

Ashby cum Fenby

News & Views





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Notice of Parish Council Meetings

Please note that the following meetings have been scheduled for Ashby cum Fenby:

Monday 5th December 2022

Church Hall

Monday 9th January 2023

Church Hall

Monday 6th February 2023

Church Hall

Monday 6th March 2023

Church Hall

Meeting dates are subject to change, any changes will be reflected on the published agendas on our website and on the village noticeboard. Agendas are published approx 3/4 working days before each meeting.

Press & public are welcome to attend, a public session is available to allow members of the public to discuss matters on the agenda.



A note from the Chairman



The lovely summer has now moved into autumn with shorter days and the perennial problem of falling leaves. In a few short weeks Christmas will be with us again. How quickly the last 12 months have flown by.

The Parish Council has had another busy period with the primary focus yet again on planning applications which always receive a fair and unbiased discussion but some proposals are patently not appropriate for the ambience of the village and we certainly do not want to be swamped with a swathe of new building.

We have been anxious to ensure our public footpaths and the village green are maintained in good condition that reflects our beautiful village in the best possible light.

Sadly since our last newsletter we have lost our wonderful Queen Elizabeth but we did have the opportunity to celebrate her Jubilee in June.

In October members of the parish council and a large number of villagers attended a meeting in the church when the vicar explained the current financial difficulties the church is facing. I know I speak on your behalf when I told her we would do everything possible to support her and her team to ensure the church remains open for many years to come. The vicar is hopeful there will be a carol service in December.

We have agreed on some improvements around the village, the telephone box is scheduled to be re-painted and we have also acquired a new flagpole which will be installed in the near future. Some of you may have noticed missing letters on the Ashby cum Fenby signs and these are also due for replacement

I am hopeful that as we move into the summer months of 2023 that we will be able to arrange some communal events for the village to further enhance the feeling of unity and togetherness.

As the days shorten autumn is a wonderful time to explore the lanes and paths in and around our village and witness stunning sunsets or even feed Harvey the loveable friendly Highland calf.

The parish council meeting minutes are posted each month on the noticeboard on the village green by Aneka, our clerk and they are certainly worth a read to ensure you know what is going on in and around our village.

May I remind you that Parish Council meetings are held on the first Monday of every month in the Church Hall at 7.00pm, we would welcome your attendance if you have an issue of concern you would like to discuss with us, or if you just want to sit in and listen to the proceedings.

On behalf of the parish council may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families and friends a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful 2023.

Cllr. John Shaw—Chairman of Ashby cum Fenby Parish Council



Village Life

My Log Burning Stove

By Mark. R (Cllr)

Having moved to the village just over five years ago from a very modern house in Tonbridge, Kent there are many things I love about being here such as the beautiful countryside, the close proximity to Cleethorpes, where I grew up, a bigger garden and being surrounded by nature. It really is, as the book suggests a special village. Perhaps one of my biggest obsessions since moving here has become my log burning stove. I had virtually no experience of this before moving to Ashby and now I'm hooked. With the current energy crisis it's become, not only a cosy luxury, but more of a money saving necessity. I've learnt also that, unlike burning oil and coal, it is actually cleaner for the environment than leaving the wood to rot on the woodland floor. It may seem like a somewhat bold claim but, provided you use well seasoned wood, it's a climate positive method of heating your home. My family and I generally light up the stove early in the evening in winter to get the room warm enough for when we sit in the lounge after dinner. It's become one of my routine jobs to set the fire for the evening ahead in the morning and it's very much my domain. Probably some primeval man's instinct or something!





I carefully set a row of smallish kindling of hardwood and then lay some pine kindling above that with a wax firelighter perched on top of that. One of many little tricks I picked up from a fabulous book on the subject called “Norwegian Wood” by Lars Mytting was that wood burns down as well as up and it’s a terrific way to start your fire to get it really flaming from the off.

I do very occasionally buy sacks of logs and kindling but generally I’ve used wood from tree maintenance around the garden and found branches around and about on the footpaths. It’s amazing how much free wood from fallen branches etc. is just left across paths. Some of you may have noticed a weird bloke with a branch or two over his shoulder when out for a stroll; well that was probably me! I’ve always thought it a superb way of recycling. It’s actually quite hard work cutting and chopping logs for the burner but actually I find it to be a much more useful and satisfying work-out than a visit to the gym! You really do work up a good appetite for dinner. Be warned though it can make you unpopular with the neighbours if you don’t choose a socially acceptable time to fire up the chainsaw. They’re not the quietest of garden tools it has to be said. My splitting axe makes far less noise and once you get the technique right is incredibly efficient at doing what its name suggests. This type of axe is shaped just perfectly to enter the top of the cut wood and open it up. In this way, if the wood is green enough, you can chop enough hardwood in an afternoon to last you most of the winter. Of course you can buy a log store full in one go, or a mechanical log splitter, but where’s the fun in that? I’m sure that half the reason I enjoy sitting watching the glow of the flames, feeling all snugly on these dark winter evenings, is the knowledge that it is all the fruit of my hard work earlier in the year.

