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The Riccall Beacon - Winter 2009

WHAT'S GOING ON IN RICCALL?

Merry Christmas to you all

Welcome to the winter 2009 edition of the Riccall Beacon.

It has been a really busy period, since we last wrote to you in September, with involvement in lots of different community initiatives. Cllr Lily Wilson has resigned from the Council and we thank her for her contribution over the last four years and wish her well for the future. See page 3 if you are interested in applying to be a Councillor.



Riccall Village

Design Statement

A new group has formed to update the existing Village Design Statement (VDS) and members have been busy assessing housing styles and putting reports together so that the Riccall VDS can be as accurate as possible. The idea of a VDS is that all potential new build within Riccall has to adhere to adopted guidance, which comments on the general character

of streets and areas within the village. Selby DC is working with the Council to bring the guide up to date and produce a new document. If you want to be involved in this process, which is in its very early stages, get in touch.

Recreational Progress

You may have noticed that some work has happened at the park, within the last few weeks. New and bigger litter bins have been added, as this was becoming a problem. The area next to the skate park has been strimmed back and shaped into humps for BMX riders.



The skate park underwent some art work during the October half term, when members of Riccall Youth Club worked with a graffiti artist to create new art and repaint some of the work done last year. Well done to the young people who got involved in this. The

Beacon at the park is about to be re-painted and a new sign will be erected.

Five Parish Councillors and the Clerk attended a one day course provided by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, which was really useful and will help to further develop our maintenance programme.

The junior football project is underway, with further details becoming available in the Spring Riccall Beacon—watch this space.

Finally, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Riccall Parish Council

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Emergency Planning

Riccall Parish Council needs to update the existing emergency plan, which would be used to work in partnership with the Emergency Services should an appropriate situation arise in Riccall.

We are looking for residents that would be interested in helping us to update the plan early in 2010.

A focus group will be asked to look at the project and work with Councilors to ensure that our emergency plan has real community involvement. Residents who have worked within the Emergency Services either currently or in the past would be particularly welcome on the group, as would anyone with knowledge of emergency planning in general and those eager to help out in an emergency situation. Please do get in touch if you are able to help.

Traffic management



The previous quarter has seen a focus on correspondence and meetings around the subject of traffic management in Riccall. Senior NYCC Highways officers have met with the Clerk and Chairman to take forward initiatives and the council has pressed for action.

NYCC has now finally agreed to trial a vehicle activated sign on Main Street, near to the park and based on the results of this, will hopefully allow Riccall PC to purchase a permanent sign. Recent speed surveys have taken place on Main Street, York Road and Kelfield Rd and the results of these will be evaluated in November.

Residents have complained about two other areas in Riccall. The junction of Back Lane and Main Street is a problem with regard to visibility, due to parked cars. Also, the traffic light end of Station Rd is experiencing problems with parking, deliveries and general congestion.

NYCC has agreed to look carefully at both sites and come back to the council with ideas and solutions. We will keep you informed about these areas.

Sad goodbye to former Councillor



Members were very sad to hear of the recent death of former Riccall Parish Councillor, Herman Baarda. Herman served on Riccall Parish Council for many years, and always held a particular interest in making the village look attractive through initiatives like 'Riccall in Bloom.'

Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

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Vice-Chairman 2009/10

Cllr Edward Wilkinson
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Council Vacancy - do you fancy joining us?

Due to the resignation of Cllr Lily Wilson, we now have one casual vacancy on Riccall Parish Council. So do you think you could fill the gap?



What does it take to be an effective Councillor?

As a minimum, there is a commitment to attend at least 17 full and committee meetings a year on a Monday evening; but there should be a much greater involvement in order for the Council to be proactive and progressive. There are many formal and informal meetings to be attended outside of normal Council meetings, numerous papers to be read and ad hoc and regular jobs to be done, such as distributing the Beacon, planting bulbs and helping to check the play equipment! It can be a frustrating job when you are trying to get organisations and people to do the jobs they are responsible for; but it can be rewarding when things you have been pressing for are achieved and when the occasional praise comes your way.



What's in it for us?

We ask only that you want to serve the community of Riccall and have the best interests of our village at heart. We would hope that you have some experience and skills to share or maybe just lots of enthusiasm! Riccall Parish Council is non-political and concerned only with the community of Riccall.

What's in it for you?

We would provide training for you in order to develop your new role. The job is voluntary without any payment. There is a small Cllrs allowance available each year for those that choose to claim it, in order to cover your expenses. It is a very satisfying role and one that matters a great deal. You would be representing the electorate of Riccall and working towards improving your own community.



