



REPPS cum BASTWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council News. Issue 2 December 2014

News Letter.

Don't forget to send details of village events for the next copy to the clerk by email or post it through her door. Issue 3 will be published in March 2015 Full contact details are included overleaf.

Seasons Greetings

From Repps Cum Bastwick Parish Council

Wishing all the residents of the Parish Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Textile Recycling

The Council has installed a textile bank in the Village Hall Car Park. Unfortunately there have been some "teething problems" getting it emptied, but hopefully by the time you receive this the contents will have been collected. Thanks to everyone who has been using it.

The money raised will be spent in the village for the benefit of the community. The glass recycling will continue to be provided at the same location and the use will be monitored – please continue to use it.

Flooding

The Parish Council has been instrumental in ensuring that the County Council carries out work to clear drains etc to reduce the flooding in the village and continues to report incidents that require action.

The County Council has issued a note to all Parish Councils explaining that residents of the County have been putting grass cuttings etc into ditches and this has been causing blockages and additional work. In future this will be treated as "fly tipping" and legal action will be taken against offenders.

NOTICE FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICE

There have had a number of domestic heating oil thefts across the area in recent months.

As some fuel tanks have the capacity to store thousands of pounds worth of fuel it is worth taking some precautionary measures to protect it.

Padlocks – A thief will usually come equipped with a limited range of tools to attack your tank so it's worth spending a little more on good quality locks. Close shackle padlocks are the best as they offer most resistance to thieves. Due to their design, close shackle padlocks have very little of the metal hoop (shackle) exposed and bolt croppers cannot get a good grip.

Oil level gauges – Check your oil levels regularly. This will alert you quickly to any problems you may have had. It will also assist the Police investigation if you can narrow the crime times down. Always check when you have had a delivery so you have a starting point. Many tanks can be fitted with a gauge to monitor the levels which can be read inside the house.

Security lights – Security lights can have a very positive effect and makes any property a harder target for thieves. It is not always necessary to floodlight the area with high power beams, as a more subtle level of lighting may be all that is needed. Low energy 'dusk 'til dawn' lights positioned close to the tank should, in most cases, provide sufficient light to illuminate any suspicious activity. This type of light can be both effective and inexpensive. High powered lights can be used but care should be taken not to cause any nuisance to neighbours or road users.

Positioning of your tank – The position of the tank can have a significant effect on how much of a target it is likely to become. Keep the tank in a well overlooked position – this will ensure any thieves are more likely to be seen. If your tank is close to the house, make sure you can see it from your windows – this coupled with the lighting will make it less of a target. Alternatively enclosing your tank in a building which can be secured would be better still. Don't overlook the importance of ventilation if enclosing the tank – advice should be sought from your local oil company. Always remember that access is required for any deliveries.

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Village Hall News:

Colin Shreeve and friends are putting on a **Variety Evening and Singalong** on **Thursday 11 December** in the Village Hall from 7pm. The bar will be open.

The **Food and Craft Fair** will be combined with the **Christmas Fayre**: will be held on **Saturday 20 December** from **9am – noon in the Village Hall**. Bacon rolls will be served until 10.45am, thereafter mince pies will be served. There will be a Christmas raffle, tombolas and other stalls all mixed in with the regular food market stalls. Come along to enjoy a real flavour of Christmas. Look out for the Colouring Competition – for all ages!! Next one Saturday 24 January 2015

Pub Night: The Reppswick Arms will not be open in December but will be open at the Village Hall on **Friday 2 January (thereafter on the first Friday in the month to avoid clashing with the Farmers Market)** when the bar will be open from 7.30pm – 11pm. There will be various pub games: darts, dominoes and cards etc.

Dog Fouling

This continues to be a problem in the village – Great Yarmouth wardens have been alerted to the problem and are visiting the village.

NOTES FROM CHURCHWARDEN SALLY

St Peter's Church is open daily from 9am – 5pm every day

Christmas wreath making afternoon – Thursday 4 December – call Sally to book your place 01692 670521

Alison and Sally are taking the crib service to the **Repps Little Rascals playgroup on Monday 8 December** – the playgroup for toddlers is held on a Monday between 10am – 11.30am at the Village Hall

The Carol Service will be held in St Peter's Church on **Sunday 21 December at 6.30pm**. Come along to this our annual service of Carols and Readings this will be followed by the usual Repps fare of mulled wine and nibbles.

Christmas Day Service at St Peter's Church at 9.00am join us and members of the Repps cum Bastwick "Ensemble" for a truly uplifting start to the Christmas Day festivities.