

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

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Green Communities Fare

The Green Communities Fare held in the village hall in September was attended by 122 members of the public. At a meeting held on the 23rd November it was agreed that the project for the winter would be to work with the Street Pride group and the Payne Primary School in preparing bird boxes ready for the Spring. Subject to acquiring sufficient funding the Spring project will be improving the village pond. Suggestions for other projects will be discussed at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 15th February at 7.30pm in The Cage, so if you would like to be involved please attend this meeting.

Allotment Gardens

We have two vacant allotment gardens, any parishioner wishing to apply for a tenancy should write to the Clerk by the 10th January 2011. An application for an allotment garden can be made at any time even if there is not one vacant as you will be added to the waiting list until one is available.

Trees on the Village Green

Sadly the old Oak Tree on the village green near to the Swan Inn has had to be felled. A large part of the tree fell and following further investigation a major section of the main trunk was found to be decayed. A small section of the main trunk has been retained and is currently in The Cage. Three Lime Trees on the village green are shortly due to be felled and these along with other trees felled last year will be replaced with 5 new trees in the spring.

The Switchover Help Scheme

As you may be aware, the traditional TV signal in East Anglia is being switched off in 2011. A Switchover Help Scheme has been set up by the Government and is run by the BBC. Its purpose is to make digital TV easy for older and disabled people by converting one of their televisions to digital in the run-up to digital TV switchover in our area. The Switchover Help Scheme will be writing to eligible people to inform them about the Help Scheme and there will also be messages on the TV and radio.

Street Pride Group

Well done to the Street Pride Group in achieving a Silver Award in this years Anglia in Bloom competition. Volunteers are always welcome to attend the meetings and clean up events. Their Annual General Meeting is being held on Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

www.shapeyourplace.org.

This is a ground breaking website giving residents in Wisbech and surrounding villages the power to improve their neighbourhood. It's a new kind of site for Cambridgeshire that allows residents to report problems in their neighbourhood, share good ideas, news and events with each other. It lets residents report issues affecting their neighbourhood directly to local service providers at Cambridgeshire County Council, Fenland District Council, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue.

You can view comments from local service providers about how they can resolve issues, suggest ideas for improvements where you live and view what neighbours have reported and join in conversations with them. Also you can read blogs and view videos on local events and issues produced by local people.

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.

Bus Shelter

Three windows at the rear of the bus shelter are in the process of being installed and will hopefully be in place shortly.

Parishioners Open Surgery

A parishioner's open surgery will be held in The Cage on Sunday 6th February 2011 from 11.00am to 12 noon for residents to raise any parish matter with Councillors Booth and Spriggs.

Parish Council Elections May 2011

The serving Councillors 4 year term of office ends in May 2011 when elections will be held. If you are interested in serving your community and considering standing for election but would like to know more about the roles and responsibilities of a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk or attend some of the Parish Council Meetings.

Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in St Marks Church on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7.00pm

Subsequent meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday 9th February in St Marks Church at 7.00pm. and Wednesday 9th March 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 near the start of the meeting.