

North Yorks Long Distance Walking Association will be using the Sleights Sports Pavilion overnight on the 29th April 2017 as a checkpoint. Residents in the vicinity of the Sports Fields are notified that the Pavilion lights will be evident throughout the night.



Historical Points by Cllr E Preston:

"I often see people looking up the river from the road bridge towards the dam and wonder if they know of the history. It was built to serve Groves Mill that stood directly below Groves Hall up the

Woodlands. The mill was driven by a water wheel that stood astride the sluice, this type being known as undershot driven and when in use was driven by water being diverted down the sluice and if not in use the water was diverted down a tunnel that entered the river just above the road bridge. The remains of the mill and exit tunnel to the river can still be seen today. Sadly, this lovely mill was burnt down in 1828 and later the sluice was converted into a salmon ladder consisting of five deep boxes where the salmon can rest on their way up river."



Public Conveniences Eskdaleside: The parish council wishes to advise residents that it is planned to temporarily close the toilets from the 24th April 2017 for approximately 3 months whilst refurbishment works are being undertaken by the parish council's building contractor. We hope this does not cause too much inconvenience to everyone.

Garden Rubbish Collection: Residents are advised that the fortnightly service returned on the 27 February and will continue until 1 December. Those wishing to sign up for the service should apply for a licence at a cost of £25 as soon as possible. Contact www.scarborough.gov.uk to register or for more information.

Volunteering Opportunity: Yorkshire Air Ambulance are



seeking to help promote fundraising opportunities within local communities. Visit <http://www.yorkshireairambulance.org.uk/info/volunteers>

Closure of Sleights Show: Due to diminishing support over the years, Sleights Show Committee have reluctantly taken the disappointing decision to discontinue the annual village show. This regretful decision was made at the AGM on the 7th March 2017, the meeting was attended by the remaining six committee members with no-one from the community attending.

Appointment of SBC Deputy Mayor: Congratulations to Parish and Borough Councillor Guy Coulson on his appointment to this position for the coming year!

Village Pump: Many of you will have recently seen Sleights Area Men's Shed reinstating the fence at the village pump. They have kindly given their time for free to enable this village icon to once again look smart following the recent demise of the fence. The parish council wishes to thank them very much for their efforts.



Opportunities for apprentices with NYMNP: A variety of opportunities will be on offer in spring 2017 from conservation work outdoors to providing business and admin support.



Previous apprentices have been successful in finding full time work having gone through the programme, which runs alongside academic study. For more information contact Ian Nichols on 01439 772700 at the National Park Authority.

Congratulations! Sleights and Sandsend Medical Practice has been rated "outstanding" by the Care Quality Commission following an inspection carried out in October 2016. Among other things the CQC considered were caring, responsiveness, safety and leadership, also the flexibility of the appointments system. 95% of patients thought the reception staff did a good job and 100% said they had confidence in the last GP they saw. A full report can be seen at : <http://www.cqc.org.uk/location/1-547528792>



Items of historic interest: Prior to archiving of past Parish Council Minutes at NYCC, reaching back over 100 years, a plan is underway to select items of historic interest which may then be made available for readers. These will provide a fascinating insight into how our parish has developed.

Rural Crime: Police are urging people in rural areas to be vigilant and report anything suspicious as part of a major new campaign. Local residents can act as the eyes and ears of the police reporting suspicious or unusual activity. Telephone the Police on 101

Can you help reduce NHS costs? In a time of financial stringency, the local Clinical Commissioning Group is urging patients to help reduce waste for example by:

- ⇒ Thinking about self care for minor ailments
- ⇒ Avoiding wasting prescribed medicine
- ⇒ Considering if medicines purchased over the counter may be cheaper
- ⇒ Avoiding missing appointments

Your cooperation would be much appreciated.



Breast Feeding Support Group: This service is available at Whitby and the Moors Children's Centre on Byland Road, and is part of a countrywide initiative to support mothers with new babies. Contact for more information Ruth Little on 01609 533819.



Need a little extra help in a power cut? A priority services register is available to those who rely on electricity, are disabled, elderly or have young children, which will provide advice and support until supply is restored. Visit

<http://www.northernpowergrid.com/priority> or phone **0800 169 2996**



Active Coast & Country Community Sports Project: This project aims to deliver multi sports across the Borough. The nearest venue for Sleights residents is a Leisure Morning session at Egton Village Hall and the session runs on Thursdays from 9.30am-11.00am, costing £2. The aim is to encourage all ages to socialise whilst doing light exercise. Activities available include short mat bowls,

table tennis/short tennis and badminton. For more information contact Natalie Thomas on 01723 232552 or visit the website:

Muscularskeletal Physiotherapy—new facility at

Whitby Hospital: Those needing to use this service are now able to refer themselves without having to visit their GP first. Contact the hospital on 01947 899200 to make an appointment.

Spend it or loose it: The new £1 coin entered circulation at the end of March. The new 12 sided £1 coin will be the most secure in the world. It boasts several new security features, including a hologram, to prevent counterfeits, which cost taxpayers and businesses millions every year. The present coin loses its legal tender status on 15th October 2017.

County Music Service:

A government investment in music and the arts over the next 4 years will provide music education hubs to work with local schools, local authorities and community organisations target more young people taking part in music and the arts.



Music hubs help young people aged 5-18 to access activities like playing an instrument, singing in a choir or playing in a band.

Scarborough is one of the areas to benefit from the scheme. Research shows that playing an instrument provides an enormous benefit in terms of intellectual, social and emotional development, physical coordination, language and literacy.

Music lessons through the County Music Service are on offer to all young people in North Yorkshire. These can be individual or small group tuition. They can have lessons during school hours, in the evening or take part in activities at music centres across the county on Saturday mornings.

A wide range of instruments can be taught by highly qualified teachers.

Tuition fees start at £68 a term and instruments can be leased or bought through an assisted purchase scheme. Families receiving tax credit and/or income support are able to access help with fees.

To find out more call The County Music Service on 01609 532532 or

email: countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk or

Visit <http://www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk/>

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