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Micklefield Parish Council

MICKLEFIELDER



OUR 'BLOOMING LOVELY' PLOUGH FEATURE AT THE
ENTRANCE TO GRANGE FARM COURT

SUMMER 2021

**A quarterly newsletter, delivered free to all
households in the Parish of Micklefield**



MICKLEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Micklefield Parish Council usually meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 7.15pm. Every meeting begins with a public forum, at which members of the public can speak (members of the public may not speak during the meeting unless invited to by the Parish Council). The Parish Council also has a Finance and Corporate Management Committee, which meets on the third Monday of February, June and October, at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public and notices of meetings, with an agenda, are posted on the community noticeboards at least three days before a meeting. Notices of meetings and copies of agendas and minutes are also available on the Parish Council's website. Please note that due to the cessation of legislation that allowed remote meetings and the continued closure of Leeds City Council buildings to third party bookings, the Parish Council's meeting venue cannot be confirmed until each meeting has been arranged.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

There are currently two vacancies on Micklefield Parish Council due to insufficient nominations at the election in May 2019. The council can fill the vacancies by co-option, which is a process whereby the council considers applications from interested persons and then selects someone to fill the seat. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please write to the Parish Council and include a few details of why you would like to become a councillor. If you need any information about qualifications for being a councillor or just want more information about the role, please contact the Clerk to the Council.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

Yorkshire Internal Audit Services has undertaken the internal audit of the Parish Council's accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2021, with no issues raised. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) has been sent to the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP, and copies of the approved but unaudited AGAR have been posted in the public noticeboards and Parish Council's website, with a notice for the exercise of public rights.

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Parish Council has accepted a gift of a decorative Pit Wheel that commemorates the Peckfield Colliery disaster and which will now be maintained by the Parish Council. The Parish Council also gave a grant

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MICKLEFIELD COMMUNITY GREEN GROUP



This group was formed earlier this year with the three aims of reducing the carbon footprint, increasing the level of bio-diversity, and reducing the levels of pollution and waste, within the Micklefield Parish boundary. We have been feeling our way a bit in the first few months but have achieved the following:

1. Helping out with the scheme to create a wildflower garden in the Recreation Ground by clearing leaves and sowing some additional seeds.



2. Improving a neglected strip of land at the north entrance to the station and sowing annual wildflower seeds. They are doing well and we hope to have a spectacular display in the next month or two.



3. Helping to organise the reuse of stone planters to prevent illegal vehicle access onto a green space near the station. In conjunction with Incredible Edible Leeds the planters are being used to grow vegetables for anyone to use.



4. Lots of litter-picking around the village.

5. Developing plans to increase bio-diversity in other places around the village. We are gathering lots of useful information from many sources at present.

If you would like to get involved with MCGG please contact Dylan Brown at the following email address: dylan@prospecthouse.org.uk

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6.00pm - 6.15pm Garden Village (Old Chippy Site)
6.15pm - 6.50pm Sunnybank, (Station Car Park)

www.thevillagechippy.net

Editorial Team

Cllrs Joan Auty (joanauty@hotmail.co.uk), Jon Crossley and Michael Czwarno.

Items/articles you wish to have published in the next issue please give to any member of the team or a Parish Councillor.

Articles for next newsletter to be in by week beginning 6th September.

Thank you Joan

of £320.00 to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, Micklefield, towards a commemorative event for the 125th anniversary of the Peckfield Colliery disaster. The event was attended by Parish Council representatives, all three Ward Councillors, the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Micklefield Primary School choir and representatives, as well as residents, and was led by the Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York.

Parish Council members also liaised with Incredible Edible Leeds to assist in the formation of a project in Micklefield, which included working with Leeds City Council to secure permission to site planters on Leeds its land. In addition, the Parish Council donated several concrete planters to the Incredible Edible Micklefield project, which are being used by the Micklefield Community Green Group to grow produce that anyone can harvest and use. Micklefield in Bloom has upgraded its planters to self-watering ones and is organising a public drive to attract more members.

The Parish Council has representatives to other bodies and committees. Its representatives to the Peckfield Landfill Site Liaison Committee are Cllr J L Auty, Cllr D Backhouse and Cllr R M Czwarno, with Cllr D Brown as deputy. They attend meetings to raise complaints and problems with the operator, Leeds City Council and the Environment Agency. Its representatives to the Hook Moor Wind Farm Liaison Committee are Cllr J A Crossley and Cllr R M Czwarno.