Are there any conditions?

Not many. To become a Riccall Parish Councillor, you need to be an elector of Riccall or have your main place of work in Riccall. You need to be over 18 years of age and not be a paid employee of Riccall Parish Council. You cannot become a Parish Councilor if you have been declared bankrupt, unless the debts are paid in full or the bankruptcy becomes annulled or discharged. Some rules apply about criminal convictions and it would be worth speaking privately to the Clerk about that, if you are interested in becoming a Councillor.

Riccall Parish Council would like to actively encourage all residents to become more involved in the Council.



You would be made very welcome and would be contributing significantly to your own community.

Please give Lindsey Ryan a call on 01757 249222 to have a chat about what is involved, or speak to one of the current Councillors.



Website re-launch planned

Riccall Parish Council was one of the first with a presence on the web and has run a successful and award winning website since 2001.

Times are moving on and the council plans to re-launch the website shortly. For the time being continue to access

our existing site at www.riccallpc.com

We will keep you informed, as plans develop with the new site.

If you want to suggest any features / links that are not on the existing site, which would be useful to you, let us know

and we will consider them.

It would be good to hear about what you would like to see, before we change things!



Recipe Corner - Ice Cream Christmas Pudding

For an alternative to traditional Christmas pudding...try this...

Ice Cream Christmas Pudding—serves 10



- 50g toasted almonds,
- 45g mixed peel
- 80g raisins (chopped),
- 80g sultanas
- 50g currants,
- 80ml rum
- 1 litre good quality vanilla ice cream
- 105g red and green glace cherries (quartered)
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice,
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 litre good quality chocolate ice cream



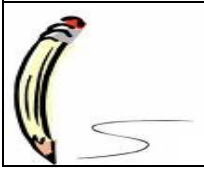
- 1 Mix the almonds, peel, raisins, sultanas, currants and rum in a bowl, cover with plastic wrap and leave overnight. Chill a 2 litre pudding basin in the freezer overnight.
- 2 Soften the vanilla ice cream slightly and mix in the glace cherries. Working quickly, press the ice cream around the inside of the chilled basin, spreading it evenly to cover the base and side of the basin. Return basin to freezer and leave overnight. Check the ice cream a couple of times and spread it evenly.
- 3 The next day, mix the spices and chocolate ice cream with the fruit mixture. Spoon it into the centre of the pudding bowl and smooth the top. Freeze overnight or until very firm. Turn the pudding out onto a chilled plate and decorate. Cut into wedges to serve.

Best of all no heating up or custard necessary!



Community Notice Board.....

Did you have something to add?



This is your section of the Beacon, providing an opportunity for community groups to submit articles about their group and about what it does. Attempts have been made to reach most groups via email but apologies if we have missed yours. Any community group in Riccall can submit an article but we do ask that they are kept to a maximum of around 200 words, so that we can be inclusive and fair to all groups. Ideally please email the article to lindsey.ryan@riccallpc.com. The Beacon will be produced seasonally in March, June, September & December of each year. Many thanks for all of your articles to date. Deadlines for 2010 editions will be Feb 26th, May 21st, Sept 10th and Nov 5th.

Lindsey Ryan - Editor

WHAT'S GOING ON IN RICCALL?

Riccall United FC & Riccall United Juniors FC - progress report

Riccall United first team are working hard for each other and playing some good football against some very good opposition. Football in the top division (Premier league) is of a higher standard than the first division and the team is beginning to adapt to the higher pace of games with recent improved performances.

The Reserve team have not had too many games so far but have continued to play good football carried over from last season in Reserve league B.

The newly formed Junior teams are playing well with the Under 7's, more than holding their own in this their first season in the league. The Under 10's are also playing well and currently remain undefeated so far with

some outstanding performances this season.

Riccall United Senior and Junior teams would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of our sponsors and supporters for the tremendous support that the teams have received this season.

The development of Riccall United continues with plans for new junior teams next season at Under 7 and 10 level and are currently looking for new players managers and coaches. If you are interested, please contact our club development officer Roger White on 01757-248052.

A new coaching club has also been formed and takes place every Tuesday from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Regen catering for 5 to 7 years of age - just come along and we will do the rest. Cost is £3.00 per child, girls are welcome.

There are plans to introduce new facilities and more information will be in the next issue of the Beacon.

