

ELECTION SPECIAL!

What's happening in the Village?

Check our website www.draughton.org for the latest news

See below...

But first, to remind us of the season just past, a lovely snow-scene taken in early February by resident photographer, Mike, out walking recently near the village:



Elections 2021

Unless the Government changes its mind, elections will be held on 6 May this year, and local electors will choose 7 members of the community to represent them.

Would you like to join the Parish Council?

To be eligible to stand, you just have to live or work in or within 3 miles of the parish.

The Council increases in size this year, adding 2 seats to the existing 5. Even if the current councillors all wish to serve another term, and the community wants to support them do this, the Council has room for 2 more people to come forward. If more than 2 are interested, and more than 7 people are nominated to stand as councillors, an election will be organised by Craven District Council. If fewer than 7 people are nominated, the ones who have put their names forward will automatically be appointed without an election, and the new council will then meet later in May to co-opt additional members to fill any remaining vacancies.

The nomination process is simple to complete, even easier during an ongoing period of social restrictions, as the nomination can be proposed and seconded/witnessed by members of the same household. Forms are available in paper form or electronically from the Clerk, and need to be returned to her before 8 April. The Clerk will make an appointment to hand-deliver all nomination forms together to the District Council.

If you would like to find out more about the role of a councillor, the current members of the Council will be happy to explain what they do on the phone or by email—a full list of contact details is published on the back page—and, if there is sufficient interest, a remote public meeting will be specifically arranged in March for a question and answer session with the Council.

Also in this edition....

..... updates on Draughton lives and plans for the future— *see inside!*

Get in touch with us to let us know your views and ideas, and help us maintain our communications networks.

Read on overleaf to find out how to do this. To update your details at any time, email us: parishclerk@draughton.org

Local Government Reorganisation

The Government is consulting the public on two competing proposals for the organisation of local governance in Craven and in North Yorkshire.

Whichever of the 2 structures is adopted, a new unitary authority will be established to take over the running of all local services, including highways, education and social care which are currently run by the County Council, and local planning, refuse collection and local taxation, currently in the hands of the District Council.

Our services should still be provided, largely as now, from the Highways Area office and the Belle Vue Skipton offices. Please do feed your views into the consultation.



The local highways team should be coming out to Draughton soon to repair the potholes in the village.



Draughton Chat

Have you found the new Facebook page yet?

One of the happy results of lockdown has been the setting up of our new Facebook page, the Draughton Village Chat.

This is easy to find and use, as

many of us have discovered already! There are regular updates together with lively posts, illustrated with colourful photos, giving a moving picture of our ongoing village life.

The Chat has given us a perfect channel to spread our news and exchange ideas during these months at home. In a short space of time, it has become hugely popular, reaching a majority of villagers and helping people to stay in touch. Long may it continue into our post-lockdown days!

Many thanks to Vicky for running the Chat for the village!

Don't forget—we also have a village website www.draughton.org as well as the group email contact list. If you are not already on this, and would like to join, please use the slip below.

I give my permission for the Clerk of the Parish Council to contact me by email in order to notify me of:

Parish Council business

Village Hall events

General community news and events

Signed Date..... Email.....

Notes: By providing your email address you confirm that we may contact you by this means. Your details will not be passed onto any other organisations. If at any time you wish to have your email address deleted from our records, please email the Clerk or contact us via the website. See the website for a copy of our Data Protection Policy and Privacy Policy

Please return this slip to us by dropping it off at The Pines or by emailing a copy to the Clerk

Thanks

Village Green—A different look this year!



Last year, using grant funding, the Parish Council had a new stone bench installed on the Green. We have now been awarded some additional grant funding to pay for a new wooden bench to replace the Jubilee bench which is beginning to show signs of weather wear.

This will make its appearance later in the season, but not before our newly-planted collection of bulbs and Spring-flowering perennials begin to show themselves above ground.

Meanwhile, any help maintaining the planting area going forward would be much appreciated—please contact the Clerk.

Draughton's Mini Library!

Those of you who have enjoyed reading during the lockdown months may have discovered the growing assortment of books piling up in the telephone kiosk.

These are for anyone to take and read, whether or not you want to bring along donations yourself, although it's probably a good idea if we get into the habit of returning them when we've finished with them. Longer term, we are planning to set up arrangements with the unitary authority for a regular supply of new titles to be delivered to our Draughton Library.

The kiosk itself is to be moved slightly to a better place against the field wall, and will be kitted out with new shelving.

All thanks to our resident librarians, Bridie and Darcie!



St Augustine's Church

Closed during the first lockdown and then re-opened but with limited services and spaces to offer, the church has still been with us for our key festivals, like Remembrance and Christmas.

For details, please see the noticeboards for the timetable of Morning Prayer and Communion services.

Come and join us!



Draughton Village

Useful Contacts and Information

Waste Collections

Alternate Tuesdays —green bin

(general household) or blue bin

Collection schedule from Craven DC

Alternate Thursdays—brown (garden)

Subscription service only

Milk

Delivered Tues, Thurs and Sunday.

Contact: Fiona Whalley 07710906371

Fish

Van calls top of village and door to door on a Tuesday.

Contact: Bill & Molly Dobson 710201

Newspapers

Delivered daily for collection from the telephone kiosk (outside the Old Post Office)

Must be pre-ordered.

Contact: Newsagent 791220

Church Services

Every Sunday at 9.30am or 11.15am
(Check the noticeboards)



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Draughton Village Hall

As social restrictions ease, the Village Hall, the social hub of our community, is set to re-open. Regular events in the hall will again include:

Tea party—every first Monday of the month 2.30pm

Skipton & Silsden Young Farmers—Monday evenings

Fitness and Pilates Class— info@emmalister.com

Upholstery Training —Tuesdays from October (David Whitham 761099)

Bridge Play U3A—Thursday 2-4pm (Douglas Goode)

Table Tennis—Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm (children) 7.30-9.30pm (adults) (David & Anthea Goldie 710315)

Social events are normally held throughout the year to help raise money for the hall's upkeep.

The Village Hall is available to hire for groups and for meetings (numbers currently limited—details on request).

Hire charges are £15 per hour, discounted to £12 per hour for villagers, and with special rates for organisations.

Contact: Alison Turner on 07763 369397

Check the noticeboard outside the Village Hall for details of all forthcoming events and visit our website

www.draughton.org.