

## Parking and street signs

Parking in and around the villages continues to be a problem often reported to the Parish Council by residents and we are aware of the inconvenience it causes. We continue to monitor it and welcome any suggestions from parishioners to alleviate the problems.

Many of the streets and lanes in the Parish do not have name signs. At a recent council meeting it was proposed to ask residents if this is something they would like to have or not? Are postcodes enough for people to find you? Are more signs a good or bad idea? Please let a member of the council know if you have any views either way so that we can gauge interest.



## Millington arts group

The art group has resumed and now meets in Millington Village Hall at 2:00 - 4:00 pm every Monday. For further information please contact Joy on 306 655.

The group will be having a rolling display of work completed in the church, do come and have a look. The current theme is 'Landscapes in Millington & beyond'.

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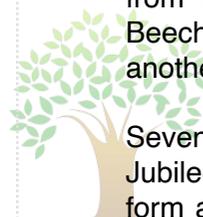
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## Tree planting at Swineridge

The Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £1,500 from East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) to cover the cost of planting trees at the Swineridge View amenity site, following the removal of trees suffering from ash die-back. 34 trees have been purchased, including Birch, Beech, Crab Apple, Mountain Ash and Sorbus hupehensis, which is another form of Rowan with purplish bark and white berries.



Seven of the Birch have been planted in a ring to commemorate the Jubilee. Later plantings of holly between them might be considered to form a 'crown'. The remaining trees are being planted predominantly on the Eastern side, as the soil on the Western side is very shallow. The Mountain Ash (*Sorbus aucuparia*) and Crab Apple (*Malus sylvestris*) are half standard, so at over 6 feet now, these should give a good early show as the others grow to maturity.

It was hoped to plant hazel as well, but none suitable was available at the time. These could be added later at a small cost.

The removal of dead ash trees continues and a review later this year will be done to determine the extent of the damage.

A huge thanks to local resident Robert Willoughby for all his help and work in applying for the grant and for commencing the work of planting the trees.

## Damage at Millington Pastures

Over the years a huge amount of damage has been done to the verges in Millington Pastures. This has been well publicised throughout the Parish and even on local TV. Sadly it has got worse! 4 x 4 vehicles have been tearing up and down, destroying protected flora and fauna.

The Parish Council has escalated its concerns to Natural England, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency. If any member of the Parish or the general public sees further damage, please report directly to the Environment Agency, telephone 0800 870 060 quoting grid ref SE84091 52848 (complaint reference #2034514). The more reports we have, the better chance we have of stopping it.

## Wildflower initiative

The Parish Council is undertaking a project to incorporate wildflowers into the verges around the villages. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please get in touch with any of the councillors. We are looking to see if there are any grants available to fund this.

## Gait Inn charity quiz nights

The quiz nights have been well supported every other Wednesday and £500 each has been donated to two local charities:

- The Pocklington branch of the Imagination Library gives free books each month to eligible children in the YO42 postcode area to encourage reading.
- Stick 'n' Step is a charity which supports children in a practical way who suffer with Cerebral Palsy.

The fun quiz starts at 9 pm for teams of 2 or more and is followed by supper, provided by The Gait Inn. Next one on Wednesday 30th March.

## Wold Rangers way ultra marathon

This event will take place on the 23rd April and is organised by Ultra Trails. Starting in Driffield with around 50 participants it passes through our area later in the day. Full details at [ultratrails.co.uk/wrw-overview](http://ultratrails.co.uk/wrw-overview) if you want to join in 😊.

## Annual Parish meeting

This public meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday 5th April at 7pm in the Village Hall, Millington**

The meeting is an annual event at which the Parish Council reports on the work that it has done. But perhaps more importantly members of the public are welcome to ask questions, or express views and ideas to the council.

## The Queen's platinum jubilee

Celebrations to mark the Jubilee will begin on **Thursday 2nd June** with the lighting of a beacon at the Swineridge View picnic site, to link up with other beacons across the United Kingdom.

On **Sunday 5th June** a village tea will be held in the Main Street. The Parish Council has obtained a further grant to fund these celebrations.

Full details will follow nearer the time, but please keep the date free! If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for anything specific they would like to do, please contact a member of the council.

## East Riding of Yorkshire Council news

ERYC are offering several sources of financial help to residents, including a household support fund, help with food and utility/energy bills, the Warm House Discount and Energy Fund vouchers. Tel. 01482 420 836 to find out more, or email ERYC at [benefit.takeup@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:benefit.takeup@eastriding.gov.uk)

ERYC are keen to recruit private foster carers and urge anyone who is interested to contact them on 01482 395 500, or go to [www.erscp.co.uk](http://www.erscp.co.uk)

Every 10 years ERYC look at the Public Rights of Way in the county and how they can be updated and improved. If anyone would like to look at the consultation survey and/or comment, go to [www.eastriding.gov.uk](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk) and search for "Rights of way improvement plan".

Wolds Weighton Councillors Leo Hammond & Mike Stathers will be presenting a session on Devolution in the Village Hall in April. Please see the Council noticeboard for the date, which is yet to be confirmed.