Roger White
Club Development Officer



Riccall Pre-School Christmas Fayre - Wednesday 16th December



Our Christmas Fayre is being held in the Sports Hall at the Regen Centre on **Wednesday 16th Dec at 12.30pm** and the Christmas Concert will start at 1.30pm.

Lots of stalls and homemade cakes & seasonal refreshments will be available

Please come along to support your local pre-school.

If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize, please call Stephanie on (01757) 248943





Community Notice Board.....

Thank you from residents

Mr and Mrs Wojciechowski have written to thank the council for its work in the village.

They said 'Thank you for the latest (Autumn) issue of The Riccall Beacon. It is a very helpful and informative publication and keeps the village in touch with all that is happening.

We would like to thank the council members for all their hard work. We have lived in various parts of the country but never in an area so well managed and informed.

The council tries to cater for all ages and interests as well as the safety and social well-being of the vil-

lage.'

The comments of Mr and Mrs Wojciechowski were very much appreciated. If you have something to say...whether it be positive or not! Let us know and we can act on it and include your letter in the Beacon if you give us your permission.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN RICCALL?

Riccallish Allsorts Presents
Our 10th pantomime

MOTHER GOOSE

By Bob Heather and Roger Lamb
At Riccall Regen Tel 01757 248849



February 11th 12th and 13th at 7-30pm
and Saturday matinee at 2-30pm

Tickets on sale at the Regen from the 11th January

£5 adults and £3 for children



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Windmill Nursery - a warm welcome awaits you.



Riccall Regen's Windmill Nursery is your local nursery. It caters for children aged from 3 months to 5 years in a large, bright and colourful environment with highly qualified, experienced and caring staff. As well as long and medium term places, Windmill Nursery is able to offer short term places for a couple of hours, half a day or the odd day here and there. Please telephone Christine, the Nursery Manager, on (01757) 249527 to see

what is available. Prices include food and nappies -



very competitive for this area. The nursery has recently received a 'GOOD' Ofsted report and has had a £7000 facelift, courtesy of NYCC, to its outside play area. Thanks to a generous donation of £1000 from English Village Salads of Camblesforth, the inside of the nursery will shortly be

refurbished and a range of new equipment will be purchased. Come along and visit your local nursery. We would be pleased to see you!



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Riccall Tot Stop - Tuesday afternoon fun!



We are a parent and toddler group, welcoming babies, pre-school children and their parents, grandparents or carers.

We meet every Tuesday (during term time) from 1-3pm in the Riverside Room at the Regen Centre.

Sessions cost £1.50 for a parent and 1 child (25p extra for each additional child) For more info. contact Sue Hill (Tel: 249061) or Dawn Smith (Tel: 249190)

Children's Christmas Party—Tuesday 15th December. Mum's night out TBC

7 days to think — beware of bogus callers

Over recent days there have been 'bogus tradesmen' cold calling and targeting properties within Selby district.

There is specific legislation referring to doorstep selling, if the service being offered costs over £35:-

You must be given a **7DAY** cooling off period, within which you can cancel

the contract.

You must be given a written quote for the work, with the full name and address of the company displayed on the quote.

The work carried out must be of a satisfactory standard and the price charged reasonable for the work carried out.

If you have had any work that has contravened any of this legislation, do not hesitate to contact North Yorkshire Police or Trading Standards.

NY Trading Standards

0845 8 72 73 74

NY Police

0845 60 60 247





Meet some of your Parish Councillors....

There are eleven Councillors on Riccall Parish Council—get to know four of them in this issue of the Beacon, with a further feature in the Spring edition.



Cllr Brian Keen - Chairman



Employed by York Hospital Foundation Trust as a Network Engineer, I have lived in the village for 12 years and have been on the Council for 9 years.

Born in Hillingdon, Middlesex, I left London in 1985 and after 5 years in Cambridgeshire, moved to Yorkshire in 1989. Hobbies include modelling, gardening and fund-raising. I am the Riccall Support leader for St. Leonard Hospice. I enjoy village life and especially issues surrounding the environment, recreation and conservation.



I am Chairman of the Carnival Committee and due to its success in 2002, we still hold this event annually during the last weekend of June. Reaching 60 and serving over 40 years in the telecommunication industry, I decided to take semi-retirement and intend to dedicate more of my time to the Council and to helping the village.

I am proud to be associated with Riccall and hope that I will be able to serve the community for the foreseeable future. I am fortunate to have good support from Karen, who after 26 years decided to make an honest man of me - and married me on my 60th birthday. I am proud and honoured to be a part of a pro active local authority like Riccall Parish Council.

