

UTTERBY

Voice



VILLAGE HALL - CALL FOR HELP

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Village Hall *Needs You!*

I feel I need to bring to your attention to my concerns about the on-going situation at the Village Hall.

The Village Hall has been an integral part of Utterby village life for many years. It has been at the heart of happy memories for many of us who lived and raised our families in and around the village, and has truly served the community well. Much laughter has raised its roof and the smells of home cooking have filled the air with anticipation of a good supper. Over the years willing hands have worked tirelessly to keep the Village Hall open and in a good state of repair but sadly this is no longer the case. As modern daily life takes its toll on our time, a crisis now looms around all aspects of running Utterby Village Hall.

Following recent resignations the working committee of the hall has ceased to function. Currently it is being maintained, and bookings throughout the summer are buoyant. The hall, while in need of some work, is generally well maintained and its financial condition is good. There are a number of regular customers, including those in the village, whose revenue provides a major part of the hall's finances. There is a dedicated team who clean the premises, Maureen

Scott, Tina and Colin Waller, John Anderson, Sandy Dalton and myself, whilst others, over the years have supported the hall and fundraising for it in many different ways. Sadly, however, recent planned fundraising events have had to be cancelled due to lack of support in attendance. The current situation is not sustainable, therefore a new working committee must be formed by the Trustees of Utterby Village Hall.

To move the situation forward, I feel the Trustees need to arrange a public meeting to discuss the hall's future. Volunteers will have to be willing to accept management roles as the new committee will have to consist of a Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, Bookings Clerk. The hall is a registered charity therefore some of these roles are a requirement. Action must be taken now before the hall falls into a bad state of repair. Many villages do not have a village hall or other safe environment where villagers can meet, but we have an amazing community facility which we are in serious danger of losing. I, with the support of villagers, am calling a public meeting for this on Monday June 10th at 7pm at the Hall - PLEASE COME!

Graham Dalton

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

Village Big Tidy Up!

As an alternative initiative to entering "The Best Kept Village Competition", which increasingly proved to be rather a waste of time, the Parish Council has opted for a "Village Tidy-Up". This will take place during the first two weeks of July commencing on Monday July 1st 2019.

Obviously your Parish Councillors are hoping that all residents in the village will support this project. The clue is in the title. Over a period of two weeks we are going to identify all the areas of our village which require attention and hopefully do something about it.

LITTER, WEEDS, DRAINS, OVERGROWN HEDGES, GRASS VERGES, STREET SIGNS, BUS SHELTERS, BENCHES etc THE CHURCHYARD, THE PACKHORSE BRIDGE, THE VILLAGE GREEN AND VILLAGE HALL, THE MILLENNIUM TREE etc.

Nothing in the village is out of bounds if it needs a "Tidy-Up". East Lindsey District Council are providing us with bags and gloves.

All we need now are volunteers to take advantage of this equipment. An hour of your time would be greatly appreciated, especially if it involves tidying public areas of the village. If you are interested please contact any of your Councillors (see back of magazine).

Hopefully the pupils of Utterby Primary School will also take part in the "Tidy-Up" and this would be really appreciated by all of our residents.

Surely it would be a great achievement to really showcase Utterby and present the village at its very best. At the time of writing the Parish Council are sourcing replacement signs and/or posts in various sites around the village as well as requesting quotes to replace or repair the "Kissing Gates" on Church Lane and the A16. We really do hope to improve tired areas around the village.

SO IT IS UP TO YOU! We can only do so much without you ! You live in a lovely village, but at this moment in time it does need a little care and attention to get it back to its absolute best.

REMEMBER THE UTTERBY VILLAGE "TIDY-UP" JULY 1ST TO JULY 15TH.



Utterby Parish Council

I have previously contributed several short articles for the Utterby Voice, on a variety of topics, during my eight years of residence in Church Lane. However this will be my first written contact with you as the newly elected Chairman of Utterby Parish Council.

On May 2nd 2019, after many years of having co-opted councillors, the residents of Utterby were asked to take part in electing their Parish Councillors. There were seven vacant seats on the council which needed to be filled. This was achieved and the names, addresses and contact details of your new councillors are to be found on the back cover of this edition of the Utterby Voice.

Your response was impressive and I would like to thank everyone who took the trouble to vote. Out of an Electorate of 250 there were 116 Ballot Papers issued which resulted in an excellent turnout of 46.40%.

Now your new Council must set to work, not only to maintain our lovely village and its excellent reputation, but also wherever possible to be responsible for improvements that will benefit everyone who resides in Utterby. As a Council we can only achieve so much. We will need your contributions as well!

Right from the outset of my

chairmanship I would encourage you to attend the Public Forum section of our monthly meetings. There may well be issues, concerns or indeed recommendations that you could bring, that would help us meet the needs of Utterby.

One serious issue that continues as a challenge to many people in Utterby is the Village Hall. I believe that this building is hugely important to Utterby and potentially it could have a bright future. However in recent years the responsibility for its upkeep and maintenance has become somewhat confused. Certainly at the time of writing there are individuals who are willing to take action in the best interests of the Village Hall and wherever possible these persons need to be supported.