AMENITIES

Two trees that were partially obstructing footpaths and one that was partially obstructing junction sightlines have been crown-lifted and reduced. H2H Contractors Ltd has been appointed to undertake the grass cutting and strimming on the public rights of way. Blast Contractors have been reappointed to remove waste from the bins in the recreation ground and Vandicourt playground and litterpick around the skate park. The Parish Council is also in the process of appointing a contractor to undertake routine maintenance work to the spring rocker and multi-play unit in Vandicourt Playground. Weather dependent maintenance, such as the removal of moss and algae from the wetpour surface at Vandicourt playground, and minor repairs to the skate park surface, are also planned. Play and recreational equipment is checked weekly by a qualified routine play inspector.

LIGHTING, ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND TRANSPORT

The Parish Council continues to pursue a project with the potential to lead to a cycle path between Micklefield and Garforth. The project is in its very early stages and requires permissions and agreements from various different organisations before it can be realised. If you want to help prevent dog fouling, details of specific locations and times of fouling

and persons responsible for leaving dog foul on the footpath would greatly help the Dog Warden Service to reduce the problem, so anyone with information should contact Leeds City Council via the online report form at www.leeds.gov.uk or on [0113 222 4407](tel:01132224407). Problems with high-ways, including pot-holes, holes in, or damage to, footpaths and obstructions on roads and footpaths, from advertising signs to overgrown hedgerows, shrubbery or grass verges, should be reported to Leeds City Council on [0113 222 4407](tel:01132224407), or via its website www.leeds.gov.uk. If you have any problems with streetlights in your area not working correctly, they can be reported to Leeds City Council on [0113 222 4407](tel:01132224407), or via the Leeds City Council website. Dumped rubbish can be reported to Leeds City Council on [0113 222 4406](tel:01132224406), or via the Leeds City Council website. Leeds City Council has 'Do it online' report forms on its website for all the above problems.

PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND POWERS

Whenever it makes a decision to do something, the Parish Council must be sure that there is a law that supports this. If there isn't, then the Parish Council hasn't acted legally. If the Parish Council is not undertaking work that you think it should be, it might be because it does not have the legal power to do so.

.....AND FINALLY

Notices of all Parish Council meetings (ordinary and extraordinary), Committee meetings and meetings of the Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity are posted in each village notice board and on the Parish Council website, at least three clear days before the meeting, as required by law. Though not a legal requirement, the Parish Council also posts an agenda of the business to be transacted at the meeting. Any other business of the Council, including legally required documents such as vacancy notices and audit notices, is posted in the Council's notice boards and on its website, so checking regularly can help you keep up with Parish Council activities.

Joanne Hebden, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer



Caird Peckfield, at the last liaison meeting in November, said that there were no health and safety issues to report. Tipping operations continue in cell 11B. The restoration programme continues, weather permitted. If you have any concerns about odours, litter or general concerns about the site, do contact the Peckfield Landfill office on 0113 286 5784 with any questions or issues, or contact the Environment Agency on 0800807060. A notice was served on the company on Thursday 4th February 2021 and is being reviewed every 3 months.

Micklefield BT Cyberstation at The Youth and Adult Centre CLOSED

Craft club, Drop-in, Youth Club

All activities are cancelled till further notice

Churchville House Social Centre CLOSED

Ward Councillors Surgery; see contact details on back page.

Lunch club, Bingo sessions, Art Group, Active Retirement Group, Saturday Social, Historical Society, Tenants and Residents Association.

All activities are cancelled till further notice

1st Micklefield Scout Group:

Beavers and Cubs Face to face meetings in the recreation ground at the moment until the centre is reopened.

Beavers boys and girls aged 6-8 years [Wednesday 6.00pm]

Cubs boys and girls 8-10½ years [Wednesday 6.00pm]

Scouts boys and girls aged 10½-14 years [Monday 7.00pm]

New members welcome.

Please check Facebook page 1st Micklefield Scout Group, or email us on gsl.micklefieldscouts@gmail.com for further information .

WANTED ! We are looking for more adults to help, so we can run the Beavers and cubs separately, numbers of children attending have increased by 50%.

Micklefield Community First Responders



The Micklefield team has been active for 18 years responding to medical emergencies in your local community, providing vital support and reassurance before the ambulance arrives.

