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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, at Churchville House, Churchville Drive, LS25 4AW. 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, in the I.T. suite of Micklefield Youth and Adult Centre (The Old Fire Station), Great North Road, LS25 4AG, 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, www.micklefield-pc.gov.uk. The Parish Council now has a Facebook page, where you can keep up with its news and activities, with links to further information on the Parish Council's website. The website also features news and updates, but has a large library of documents, including minutes of meetings, agendas, financial information and policies.

FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

The Parish Council is preparing its accounts for the audit for the financial year ending 31 March 2024. Internal Audit Yorkshire has been appointed to undertake the internal audit. In addition to examining the accounts, an internal auditor also examines the financial procedures and systems in place and that they are appropriate and fit for purpose. On completion of the internal audit, the Parish Council will prepare its Annual Governance and Accountability Return, which will be sent to the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP, for examination.

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Parish Council gave a grant of £2,592.00 to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. Mary's church towards the cost of the churchyard grounds maintenance. The maintenance of the churchyard, including grass cutting, is not the responsibility of the Parish Council, as it is a civil local authority and not a religious body; but the Parish Council agreed to the PCC's request for a grant towards the cost.

Micklefield Regeneration Partnership was also given a grant of £800.00 towards the cost of purchasing and installing a weatherproof defibrillator box to store a defibrillator on the wall outside the Old Fire Station (Micklefield Youth and Adult Centre). The Partnership already has a defibrillator but needs a box, so that the defibrillator can be kept in a publicly accessible place for when it is needed.

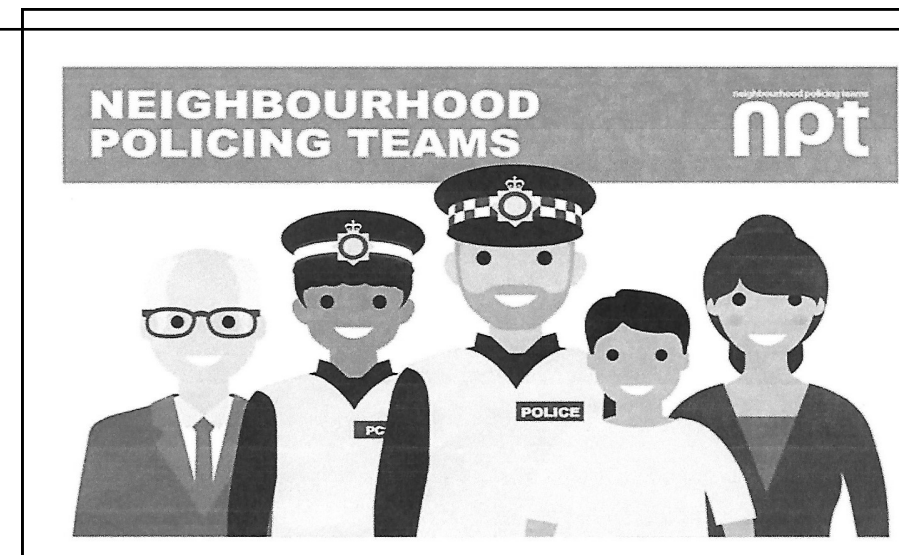
Four skips for public use were provided in March, two in the north of the

Micklefield Community First Responders

The Micklefield team has been active for 20 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
E-mail: sharron.stoyles@yas.nhs.uk



MICKLEFIELD NPT CONTACT POINT

**WHERE: Churchville House Social Centre, Churchville Drive,
Micklefield, LS25 4AW**

WHEN: The first Saturday of the month at 9am.

Come and speak to your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

www.westyorkshire.police.uk

E-mail: outereast@westyorkshire.police.uk

Direct telephone number: 101

**The next PACT meeting is Wednesday 22nd May 18.00-19.00 at
Churchville House, Micklefield, LS25 4AX**

Micklefield BT Cyberstation at The Youth and Adult Centre

Craft club; Tuesday 1pm - 3pm term time only

Youth Club ; Tuesday 6:30pm - 8.30pm 11-17 year olds.

