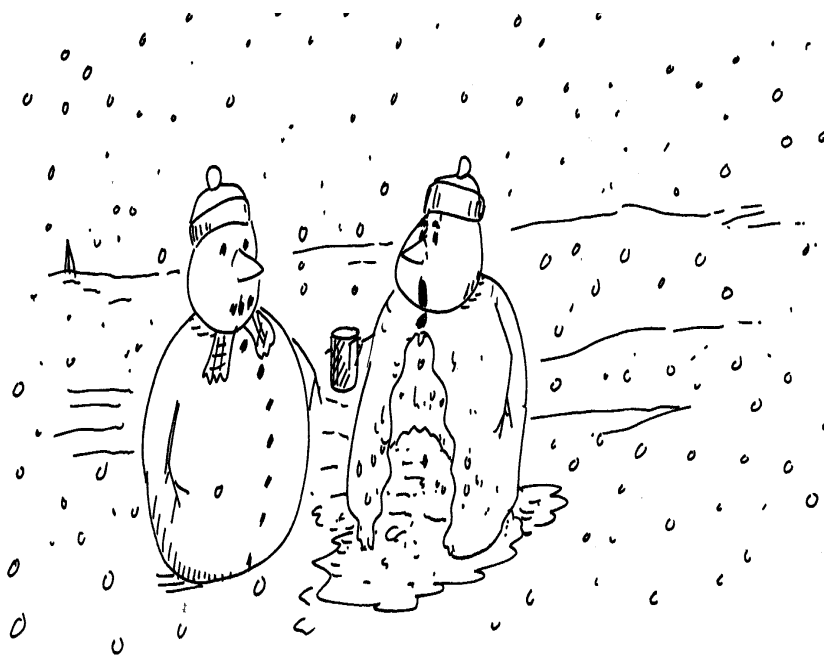


COWLING NEWS

February 2010



You're right... hot coffee was not a good idea...

Thank you to our intrepid cartoonist, Doug Lawrence, and to all who braved the slippery pavements and roads recently to deliver the newsletter. Your time and effort is much appreciated!

Note from a grateful customer:

I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to our Milkman Keith Hiscoe and his helper Andrew for struggling round with the milk etc. The recent bad weather must have made it very hard up and down our side streets. Thank you and well done! Thanks also to our Postman and Binmen.

Parish Council News

Money - what happens to a bit of your council tax.

The council has prepared its budget for 2010/2011.

In 2009 we increased the precept by around £14,000 to enable us to match fund a grant to the Village Hall Management Committee of £25,000 but we promised to reduce it back to that level for this next year.

Like a lot of promises from councils you'll not be surprised to know that we have broken that promise.

But you might be surprised to learn that we've broken it by reducing it even further than that promised, by a total of 40% in fact. And won't it be pleasant if Craven District Council and North Yorkshire County Council do the same?

In strictly accurate terms we've reduced precept by 40% which is around 15% lower than it was two years ago. You will also see a great increase in repairs and maintenance such as play equipment, seat repairs, street light replacement, and there will be a trial of a village lengthsman later this year.

Money is also being set aside to enable grants to those organisations which we think are valuable to the village, and we've been able to benefit those greatly this year.

Play Equipment.

The council is presently engaged in checking the state of play equipment, and we hope that all in the village will help us in choosing which equipment to replace. £4,000 has been budgeted to be spent on that in the next year, along with a further £3,882 we have saved and still to spend on it.

We will keep you posted on this, 'cos we need your help in deciding what equipment to get.

The council joins Café Society!

To help us bring the council to the public, especially for those who don't like going out late on dark nights, we shall be holding regular 'drop in' sessions.

Beginning on March 15th there will be a councillor or councillors in Drystone Radio Café on the third Monday in each month between 10:00 and 12:00 noon. Why not turn up and have a cup of tea with your local councillor?

Police News.

Local officers were present at the council meeting to see if there are any problems in the village. We were told that crime, which was relatively low in Cowling, is decreasing, and they believe that part of that decrease may be attributed to the regular calls to peoples' houses by officers and councillors.

Who knows? We don't, but we're going to carry on making them! If you don't want councillors and police officers calling at your house to check on any problems you might have, please either let the council know, or simply put a notice in your window.

Christmas Lights, and the Competition.