Mark R (Cllr)





Christmas Quiz

1. What is the name of the famous family whose monument is inside the parish church?
2. To which Saint is the church dedicated?
3. What is the full name of the book about the history of our village?
4. Which house had "Little Donkey" as its theme in the advent trail last Christmas?
5. Can you name all four donkeys?
6. What is the name of the newly opened café at the top of Ashby Hill?
7. In the 1950s what business was associated with The Ramblers on Chapel Lane?
8. Which was the first house to have a telephone installed in the village?
9. What was the original name of Chapel Lane?
10. What is the title of the Slade song about Christmas?



Recipe

Spiced Christmas Biscuits



Ingredients

100g/3½oz [butter](#), at room temperature
50g/1¾oz [caster sugar](#)

½ tsp ground [cinnamon](#)

½ tsp [ground ginger](#)

150g/5½oz [plain flour](#), plus extra for rolling

1 tbsp [cornflour](#)

For the icing

150g/5½oz [icing sugar](#), sifted

2–3 tbsp [lemon juice](#)



Spiced Christmas Biscuits continued...

Method



1. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/ Gas 4.
2. In a bowl, whisk together the butter, sugar, cinnamon and ginger for a couple of minutes until light and fluffy. Using a wooden spoon, mix in the flour and cornflour. Stir until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs, then use your hands to form a ball of dough.
3. Lightly dust your work surface and rolling pin with a little plain flour and roll the dough out to a thickness of about 5mm/¼in. Cut out shapes using the biscuit cutters, re-rolling the leftover dough as you go. Spread the shapes out on the lined baking trays.
4. Bake for 14–16 minutes, swapping the trays round half way through cooking (to ensure the biscuits cook evenly). The biscuits should still be pale, but cooked. If making tree decorations, punch a small hole in the biscuit using a wooden skewer as soon as they come out of the oven. Leave on the tray to cool completely.
5. In a small bowl stir together the icing sugar with 2 tablespoons lemon juice, adding a little extra if the mixture is very thick.
6. Once the biscuits are cool, pipe or spoon the icing over each biscuit and top with your choice of edible decorations. If you're making tree decorations, leave the icing to set before tying a piece of ribbon or string

Quiz Answers; (1-Wray; 2- St. Peter; 3- Ashby cum Fenby A Special Village; 4- 2 Hall Farm Cottages; 5- Sidney, Dexter Johnjo and Winston; 6- Landmark Cafe; 7- Coaches/Travel; 8- The Cottage; 9- Second Lane; 10- Merry Christmas Everybody

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I have taken over from PC SKELTON and have been in post in Scartho, Waltham & Wolds since 4th July.

Your team is specifically myself, PCSO Vintila & PCSO Haynes.

I am contactable on 07388852874 however if an incident is ongoing contact 101 or 999.

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Kindest Regards

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Spotlight on: The New Clerk!

- Anneka Ottewell-Barrett -



As the new Parish Council Clerk, what's your first impression of the village?

With family close to the village I am familiar with the area. I love Ashby and the surrounding countryside.

If there was one change you could make to the village what would it be?

Some street lighting for night time meetings!

What's the best Christmas present you've ever had?

I actually love to give presents more than receive—nothing better than watching a horrified face open a comical gift!

What's your favourite food and tippie at Christmas?

I love a turkey, stuffing and cranberry sandwich!

What book would you recommend to read over the festive season?

Being a busy working mum of two, I don't get to read as much as I would like. But I am partial to an audio

book whilst walking my dog! I'm currently enjoying 'Tom Felton—Beyond the Wand!'.
What is your must see Christmas film?

Hmm..tough one, but I do love Elf!

What single possession you own could you not be without?

My phone! It connects me with everyone I know, including family that live in Wales. Plus the diary keeps me organised and the alarm keeps me punctual!

What would I do without it?

In three words how would you describe your character?

Another tough one... talkative (Oops), positive, reliable (hard choosing only 3!)

What's has been the greatest influence on your life?

My children—they constantly amaze, impress, infuriate and delight me daily!

What's your favourite Christmas song?

Jingle Bell Rock is a favourite of mine!





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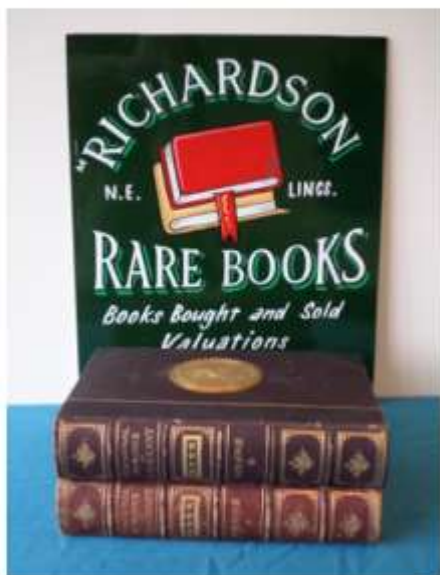
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