



**Contacting the police:** To contact the police regarding non-urgent issues, call 101. Whitby Police Station is usually staffed during the daytime.

**Affordable Housing, Eskdaleside:** An open event, to be held in July, will give residents an opportunity to register an interest. Further details later.

**Parish Plan:** The Parish Plan which sets out the Parish Council's aims and objectives for the next five years has now been delivered to every household.

**Overhanging hedges:** At the start of the new growing season, residents are reminded to take care that overgrown hedges do not obstruct public footpaths. Your cooperation will be much appreciated.



## Parish History—by Cllr E Preston

Eskdaleside-cum-Ugglebarnby Parish Council was formed in December 1894 by Act of Parliament which devolved the Parish Vestries that were then in place and which were deemed to be becoming too powerful. That makes our council one hundred and twenty years old! In 1994 the council celebrated its centenary by planting an oak tree in the church yard, which has turned into a fine tree. The tree was provided by the National Park. The planting was attended by Sleights schoolchildren and Parish Councillors, and the tree was blessed by the late Rev. Jones who was then the vicar.

**Help Wanted!** The Spinal Injuries Association offers support to individuals who become paralysed and also their families by providing services and publications which encourage and enable paralysed people to lead independent lives. The association is asking volunteers to organise a Great British Fish & Chip Supper on Friday 15th May 2015. You can hold the supper in your own home, at work or in your community centre.



For more information or to request a fundraiser pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 0714350 or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

Northern Gas Networks new contact number: Residents are advised that the general customer care contact number has been changed to FREEPHONE 0800 040 7766. At present this is free from all landlines and from June 2015 it will be free to dial from all mobiles. However, IF YOU SMELL GAS the number for the National Gas Emergency Service 0800 111999 remains unchanged and should be used to report if you smell gas or suspect Carbon Monoxide.

Community nursing service expanded: This service, covering Whitby and the surrounding area, has been extended so that community nursing will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This will provide the most effective assistance for people who require care and services 24/7 and will enable people to stay in their own homes as long as possible. It will help to prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital by providing interventions overnight, and will facilitate patients discharge from hospital back into their own homes.

This is complemented by The Home from Hospital Service funded by NYCC and its health partners, which offers short-term practical help and support to assist your return home from hospital. For more information:

Telephone 01423 863177

**Parish, District and Parliamentary Elections** are on the 7th May 2015. The deadline for applications to be included on the register of electors to be used at the elections, and thereby able to vote, is Monday 20th April 2015.

Visit https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote for details.

Safer Neighbourhood Initiative: The Safer Neighbourhood Inspector for Ryedale & Whitby Area is concerned about sporadic anti social behaviour and crime throughout this and other parishes and intends to hold multi-agency 'surgeries' where residents can speak to officers about their concerns. Details of dates and times of these surgeries will be published shortly. Meanwhile residents are asked to report any suspicious incidents on 101, and provide witness statements against those causing a nuisance or behaving anti-socially. Inspector Andy Everitt will also be speaking at the Annual Parish Meeting (7 to 7.30pm) on Monday 13th April 2015 in Sleights Village Hall.



**Sleights and Sandsend Medical Practice Patient** Participation Group: The group works with the Practice to promote co-operation between doctors,

staff and patients. The aim is to enable a two way communication between the Practice and patients to listen to opinions and share experiences of the services provided.

A twice yearly newsletter is produced. It gives information on issues such as increasing the use of patient contact by email or mobile phone. It gives details of the progress made by our Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in regard to Whitby Hospital and highlights health issues such as diabetes and appropriate use of antibiotics. Patients can contact the group via the Secretary, Liz Anderson, on 810375 or by using the suggestion box in Churchfield Surgery.



## NYCC Temporary Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) Yorkshire County Council

**Programme:** NYCC have informed the Parish

Council that the pilot scheme has been an overall success and they will be continuing with the programme. As the Parish Council is aware of residents concerns about the speeding issues on Coach Road (A169), it has agreed to sign up to the 4 year programme at a cost of £750 per annum. This will mean the temporary VAS will be in situ for 3 periods each year, further details and dates are to be advised by NYCC.

What to do in the event of a powercut: The increased frequency of exceptionally high winds has raised the possibility of powercuts. Northern Powergrid provide a 24 hour contact centre to offer support and advice. Mob: 0330 123 0675 Landline: 0800 375 675. In brief, their advice to customers is as follows:

- Turn off electrical appliances at the socket (especially important for heating and cooking appliances)
- Keep one light on so that you know when electricity has been restored
- Check on neighbours to make sure that they are comfortable and well
- Use batter powered lamps or torches rather than candles fo safety reasons
- Only call 999 in the event of an emergency

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Could you be a volunteer Befriender? Whitby, Scarborough & Ryedale Disability Action Group is now running a Volunteer Befriending Project. This pilot project is to provide disabled and elderly people with support to live independently and to improve their social, emotional and physical well being. The project runs until August 2015 when it is hoped that feedback and evaluation will demonstrate the need for the service to support application for further funding.

Volunteer Befrienders will receive training and DBS checks. If you could help, or for further information, contact Kelly Baxter on 01947 821001 or email Kelly@whitbydag.org.uk.



River Esk—Conservation Project: A project that aims to save the freshwater pearl mussel from extinction and to halve the decline of the Atlantic Salmon is underway. A new element of this project is the Anglers' Monitoring Initiative. A group of 12 local anglers and wildlife group members were trained in survey techniques to monitor the health of the river by sampling and recording invertebrates. The groups findings over 2 years have provided useful data which has made an informative contribution to the project and wider management of the river.

## **Councillors**



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