



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER FROM INGLEBY ARNCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL



## ***A view back towards the villages from Arncliffe Woods***

In this strangest of years, many residents in our parish have had more time than usual to enjoy living in this beautiful countryside. There has been a great sense of the community looking out for one another and lending a helping hand where possible. In December we would normally have been anticipating a number of seasonal events. We had to be content with the little we could safely do and, instead, look forward to celebrating together sometime in 2021.

## Parish Council News

**Ruth Eastham** retired from the Parish Council at the October meeting after five years of service. During that time she has made a valuable contribution to the Parish Council's proceedings, bringing a common sense, down to earth and practical view to its many decisions. She took on a great number of tasks, and although retiring from the Parish Council, will continue as a member of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group.

Ruth, seen here preparing to plant wildflower seeds at the Recreation Area, has kindly offered to continue with her weekly inspections down there. Together with her husband Gerry, she has spent many hours dealing with the thistles, raking the woodchip soft landing areas, inspecting and checking that all is as it should be. Her voluntary work in this area since it opened in 2010 is much appreciated.



Ruth and Gerry say they will continue to plan and coordinate work parties in the future, as and when necessary. Details of the help needed will be circulated by email as usual.

## Precept

At its November meeting, the Parish Council took the decision to increase its annual precept from £6,065 to £6,375 - an annual rise of just over 5%. The two largest areas of cost for the Parish Council continue to be for grass mowing and paying for the services of a Parish Clerk. Expenditure at £8,387 is, as during the last few years, in excess of income as the Parish Council continues its policy of reducing cash reserves to a more modest level.

The forecast for this current year, which ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, is for expenditure to reach £14,641 compared with an income (including grants) of £12,999. The largest areas both in terms of income and expenditure, are connected to the Parish's Neighbourhood Plan.

The excess of expenditure over income will be met, as planned, from the Parish's brought forward cash reserves. The Parish Council still holds £8,300 of specific cash reserves for contested elections, Recreation Ground maintenance, etc.

## Website

The Government has introduced legislation with the aim of ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to access local government web sites. The Parish Council's website does not currently meet those requirements. Over the next year or so, work will be undertaken to bring the website up to those legal requirements. It is anticipated that the services will have to be provided by a third party for a monthly fee.

In the meantime, the Parish Council would like to reassure anyone who has difficulty using the website, particularly wishing to access any of the Parish council's meeting minutes, agendas, accounting information or policies, that it is here to help. Residents should contact the Parish Clerk for further assistance.

## Thanks

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who contributed to the Remembrance Day ceremony. Sadly, due to the COVID regulations, this year's event was modest, but still poignant and meaningful. Special thanks go to **Malcolm Atkinson-Leighton** for laying the Parish's wreath, **Tim Alderson** for his bugle playing, **Tim Roy** for organisation and **Leti** for recording the event.

We are so lucky to live here in this friendly community. The Parish Council is grateful to all residents who help to keep our villages looking tidy and cared for; be it cutting hedges, mowing the grass on the footpaths and down Green Lane, picking up litter, disposing of dog waste, maintaining amenities, checking on the condition of potholes or running the Oil Club. Others contribute to communication with residents, sending out or hand-delivering messages, and producing this Newsletter. We daren't try to thank you all individually for fear of missing out someone, but we are very aware of your contribution and hard work and appreciate all that you do. Our Christmas Tree was given by the **Arncliffe Estate** this year and installed by **David Cook**. Thank you everyone.

## New Councillor

At the Parish Council Meeting on 17th December **Barbara Funnell** was co-opted to replace Councillor Ruth Eastham. Barbara has lived in Ingleby Arncliffe with her husband **John** for the past 27 years. Their children, **Andrew** and **Sarah**, attended the village school before moving on to Stokesley Comprehensive school and University.

*A list of residents, who are willing to join the Parish Council at some point in the future, would be very useful. Names to the Clerk please.*

## **New affordable homes in Ingleby Arncliffe**

**Beyond Housing** is planning to build new affordable homes in Ingleby Arncliffe. Planning permission has been granted under delegated approval for the development located at the former Ingleby Arncliffe Church Of England Primary School and home building contractor Engie has been appointed as the preferred bidder to complete this development, with final costs and details still to be agreed.