Cllr Edward Wilkinson -Vice-Chairman



Originally from the North East, I moved down to Yorkshire when in my late teens. I have now lived in Riccall since 2000. I am married to Elizabeth, with 3 children, 5 grandsons and one granddaughter and I enjoy spending as much time as I can with them.



Employed as General Manager of a company based in Selby, I enjoy being a Councillor very much and am very keen to see the Parish Council continue on its proactive way towards Quality Council status and beyond.

When relaxing, I like to play golf, go walking, practice photography and indulge in watercolour painting. I am a keen 'caravaner' and like to visit as many places, particularly those with historical connotations, as possible. I have the honour of being Chairman of the Board of Directors of Riccall Regen and I am eager to see the Centre become even more of a focal point of village life, encouraged by developing a more-encompassing range of events that all ages will support and attend.



Meet some of your Parish Councillors.....

Cllr Howard Adamson

I have been a Councillor for over ten years and am a former Chair and Vice Chair. I am currently a member of the Council's Administration and Finance Committee and Chair the Riccall Recreation Development Group, which has been responsible for the recent development of the Recreation Ground. I hold the position of Vice Chair of the Trustees of the Regen Centre and have been a Governor at both Riccall CP School and Barlby High School.



Some years ago, I was responsible for establishing the Riccall Branch of the Workers' Educational Association and the Riccall Community Archive. Born in Selby and educated at Read School, Drax (then the local grammar school), my working life has been spent in the Department of Trade and Industry in both London and Leeds. I have lived in Riccall with my wife, Lynne, for 22 years and have two children, Dominic and Charlotte.



I have an interest in reading biographies, local history and geography and in most sports. I am a member of Yorkshire County Cricket Club, the MCC and am a season ticket holder at Selby Town AFC!

Cllr Keith Dawson

My wife and I have lived in Riccall since 1984, having previously lived in Leeds. We have two grown up children, both of whom attended Riccall CP School. I have always enjoyed trying to help develop the talents and skills of the people with whom I have been associated, therefore when my children started at Riccall School, I thought I might be able to contribute to the local community in some way. I stood for the vacant position of Parent Governor and was duly elected. I served the school for eight years and really enjoyed the experience.



In 2002 I was co-opted on to Riccall Parish Council and I would like to think that I have been and still remain an active member. I was one of the two Council coordinators that helped the village to produce the Riccall Parish Plan. I was also a member of the Riccall Recreational Development Group until the completion of the recent Recreation Ground improvements.

I am currently serving on the Administration and Finance Committee and I am the Parish Council's representative on the local Parish Council Forum group, run by Selby District Council. I am the Health and Safety coordinator and recently volunteered to be the Footpaths Officer.

In my spare time I like to relax with my family, listen to music and eat out with friends.

I am a member of a local karate club and also an active member of Riccall Badminton Club. I enjoy various other sports both to participate in and as a spectator.



Don't put it off....get digging in 2010. You know that you want to!



Riccall Lands Charity have a few small gardens coming vacant in the New Year so why not register your interest and join the short waiting list. The rents are £15 for the year with a concession for pensioners and you could start cultivations from next March when plots become vacant.

Ring Paddy on 249201 and arrange to see available plots so that you can **make fresh vegetable growing your New Year resolution.**



Riccall Rainbows - join the fun!



Riccall Rainbows now have places for girls aged between 5 and 7 to join in January 2010! Rainbows is part of the Girl Guiding Association, and we enjoy lots of activities such as crafts, cooking, games and challenges! If you know any girls who would like to join us on Wednesdays between 4.30 and 5.30pm at Riccall Institute, please contact Helen Drye on 07778 782467.

Winter 'Nature Watch' in Riccall



Winter reminders. Keep a supply of nuts/grains in your garden feeder for Tits, Finches, Sparrows and Robins. They depend on you to survive the winter and remember to put out clean water daily. Leave unwanted Apples/cores in a corner of the garden as Black-birds, Thrushes and migrant Redwings and Fieldfare here from Scandinavia for the winter, all enjoy them. Wildlife survival in winter can often depend on you.

"Add nature to your Christmas list this year and treat your garden to a bat box or bird nest box / feeder."

All of our summer migrating birds have left and you've probably seen Geese flying overhead in a V formation, seeking our wetlands after summering in the Arctic. Colonies of birds settle in **Wheldrake Ings national nature reserve** and create a spectacle that is worth observing from one of the many hides. Stroll in **Skipwith Common** along the boardwalk, through the Pine trees to the raised hide and view water birds on the ponds – remember your binoculars.

