



FANGFOSS WITH BOLTON PARISH FEBRUARY/MARCH 2014

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

PRECEPT

The parish council is pleased to announce that it has been able to hold the 2014/15 precept at the lower rate adopted in 2012 for a third consecutive year.

GRIT BINS

Residents of Bolton and Fangfoss will note that the villages are sporting two new grit bins in readiness for winter weather.

DEFIBRILLATOR - Can you help?

There is clear evidence that early cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and early defibrillation are what give a patient whose heart has stopped the best chance of survival. If defibrillation is delivered promptly, survival rates as high as 75% can be achieved. The UK Resuscitation Council suggests an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) should be available wherever medical treatment is more than 5 minutes away.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service has been successful in raising £2000 for a defibrillator and external key-coded cabinet for location in Fangfoss. The next step is to identify an appropriate location for the life-saving equipment to be installed in the village. The location needs to be easily accessible and have a power supply for the frost heater in the cabinet. The annual running costs in electricity are approximately £25. The Parish Council would reimburse the cost of this electricity to anyone agreeing to the siting of the box on the outside of their property. **If you feel you can offer a suitable site and electricity supply for this important asset, please contact the parish clerk (see below) as soon as possible.**

Fangfoss with Bolton Parish Council

Contact: Parish Clerk: Jane Allen, Fir Tree Farm, Fangfoss, York YO41 5QH, telephone 01759 368498, email: parishclerk@fangfoss.net

ALTERNATIVES FOR OIL SUPPLIES

The council has received news that the YORSwitch, the ERYC-based oil-buying initiative has made its first order at a saving of 10p per litre to members. Free membership is still available to those who join early enough. Please go to www.hwrcc.org.uk, phone 01430 430904, or email oil@hwrcc.org.uk, to learn more.

BROADBAND PETITION

Some of you may have signed the rural broadband petition circulated early last year. A further petition begun by a Kent village is urging the government to require BT to enable across-the-board minimum download speeds, regardless of commercial considerations. If you would like to add your voice to this petition, go to:

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/48922>

NEWS FROM BOLTON CHAPEL

Bolton Chapel would like to thank Andrew Dawes for leading the service on Christmas Day and for the £81 collection raised for Action for Children. This is the best sum to date. Thank you everyone. The Chapel would also like to thank Angie and Andy Barber for the kind donation of the Christmas Trees too as this really did brighten up the dark evenings.

A survey will be distributed to the whole community in due course asking everyone for their ideas on how the Chapel can be used going forward for the whole community to use. It is vital that the space is used to ensure the future of the building. If the Chapel has to close then it will have to be sold resulting in a lost community space forever. The Chapel trustees are not opposed to change, so please put your thinking caps on.

Table Tennis will commence during the Spring so watch this space for further details. We would like families and adults to come and have some fun and probably share some food too! If it proves successful then pews can be taken out for a second table. Please come and support your local community activities.

You can find the latest minutes and agendas for forthcoming meetings on the council area of the village website. **Next meeting 12 February 2014.**

<http://www.fangfoss.net>