Dedicated volunteers are urgently required to enable this team to continue to support the community, working alongside the ambulance services who provide training in patient care, life support skills and using equipment such as oxygen and Automated External Defibrillators. You will be supported by a designated co-ordinator.

For further information, contact our YAS Co-coordinator Sharron Stoyles, Community Defibrillation Trainer
Community Resilience Team
Yorkshire Ambulance Service
Mobile: 07789271072
Email: sharron.stoyles@yas.nhs.uk



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENTS IN MICKLEFIELD

Well, I think now is a good opportunity for the Parish Council to say “Hello and welcome!” to our new residents who are starting to join us in the various large housing developments as they get built out and the village expands. 50 houses in the Persimmon Homes development around Garden Village are now occupied; 26 houses are occupied in the Barratt Homes development around Manor Farm; and 40 are now occupied in the Strata Homes development leading away from Grange Farm Court.

Avant Homes has already made a start on their 150 houses wrapping around Hallfield Avenue and St Mary’s Walk; Taylor Wimpey will soon be starting to build 104 dwellings between Pit Lane and The Crescent; and there are another 44 houses to come when the Reserved Matters application for the Duchy Homes development at the North End of Old Micklefield eventually gets approved (which it will in one form or another).

For now, that’s about it on the release of approved housing allocations for development—everything was kept at bay for over 20 years from when the UDP housing allocations were first published in 1993, but now it seems as if everything is happening all at once. And that’s because it is!

To be clear though, there are no other approved housing allocations that would expand the village further into the Green Belt beyond what has now become the settlement boundary. That’s it, for now, but Micklefield Parish Council will continue to monitor very closely any new proposals for new housing allocations that might start emerging from Leeds City Council when it does its next Site Allocations Plan.

All the large housing developments we are now seeing are on land that was taken out of the Green Belt in 2001—a highly contentious decision, arising from the UDP Inquiry in 1995—but that isn’t the fault of the new residents moving into those houses. They’re just people who have all made a positive choice to come and live in Micklefield, so let’s all make them feel welcome and encourage them to stay and become involved in our local community.

In the meantime, there have been all sorts of other ad hoc planning applications for the Parish Council to consider: a born-again fish shop (withdrawn and switched to 2 flats); householder extensions both upwards and outwards; and the latest one, a 60 feet high 5G monopole facing the seat on Churchville Drive. Who knows what will get submitted next as a proposed development to surprise us all.....

Cllr Jon A Crossley, Chairman, Micklefield Parish Council

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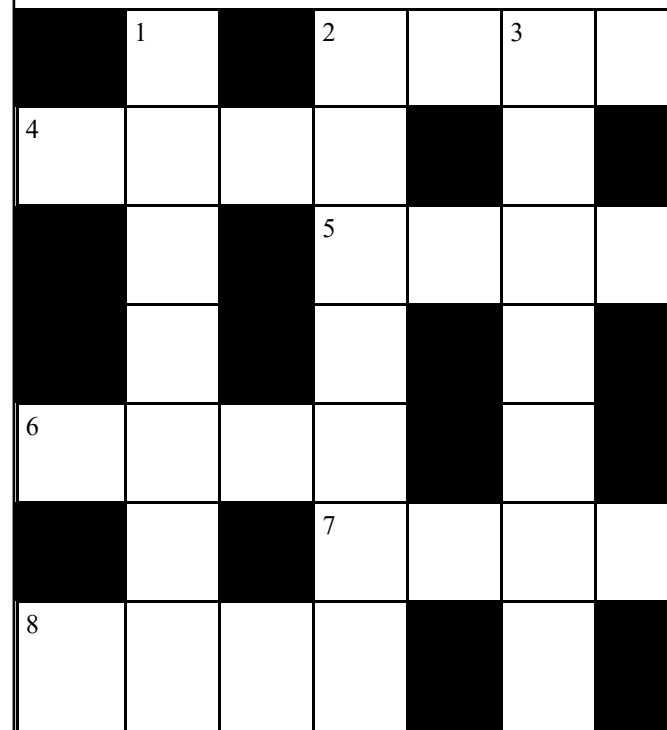
As a result of the last election, the Parish Council has two vacancies which have remained unfilled since May 2019. This is constraining what the Parish Council can do and achieve, so we need enthusiastic community-minded people to fill those seats.