Work in Northfield by Riccall Lands Charity continues with re-planting of a hedge, replacing some trees in the new wood and surfacing of the access to the cycle path. Information boards will be erected on the Green, Wood & Meadow. Your help on Saturday mornings is vital so please do ring Paddy on 249201 for details. Work starts from 10am on Saturdays from December 7th for a couple of hours weekly. Completing Northfield Breathing Places balances some of the loss of natural habitats to new buildings and intensive farming. **It improves biodiversity in the village and meets Selby District Council's target of creating local community wildlife space.**



I was surprised when out walking one evening by a young Fox scampering in and out of gardens along York Road –it seemed bewildered by our array of waste bins or maybe had lost its way? Sadly an adult fox was the victim in a later road accident near to the Chapel.



Treat your garden to a bat box or a bird nest box or feeder and add nature to your Christmas list.

Paddy Hodgkiss—Riccall Lands Charity



RICCALL REGEN – Business and Community Centre



Now that we are entering the party season, don't forget that Riccall Regen Centre offers a range of facilities to suit all needs. Our licensed bar has an intimate atmosphere suitable for parties of up to 50, including dancing space! The Riverside Room is particularly suitable for children's parties and can easily take 100 people. The main Outhwaite Hall can comfortably hold 200 people, and with our 'Big Top' marquee in place, offers a luxury setting at a cost you can afford. Catering and bar facilities can be provided for any event. Room charges are very competitive for the area. Please telephone (01757) 248849 or visit our website www.riccall.co.uk for more details.

Space Base - Out of School Club



We had great fun during the October school holidays making ghoulish food to eat and scary decorations, all in readiness for Halloween. Our next holiday sessions will be just before Christmas and we will be making gifts and cards for the children to take home. We are open as usual up until then, from 7.30am for the walking bus and after school until 6pm. During this term the children will be involved in making decorations for our Christmas tree which will be displayed in St Mary's Church, along with other local groups, as part of The Dickensian Fayre. We will be open during the school holidays from Monday 21st December until Thursday 24th December. We take casual bookings for as long or short a time as you like so why not take the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping without the children and not having to worry about getting back for the end of school or use the holiday time to prepare for the family festivities while we keep the children occupied making gifts for you! For further information about Space Base; ring Val and the team on 01757 249669 during out of school hours. We would be really pleased for you to come and check out what we get up to at Space Base.

Riccall Badminton Club— come and join us



Riccall Badminton Club was established in 2000, just after the opening of the Regen Centre. We are a social badminton club and we do not participate in the local leagues, although we enjoy friendly competition in our games .

Unfortunately, at the moment we do not have enough lady members to play ladies doubles!



We play at the Regen centre on Tuesday evening between 8.30pm and 10.30pm, playing mixed or men's doubles.



We are looking to boost our membership numbers, so if you would like to come along to our friendly club please contact Keith or Lynn on (01757) 248268.



He is on his way.....don't miss your chance to see him!



St Leonards Hospice

Riccall Support Group

Father Christmas will once again be making his annual visit to Fuchsia Cottage on Kelfield Road on **December 19th from 4pm till 6pm.** See the lights, have a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Entry is by donation please to St Leonard's Hospice.



We will also be having a tombola (in the Church) at this years Dickensian Fayre on December 5th.

Any unwanted items suitable for a tombola would be appreciated. They can be dropped off at Fuchsia Cottage or give us a ring on 249403.



Hospice Christmas Cards and Calendars NOW available from Fuchsia Cottage!

We would like to thank the village for their continued support throughout the year and also thank the volunteers for all their help and hard work!

Brian & Karen Keen

Dickensian Fayre on Village Green - Saturday 5th December 4pm - 7pm

Riccall's third Dickensian Fayre will be held on December 5th 4pm till 7pm

Come and join in the fun on the Village Green!

Get in to the spirit of the evening and come dressed up!

Why not enjoy some hot food, mulled wine, hot chestnuts and toffee apples, whilst having a warm round the brazier and listening to the old barrel organ!

A variety of festive goods will be on sale.

Back by popular demand - buy a candle to light up the Church path.

Call into the church for a cup of

tea and have a go on the tombola.

New this year - a decorated Christmas Tree competition!



Seventeen trees will be on display round the Church -each one decorated by a different organisation in the village.

