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Village News



Dog Bins

A 3rd dog waste bin has been installed near the quoits pitch. These are emptied regularly, with black bin waste, by RDC.

Dogs and livestock. Lambing season.

As part of regular police reports, our local police officer requests the following be communicated: **'Could I take this opportunity to remind residents that when walking their dogs near or on farmland where there is livestock, especially during lambing season, please keep your dogs on a lead. Please be respectful to your local farmers.'**

Dogs defecating on the village green areas.

The small area of green, opposite and behind the village hall (with oak tree and wildflowers) and grass by the footpath, has been fouled by dogs 3 times in recent weeks and residents of nearby houses have had to clean up the mess.

Polite reminder:

No Dogs are allowed on the grassed areas.

Please pass this on to anyone else walking your dogs.

Toxocariasis is caused by roundworm parasites and can cause blindness in humans, from handling soil or sand contaminated with infected animal faeces. The parasite can live in the soil for a decade, which is why the dog-free play area is so important for our children to play safely on.

Recycling Centre

Thank you to all who have been flattening cardboard boxes. This makes an enormous difference to the volume of cardboard that can be accommodated in the two bins and is helpful to other residents and to RDC who have increased collections to help with demand.

Woodland at Crossways

Many of you will have noticed the arrival of a forest of green plastic tubes on the slope behind Crossways at the western edge of the village. They contain a mixture of 2500 native deciduous trees, largely Oak but also Silver Birch, Field Maple, Rowan, Crab Apple and many more. There are also a few Scot's Pine and Holly to provide some year round interest.

We planted them with the help of The Woodland Trust using a scheme called More Woods; they provided a generous grant covering 70% of the cost of the trees and the planting. They also put us in touch with a local forestry advisor to help with planning and organised the contractors to plant the trees. The Woodland Trust are hoping to have planted 50 million trees over the next 5 years in a bid to help tackle the climate crisis. We are pleased to have been able to do our

bit to help. The trees will also benefit wildlife and hopefully help with flood mitigation.

We plan to hold an open day at some point when the Covid situation has improved and would love you to come and have a look for yourself. **In the meantime, there will be a competition to name the new woodland.** If you have a suggestion for a name, please drop it (with your name and contact) into Claire's postbox at Crossways. **Closing date is 16th April and there will be a small prize - a book on trees - suitable for any age group.** The Seaborne family will choose from the selection and, should there be more than one identical winning suggestion, the final choice will be pulled from 'a hat'.

Claire and Gareth Seaborne

Update: Claire has also found space for 30 oak whips from the Save the Oaks initiative.

Save The Oaks (Jan Wylie and Wendy Knight)

As part of our wildflower initiative, we came across an item concerning the fact that 750,000 oak saplings were under threat of being burnt, because the govt. tree planting initiative had stalled, leaving nurseries with 2nd season 'whips' and no market.

We took 400 saplings, which were free and have found homes or a commitment for all.

Thank you to all who have planted these or committed to doing so:

Richmond golf club, head green keeper, Ian Leversuch; Mr I Tunstall; 'Just the Job', Richmond (Jane Huffadine); Claire & Gareth Seaborne at Crossways woodland; Marcia & James Sanderson at Old Hall; Paul Morris & Corey Pattinson, Old Hall Farm; Catherine & Peter Sherlock, at Canaans.

Wildflower update

The small apple orchard, has a good show of wild daffodils and also snowdrops, which have finished flowering and should spread. As well as cottage garden flowers later, we hope to plant out sunflowers in the middle of the circle.

There has been some early interest from small songbirds in the 11 bird boxes on the green area.

The two areas of wildflowers have been reseeded this spring, and hopefully will make a good show later in the season.

Thank you to Judy Brookes for supplying meadow wildflower and cottage garden seed.

Affordable Rural Housing

For latest news in North and East Yorkshire, go to Local services on the PC website (huntonpc.org), where you can read the RHE (Rural Homes Enablers) newsletter.

