

Carlton Town Parish Newsletter



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Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe. All residents are welcome to attend.

Village Parking

Silage season will soon be here and, with it, increased farm traffic.

Tractors with trailers and large feed and fertiliser delivery lorries are finding it increasingly difficult to get through the village due to chicanes created by parked cars. Please be mindful where you park in relation to other vehicles so that long vehicles can get through easily. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

WI Anniversary Walk – Sunday 21st April – Meeting at Settle and walking to Malham. Coverdale WI is 95 years old this year and to mark the milestone a 95-mile walk (over the next few months) is being organised to which all are welcome, including dogs. The first one is in April and further details can be obtained from Kimberley on 640487 or Julia on 640090.

Spring Concert by Muker Silver Band – Sunday 28th April – Coverdale Memorial Hall. Doors open 1.30pm for 2.30pm start. Afternoon Tea & Raffle. Tickets £10. Pre-booking essential from Margaret 640200, Howard 640689 or Liz 640042

Coverdale Memorial Hall Playing Field

Coverdale Memorial Hall has been successful in gaining a lottery grant to develop the field behind the hall to include a level sporting area, a playground and a memorial garden.



Work will begin at the end of March (subject to weather conditions) and one of the footpaths which crosses the field will be officially closed by the National Park and alternative routes provided.

The field will be out of commission for up to 8 months. This is to allow for earth works, playgrounds to be installed and allowing sufficient time for the ground to settle and rest before allowing any traffic onto it.

We apologise in advance to residents for this disturbance but assure you that the space will be of benefit to the Dale and local villages.

We will, however, require your help. During the settling period we will be inviting residents to get involved in "stone picking" - more details will follow in early spring. These stone picking sessions will be scheduled with coffee mornings and bacon sandwiches. If you have any queries, our website has details of our plans: www.coverdalemorialhall.co.uk

Memorial Hall Bookings

Bookings for the Memorial Hall and Annexe can be made through Rachel Smith from Melmerby on 640275 or email rachel.philip.smith@gmail.com

The annexe is ideal for small parties and meetings and can be hired for £7/hr. The main hall can be hired for larger events at £9/hr.

Introducing North Yorkshire Community Messaging

North Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police and the Office of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner, providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you and your local community.



Sign up and receive email alerts about policing activity and initiatives in your local area as well as crime prevention advice and information. You will also have the opportunity to reply directly to your neighbourhood team and provide feedback via surveys.

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Members of the Water Committee:

Howard Thomas, Littleaside (☎ 640689)

Peter Hill, Haydn Carr (☎ 640276)

Jenny Walker, Converted Garage (☎ 640676)

Raymond Brown, Park View (☎ 640409)

Matthew Wilkes, High Barn (☎ 640566)

Christmas Carol Singing

This year the Christmas carol singing around the village raised a fantastic £400 which went to Middleham & Spennithorne Schools. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously and to the carol singers who were in fine voice as always!

If you would like a village event displayed on the parish website or newsletter, please contact the Parish Clerk. Please remember that you can refer to the website for Parish Council minutes, meeting agendas, information papers, newsletters and general village information.



Update on the Village Water Supply

At the Village Meeting held by the Parish Council on 8 February to discuss the future of Carlton's water supply system, a significant proportion of those present indicated that they would like further investigation into funding opportunities to lower the cost per household of a new water supply provided by Yorkshire Water. As a result, the Yorkshire Water Funding Committee (YWFC), a sub-committee of the Parish Council, has been formed with clear Terms of Reference to see whether grants or other forms of funding might be available.

On 20 February, some members of the YWFC joined a discussion with representatives of North Yorkshire Council, convened by the Parish Council, to consider the timescale and operational aspects of upgrading the village's water supply system. The initial meeting of the YWFC, held on 29 February, involved, amongst other items, a discussion with representatives of Yorkshire Water to determine their requirements for the installation of a new water supply system.

At the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 March, the Terms of Reference were agreed for the YWFC and the Parish Council's continuing responsibilities in relation to the present water supply system were confirmed. It was also agreed that a member of the Parish Council should serve on the YWFC, to ensure that close liaison is maintained between the two bodies. Howard Thomas has agreed to act in this role.

The YWFC met again on 12 March and is now investigating potential funding sources to help with the cost of securing a water supply from Yorkshire Water. It is recognised that this may, or may not, be achievable within the timescale agreed by the Parish Council, which runs until the end of November 2024, with the possibility of a short extension should reasonable progress in fundraising be made before then. If it can be achieved, the aim is to reduce the cost per household to a more reasonable level. The results of these YW investigations will be communicated to the members of the village for further discussion before any final decision is taken.

The YWFC and the Parish Council would like to ensure that members of the Carlton community are kept up to date with its work. A page named Carlton Water Supply Upgrade on the Parish Council website (www.parish-council.com/carlontown) is now dedicated to matters concerning the future of the village's water supply and will be regularly updated. There will also be updates in the quarterly newsletters. We want to ensure that members of the community can ask questions about the YWFC's work, so if you have any queries, please direct them to the Clerk of the Parish Council, Marina Briggs, at carlontownnpc@yahoo.com and we will do our best to answer them.

In addition, if you are aware of funding sources that could be explored by the YWFC please let us know, so that we can ascertain if the Yorkshire Water scheme will fit the funding criteria.

We hope that the above information is helpful in explaining the role of the YWFC, the scope of its work and the activities it has undertaken to date.