

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER FROM INGLEBY ARNCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL



Rowing Roy

Atlantic Ocean Crossing
World Record Attempt



On Tuesday December 12th, **Duncan Roy** and four additional crew members set out to attempt to break the world record of 48 days 4 hours and 30 minutes for a mainland to mainland crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, for rowing 3,800 miles from Portugal to French Guiana. Duncan, a former pupil of Ingleby Arncliffe C of E School is representing 24 Commando Royal Engineers, raising money and awareness for The Royal British Legion, which provides lifelong support for the Armed Forces community – serving men and women, veterans and their families.

You can follow Duncan’s journey by using this link:



<https://rowingroy.com/>

Any donations to support Duncan and the Royal British Legion can be made by visiting:

<https://rowingroy.com/sponsorship/>

Neighbourhood Plan

Steady progress is being made in writing up the sections of the Plan where the groundwork has already been completed. The sections requiring the help of a consultant, particularly those requiring a legal input, will only be completed when a consultant has been appointed. This will have to wait until March 2018 when the next grant application period begins. The grant is to pay the full cost of the consultant we plan to appoint.

Early in 2018 we will hold an Open Meeting to explain exactly where we are with the Plan and to outline the hurdles we still have to overcome.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Dog Fouling

Problems with dog fouling on the footpath to the Recreation Area have continued for the last two months.

All dog walkers are reminded of their responsibilities to know what their dogs are doing and to clear up after them. Do not let your dog run ahead of you around a bend in the path. Do not let your dog walk behind you. Take a torch with you after dark.

Anybody not clearing up after their dog is leaving a potential health hazard for other users of the path, especially children who use the Recreation Area. They are causing our community volunteers a lot of unnecessary work in marking and clearing up the deposits; and they are giving responsible dog walkers a bad reputation in our community.

Signs will continue to be used along with ground marker spray paint. The grass verges will be kept short. The Hambleton District Council Dog Wardens, who drive liveried vehicles and wear branded clothing, will conduct more frequent patrols of this footpath at random times of the day including after dark. They have the authority to issue £50 Fixed Penalty Notices if a dog walker is guilty of not removing their dog's deposits. If the fine is left unpaid or contested HDC will take action through the magistrates court which carries fines of up to £1000, a criminal record, court costs, and victim surcharge.

The Parish Council

Carols By The Tree

Community Annual Carol Singing outside the Blue Bell Inn, Ingleby Cross: this Thursday, 21st December.

- Please meet there at **7.00pm**
- Wrap up warmly and bring a torch to see the Carol sheets.
- The Blue Bell will be serving us Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.
- A collection box is available to be shared between the **Salvation Army** Christmas Appeal and the Homeless Men's Charity - **Prefer Homes**. If the weather is too wet and cold we will try to fit into the Pub!

Evening Meals can be booked at **The Blue Bell** before or after the singing, if you wish. It opens at 5.30pm. Telephone (01609)882272 or email Chris and Sam Lill on: bluebellingleby@outlook.com to book a table.



Festive Opening Times

Christmas Eve 09.30-15.00

Christmas Day Closed

Boxing Day Closed

Wed 27th 09.30-16.00

Thursday 28th 09.30-16.00

Friday 29th 09.30-16.00

Saturday 30th 09.30-16.00

New Year's Eve 09.30-15.00

New Year's Day Closed

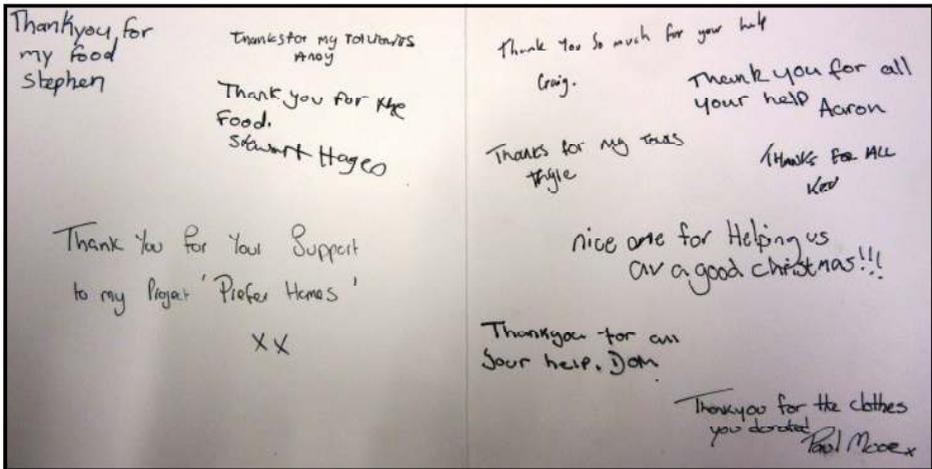




You Are Making A Difference

At this time of year, when there are so many requests for help, we all give what we can. You, the residents in our villages are warmly thanked by Sharon Taylor, Manager of **Prefer Homes** - for the response to an email appeal sent round a few weeks ago, to help homeless men in Stockton.