One of our priorities will be to ensure that the public areas of Utterby are maintained and wherever possible enhanced. The Village Green, footpaths, bus shelters, benches, hedgerows and trees deserve our full attention at all times so that Utterby remains a lovely place to both live and visit. Once again I would ask that we need your contributions as well. I want to thank all of the residents who work diligently, especially with their own gardens and frontages to help the village look its best.

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Good News

It appears that the fishing pond area, adjacent to the A16 has at last been tidied up. The problem finally reached the attention of the owner of the land and swift action has been taken to remove the rubbish and litter left there. This is a good example of how quickly selfish and uncaring individuals can have an adverse affect on our community.

Thank You

Finally I would like to thank Graham Dalton, Jason Garrett-Pugh and Brian Frobisher for their work and commitment as former Parish Councillors. They steered the Council through a difficult period, including several months without a Clerk. As retiring Chairman Graham Dalton deserves a particular mention as he worked extremely hard throughout his period of office on a wide range of issues to the benefit of Utterby.

Remember

All Councillors have their contact details on the back of this edition of the Utterby Voice. Do not hesitate to contact us. **We Are Here To Serve You!**

Alan Woodward
Chairman
Utterby Parish Council

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

There will be a public meeting on **Monday, 10th June at 7:00pm in Utterby Village Hall to discuss the future of the Hall. Volunteers are needed to form a new management committee. Without a new committee the Trustees may have to consider closure.**

Everyone is welcome. Please come and support your village Hall.



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NON EMERGENCY CALL - RING 101



Utterby Primary Academy

Greetings from all the staff and students at Utterby Primary Academy. Summer Term is as always a busy one as we pick our way through the end of year assessments for a number of our children. This term is also packed full of sports competitions, outdoor activities and exciting learning opportunities. Recently some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils went on an exciting 3-day residential trip to Kingswood Activity Centre, where they took part in a range of adventurous pursuits, testing their teamwork and resilience skills out to the maximum. Our Year 3s and 4s have also been out and about, visiting the Magna Science Museum to complement their learning in school. The Foundation Stage, Year 1s and Year 2s spent a wonderful day at Ludborough Station learning all about steam engines and travel and transport from the past. They will also be taking a trip to the coast where they will learning all about the local habitats, marine life, as well as local businesses and tourism. Early in May we were pleased to receive a visit from our Trust CEO, Julian Drinkall. He was able to see the children in their

classroom and out and about in the school grounds really applying themselves to our 'value of the term': push the limits. Julian was also able to officially open our community library, which is available to both the school community, as well as the wider community. The idea is effectively that of a 'book exchange' in that you can come and choose some books to borrow or keep and bring in any books you no longer want for someone else to enjoy. We already have a good selection of children and adult books which you are most welcome to come and browse through to take a book of your choice. It is completely free and we welcome members of the wider community. The community library is dedicated to the memory of Mrs Tracey Carne, one of our teachers who sadly passed away this academic year. This small tribute on our part is an acknowledgement to Mrs Carne's love of reading and the positive impact she had on our pupils.

Tom Hawkins
Headteacher



The visit from our Trust CEO, Julian Drinkall

St Andrew's Church News

Our DCC AGM was held in April when the Chairman, Treasurer and Churchwarden all gave very positive annual reports. Unlike many churches, the number of people who have chosen to be registered on our electoral role has increased since last year and our visitor books show a huge increase in the footfall of casual visitors. There has been a change to the committee membership with Audrey Skeath retiring from the DCC after many years of valuable service to St Andrews, but we welcome Debbie Cook and Hazel Fitch as new members and hope that they enjoy being part of this valuable community group. The committee is looking to a very promising future. Thank you to Audrey who was churchwarden for many years but who has agreed to continue helping Tim in his role as churchwarden, for a few more years to come.

We have now produced our programme of events for the remainder of the year, with our first event in May being Café in the church on May 4th. Unfortunately there was a misunderstanding with the heating system for the last Saturday café in the church but that won't happen again!!!! Do come along between 10.30am and 12.00am and check out the bacon baps!

From June until September, the Saturday café will again be held in the Village Hall, between 10.00am and



*There is
always
cake!*

1.00pm. This year, Geoff Fitch will be manning a Bric a brac stall at the café in the village hall, so come and see what treasures he has hidden away.

We have recently signed up to the Code of Conduct for Visit England. The main purpose was to comply with the regulations to retain the Brown directional sign positioned on the A16, however we are proud to be in a position to meet all aspects of the Code of Conduct and to be able to display the certificate.

The monthly church service continues on the fourth Sunday in the month at 9.30am. Usually it is Holy Communion but every quarter there is Morning Prayer. We are looking forward to a number of weddings and christening being held in the church during the summer months and what better place could there be for such memorable occasions?

How lucky we are to have this quintessential village church and the thriving church community supporting it - it is very special and it is there for everyone.

Penny Would
Secretary to the DCC

Useful *Contacts*

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Parish Clerk	Parish Council	01507 328149
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