Knitted Poppy Appeal Update

We've had a steady flow of knitted poppies received since we announced the project in January. Thank you for contributions so far - it's not too late to join in! The pattern is on the PC website. The size and design of the display will rely on the final total we receive. We hope to fix the poppies to military style netting. If anyone knows a source, please contact me. **Deadline 1st Sept.** to allow time to complete the display for Memorial Sunday. Poppies can be dropped off at 4 Greenacres. Thank you. **Heather Smith tel. 450238**

Rats

This has been a particularly bad year, with residents reporting increased sightings in gardens during a mild winter, followed by a late cold snap resulting in more rats around properties, where they may be attracted to undisturbed outbuildings.

We rely on local livestock farmers to keep populations in check, but, as residents, **when feeding wild birds please try to minimise food waste on the ground.** It is not a good idea to throw bread on the ground or on walls for birds; hanging seed feeders and bird tables keep the food up high and minimal wastage can be swept up. Animal feed in sheds need to be in secure containers if rats are to be discouraged. As spring progresses, rats tend to move back to the fields.

Avian Flu Restrictions - Lifting

Wednesday 31st March 2021 at 23.59pm, will be the last day poultry and other captive birds will need to be housed as a requirement of the AIPZ .

Litter Pick week

Many residents who have been walking the lanes a lot recently have said that the amount of litter has increased, with cans, cups, plastic food packages, and other detritus along all the verges leading into the village, so **members of the Parish Council are organising a litter pick week, in line with social distancing rules.** We can supply all the litter picking equipment, loaned from RDC for two weeks. They will also supply 'community litter pick' stickers for the bags, for collection. A couple of us intend to sort out recyclable items before collection. **The dates are: from Sat 12th to 25th April.** We can co-ordinate the use of equipment etc when we have a list of residents who are able to give some time. It would be lovely to involve any children (with parents) to help. **If you would like to be involved, please email: Jan Wylie (jywylie@hotmail.co.uk) or Wendy Knight (KnightJWendy04@gmail.com)**

General Knowledge Quiz

This 20 question quiz also has a bonus question.

The first letters of each correct answer spell out a phrase.

1. Into which sea does the Nile flow ?
2. Three continents lie on the tropic of Capricorn, South America is one, name the other two.

3. In American currency 10 cents make a ?
4. Afrikaans was developed from which European language ?
5. An Oranque is a cross between a tangerine and what other fruit ?
6. What Italian word for 'Scratched Drawing' can be found on walls all over the world ?
7. What musical features 'Some Enchanted Evening' and 'There Is Nothing Like a Dame' ?
8. What was the name of the first manned lunar landing mission in 1969 ?
9. Which boxer has the nickname 'The Dark Destroyer' ?
10. What was the name of Richie Valens' girlfriend ?
11. What is the procedure called where an anaesthetic is injected close to the spinal cord?
12. What poisonous oily liquid occurs naturally in tobacco leaves ?
13. Who had his first UK top hit with 'Wichita Lineman' ?
14. Which sign of the Zodiac is represented by the Scales ?
15. In which country was Rudyard Kipling born ?
16. What is the gemstone for September ?
17. What instrument has been nicknamed the 'Mississippi Saxophone' ?
18. One and a half litres of champagne is known as a what ?
19. In alphabetical order, name the three particles that make up an atom ?
20. What is the common name of the 'Aurora Borealis' ?

Answers to these questions are on the PC website: go to huntonpc.org, then latest news.

Thank you to those who are helping to deliver the newsletter to the village: Maureen Parkinson, Judy Brookes, Janet Boaks, Catherine Sherlock, and, to outlying properties, Mike Gibson and Dave Lawrenson.

Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council meeting will take place on Wed 19th May.

A Notice will be posted on the PC noticeboard at the former shop and post office. A decision will be taken as to whether the meeting is virtual (Zoom) or held in the village hall, following social distancing measures in place at the time.

Members of the public may attend. Details of how to join a virtual meeting will be included in the notice; in the event of a meeting in the hall, it will be helpful to have advanced notice, so appropriate seating arrangements can be made.

Your Parish Councillors are: Robert Wyatt (Chair), Ronnie Smith, Ray Worsdale, Jan Wylie, Wendy Knight.

If you would like to include items of interest in the next Village News, please contact the Parish Council @ huntonpc@outlook.com or talk to any member of the PC.