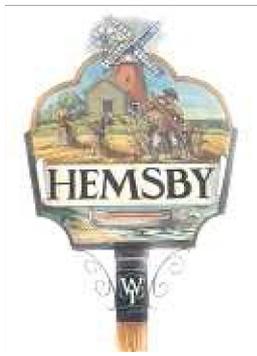


# Hemsby



# Herald

Quarterly newsletter of the Hemsby Parish Council

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## Protect Your Oil Tank

### **How to prevent Fuel Theft**

#### *Control Switches*

Control switches that control the flow of oil should be turned off and the electricity supply isolated when the tank is not in use.

#### *Padlocks*

A thief will usually come equipped with a limited range of tools to attack your tank so it's worth spending a little more on good quality locks. Close shackle padlocks are the best as they offer most resistance to thieves. Due to their design, close shackle padlocks have very little of the metal hoop (shackle) exposed and bolt croppers cannot get a good grip.

#### *Oil level gauges*

Remote electronic oil level gauges are now available which will set off an audible alarm if the oil level in the tank suddenly drops or falls below a quarter full. These gauges can be located in the kitchen, or perhaps a utility room to warn of any potential problem. There are two or three different versions on the market at the moment and cost between £70 and £100.

#### *Security Lights*

Security lights can have a very positive effect and make any property a harder target for thieves. It's not always necessary to floodlight the area with high power beams, as a more subtle level of lighting may be all that is needed. Low energy 'dusk 'til dawn' lights positioned close to the tank should, in most cases, provide sufficient light to illuminate any suspicious activity. This type of light can be both effective and inexpensive. High powered lights can be used but care should be taken not to cause any nuisance to neighbours or road users

#### *Positioning your tank*

The position of the tank can have a significant effect on how hard a target it is in the eyes of the thief. If the tank is close to the house, with one

or more windows capable of giving a view of it, then the thief may consider the chances of being seen too high. If the tank is close to a road, path, drive or alleyway then it will be a far easier target. Hiding the tank behind the garage, shed or other type of outbuilding is fairly commonplace, but it does give the thief the advantage. Oil tanks do need to be within a reasonable distance of the road otherwise the oil supply company may not be able to refill it for you.

#### *Defensive Planting*

Defensive planting is nature's way of helping to reduce crime. Thieves will not wish to force their way through or over a prickly hedge. The smallest trace of blood or shred of ripped clothing could help the police identify the offender.

#### *Securing your oil tank*

A wooden or metal fence, trellis or wall can give significant protection to the tank but it must be remembered that the oil tanker driver will need access to fill the tank. A metal grill or cage with a lockable access point across the top of this wall or fence can further improve security. This wall or fence should be as close to the tank and as high as possible.

#### *Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)*

The use of CCTV as a crime prevention and crime detection tool has grown massively in recent years. It could play a part in the protection of oil tanks but before you spend lots of money on equipment make an assessment of your needs

**To report an incident of oil theft to the police call 0845 456 4567**

**Norfolk Constabulary**  
*Our priority is you*

## **Hemsby What Was Your Say for £10,000 and our progress in implementing your vote.**

On a very cold and snowy Saturday 27th November the village came out to vote, well 65 brave souls and a dozen or so children did. The results are as below with the £10,000 of funding potentially able to support 8 different projects across the village.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Project Name &amp; Outline</b>	<b>Funds £</b>
1	<p><b>Community Hub.</b> A place to meet for the young &amp; old, Wifi, have coffee, exchange books. At the Congregational Church, Pavilion or other venue(s). The proposed venue at the Congregational Church has certain advantages relating to open availability and a dedicated resource. However the amount of work and associated cost, plus the possibility of operating constraints dictated by the Church trustees make this a non favoured solution A review has been done of the meeting room at the Pavilion. This looks good &amp; a deal is being put together with the management group. Monies will be spent on furniture, storage, notice boards and potentially a coffee machine and WiFi access</p>	5,000
2	<p><b>Youth Officer</b> Work is progressing well with the new Hemsby ///young Peoples Group. The budget will be committed to equipment, training, hiring fees, and the cost of specific events/outings. A venue for this group is potentially the Community Hub</p>	3,000
3	<p><b>Community Purchasing Scheme</b> Hemsby has been selected to operate a pilot programme with the Norfolk Rural Community Council, registration fee £30 for the village. The initial products on offer will be heating oil and gas, open to all residents of the village to order at any time. Further gardening and food products will be added as the scheme develops</p>	1,500
4	<p><b>Village Games</b> The plan is to look to enter a team in the Norfolk Village Games on June 19th. Sampler sessions including a taster day to be held in early May. Jo Cook is developing this offer</p>	1,000
5	<p><b>Dog Waste Bins</b> Funding for 2/3 new general waste bins with labelling regarding the placement of dog waste. Borough Environmental Wardens to also be engaged in the scheme</p>	1,000
6	<p><b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b> A series of samplers for various Art &amp; Craft activities. Requires firming up of the options. Potentially to run in the Community Hub</p>	1,000
7	<p><b>Barn Room Improvement.</b> The scheme will support the improvement to facilities at the Barn Room in the form of enhanced heating, insulation and kitchen facilities.</p>	C 2,400
8	<p><b>Community Recycling.</b> A notice board to be erected on the Post Office wall with offers from villagers of items for free use by others. Jenni Eley and Tony Coleman to potentially act as Administrators. Cost of notice board and planning permission circa £250</p>	C 250

With a total sum of £10,000 for services reinforced by a further £3,880 for community safety capital works, funding should cover all of the proposed projects except the three that received the fewest overall points. That is the flashing speed sign, the hearing loop for the village hall and further planting around the village. The administration costs of the whole process to date has been limited to £40, to cover the use of the barn room on the voting day. The Parish council gave a grant to cover the costs of the ideas forms and posters, while steering group members covered lots of incidental expenses.

