

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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Litter Bins

In response to suggestions made by resident on preferred locations for additional litter bins the Council have decided to site a new litter bin at the top of Springfield Road and another at Church End. These bins will be installed in the near future.

Parson Drove Street Pride Group

Residents are invited to attend the Group's Annual General Meeting to be held in the Pavilion on Tuesday 17th March at 7.30pm.

The Cage

The Cage open season starts on Sunday 5th April and will be open on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons 2.00pm to 5.00pm providing volunteers come forward to act as curators. Any new material for display would be most welcome together with ideas or suggestions for this year's topic board.

Village Website

The village website is available for village groups and organisations to advertise forthcoming events and report on activities. Local businesses can also have an advertisement on the website, for more information log onto www.parsondrove.net.

Footpaths

The Parish Council made an application to the County Council for an extension to the footpath along Fen Road under the jointly funded minor highways improvement scheme. Unfortunately the application was not successful but the Council will continue to press for improvements to the footway provision within the parish.

Vital Communities

A community event is being held in St John the Baptist Church, Church End, Parson Drove on Monday 2nd March 3.30pm to 5.00pm with a live musical performance and exhibition.

Fenland Links

A free training event entitled Developing Your Community Organisation is being held in the Pavilion on Thursday 5th March 2.00pm to 5.00pm organised by Fenland Links. To register your interest or book please contact the Fenland Links Teams on 01945 465153.

Social Security Benefits.

Every year millions of pounds worth of social security benefits goes unclaimed because people do not know what they are entitled to, or how to claim. The Village Benefits Advice Service helps people living in rural areas of Cambridgeshire to claim their share of these benefits by offering advice and assistance. They give free confidential advice on all social security benefits, will make home visits and provide support in getting the benefits you are entitled to - for example filling in claim forms, writing to the Department for Works and Pensions and helping with appeals. Contact them by telephone on 01353 666990 or write to Village Benefits Advice Service. P.O. Box 257, Ely, Cambs. CM7 9EA.

Parson Drove Post Office

Now that the review of rural Post Offices facing closure has been finalised for this area we can confirm that Parson Drove Post Office is no longer under threat of closure

Parishioners Open Surgery

A Parishioners Open Surgery is being held in The Cage on Saturday 4th April when Councillors Gavin Booth and Mike Shelley will be available from 11.00am to 12 noon.

Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday the 11th March in St Marks Methodist Church at 7.00pm.

Details of subsequent meetings are listed below.

Wednesday 8th April in The Cage at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 13th May Annual Parish Assembly Meeting at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 8.00pm.

Wednesday 10th June in The Cage at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 8th July in The Cage at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 12th August in The Cage 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 starting at 7.00pm.