

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

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Following the recent resignation of Andrew Mills and as no election was called by parishioners Gavin Booth, 3 John Bends Way, Parson Drove has been co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Clerk

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Parson Drove Youth Club (10 to 16 year olds)

The youth club will re-open on Monday 13th October in the village hall starting at 6.30pm to 8.30pm. This youth club is strictly for **10 to 16 year olds**, membership £1 followed by weekly subscriptions of 50 pence. There will be a tuck shop, Nintendo Wii, table tennis, games, arts and crafts, music and much more. There will also be trips and visits from various organisations. Any new ideas from young people are welcome. For further information please contact Alice Goose (Youth Worker) on 07770821690 or email alice.goose@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Village Website

The new village website is now up and running and we hope that all groups, clubs and organisations will make full use of this facility by submitting information on forthcoming events and news. To submit articles please log onto www.parsondrove.org.uk and select EVENTS and then follow the instructions.

The Cage

Thank you to those who have visited The Cage or assisted in any way during the visitor's open season that has now ended. The Cage will however be open for two special events during November. The first event is an exhibition of hand painted pottery on Saturday 8th November from 10.00am to 4.00pm when items will be available for sale. The second event is an Art & Crafts Exhibition on Saturday 29th November from 10.00am to 6.00pm when again exhibits will be for sale.

Bus Services

Cambridgeshire County Council is considering reducing the bus service from Wisbech to Holbeach Drove, via Parson Drove, by withdrawing the last service to leave Wisbech at 17.40 hours. The public consultation period has now ended and the Parish Council have responded to the County Council requesting that this service is not withdrawn. However if this bus service is not used more it is very likely that the service will be withdrawn early next year.

Public Seating, Litter Bins and Street Lights

Funding has been allocated in this financial year for a further public seat, litter bin and street light in the parish. Parishioners with a suggested location for these new facilities are welcome to put their ideas forward for consideration by contacting the Clerk or any Parish Councillor.

Street Pride Group

The group completed a litter pick through the village on Saturday 4th October and during the last few months have worked in the churchyard with local volunteers and the Probation Service to help with the clearing of weeds and laying of bark. The group was entered into the Cambridgeshire ACRE Environmental Group Awards competition and received a Highly Commended Award for their efforts during the last year.

Speedwatch Scheme

The Speedwatch scheme is to be run by Cambridgeshire Constabulary and is a chance to record the speed of vehicles travelling through the Parish. A free standing speed detection device is set up to measure how fast vehicles are moving within the lower speed limit. This is a sign that shows the driver their speed - but only if the vehicle is over the speed limit. Trained volunteers will operate the equipment and record the details of vehicles found to be speeding and pass this information to the Police. The Police then either write to the driver with an education pack, or if the vehicle is travelling over a certain speed, make a personal visit to the driver.

It is intended that volunteers will work in areas other than where they live. At least 16 volunteers are needed from across the parishes to make the scheme viable in the Wisbech area. Full training will be provided by the Police and if you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact our Community Safety Champion, Mike Shelley on 700729 or Janet Smith at Fenland Links on 01945 482032.

Parishioners Open Surgery

There will be an open surgery for parishioners in The Cage on Sunday 30th November from 11.00am to 12 noon when Councillors A. Sanderson and P. Spriggs will be attending.

Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday the 12th November in The Cage at 7.30pm.

Subsequent meetings will be held on:-

Wednesday 10th December in St Marks Methodist Church at 7.00pm

Wednesday 14th January in St Marks Methodist Church at 7.00pm

Wednesday 11th February in St Marks Methodist Church at 7.00pm

Wednesday 11th March in St Marks Methodist 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.