If you think you might have the time and drive to help shape the village of Micklefield over the next few years, then please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Tel: 0113 2875829 or

E-mail: clerk@micklefield-pc.gov.uk

MINI CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 God of love.
- 4 Homer Simpson's fugitive mother.
- 5 Discomfort.
- 6 Wimbledon champion of 1975.
- 8 Take no notice.

Down

- 1 Know in advance.
- 2 Cockney area of London.
- 3 Surname of comedian Dara

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MICKLEFIELD RECREATION GROUND CHARITY

Micklefield Recreation Ground is a registered Charity (registered with The Charity Commission) that is managed by Micklefield Parish Council as the Sole Trustee of the Charity. The Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity meets on the third Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 7.30pm. Meetings are open to the public and notices and agendas of meetings are posted on the community notice boards at least three days before a meeting. Notices of meetings and copies of agendas and draft minutes are also available on the Parish Council's website. Please note that due to the continued closure of Leeds City Council buildings to third party bookings, the Trustee's meeting venue cannot be confirmed until each meeting has been arranged.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Yorkshire Internal Audit Services has undertaken an independent examination of the charity's accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2021. The Charity will submit its annual return and annual report to the Charity Commission, in accordance with charity law.

FACILITIES

There have been delays to the full repair of the zip-wire (which was damaged last year when the seat and chain were ripped from the cable trolley, damaging it irreparably) but the unit should be fully functional within the coming weeks. The post and rail fence around the football pitch was vandalised and despite the difficulties in obtaining some of the materials needed, it has now been repaired. Similarly, the ball-stop fencing was damaged, resulting in two panels falling off and needing to be reinstalled at short notice to prevent their theft and further vandalism.

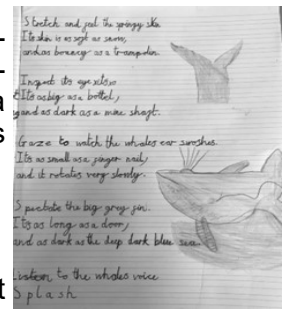
As a further addition to the available amenities, the Parish Council has agreed to seek funding to buy and install three new seats in the recreation ground near the southern perimeter. The wildflower meadow is coming into bloom and can be enjoyed from the seats at the centre of the meadow quadrangles.

Government regulations restricting or banning grassroots group sports have been eased and both of the clubs that let pitches on the recreation ground have recommenced their league games. Additional matches have been played on weekday evenings and the letting season was extended to accommodate the remaining league matches. This allowed the clubs to finish off their seasons.

DOG WALKING

Dog walking is a recreational activity and is therefore not banned from the Recreation Ground. However, dog fouling is not permitted, due to the health risk caused by animal faeces and the Parish Council would urge all dog walkers to clear up after their dogs and thanks those who are

Class 2 have been writing whale poetry using similes and prepositions! They have also started to research more about Whales to help to start write a report over the next week. The work this term has been inspired from our class reading book, This Morning I Met a Whale by Michael Morpurgo.



Children in **Class 3** chose their own teams and researched a planet. They decided how to present their research to the class which resulted in Power-Points,

Fact Files, Art work and posters! Outside pupils became the Sun and Earth to explain how the Earth orbits the Sun. There was also a narrator explaining how long it took.

We are all looking forward to the final term and continuing our exciting learning journeys. We have many inspirational visitors planned and look forward to sharing this in the next publication.

Best Wishes

Yvonne Methley – Interim Headteacher

Micklefield CE Primary School

Answer Mini Crossword

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125 Anniversary Peckfield Colliery Disaster

The school was delighted to form a choir to perform at the Anniversary Service at St Mary's Church on the 30th of April. Mrs Loring and the school choir practiced hard for the occasion and sang so beautifully and were not deterred by the pouring rain.

During this anniversary week each class researched different aspects of coal mining and the school was delighted to have Lotherton Hall visit us to show artefacts from coal mining in our community. Mr Best also shared fascinating stories from his coal mining past and has gifted the school some wonderful pieces which we will treasure. The work we created is proudly displayed in our school entrance.

You may have spotted something new at the front of the school. We were contacted by Mrs Todd as part of Micklefield Tenants and Residents Association (MTRA) and Micklefield Regeneration Partnership (MRP). They have kindly organised a Little Free Library to be used and enjoyed by school children as well as the wider community. If you have any books you spare books we would welcome contributions

The Family Unit have really enjoyed acting out the story of 'Lost and Found', building boats and going on adventures with the penguin we found in our classroom. We created a story map and innovated it with our own ideas to create the story of a lost cat who was found by a friendly lion. The children shared wonderful ideas for the plot and for new characters. They are now reading 'How to Catch a star' which has inspired some fantastic writing as well as having some great conversations about things the children wish they could do.