1st Micklefield Scout Group;

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

Cubs boys and girls 8-10 1/2 years [Wednesday 6pm]

Scouts boys and girls aged 10 1/2-14 years [Monday 7pm]

New members welcome

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

WANTED! We are looking for more adults to help with all groups, so we can run the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers separately (numbers of children attending have increased by 50%).

Micklefield Regeneration Partnership; Coffee shop and toilets open Sunday 10am—12noon

Churchville House Social Centre

Ward Councillors Surgery; the first Saturday of the month 9am – 9:45am

Warm Space Drop In (Organised by NET Garforth); Tuesday 9:30am to 12.30pm Free Drinks, Toast, Cakes.

Please call in and meet the N.E.T. (Neighbourhood Elders Team)

N.E.T. VOLUNTERS REQUIRED please contact Jean, on 0113 2874784.

Knit and natter group; Thursday 10am – 1.00pm

Saturday Night Social; 7.30pm-11pm raffle and bingo. Bring your own refreshments

Micklefield Tenants and Residents Association: A new Committee with officers will need to be formed. Anybody interested in getting involved with this active group needs to contact Richard Wilkes, Team Leader (Tel 07712217003), or Joann Thornton, Housing Manager, at Retirement Life, (07891278807).

If any other groups have recommenced using the Centre could you please let us know so we can publish it in the next newsletter.

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, closing date **Friday 28th June 2024**

Would you like to volunteer to deliver the newsletter within your local neighbourhood? Contact Joan Auty on the above email or telephone (number on back page), for further details.

village and two in the south. Locations that are suitable for skips are limited, as there is little suitable public land available and some areas, such as Garden Village, cannot be accessed by the skip company's wagons. Unfortunately, one skip was so dangerously overfilled that the skip company would not remove it until the overfill had been removed. This resulted in an additional skip being hired for the removal of the extra waste.

Cllr J L Auty and Cllr E A Robertson attend local PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings, to raise issues with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and have pushed to have the meetings held at different venues within the Kippax and Methley ward. Their efforts have paid off, as the next PACT meeting will be held at Churchville House, Churchville Drive, on Wednesday 22 May, to begin at 6pm. PACT meetings are open to members of the public to raise issues of concern.

Cllr J A Crossley represented the Parish Council at the inquiry for the Network Rail Transport Works Act (Micklefield to Leeds Enhancement) Order. The Parish Council objected to some aspects of the scheme, such as a proposed bridleway through the recreation ground and the lack of a footbridge to connect Pit Lane to Lower Peckfield Lane when the level crossing is closed. The Parish Council has representatives to other bodies and committees. Its representatives to the Peckfield Landfill Site Liaison Committee are Cllr J L Auty 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. The Parish Council regularly responds to consultations and comments on planning applications submitted to the Local Planning Authority (Leeds City Council), copies of which are available on the Parish Council's website.

LIGHTING, ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND TRANSPORT

The Parish Council has appointed a contractor to undertake a renovation of the Milestone Banking on Great North Road and work should begin in due course. It has also appointed a contractor to install a metal seat near the school field next to the New Path. The footpath that runs along the former northbound carriageway of the old A1(T), behind the Strata development, (and which still forms part of the adopted highway as it is owned by National Highways) has been improved by National Highways' contractor Balfour Beatty. The footpath is not a public footpath or public right of way, so could not be improved by either Leeds City Council or Micklefield Parish Council. Neither National Highways nor its contractor were under any obligation to maintain the footpath, but at the request of a resident to improve the surface for walkers, which was supported by a subsequent request from Micklefield Parish Council, the company decided it would improve the path's surface.

The Parish Council greatly appreciates the time and staff Balfour Beatty has devoted to developing an improvement scheme, seeking funding and managing the project. It is also grateful to National Highways for the funding it has given to allow the improvements to take place.

