

Sleights Conservation Projects Group-'Spring into Action' will be the inaugural project for this new volunteer group. There will be a community litter 'pick-up' where families and individuals can help collect litter and keep our parish clean and green. This is being organised with the support of Scarborough Borough Council so that litter can be picked up in safety. It is to take place on Sunday 13th April, meeting at 11.00am at Sleights Village Hall and it is expected to complete the litter pick around 12 midday. If you need any further information please contact. Colin on 01947 811933. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Cuts to Bus Subsidies: NYCC have announced a range of cuts to bus subsidies. Posters displayed in buses on routes affected will inform people where services are to be withdrawn or capacity reduced. No's 27, X93, 96, 97 and 98 are amongst routes that will be affected. For more information: ring 0845 8 72 73 74; visit any North Yorkshire Library or access the website: www.northyorks.gov.uk/publictransport.

Esk Valley & Coast Green Open Homes will take place on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th April. Volunteers who have made energy saving improvements to their homes will welcome visitors and share their experiences. Visit http://eskandcoast.greenopenhomes.net.

GREEN THE NATIONAL NETWORK OPEN FOR LOW-CARBON **HOMES OPEN HOMES**

Foster Carers Needed: If you feel that you could offer to become a foster carer, in the first instance call Fostering North Yorkshire on 0800 054 6989 for further information.



Dog Fouling: If anyone witnesses someone not picking up after their dog in a public place please report to the Dog Warden either via email: dog.warden@scarborough.gov.uk or telephone: Customer Service: 01723 232323.

Cricket Field: At the start of the new season, dog walkers are reminded to keep dogs on a lead and to keep to the footpath. The groundsman is very appreciative of those who have behaved responsibly since the issue was raised. However, there have been instances of dogs chasing wildlife and of stones being thrown into the beck. Your cooperation would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Great Fish & Chip Supper on Friday 16th May: The Spinal Injuries Association is launching a major fund raising initiative, which will enable it to offer support to those who suffer injuries and their families. The association is asking people to organise a fish and chip supper, either in their own home or a larger venue. A fundraising pack giving hints and tips, invitations and donation envelopes is available on request. Call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 0714350 or email: fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk.

Youth Support Service: The North Yorkshire Youth Support Service has **Commissioner:** The been launched and can be found at www.nyyss.org.

Help about health issues or money management is available and also information about activities within the area.

Presentation by Police

Police Commissioner, Julia Mulligan, will give a presentation in Sleights Village Hall on

Police and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire

Thursday 15th May at 6.30pm. The meeting will be open to all the parishes in the Esk Valley and will give residents the opportunity to question Ms Mulligan about aspects of policing.

Police Advice regarding Doorstep Callers: Residents are advised that if they are concerned about doorstep sellers they should dial 999 immediately. If you are concerned when anyone knocks on your door at night, do not open the door. Unexpected callers who call after dark are asked to be more considerate. Thank you.

War Memorial: Parishioners may be interested to know that the parish War Memorial is listed in the War Memorials Archive based at the Imperial War Museum and also with the War Memorials Trust. Recent inspection has shown some deterioration in the condition of the surrounding gate and railings, and arrangements have been made to repair them.



Village Pump: You may have noticed that the renovation by Mr D Lee to the village pump has been completed and it now looks very smart!

A169 Junction: Further to the piece in the Winter Newsletter, a proposed plan of alterations to signage was sent by NYCC to the Parish Council, and these improvements were agreed upon. It is hoped that these changes will be put in place before the end of the

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current financial year.

Flooding—Briggswath: The Flood Risk Management Team from NYCC have been working at full stretch in recent months, but assure the Parish Council that the Highway team are continuing to monitor the watercourse which lies at the root of the problem. Thank you to the residents in the area for assisting in alleviating this issue, in particular to Mr Green for his efforts.

Parish Plan Review: A review of The Parish Plan 2008-2013 is currently being undertaken to ascertain how far objectives have been achieved. A summary of the findings will be circulated to residents and the Parish Council will then consider the aims and objectives for the next 5 years.



Coach Road: NYCC have confirmed that Coach Road does not Yorkshire County Council feature in the current programme for resurfacing. Meanwhile monthly inspections will be carried out and, until

funds are available for resurfacing, work will be limited to localised patching of any potentially dangerous defects.

Caring for Carers: Scarborough and Ryedale Carers Resource provides well being checks for local carers who may ignore their own health to focus on the person that they care for. For more information call 01723 850155 or email: staff@carersresource.net.

What can I put in my Blue Bin? Residents are reminded to put only authorised items in their blue bin. Food waste, plastic bags, nappies, plastic film, DVD/CD cases, coat hangers, children's toys are amongst items which are NOT acceptable. View the recycling guide and request a hard copy by emailing recycling@scarborough.gov.uk. Thank you.

Wild Flower Planting: The grass verge opposite the Village Hall, from the water trough down to the bus stop, is to be planted with wild flowers. Seeding will take place, weather permitting, in mid April. A mixture of annuals and perennials will be planted. The project is funded by the Parish Council and it is proposed to acknowledge this by erecting a plaque.

Website: The Parish Council has now launched its own website: www.eskdaleside-cum-ugglebarnby-pc.org.uk. Going forward there will be a variety of information available including: about the Parish Council and its meetings, local history, community groups, organisations and events within the parish. Additionally, in the future we hope to get your views on a variety of issues via online polls and consultations. However, for the website to be beneficial to all we need input from YOU! We need details of organisations, groups, businesses, churches, events, local walks, interesting photographs and more! Please contact the Clerk to get details onto the website. We look forward to hearing from you.

NHS Complaints Advocacy Service: Cloverleaf Advocacy has been appointed by NYCC to provide NHS Complaints Advocacy Support for all residents of North Yorkshire. It is a free and independent service for people who need assistance to complain about any aspect of health care. For more information telephone: 0300 012 4212 or visit the website: www.helpwithnhscomplaintsnorthyorks.org.

Annual Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Monday 7th April in Sleights Village Hall. A representative from the North York Moors National Park Authority will give a presentation about the new management plan for the National Park. This will be followed at 7.30pm by the Parish Council meeting. All are welcome to attend either or both these meetings.

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