A Thank You card to the village received from some of the men:



Your donated gifts of food, men's toiletries, warm coats and cash are truly making a difference to their Christmas. One man remarked that he had never seen such a big chicken!!

Sharon Taylor, one of our residents in Ingleby Arncliffe, is Project Manager at Prefer Homes www.preferhomes.co.uk running three hostels for homeless men in the Stockton area. At this time of year she is kept very busy with extra referrals.

If you follow the link you can read about the valuable work being carried out to



help vulnerable people turn their lives around. The service users are males with chaotic and complex needs.

There is still time to donate food items, - tinned or fresh - as they can be used for lunches or events around this time. Homemade mince pies or cakes would be wonderful. There is always a need for basic toiletries such as shampoo, soap, flannel, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, single sheets and duvet sets. Cash donations are very welcome too.

The Communal Kitchen

Items can be taken to number 4 Hillside and left in the porch.

The three photos to the right and below show a gingerbread cooking activity at the Yarm Road hostel - home for eleven men - made possible by cash donations used to purchase ingredients, and donations of pans, cutlery and cookware.



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Susan can be contacted on: clerk.inglebyarncliffe@btinternet.com

If you have anything you would like to have discussed, please send or hand to the Clerk at least two weeks before the date of the next Parish Council Meeting - ***Thursday January 25th 2018 at 7pm.***

Litter and Rubbish on lanes

Thank you to the dedicated people who pick up litter thrown from cars passing through the villages. You know who you are and everyone appreciates your efforts to keep our area looking at its best.

Recreation Area

A work party for hedge trimming and general tidy up jobs will be organised during one weekend early in the New Year. Please volunteer if you can spare the time. Refreshments will be provided for helpers!

Village Hall

George and Mon Hunter's recent Wine and Food Evening was an excellent social event, with tasty food and drink from unusual locations. It made a profit of £600 for hall funds and hopefully will not be the last of these popular events.

"The Oakland Garland"

This is a little book of poems written by Bishop Auckland local Victorian historian, Matthew Richley and first published in 1879. His great grand-daughter, **Ann Best**, (one of our residents) has re-published this book to raise money for Herriot Hospice Home Care in Northallerton. It is a beautifully bound little book so if you are interested in obtaining a copy please get in touch with Ann by email: irenebest@btinternet.com or call at "Windy Nook" Cross Lane.

Loss of our Village Primary School

The school has not been operating as an educational establishment since the last pupils left or transferred to other schools at the end of the Summer term. It will be formally closed on December 31st 2017.

Without our lovely historic and well equipped Hall in Ingleby Cross, the obvious future for the school building would have been to use it as **the** community meeting place - a Village Hall.

It may be that there is someone living in the surrounding areas who can see a future for the school's excellent facilities and useable meeting spaces. These are some of the ideas which have been talked about - a Montessori Nursery, a Rudolf Steiner School, a day centre for the elderly, a centre for supporting new Mums, a venue for Art Activities.

The York Diocese, which owns the building, and will continue to maintain it, is open to suggestions, so the Parish Council would like everyone to spread the word as widely as possible.

Have you looked at this website yet? It has been set up by an ex pupil who passionately believes that we should not sit back and lose something of real value.

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The title is based on an African proverb, "***It takes a village to raise a child***", and the closure of Ingleby Arncliffe Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School poses the perfect opportunity for us, as a community, to join together and drive forward the use of the school and grounds as a community focused educational facility that builds upon the history and geography of the Parish, addresses contemporary needs and, crucially, is fit for future generations.

Please use the link and add your name if you support the idea. Ninety people have signed so far. If you have any difficulties signing the document Hazel Warhurst can pass on your name and address on request.

Many of you currently living in the village may not have had reason or opportunity to look inside the school. There are a selection of photographs on the back page. The school garden was managed in recent years by Ruth Eastham and Donlha Marriott, aided by the pupils. If anyone hasn't enough growing space at home it might be possible to arrange for use of the vegetable beds in the coming year.

Some of the meeting spaces and facilities in the school