Micklefield Community Green Group has prepared and seeded a number of roadside grass verges, including part of the banking at Garden Village, in the first stage of the verge rewilding programme. The programme is designed to provide a habitat and food for local wildlife, particularly species that are in decline.

Please be aware that dog warden patrols in the village have begun again and that an individual walking a dog can be fined for not having dog waste bags with them, regardless of whether or not the animal has left any waste. Leeds City Council does not supply specialist dog waste bins, but dog waste bags can be disposed of in the ordinary Leeds City Council waste bins. If you want to help prevent dog fouling, details of specific locations and times of fouling and, if known, 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). Street lighting, roads and footpaths are all the responsibility of Leeds City Council. Problems with highways, 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.

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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,



PODIATRY

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- Callus
- Corns
- Verrucas
- Ingrowing toenails
- Thick nails
- Diabetic footcare
- Nail cutting



ROYAL COLLEGE of PODIATRY

SG Podiatry is a specialist-led service, which provides patients with access to on-site diagnosis of foot problems and a treatment plan which will be tailored to the individual and their condition.



The Old Gatehouse Byram Park Rd, Byram, Knottingley, WF11 9EA





NET is absolutely delighted and humbled to receive this outstanding award. "The Kings Award is the greatest recognition a charity like ours can ever receive and represents deserved appreciation for the efforts of our incredible volunteers over many years."
"Volunteers are the lifeblood of our work- generously giving their time and energy to help older people in Garforth and its 12 surrounding villages in East Leeds live healthy, fulfilling lives."

Monica Walker CEO

Its ethos is summed up by a comment from one of NET's clients who commented on our Facebook page

"You do so much for the community and never want praise, you just want to help because you care"

This comment sums up NET's ethos of supporting the over 60s and since 2001 supporting the community. NET could not operate without the volunteers who work with us. They are the ones that should be applauded for what NET achieves and the services NET provides. **Thank you** to everyone who has supported us in recent years. From those of you who come along to regular activities, to those who come along for the occasional coffee. Knowing we make even the slightest difference means so much to us. However, none of what we do would be possible without our team of wonderful volunteers. This has been a challenge over recent years and our volunteers have stepped up, adapted and been there for all of us, so once more we reiterate that you are **truly the Jewels in NET's crown** and say a very sincere **thank you!**

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!

From Monica, the Board of Trustees and all the wonderful staff team

so checking regularly can help you keep up with Parish Council activities.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



Your Village Needs You!

We are forming a group of residents to develop Micklefield's Neighbourhood Plan. This is an important document to help preserve what we love about Micklefield in the years ahead. We will be holding a further information session about what is involved in developing a Neighbourhood Plan at 7pm on Friday the 3rd of May in Churchville House. Please join us if you have already expressed a wish to be in the group or if you want to know more about it before deciding. Please contact Dylan Brown on 07710 314159 if you wish to join the NP Development Group or need other information.



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, in the I.T suite of Micklefield Youth and Adult Centre, The Old Fire Station, Great North Road, LS25 4AG. 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, www.micklefield-pc.gov.uk.

PERIMETER VEGETATION

As part of a bio-diversity improvement project, various native hedging plants and fruit trees have been planted next to the wildflower meadow. The charity trustee has also agreed to prune some of the trees on the eastern boundary of the meadow, as the branches of some are obstructing the footpath around its edge. In addition, the grounds maintenance contractor was engaged to cut back the overgrown vegetation on the inside perimeter of the car park.

FACILITIES

The Parish Council has appointed a contractor to fabricate and install a bespoke fence for the perimeter of the football pitch. The new fence will replace the existing one and will be paid for using a portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL - money raised from new developments in the parish) that Leeds City Council gives to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has also chosen its preferred provider for a toddler playground near the existing play area in the recreation ground. The project will require outside funding in addition to CIL money.

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 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.