There's only around 345 days to the next Christmas lights episode! The Parish Council has a volunteer to help us in deciding what to do for next year (thank you Tracey!) but if you too would like to help, then please let us know. We've budgeted for £2,000 to spend in this area, why not help us in spending it? The Christmas lights competition had two

winners, Mr. & Mrs. Benson of the Keepers Cottage, and Mr. & Mrs. Maginnis of 12 Ickornshaw. There were some truly superb displays, and it would have been good to make awards to all, but alas! We cannot do that! Many thanks to all who brightened our lives with some glorious displays, they were both excellent and greatly appreciated. Prizes to be presented later in January, with photographs to follow on the website.

Ben Snowden Christmas Charity

This charity exists to give £2.00 to every person in the village aged over 70 who claims it. It's an old tradition, and one which the council is keen on preserving, so on the 10th December we did just that. To try and make it a little more interesting we decided that mulled wine or tea along with mince pies should be given out, and this had the great result that many people turned up and used the occasion to meet old friends and neighbours, and to have a chat with them. Cllr. Tindale brought along old pictures of villagers and the village, she also brought along some big boxes of chocolates; all seemed to go down well! Almost twice as many turned up as last year, 36 people, so next year we shall make the event last longer than the two hours normally allowed and hope that even more will turn up.

Village Hall

The council has now put in a further request to Craven District Council regarding enforcement of the completion and delivery of this hall to the Parish Council, in accordance with the undertaking from the developer in exchange for the granting of planning permission on the Acre Mill site. Whatever happens or is happening, we shall try to keep you fully informed. Council meetings are on the first Monday of

each month, except for bank holidays when they're on the second Monday. Why not turn up and see for yourself what's happening, and maybe even have a bit of a hand in deciding what should happen?

MOONRAKERS www.moon-rakers.co.uk

The January meeting was cancelled due to icy conditions.

Moonrakers meet once a month, to discuss aspects of local history and then plan ways of recording celebrating and sharing it with the parish community and beyond. Some members are working continuously to research and record Cowling history. We have held Nostalgia afternoons and organised local walks to entertain, inform and record local history.

Our next meeting is: Thursday 7.30-9.15 pm 4th February. At the beginning of each session there is a chance to bring historic questions or information without having to stay for the full session. We look forward to seeing members old and new. All are welcome. Refreshments served.

Venue: Village Hall

For more information about Moonrakers contact Mark Barnes 01535 637352 or Mark Wilson 01535 631225 Or email us at enquiries@moon-rakers.co.uk

Cowling Companions

After having to cancel our first two meetings in January for the snow and ice, hopefully we shall now be able to continue our weekly meetings. On the 17th February we shall have Peter Brown showing slides from his nature collection of his walks around our country-side. 2.00pm

admission £2.00 including homemade refreshments afterwards. Watch this space next month when we hope to have a list of our future outings for this summer.

COWLING GALA

Cowling Gala theme for 2010 is Fashion through the 20th Century. Next meeting is 9th February at the Bay horse at 7.30pm which we would like to see more people with their views and ideas for the Gala. Watch this space regarding the Cowling Gala Official Website which should be up and running in the next few weeks.

SOUTH CRAVEN CHESS CLUB

We are launching a new chess club for South Craven meeting every Sunday evening at Café 106.9 in Cowling. (next to the Old Post office). All ages and standards welcome from beginners to the better players amongst us. It's friendly, informal and intended to be a fun enjoyable evening. Contact David Seaward on 07753 651224 or email seawardpr@gmail.com

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Cowling Recreation Ground Committee

There is a vacancy on the committee anyone interested in joining should contact the chairman Jan Ackroyd – 01535 635550

The Recreation Ground Committee are trying very hard to make the ground a safe and pleasant place to visit. However much money has been spent on repairing acts of vandalism and we very much want to create an up to date and safe play area and are in the process of raising funds. If you can help in any way please contact us.

A public meeting will be held in Cowling Village Hall on Monday 8th March 2010 at 7:30pm to discuss the possibility of a community event in the recreation ground. All members of our community and community groups are invited to attend for an open discussion.

COWLING CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Events at Cafe 106.9FM

1st Tuesday: Open Mic Night;

3rd Tuesday: Cowling Folk Acoustic Night

Wednesdays

Cowling Toddlers 10 – 11.30am St Andrew's

Cowling Youth Club, Village Hall

Thursdays

Mobile Library, top of Walton Street, 10.00am – 6.00pm

Fridays

St Andrew's Coffee Morning 10.00 – 11.00am

Sundays

South Craven Chess Club (see note)

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