Beyond Housing continues to work with the Diocese of York and North Yorkshire County Council with regards to purchasing the land – which will be possible once a Section 77 notice has been approved to change the use of school playing field. This is intended to go to committee in December for a decision.

Once approved, Beyond Housing hopes to apply for Homes England grant funding in January with a view to getting approval from its Board by early February 2021 to commence the build. When funding and approval have been gained, the land will be purchased by Beyond Housing and contracts can be signed with Engie – with works starting on site shortly after.

### **Kelly Lemon**

Senior Project Manager  
Beyond Housing



## **Major changes ahead for our County and District Councils**

In early July the Minister of State for Local Government spoke to Leaders of Councils in North Yorkshire about reorganising the delivery of local government services. Councils are currently working up proposals on bids to be submitted to Government. The deadline is tight, possibly by October, and the reorganisation must cover all of North Yorkshire and the York region. The end result would be one or two Unitary Authorities replacing seven District Councils, The County Council and the City of York Unitary.

It is looking increasingly likely that there will be two bids for the Minister to consider. One will cover the whole of North Yorkshire, the current footprint of North Yorkshire County Council. This would leave York remaining the same. A second bid could see the County being split East/West with Appleton Wiske and the rest of Hambleton part of a group with Richmondshire, Craven and Harrogate.

So what does this mean for you as a resident of Ingleby Arncliffe and Ingleby Cross? Much is being made of the size and geography of the rival bids. That, I believe, is an administration issue only. Whatever we end up with, the size of the Council will be bigger than we have now and the distance to the Lancashire border in Craven District will be the same whether we end up with an East West model or one covering the whole county.

What matters to me as your District Councillor is how you will get more of say in how the council is run, how we will ensure that a share of the savings delivered reach our villages, and that our current level of service is not compromised.

I will leave you with those thoughts.

You can learn more on the website:

**[www.northyorks.gov.uk/StrongerTogether](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/StrongerTogether)**

or by contacting me at: **[Cllr.David.Hugill@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.David.Hugill@northyorks.gov.uk)**

*Councillor David Hugill*

## **Work Party**

Anyone prepared to give some time and be part of a group to tidy up the road edging round the grass of the War Memorial at Ingleby Cross is asked to get in touch with Councillor David Cook to arrange a suitable day and time - email: [davidcook\\_500@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davidcook_500@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Blue Bell News**

The **Lill family** and staff at the Blue Bell inn would like to say a massive thank you to everyone in the village who has continued to support us in this very odd and tough year! We apologise for the continuous changes we have had to make and the uncertainty for Christmas and New Year as we know people like to plan ahead. We will keep you updated with any news as soon as we get it.

Sam would like to say thank you for all the cards and congratulations on the birth of **baby Arthur** and hopes you all get to meet him in the New Year.

We wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**

*Sam and the team*

## **Ingleby Cross 100 Club**

A friendly reminder to anyone wishing to join or rejoin the club to pay as soon as possible. All households should have now received an application form. Please join and support your hall in these difficult times. £15 ensures you enter all 52 draws for 2021. We thank those who have already paid. You have been very generous. You will receive a letter confirming your payment and lucky number in the New Year. If you need any more details please contact Cliff at Homelands: (01609)882586.

Some folks have asked if they can pay by bank transfer - no problem. The details are here. Please put your name as reference.

Account number:       **21164023**  
Sort code:               **40 35 03**  
Account name:         **Ingleby Cross Village 100 Plus Club**

Many thanks

*Cliff Rudd*

## **Wanted**

More volunteers to join the **Speed Watch** team which has been monitoring traffic on Cross Lane. At the moment we have had to suspend checks but we want to be well prepared for when we are allowed to resume. Training is given and we particularly need people to come forward and offer to do weekend sessions so that people are needed less frequently. Contact Susan if you are willing to help with this:- [clerk.inglebyarncliffe@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk.inglebyarncliffe@btinternet.com)



*On behalf of Hambleton FoodShare may I say a huge*

**Thank you**

*to the residents of Ingleby Arncliffe and Ingleby Cross, and in particular to Sylvia Stevenson who volunteered to make her porch available as a drop off point for donations. This was a big help from a practical perspective.*