The Assistant Curate writes

A few weeks ago we celebrated Easter, the most important festival in the Christian year. Flowers decorated St Mary's, the large stones in front of the Easter Gardens were rolled back and most important of all we lit the Easter Candle to symbolise that Christ is alive in the world. Our service included a Baptism and at the end of the service the baby's Godmother was given a small replica candle lit from the Easter Candle and took it to the door of the Church to symbolise Christ's love going into the world. We show Christ's care for all people by our own actions and words wherever we are.

In our world there is a lot of darkness and gloom. Some look to politicians etc for improvements, but maybe it is within our own communities that we can give far better help. Already so many of you try to support those who are struggling financially by donating food etc to **Selby Food Bank**. In February you gave **66.8kg** and in March **111.1kg** which is an amazing response for a small village. Thank you (and please keep visiting the donation box at the back of St Mary's Wed - Sunday 10am - 4pm). The **Welcome Café** is open on 3rd Wednesday (1.30 - 3.30pm) each month at Churchville House and people enjoy themselves with a cuppa and a piece of cake. Some are meeting folk they haven't seen for a while or those they've never spoken to before. Every month I go to the homes of those who are currently finding it hard to join us at St Mary's, but who want to be part of our worshipping community by receiving their **communion at home**. If you are, or you know someone that is, in this situation either permanently or temporarily please let me know and I will gladly make contact.

But it is often the simplest action that makes the biggest difference. I've heard of many housebound folk whose day has been made by someone waving and smiling at them as they are passing or seen the delight of a person who is having a challenging day, when a neighbour brings them a small posy of flowers from their garden. A smile and a greeting as you pass someone might be the first contact a person has had that day! This is the way that Jesus got to know people by listening and talking and responding to their needs and, very importantly, this was how he was able to help others. You may think that the small acts of kindness that you do are too little to matter: they do!

May God Bless us.

(Rev) Wendy Plant 07803125389 (please contact me about Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals etc & anything else with which you think I can help.)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH



A very warm welcome awaits you at your local church, which aims to serve the whole community of Micklefield. We are a small and friendly congregation, meeting every week for worship. **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US.**

SERVICES



- ✦ Sunday at 9:15am:
Parish Eucharist, except:
- ✦ Third Sunday in the month:
All Age Worship at 10:30am
- ✦ Wednesday at 9:30am: Eucharist

A PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Loving God,
We thank you for this season of optimism and hope. Winter, with its cold, dark days has gone, and we live a resurrection life reflected in the new life around us.

Thank you, Lord,
for the hope and renewal that you bring, both to this world and to our hearts and lives. Amen.



YOUR CHURCH IS OPEN!

Please come in to look around, find some quiet, rest a while, or say a prayer. Wednesday to Sunday, from 10am to 4pm.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR CHURCHWARDENS...

A big **THANK YOU** to the Parish Council! The grant funding they have provided for this year has enabled us to contract JR Treeworks to cut the grass in the churchyard on a regular basis throughout the growing season. Most of the areas will be cut fortnightly; others (primarily those where older memorials are situated) will be cut twice yearly. This follows Church of England guidance and will ensure that the churchyard is accessible to visitors, whilst preserving it as a valuable habitat for many species of plants and animals.

Angela and Sharon

P.S. If anyone has any time to help with regular jobs in church or churchyard, please get in touch - we'd be very grateful!



A warm invitation to join us for

ALL AGE WORSHIP

on the third Sunday
of the month
at 10:30am.



A service led by the congregation and especially suited to families with children.

After the service there will be refreshments and children's activities until 12 noon.

ALL WELCOME - JOIN US!