The children have all shown great progress in their mark making this half term, supported by our 'squiggle whilst you wiggle' programme through which children develop the controlled movements required to form letters, all whilst dancing to our favourite music. It's such good fun as well as working to strengthen those important muscles!

Our Class 1 classroom has been taken over by dragons this half-term! They're hiding everywhere and causing havoc. We have done lots of fabulous writing and artwork about dragons, including writing instructions about how to look after a dragon, letters and story settings. Next week we'll be starting to write our own adventure stories.

already doing so. Please keep dogs out of the play areas, including the skate park and the football pitch; they are used extensively by children, who are at particular risk from the slightest amount of dog waste that will be left behind even if you do clear up after your dog. Dogs can also damage the surface of the football pitch, which causes a risk of injuries to players and increases maintenance costs.

.....AND FINALLY

The Recreation Ground is for the benefit of the public and for the improvement of life through recreation, so please enjoy it.

Joanne Hebden
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Micklefield Parish Council
(Sole Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity)
9th June 2021

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SERVICES

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www.churchofengland.org/coronavirus

- ✦ Sunday at 9:30am:
Parish Eucharist
- ✦ Wednesday at 9:30:
Eucharist

A PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

God in our courage, God in our caution: on this beautiful day may we greet each other as companions on a shared journey. We acknowledge what we and others have carried: gratitude and sadness, excitement and anxiety; private struggles and collective hopes. As we take this next step forward, may we do so in the knowledge that we do not walk alone. **Amen.**



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN SEPTEMBER.....

This year is the 160th anniversary of the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin. We are planning a weekend of celebration on 11th and 12th September: please keep a lookout for further details!



NEWS FROM REV. WENDY

I must start by thanking everyone who took part in the commemoration of the Peckfield Colliery Disaster. Many who died were buried in marked and unmarked graves alongside the memorial in the churchyard and at 7am on April 30th a good number of people met together to remember by name all those who



lost their lives on that day in 1896 and to place individual crosses around the memorial. We stood in silence as the bell tolled 63 times.

The weather in the morning was perfect; in the evening it poured! One ex-miner said it symbolised the tears of the widows and children and someone else commented that it made it more memorable! Despite the

weather there was a really good turn out, including lots of young families as well as ex-miners and those who were related to the victims. The Lord Mayor represented the whole city and it was the first service in a parish that the Archbishop had been able to attend since he came to the Diocese. The school choir sang beautifully and it was a real coming together of village and community both local and further afield, to honour the victims and to reflect on both our past history and our future. A picture was presented to the church to commemorate its mining past. Please do come into church to see it.

Covid prevented us from gathering inside and continues to restrict what we are able to do. Although the legal limitations on events such as weddings are being reduced, this does not really help us in Micklefield because of the size of our church building. As long as the 2-metre distancing rule is in place, opening events to larger numbers will be impossible. The pandemic also means no hymns indoors, but weather-permitting we hope to

take our services outside to sing (as we did at Easter). A small price to pay to ensure the safety of others and the bonus has been the accompaniment of birds singing in the churchyard!

A number of people have given time to helping to keep the churchyard tidy and beautiful and hopefully this will continue. **THANK YOU.** In normal times the Community Pay Back Team would be able to give us their time to keep the churchyard tidy, but sadly Covid has put a temporary halt to their visits.

I would also like to thank the many folk who have put items in the box for Selby Food Bank. It is a scandal, I think, that so many people (often those working for low wages) have been forced to rely on the Trussell Trust and your kindness for food and essentials and I know that every donation is really appreciated. Please keep giving – the amount donated each month is displayed on the notice board inside the church porch.

My best wishes to everyone and may God Bless us.

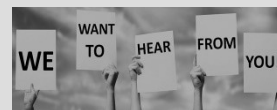
(Rev) Wendy Plant

CONTACT US

**How can our church best serve our community?
Please let us know your views!**

The church is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm. A short 'Guide to the Church' leaflet is available for visitors.

Email us at stmarys_micklefield@outlook.com... or contact us via our Facebook page...or call in and see us!



For baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact (Rev) Wendy Plant: 07803 125389, or contact Churchwardens: Sharon Beanland: 07980 485043 and Angela Brook: 07793 123887