, deeds etc, which we scan and record. The next one of these is on July 6th. On the next page we have pasted just a few of the images we recorded at our last 'Open Day' in November.

We have already heard a host of fascinating stories about the past in our villages. For instance, do you know:

Where the Post Office used to be? What happened at the 'Tin Tabernacle'? Where the Huntsman's memorial is?

Where the wartime Evacuees came from? Where Rudyard Kipling used to visit? Where the Bay Horse pub was in Thornton le Clay? When they drilled for oil in Thornton le Clay (see photo below)?

What happens next?

We have formed a small committee of Sarah Crabtree, John Holman, Vivienne Woodhead and Paul Woollons to steer our work. At this stage we are happy to collect and share information, but there are many possibilities for the future.

We want more people to join our group and come to our meetings to share ideas and memories.

We want to develop a Local History section on this website, where we can collect and organise photos, writings and recollections, which people can add to so it becomes a living collection.

In the longer term, we might begin to write a short book on the local history of our villages.

Do come along to future meetings. We would love to hear from people who are interested in helping to organise our growing collection.

The Jolly Jumblers

Saturday 23 March 2013

Proceeds to Foston Primary School/PAFFS

Saturday 22 June 2013

Proceeds to Messy Church

Saturday 21 September 2013

Proceeds to Foston All Saints Church

Saturday 23 November 2013

Proceeds to R.D.C. Chairman's Charity Fund

MANY THANKS

Paul Tuttill for delivering around Thornton-le-Clay and Helen Hall for delivering around Foston.

The Methodist Church

Thornton-Le-Clay meets for worship at 9.00am. on the first and third Sunday and at 10.30am. on the second, fourth and fifth Sunday in every month. All ages are welcome to attend any services, see the Church notice board for details. A bible study / Fellowship group meets fortnightly at Wold Cottage, High Street, Thornton-Le-Clay from 8.00pm. A time of informal Bible discussion, readings and prayer followed by light refreshments. For more details ring 01904 794626 or 01653 618452.

Mothering Sunday

A mothering Sunday Family Service will be held at Thornton-Le-Clay Methodist Church on Sunday 10th March 2013 at 10.30am. led by Lis Johnstone. All welcome.

Easter Services

On Friday March 29th a short service at 6.15pm. Led by Rev. Graham Peaden.
Easter Day Sunday March 31st Holy Communion Service at 9.00am. Led by Rev. Graham Peaden. All welcome.

The Prayer Box

Don't forget if you would like any prayers said for you or someone you know to leave a note in the Prayer Box situated on the side of the Thornton-Le-Clay Parish Notice Board.

Messy Church

On Sunday April 21st 2013 there will be another "Messy Church" in the Village Hall starting at 4.00pm, do come and join us. We do a variety of activities including crafts, stories, games, worship and ending with food! All ages welcome (children must be accompanied by an adult).
Thornton – Le – Clay Methodist Church Grand Christmas Draw -The Prize Draw on December 14th raised £750.00 for Thornton-Le-Clay Methodist Church. A big thank you to all who helped in any way, the ticket sellers and all who provided prizes.

The Press - Have you got anything you would like to put in "The Press". A forthcoming event or an article that you think would interest others If so, contact Heather Cox on 01653 618452, Wold Cottage, High Street, Thornton-le-Clay As the Community Correspondent for Foston & Thornton-le-Clay, she will do her best to get it published for you.

Thornton-le-Clay & Foston Village Institute

The Village Hall Committee exists to look after the building and discuss how it can contribute to the life of our two villages. The Committee runs fund-raising events during the year and the building is available for hire for private parties and functions. You can hire the hall for £6 per hour.

We are always keen to hear from residents about how the hall might be used - if you have any ideas for future events, please do get in touch with a member of the Committee.

Use it or risk losing it and "please" don't abuse it.

The Village Hall has only a few volunteer committee members, all working hard, to look after this valuable village asset. It is becoming increasingly difficult to raise the essential funds for heating, electricity, insurance etc. and there is certainly no surplus for a cleaner/caretaker.

When hired out it is on condition that the hall is left as it was found, unfortunately this does not always happen before the next booking. The few committee members cannot police this, or be held responsible and it would be unfair to expect more of them as it really is a community asset.

If something needs "putting right", treat it as a "willing gesture of community spirit" and help to keep this invaluable village asset going. We all need to pull together.

If you can help in any way please let us know.

Committee members are: Carolyn Arden, Fiona Hill, Helen Hall, Margaret Frank, Paula Carroll, Jackie Farnell, Sue Jones

Trustees are: Nigel Cox, Helen Hall, John Holman, Bryan Pillow, Nigel Tully

Parents and Friends of Foston School (PAFFS), would like to say a big thank you to all who come and support our school and school events. The children benefit hugely from the funding, which gives music lessons, new play ground equipment and even French lessons, to name a few! We hope you will continue to support us in the future, as we value it very much. We will continue to keep you updated with forthcoming events. If you have any ideas for fundraising do let us know.

DATES for your Diary: Scarecrow Event Sat 15th Jun and Pumpkin Event Sat 26th Oct

Officers for the school year ending 31 August 2013:

Chairperson: Laura Deighton; Vice-Chairperson: Nikki Bailey; Treasurer: Fiona Hill; Secretary: TBC

The Head Teacher is Sarah Moore and she can be contacted on 01653 618265 and the school website address is www.foston.n-yorks.sch.uk