CONTACT US



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

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

Your churchwardens are
Sharon Beanland: 07980 485043 and Angela Brook: 07793 123887

.....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)

CairdPeckfield

There is no report from the landfill company at time of going to print. The next liaison meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday 30 April. Site Office on 01132865784 or Environment Agency on 0800807060



This message has been produced by the Environment Agency (EA) and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), in consultation with Leeds City Council to address health concerns raised by the local community affected by Peckfield Landfill Site. Peckfield Landfill Site: Reports of odour We are aware that the local community are continuing to report odour pollution from Peckfield Landfill Site, Ridge Road, Micklefield, Leeds, LS25 4DW (the Site) operated by Caird Peckfield Limited (the Operator). We would like to thank residents for reporting their concerns and encourage them to keep doing so. The Site is operated under an environmental permit (EPR/BU9726IH) issued and regulated by the Environment Agency. The Environment Agency has assessed that the operator is in breach of a number of their environmental permit conditions. A range of regulatory interventions and enforcement tools are being used by the Environment Agency to address these breaches, to bring the operator back into compliance with the environmental permit and to address the odour issues resulting from those breaches as quickly as possible. We appreciate that this will be concerning, and residents will want the problem resolved as quickly as possible. In order to understand any potential impacts the odour may have on the local community's health and wellbeing the Environment Agency have consulted with colleagues at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and Leeds City Council. The following information has been supplied by the UKHSA to assist the community address health concerns. Are the odours causing or going to cause health effects? We understand that unpleasant, strong smells can impact on quality of life and wellbeing, so we would like to explain more about the effects of odour on health and wellbeing, and what residents can do to reduce any associated symptoms. The human nose is very sensitive. There are many things that have a strong smell at levels at which there are no

direct harmful effects to health. However, strong smells are unpleasant and can impact on wellbeing leading to stress and anxiety. Some people may also experience symptoms, such as nausea, headaches, or dizziness, as a reaction to strong smells, even when the substances that cause those smells are themselves not harmful to health. Short-term health effects may be experienced as a result of strong odours such as irritation to the eyes, nose, and throat. People who have health conditions that affect breathing, such as asthma, may experience increased frequency and/or severity of symptoms. With continuing exposure these effects may be prolonged but are not anticipated to continue long-term once exposure is reduced

Landfill gas contains hydrogen sulphide which is a by-product as the on-site waste degrades. The human nose is very sensitive to hydrogen sulphide which has a characteristic odour of rotten eggs. The first noticeable effect of hydrogen sulphide at very low concentrations is its unpleasant odour, which may cause discomfort and some short-term health effects. At higher concentrations it may cause eye, nose, and throat irritation. It may also disturb sleep if experienced at night at low levels. What can I do to reduce symptoms caused by odour? In order to limit the effects of the odour as much as possible, the UKHSA would advise:

- Close windows if there is an outdoor odour and open them once any outdoor odour has reduced.
- You could consider closing windows at night and opening them in the morning in the absence of odours which are more likely to occur overnight and in the early hours of the morning when weather conditions are calm and still.
- Ventilate your property when there is no odour outdoors by opening windows and patio doors etc.
- Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you have concerns about your individual circumstances, feel unwell or require health advice. Please continue to report odour to the free 24/7 Environment Agency incident hotline on: 0800 80 70 60. The Environment Agency will continue to update the local community as the situation progresses.

Environment Agency General Enquiries
National Customer Contact Centre
PO Box 544
Rotherham
S60 1BY
United Kingdom

Email enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk
Telephone 03708 506 506
Environment incident hotline Telephone (24 hour service) 0800 80 70 6

St Mary the Virgin, Micklefield

MONDAY MAY 27th

Meet Katie Bear!
Bring your Teddy to meet her!
Play games!
Join a sing-along!

ACTIVITY MORNING FOR EVERYONE!

**10am–12 noon
LEEDS CHILDRENS HEART
SURGERY FUND**

Refreshments Cake sale Raffle



You could use this space to advertise your club activities or business. There is a charge for business adverts. For further information, please email:
Cllr. Joan Auty (joan.auty@micklefield-pc.gov.uk)
or the Parish clerk (clerk@micklefield-pc.gov.uk)
or the Chairman, Cllr. Jon Crossley (jon.crossley@micklefield-pc.gov.uk)