*Unfortunately, at the moment there is an ongoing need for food banks and the services they provide, therefore any additional support people are able to give in 2021 would be most welcome. I need to point out however that the charity is only able to distribute “in-date” food.*

*Thank you again, and I hope you have a safe and happy Christmas.*

**Steve Towers,**

*Hambleton Foodshare Trustee*

**Please Note:**

Sylvia says her porch at Thistledene, Cross Lane, will be available every day until 10th January (in daylight hours) for residents to drop off any surplus Christmas “Goodies” and other donations .



Remember to keep saving your postage stamps for the RNIB. Leave a margin of at least 1 cm of envelope round the stamp, or even save the whole envelope, before dropping them off at Sylvia Stevenson’s house.

## Round Britain Row (This took place much earlier in the year)

The results of *The Round Britain Row* by **Duncan Roy** and **Gus Barton** raised a staggering **£15,240.48!!!** for *NHS Charities and Sport in Mind*. Unexpected bad weather conditions prevented them from beating the record for this challenge but they both learned a lot in the process. Battling the elements and navigating with the



tricky tides around the coastline brought fresh challenges to the pair who are both experienced rowers across the Atlantic.

Here's a message from Duncan:

*"A monumentally HUGE thank you to every single person who has donated to our two*

*amazing charities through our expedition. Thank you for every single penny that you have given to them so they can continue to do the extremely important and life changing work that they do. The generosity shown by all of our friends and family has been absolutely incredible and during the expedition itself really had a big impact on us and kept us pushing on. We're both very humbled by the support shown throughout! Thank you very much indeed!"*

## Oil Club

In the autumn **Jude Temple** reported that Ingleby Villages ordered over 900,000 litres of oil since she started our branch of the group in 2012. This represents a total saving of over £18,000 if 2p a litre saving was negotiated, but it could sometimes be up to 5p a litre.

Any residents who moved into the villages recently and might be interested in joining the oil club, can find all the details on the Parish Council's Website:- [www.inglebyarncliffe.org.uk](http://www.inglebyarncliffe.org.uk)

Please go to the section: **About Our Villages**. To find the Oil Club details follow the drop down tab to **Clubs, Societies and Groups**. Complete the form and email it to:

[OilClub.IAIC@gmail.com](mailto:OilClub.IAIC@gmail.com)

Jude Temple

## More News of Former School Pupil Achievements



**Amélie Hunter**, a former pupil at Ingleby Arncliffe School and now at Northallerton College, was the Key Stage 4 winner of the "**Areté Biology Challenge**" in July this year. The judges were very impressed with her writing of "**Plague – The Untold Story**". They commented that apart from telling a great story, it had a high degree of accuracy, making connections such as the Jewish Halacha on Plague in Poland in 1348, and that they had learnt a great deal from reading her essay!

Aged 16, Amélie achieved 9 A\*s at GCSE before going on to take Biology, Chemistry and Physics at A Level. Her ambition is to read Biochemistry at York University, do a PhD and then go on to a company such as AstraZeneca to carry out research into new drugs.

**Alex Martin**, together with her older brother and her two sisters attended our Village School in the 1990's. Alex now a Detective Constable with Greater Manchester Police, has recently been able to put her artistic talent as an illustrator to good use. When one of her friends and police colleagues was diagnosed with a rare form of terminal cancer in September, Alex's Dad, **Richard Martin**, wrote a children's book "**The Very Unhappy Hippo**" suitable for 2-6 year olds. Alex created the beautiful illustrations. The book sells for £6.50, with £4 of every sale going to a fund to support Gavin and to pay for treatment outside the NHS which may prolong his quality of life, and give his family some special memories for the future.



The Martin family is extremely grateful for the wonderful response by Ingleby residents, particularly from those making additional donations. Copies are still available from:

[richard.sarah.martin@gmail.com](mailto:richard.sarah.martin@gmail.com)

or by ringing Richard Martin on: **07510 669716**

*(If any resident has other items of interest about former pupils to share in a future Newsletter, please send them to Hazel Warhurst)*

## Ingleby Villages Recreation Area

The recreation area is fully open for you to enjoy - when weather permits - as long as you comply with the regulations for keeping everyone safe from Covid-19. The conditions of use are posted on the access gate and are shown on the village web site. The four

pieces of adult exercise equipment had to be closed during the lock-down period, but these are also now available for residents' use.

