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90% Response!

The steering group are delighted that 90% of the Parish responded to the questionnaire from villagers, a figure far outweighing their expectations. It shows a solid commitment by those who live in the community that locals care about what happens to their environment. Many of the responses referred to the poor quality and maintenance of the pathways as well as to the speeding traffic through the villages. Views were expressed in the questionnaire even where none were requested, demonstrating a desire that locals want their voices to be heard! With such a high response and many similar but independent views, the inhabitants will be able to speak with one voice when requesting improvements in facilities. The steering group would like to thank all those taking part in the questionnaire and invite everyone to attend an exhibition detailing the responses. The dates are shown below with more detail provided on the last page of this newsletter. Those that have expressed a wish for certain facilities and would like to help if those facilities could be introduced will have an opportunity to discuss this with steering group members who will be at the meeting.

Diary dates to note:

Welwick

August

Exhibition of questionnaire responses:

14th 7.30pm-9.30pm Welwick Village Hall. Light refreshments

17th 2.00pm -4pm Welwick Village Hall. Light refreshments

October

10th 11th& 12th

Heritage weekend

Skeffling Village Hall

August

9th Quiz Night 7.30pm. Tickets £3.50 including supper.

September

20th Country and Western Night with Hog Roast - 7.30pm.

Funding Bid

The application by the Village Hall Committee for a grant from the 'Managing Community Buildings Fund' was successful. The Village Hall has now been redecorated and we have been able to purchase new tables and tablecloths. Anyone who wants to hire the hall should contact Trish Kitching. Hire charges start from £6 per hour

Well done Eric!

Each year the East Riding of Yorkshire Council give an award known as the chairman's award to a person who has made a special contribution to the social well being of the County. Last year this prestige award was won by Bernard Blashill and this year another Welwick resident has scooped the honours. Congratulations therefore to Eric Billany who received this years award for his work in raising money for charity. He and his helpers, including his wife Mavis and close friend Keith Grantham a very modest man like Eric, have raised in excess of £50,000 over the years from their auctions in Welwick. Eric has been a Welwick resident all of his life, being born at Number 1 Westhoe Parade. He became involved when Chris Wardle and Jack Cocks, the originators of the auction volunteered Eric, because as he says 'I have a loud voice!'

He has auctioned many interesting items over the years, including 2 tea towels with the signatures of the 'Busby Babes'. The highest amount ever bid was for the ball with all the players' signatures who took part in the Powergen Challenge Cup.

One of the funniest moments, although not to the prize-winner Leo Chapman, was the donation of a chicken by the late Noel Brankley. Unfortunately between Leo parting with his money and Christmas Day when he was hoping to eat it Noel's chicken died!

(He did get another.)

Eric has also been involved in many other fund raising efforts including the bacon buttie stall at Heritage Weekend and selling raffle tickets for the bike ride as well as taking part in the ride itself. Eric would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported his efforts. Although very appreciative of winning the award, his greatest pleasure was being able to meet at one of the cheque presentations the doctor as well as the patient who would not have been alive had it not been for Eric and his team of workers. .

For more on the auctions visit our website www.Welwick.net

Balloon Race

This year we had 9 tickets returned from the balloon race, which was held as part of fun day. Their destinations showed that there must have been a change of wind direction with some being found to the south west of Welwick and some to the north, mainly in the York area The winning ticket was found at Purton Stoke, near Swindon in Wiltshire. It had travelled 167 miles. The ticket was bought by S Sigsworth who won £40 worth of Tesco Vouchers. Runners up prizes of portable stereos were won by K Weatherill whose balloon had travelled 154 miles and was found near Farringdon, Oxfordshire and T Richmond whose balloon had travelled 48 miles and was found at Robin Hood Airport. Distances have been calculated "as the crow flies" and details of all the tickets returned can be found on our website www.Welwick.net. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Coach and Horses

The pub is undergoing some refurbishment and will be closed for 2 weeks until mid August.

Help wanted

There is currently a shortage of helpers on the committee that arranges childrens events. Last year we had a very successful Halloween and fireworks display. We would like to repeat this event again this year but without more help there is a danger of this not happening. If you were one of the people who wanted to see more facilities, events and a

greater community spirit then this is your chance to get involved by contacting Pam or Glen.

Mother toddler/playgroup

If anyone is interested in forming a group or helping in any way, start up funds are available. The money was specially raised for this purpose but circumstances were such that the playgroup did not get off the ground. Anyone interested should contact Pam or any member of the Village Hall committee.

Saturday 28th June – Quiz Night

The quiz night, which was held at the Village Hall, made a profit of £300, which will go towards the upkeep of the hall.

Fund raising in the past.

The current generation are following a long line of villagers who have raised money for good causes. In the early years of the last century a lot of money had to be raised to preserve St Mary's Church Welwick as it was in a very dilapidated state. The annual sale of work was held in a large tent on the 20th July 1904 in the field next to the Church. Admission was six pence, children half price Herbert Charlton collected the money at the gate. 'A good tea' was provided at one shilling per head. Those helpers with the tea included Mrs and Miss Charlton, Mrs Lewis Johnson, Mrs Barber Mrs Fuddy, Mrs Walgate, Mrs Richard Dibnah, Mrs Alfred Dibnah, Mrs Brankly, Mrs Castle the Misses Fanny Fewson, Hotham, Ethel and Nellie Dibnah and C Brankley. It was opened by Mrs Walker of the Tower Easington followed by a vote of thanks by Mr Lewis Johnson churchwarden. He also made 'strenuous efforts' to raise money on the foal which was given by Mr Lamplough. Entertainment was provided by musical drill and maypole dancing by the children under the direction of Miss Walter. Musical performances were provided by Mr W W Johnson of Scunthorpe, the Misses Mason of Easington Mr Ward and his sons of Skeffling and Miss Walter of Welwick. It was reported that Mr Judge Bolton was very amusing with his mechanical figures and ventriloquial efforts and also his musical sketches. There was also a Mr Wigg the amateur whistler! The afternoon raised £100 and went towards the new pews in the church. Anyone recognise their ancestors?

Council News

Council Representatives.

B. Blashill,	M Brankley,		
C Johnson,	G Kitching,		
L Malkin,	G Matthews	C Thornton,	M Wilkin.

No meeting to report since the last Newsletter.

Next Council meeting Tuesday 12th August 7.30 Village Hall. All Welcome.

St Mary's Church

Service every Sunday 9.45 am

Family Service every 3rd Sunday

Church Wardens:

Dorothy Thorne and Jean Wilkin

Village Hall

Keep Fit (Step): Every Monday 7 – 8pm

Indoor Bowls: Every Wednesday 2 - 4 pm and 7.30 – 9.30pm

Whist Drive: Every 3rd Saturday 7.30pm

Mobile Library:

Every Other Wednesday 10.20 – 10.40 Corner of North Lane and Main Street (Next visit 13th August)

Any interesting news items, stories, photos old or new which you would like to share with others in the village or want to advertise a coming event then contact one of the following:

Pam, Mick Wilkin or Glen



You are cordially invited to an

Exhibition of responses from the Village Plan Questionnaire

Thursday August 14th 7:30 pm—9:30 pm
Sunday August 17th 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

In the Village Hall

Further comments and responses will be very welcome. Members of the Village Plan Group will be in attendance to discuss any issues with you.

Free Refreshments

A significant number of people have indicated they would be interested in the formation of a Neighbourhood Watch and / or a First Responder Scheme. If you are interested there will be the opportunity to provide your contact details at the exhibition.

