

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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Green Communities Fare

Fenland District Council and the Energy Savings Trust are holding a Green Living Fair on Saturday 11th September from 11.00am to 2.00pm in the Village Hall.

Residents are invited to come along to the Fair and discover the benefits of being green and how easy it can be. There will be several competitions, activities and stalls on the day for children and adults as well as information and free samples.

Village Pond, Main Road.

The Council have been advised to fell 6 of the trees around the pond and carry out pruning work to another 12 trees. In view of the high cost to complete this work it will be carried out in two stages, the first in the Autumn of 2010 and the second in the early Spring of 2011.

Bus Shelter

Fenland District Council have now agreed for the Parish Council to alter the bus shelter by installing toughened glass in 3 of the rear openings in order to increase the effectiveness of the bus shelter. It is hoped that this work will be completed in the coming months before the onset of winter.

Parson Drove Street Pride Group

The competition for the best front garden organised by the group and sponsored by Sheila Vialls was won by Mr & Mrs L Fyson. A new flower bed and sculpture have been installed on the village green creating a very pleasant feature for the village. A litter pick will be held on Saturday 18th September starting at 10.00am at The Cage, everyone welcome. The group's next committee meeting will be held in The Cage on Monday 27th September at 7.30pm. and new members are very welcome to attend.

Exception Site for Affordable Housing

Fenland District Council Planning Department have indicated that they would allow

an exception site for affordable housing at Sealeys Lane. Circle Anglia is now preparing proposed designs for the development and this information will be available in the near future for members of the public to comment on.

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.

Care & Repair

The Fenland Handyperson Service for people aged 60 years or over and people with disability or long-term ill health is supported by Fenland District Council. The scheme covers home security, smoke detectors, general repairs and odd jobs, minor plumbing and electrical work and home energy improvements. Grants are available for some types of work, for more information contact Care & Repair on 01553 616371.

Winter Service - Gritting Arrangements

The County Council are reviewing their winter service and are consulting with the Parish Council on their proposed gritting routes. A plan indicating the roads being considered for inclusion in the gritting programme is on display in the village notice board on the village green. Residents wishing to comment on the proposals should contact the Clerk of any Parish Councillor by the 8th September.

Cambridgeshire County Council Foster Carers

Cambridgeshire currently has nearly 500 children who are looked after by the local authority. The county currently has 90 fostering households but needs another 60 to meet demand. All kinds of carers are needed, particularly emergency, short term and long term permanent carers for children from birth up to 18 years old. Foster carers receive an allowance which covers any additional costs associated with caring for a child, as well as a fostering allowance. There are many reasons why people become foster carers, ultimately it is about making a difference to a child and improving their longer term outcomes. Anyone interested in becoming a foster carer should contact a free phone number 0800 052 0078 or log onto www.fostermeplease.com

Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in The Cage on Wednesday 8th September at 7.30pm.

Subsequent meetings are listed below.

Wednesday 13th October in The Cage at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 10th November in The Cage at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 8th 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 near the start of the meeting.