This is the time of year when we need to think about work parties for routine jobs. A big "Thank you" to those who responded recently and barrowed all the



new wood chip down to the field to top up the zip wire soft landing area.

It has been decided not to cut the hedges this year but to follow the recommended 3 year cycle to maximise the berry crop for the benefit of the local and migrating birds. When the weather is suitable we will call for volunteers to prune the willow dens.

The wildflower meadow looked beautiful in the summer but will now be left until the spring to give the birds a chance to eat any seeds.



*Ruth & Gerry*

## Appleton Wiske School

When our village school closed in 2018 some of the remaining children transferred to Appleton Wiske school. The Headteacher sends a termly Newsletter to Hazel which can be passed on to anyone interested in reading it.

## ***Festive Cheer - Sharing our Light throughout December (a version of an Advent Calendar)***

A big **thankyou** to **Leti Hawthorn** for suggesting this seasonal activity to bring us some cheer in these dark and cold winter days. There was a wonderful response and the idea included even those residents living outside the village streets on the extremities of the parish. A video of the many photographs which were taken and shared in the run up to Christmas is still available from Leti. She adds:

*"Also if anyone needs anything, whether that's a socially distanced visit, a chat on the phone or Zoom, or any supplies purchased let me know. There is always an elf or two ready to assist! Meanwhile please stay safe and know that you are loved". (07718 315893)*

## **Improving Internet Speed**

**Laura Bell** asks if anyone else is wanting to improve their internet speed or would prefer a more personalised service from their internet provider. *Moorsweb* is described as an innovative provider of rural broadband services and has been serving households and businesses across several dales in the North Yorkshire Moors since 2006. Three years ago it was taken over by Signa Technologies, and the network is able to deliver download speeds of up to 30Mbps. Laura is encouraging any parish residents, who might still be interested, to register without delay as they could be eligible for a Rural Gigabit Voucher which will cover the cost of installation to their property. Visit:

[www.moorsweb.co.uk/register](http://www.moorsweb.co.uk/register)

OR send an email to: [info@moorsweb.co.uk](mailto:info@moorsweb.co.uk)

## **The Joiners Shop, Ingleby Cross**

**Steve Hewitt** and his staff reluctantly took the decision to close temporarily while the new Tier 2 restrictions for the Coronavirus remain in force. Updates about re-opening in the New Year will be emailed round the Parish e-list.

Anyone who is not yet on the e-list is invited to contact Susan Stephenson, Parish Clerk:- [clerk.inglebyarncliffe@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk.inglebyarncliffe@btinternet.com)  
Or Hazel Warhurst:- [hazndaz@warhurstfamily.co.uk](mailto:hazndaz@warhurstfamily.co.uk)

You may ask to have your name removed at any time, or express a preference for the types of email contact circulated to you.

# census 2021

## Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941 and the next census is **March 21, 2021**.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets, though there will be help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.

The census is important as it will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed, like doctors' surgeries, schools, new transport routes, libraries and housing

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. For the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

The Parish Council is aware that residents may not have the means or the confidence to complete a Census questionnaire on a computer, tablet or mobile phone. Councillors can offer support and help residents if required, or advise them how to go about obtaining a paper copy of the questionnaire. Please ask.

Census 2021 is a very large operation and there will be lots of temporary jobs available.

The website says *"If you're a people person, have great customer service skills and want to be part of something that affects all of us, then apply for a job with the census. At least 30,000 field staff will be hired across England and Wales"*. Visit the census website for more information at [www.censusjobs.co.uk](http://www.censusjobs.co.uk)

## **Parish Council Meetings during Covid-19**

Councillors meet by Zoom instead of in the Village Hall. Residents are welcome to join in these virtual meetings and have the usual opportunity to speak. An Agenda is posted on the notice-boards and circulated by email with joining instructions.

**The next meeting will be Thursday January 28th at 7.00pm**