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# CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman, Cllr John Peebles, expressed his gratitude to the various individuals and partnerships who collectively help the Parish Council fulfil its duty to you the residents of Criggleshstone. He began by thanking:

**Members of Criggleshstone Parish Council**, who have again spent many hours in the community following up the concerns of residents. It is only they with local knowledge of the area who can pass constructive information on and with their support maintain the precept as one of the lowest in the Wakefield District. Unlike the higher forms of government there is no financial reward for both Parish and Town Councillors, **District Councillors** from both parties in attendance at Parish Council meetings, who endeavour to take your concerns to the appropriate District Council Department. **Police officers** who work on the Safe Scheme, with priorities set by the Parish Council, police officers giving a monthly crime report.

**Parks and Open Spaces Committee**, and the **Friends of Betty Eastwood Park volunteers**, who spend a great deal of time keeping it as tidy as possible, and a pleasurable place to visit.

He reflected on the many events the Parish Council had either instigated or supported over the past year. These included pursuing the concerns in respect of the M1, noise and air pollution problems. The noise issue in particular has been addressed for some time by a group of councillors and residents. This culminated in a public meeting in July 2014 attracting over 40 local residents and councillors who put their views to a Highways Agency representative.

Also in July 2014 Cllr Keith Wainwright organised a service held at Criggleshstone war memorial to commemorate the WW1 centenary. Local school children laid crosses in remembrance of each who gave their life in the conflict. In August Cllr Wainwright coordinated the WW1 Village at War Exhibition.



Remembrance Sunday 2014, Criggleshstone Cenotaph

The Hall Green Summer Gala was a great success, as was the switching on of the Christmas lights at Hall Green. The event was well attended, and again the young people from Dane Royd School were an inspiration with their carol singing.

The November Remembrance service at the Newmillerdam Cenotaph, attracted a large attendance. During this service a stone trough for small crosses was blessed. This was intended to be purchased by the Parish Council, but kindly gifted by Anelays stonemasons on Criggleshstone Industrial Estate. The Service at St James and also at the Criggleshstone War Memorial were both well attended, remembering the fallen in both world wars and more recent conflicts.

The future of Pugneys Country Park: the Parish Council has made very strong objections to the District Council about their proposed cuts to be made at the Park. Much of this is within the Parish, and as it now stands is a Jewel in the Crown for Wakefield. It was felt local politicians failed to take this into consideration.

The chairman thanked all Criggleshstone Parish Councillors for their support, and time that they give on the various Committees.

## ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MAY 2015

The Parish Council elected Councillor Peter Daniels (photographed here) to serve as Chair for the coming year. Councillor Paul Crompton was elected as Vice –chair.

The new Chair on behalf of the Parish thanked the four retiring councillors who had not sought re-election, Cllrs Peebles, Wainwright, Garthwaite and Mrs Margrave.

All have given outstanding service and commitment to the role of Parish Councillor. At the June meeting, the Parish Council welcomed two new councillors Michael Oxspring and Robert Reah.

*The Parish Council meeting is held on the first Tuesday in the month at 7pm at the Criggleshstone Village institute, 36 High Street. (no meeting is held in August).*



## VILLAGE INSTITUTE, 36 HIGH ST.

Are you looking for a local, good sized venue to hold a fund raising event, or thinking of starting a weekly group session such as "Knit & Natter" or a slimming club, or society meeting but your living room is now too small, or your child wants a birthday party but you dread the upheaval to your family home?

Then come check out Crigglestone Village Institute. Complete with kitchen facilities, tables, chairs, toilets and car parking. Reasonable hourly rates, from just £10 per hour.

For more details go to [www.crigglestonepc.org](http://www.crigglestonepc.org) and/or ring: Mandy on 01924 257350.

## LOCAL HISTORICAL EXTRAVAGANZA AT ST JAMES' CHURCH CHAPELTHORPE

**FROM 31ST AUGUST TO 5TH SEPT (INCLUSIVE) 2PM-8PM**  
**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LOCAL HISTORY?**  
**HAS YOUR FAMILY ALWAYS LIVED LOCALLY?**  
**COME AND TRACE YOUR ANCESTORS**

See the unique collection of historical photographs and documents held in the Crigglestone Parish Archive. See how Newmillerdam and our other parish communities have changed beyond recognition over the years. Come and trace your ancestral past, spend an afternoon with us and learn something new about the area in which you live.

**Admission £2 including light refreshments.**

Email [keith.wainwright1@virgin.net](mailto:keith.wainwright1@virgin.net) or Tel 240776 for further details



Crigglestone Colliery officials on a trip to Blackpool in 1900



WW1 Village at War Exhibition August 2014, Hall Green



## CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2014/15

### INCOME

£

Precept.....	49,130.00
Grants .....	-
Hanging Basket Sponsorship .....	2,471.50
VAT Refund.....	3,718.67
Other Income.....	1,881.42
	<b>57,201.59</b>

### EXPENDITURE

£

Staff Costs.....	9,319.26
Office Administration.....	2,774.11
Courses/Conferences/Training .....	179.30
Insurances .....	911.44
Audit Fee .....	441.25
Subscriptions.....	1,126.00
Parish Communications .....	2,879.00
VAT Paid.....	3,822.71
Parks and Open Spaces .....	10,485.69
Hanging Baskets .....	5,103.00
War Memorials.....	280.00
Community Buildings.....	4,064.41
Additional Policing (S31) .....	6,396.00
Grants & Donations.....	2,668.60
Miscellaneous .....	120.00

### TOTAL EXPENDITURE

**50,570.77**

### SURPLUS

**6,630.82**

The Accounts for year ended 31st March 2015, auditor assigned is Littlejohn LLP, appointed by the Audit Commission. Further information is available from Joanie Massey, the Responsible Financial Officer, on 01226 728600.

### PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS:

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The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month (except Aug) in the Village Institute at 7pm.

