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Diary dates to note:

December

21st St Mary's Church 3.30pm Christingle Service

21st Village Hall 4.30pm Childrens Christmas party

January.

First responder meeting to be advised

Watch website and public notice board

Successful launch of Youth Club!

This is something which has been asked for by young people in the village so we hope that it will be well supported. It started in the village hall on 20th November and will be held every Thursday from 6.45pm to 8.15 pm, with the exception of December 11th when there is a prior booking. The youth club is being run by qualified staff from Children and Family Action and is open to all ages but a parent must accompany under 8's. After Christmas there will be a schedule of events drawn up in consultation with the children and young people, which could include visiting specialist workers and trips out. The workers will also help to put a funding bid together for running costs to enable the youth club to have a long term future. Depending on demand consideration will be given to an earlier start time for younger children.

Childrens Christmas Party

The Childrens Christmas Party at the village hall will be on Sunday 21st December this year at 4.30pm after the Christingle Service in the church. Last year we had one or two complaints about the behaviour of some of the older children. Obviously we want all of the children to enjoy themselves and have fun so can we ask any parents who see their children being a bit too boisterous to have a word with them

Parish Plan

The parish plan which many residents contributed to has now been completed and distributed to all residents of Welwick and Weeton. Should anyone not have received a copy then please contact either Mick or Glen and they will get a copy to you. The steering group members that delivered the plan spoke to many of you at the time to see if you would like to participate in any functions as well as help with the neighbourhood watch and the first responder scheme. A small number of you did volunteer their services but if you did not get an opportunity to speak to someone or have reconsidered you views about this please let us know.

Trade Directory

When asked in our parish plan survey whether they thought a trade directory would be useful 89% of the 101 people who responded said that it would. Enclosed with this newsletter is the first edition. To be wholly successful we need more names of tradespeople so if you have had good service from any business or trade then please let us know. By doing this not only will you be doing the residents of the Parish a favour by recommending someone but you will also be helping your sponsor in such difficult financial times.

If you are a resident with a business we would also be very happy to hear from you. Please leave contact details of the service you would like to recommend on the 'Contact Us' section of the website or drop a note into 7 Humber Lane.

Christmas Fayre

There was a good turnout by people from our own and surrounding villages at the village hall on Saturday 29th November for the Christmas Fayre. As well as the usual stalls this year we had planted baskets, Christmas wreaths and arrangements by Millennium Flowers of Patrington, Emma from Phoenix Cards was selling cards and other items on behalf of various charities and Lilian came with her jewellery and fancy goods. Younger members of the community enjoyed a visit to Santa's Grotto and everyone enjoyed the refreshments.

Christingle Service

Sunday 21st December 3.30 pm

The service that is to be held at St Mary's church has been a tradition in Welwick for over 20 years. The relaxed service of carols and readings, ends with the children receiving a decorated orange. The Service originated in Germany in 1747 when a Moravian Pastor John de Watteville gave children a candle with a red ribbon tied around it, he asked them to relight it at home and place it in their windows to show the light of Christ to passers by. Today we add fruits and sweets to represent the fruits of the world we are lucky to have in abundance.

The collection from the Service is given to the Childrens Society, which cares for young people throughout England and Wales. Many projects help more than 40,000 children every year, looking after children in trouble with the law, run away children & homeless ones.

So we ask for your support this year to make our contribution the best ever, towards this worthy charity.

Parish Plan Steering Group Presentation.

Six members of the Steering Group recently attended the East Riding of Yorkshire Rural Partnership meeting at the invitation of the organiser Karen Wood of ERYC. Twenty-nine members of the Rural Partnership Team chaired by Sir Ian MacDonald were present at which a 10-minute presentation was given detailing a timeline of the various stages in the production of the report. The PowerPoint presentation also included shots of various parts of the villages, which highlighted some of the residents' comments. Attendees were given copies of our plan, which was well received by them all. Before and after the meeting members of the Rural Partnership were able to view the display and at the same time meet the Steering Group.

First Responder Scheme.

Those that have given their name as being interested will be contacted as soon as a meeting can be organised which is likely to be some time in January. The meeting will cover the role and requirements of a First Responder.

Christmas Charity Auction

Once again the annual auction at the Village Hall held on Friday 14th November was a great success. Eric and Mavis Billany, together with their helpers, put in a lot of work in organising the event and collecting donations as well as conducting the auction. Eric thanked everyone who had helped in any way including all those very generous people who donated items to be auctioned and those who bought things on the night. As Eric said, without them the auctions would not be the success they are. Particular thanks to Charlie for his persuasive skills in helping with the auctioneering and not least for the humour he injected into the event, to Guy and Jane for keeping the finances straight, to Keith for his help with the raffle, and to the people who stepped in at last minute to help run the bar when those who were going to run it were unable to do so due to illness.

Altogether this was a very enjoyable night which raised £3,700 for charity. £700 each will be donated to the Heart Unit and the Kidney Unit at Castle Hill, The Baby Care Unit at Hull Royal Infirmary, East End Cancer Relief, St Mary's Church Welwick and £200 to Welwick village hall.

Well done to all those who participated in this very worthy cause!

Council News

Council Representatives.

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

Items covered at the meeting of the 4th November included funding for war memorial, completion of standing orders/financial regulations, adoption of Parish Plan, replacement dwelling at Brooks Farm, vacancy on parish council, potholes in North Lane and publication of agenda prior to future meetings.

Next meeting Tuesday 13th January 2009 7.30 Village Hall.

St Mary's Church

Service every Sunday 9.45 am

Family Service every 3rd Sunday

Church Wardens:

Dorothy Thorne & Jean Wilkin

The Christmas Day Service

The service at St Mary's will be at 10.00am.

Christingle Service

The parent and children's Christingle Service at St Mary's will start at 3.30pm Sunday 21st December.

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 17th December)

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 either Pam, Mick or Glen