

# **PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **NEWSLETTER**

**SEPTEMBER 2009**

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### **Public Seat**

Fenland Friendship Club has very kindly provided a memorial seat and this has been installed on the village green adjacent to the bus shelter.

### **New Community Fairs - Neighbourhood Forums**

The first community fair for the rural north of Fenland is being held in Parson Drove Village Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October starting at 10.00am. The fair is part of a new neighbourhood engagement structure in Fenland, organised by Fenland District Council, to encourage the community to come along and have their say. Many service providers will be attending as well as members of the Parish Council.

### **Door to Door Transport**

If you have difficulties in getting to places for appointments, shopping trips or to meet friends then Fenland Association for Community Transport can help. They operate a Dial-A-Ride service providing door-to-door transport for local residents. Along with flexible journey times the buses also offer wheelchair access and passenger lifts.

Booking a Dial-A-Ride is easy once you have joined the scheme. All you need do is contact the Office on 01354 661234 by 3.00pm the day before you wish to travel.

The small annual membership fee of £5 per person is payable on registering to use Dial-A-Ride. Journeys will then cost £4 for a standard return fare or £2 return fare for carers and children under 16. Residents who are aged 60 or over and have access to a National Bus Pass can use the service free of charge. The only cost payable is the £5 annual membership fee.

### **Village Green**

Wooden bollards are to be installed along the edge of the village green in order to prevent further erosion and damage to the grass. The first phase of the project will begin in September starting from outside Tan Rose & Sons Butcher's shop going up to the far end of the village green. Please also note that permission should be requested from the Parish Council before skips or any other items are placed on the village green.

### **Make sure you are registered to Vote**

To be included on the Electoral Register you need to complete and return the Voter Registration Form which will be delivered to your house from 21<sup>st</sup> August 2009. Although the purpose of the Electoral Register is to ensure you have the right to vote, NOT being on the Register could cause you difficulties in opening a bank account or re-mortgaging your property. If you have not received a form by the 17<sup>th</sup> September please contact Electoral Services, Fenland District Council, Fenland Hall, County Road, March. Phone 01354 654321 or email [elections@fenland.gov.uk](mailto:elections@fenland.gov.uk)

### **Grants from Fens Adventures Partnership**

A new grant scheme has become available for farmers, small businesses, tourism operators and organisations providing basic services. There is £4million to be invested in four key priorities: sustainable farming, rural business development, sustainable rural tourism and improving basic service provision. For more information contact Mike Carter, Fens Adventurers Rural Development Programme Manager on 01353 865047 or email [mike.carter@cambsacre.org.uk](mailto:mike.carter@cambsacre.org.uk)

### **Reporting Crime**

Please make sure that all crimes are reported to the Police as we have had several recent reports of crimes particularly anti social behaviour and vandalism but the Police have not been told about them. If crimes are not reported then the Police will not be aware of any problems in our area and will concentrate their resources elsewhere. Crimes can be reported anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or Cambridgeshire Constabulary on 0845 456 4564.

### **Council Meetings**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in The Cage on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

Subsequent meetings are listed below.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October in The Cage at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November in The Cage at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December in St Marks Church at 7.00pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings and have the opportunity to raise any parish matter during Public Participation for a 15 minute period at the start of the meeting.