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## Did you know?

### January

January was established as the first month of the year by the Roman Calendar. It was named after the god Janus (Latin word for door). Janus has two faces which allowed him to look both backwards into the old year and forwards into the new one at the same time. He was the 'spirit of the opening'.

In the very earliest Roman calendars there were no months of January or February at all. The ancient Roman calendar had only ten months and the new year started the year on 1 March.

To the Romans, ten was a very important number. Even when January (or Januarius as the Romans called it) was added, the New Year continued to start in March. It remained so in England and her colonies until about 200 years ago.

The Anglo-Saxons called the first month **Wolf monath** because wolves came into the villages in winter in search of food.

### New Year Superstition

The 1st of January was a highly significant day in medieval superstitions regarding prosperity, or lack of it, in the year ahead.

A flat cake was put on one of the horns of a cow in every farmyard. The farmer and his workers would then sing a song and dance around the cow until the cake was thrown to the ground. If it fell in front of the cow that signified good luck; to fall behind indicated the opposite.

### Frost Fair

The worst cold spells in Britain occurred between 1550 and 1750. The climate during this time was known as the Little Ice Age, when winters were so cold that the Thames froze over each year. It was not uncommon for the freeze to last over three months, as in the case of the winters of 1683—1684 and 1715 - 1716.

The first recorded Frost Fair was held on the frozen river Thames in London in 1608. It had tents, sideshows, food stalls and even included ice bowling!

The last Frost Fair was held in the winter of 1814. It began on February 1, and lasted just four days. An elephant was led across the river below Blackfriars Bridge.

### Anniversaries

2nd - On this date in 1770, a huge Christmas pie was baked for holiday consumption in London. According to the Newcastle Chronicle, it was made of "two bushels of flour, twenty pounds of butter, four geese, two turkeys, two rabbits, four wild ducks, two woodcocks, six snipes, four partridges, two neats' tongues, two curlews, seven blackbirds, and six pigeons. It was nearly nine feet in circumference at bottom, weighed about twelve stone."

### Easter bunnies, eggs and hot cross buns

The ancient Anglo-Saxons celebrated the return of spring with a carnival commemorating their goddess of offspring and of springtime, Eostre. The word carnival possibly originated from the Latin 'carne vale' meaning "flesh, farewell" or "meat, farewell." The offerings were rabbits and coloured eggs, bidding an end to winter. As it happened, the pagan festival of Eostre occurred at the same time of year as the Christian observance of the Resurrection of Christ and it didn't take the Christian missionaries long to convert the Anglo-Saxons when they encountered them in the 2nd century. The offering of rabbits and eggs eventually (in the 8th century, it is thought) became the Easter bunny and Easter eggs.

The word bun is derived from the Saxon word "boun" (pronounced "bo-han") which means "sacred ox." At the ancient Celtic feast of Eostre, an ox was sacrificed with the ox's horns becoming a symbol for the feast. They were carved into the ritual bread, thus "hot cross buns." Initially, the cross on the buns represented the moon, the heavenly body associated with the goddess Eostre, and its four quarters. Today, the cross on hot cross buns represents the cross of Christ.

## St Marys Afternoon Club

meets in the Barn Room on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 2pm

Our entertainment includes coach trips, quizzes, bingo and guest speakers.

For further information ring 01493 730149 or 01493 732653

## Hemsby Village Blogspot

Do you wish to advertise your event? Why not use the Hemsby Village Blogspot?

Please send any information regarding forthcoming events in Hemsby to Colin Robinson at colrob36@hotmail.com and your event will be put on the blogspot.

Items already on the blogspot can be accessed at:  
<http://hemsbyvillage.blogspot.com/>

## Don't Forget

More information about Hemsby Village Life & the Hemsby Herald is available on the village web site at

[www.hemsbyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.hemsbyparishcouncil.org.uk)

For information about past and forthcoming Hemsby Festival Events visit our website at [www.hemsbyvillagefestival.org.uk](http://www.hemsbyvillagefestival.org.uk)

See also the Hemsby Village blog at <http://hemsbyvillage.blogspot.com> for all the latest and most up to date village & events news.

For 'Hemsby Festival Events' news see our website [www.hemsbyvillagefestival.org.uk](http://www.hemsbyvillagefestival.org.uk)

## Hemsby Medical Centre considers Patient Safety

In a move to improve the safety of patients visiting the medical centre they have ordered a handrail to be installed on the pathway slope up to the main entrance.

An order for same has been placed with Alma Ironcraft.

## Police Matters

PCSO Pam Potter reported that there had been 6 crimes since the December report viz:

3 oil thefts in Barleycroft and 3 thefts - a person has been questioned.

The PC reported that there was a problem with young drivers using the playing field carpark as a race track - the Police will be monitoring the situation.

In February Sgt Brown reported 6 crimes since last PC meeting viz:

1 offence at Beach Road Arcade, 2 criminal damage offences, 2 thefts of domestic oil and 1 cannabis offence

The following events have also been investigated:

- Van using red diesel
- People knocking on doors and running away - Yarmouth Road
- Speeding traffic Martham Road/ Ormesby Road - vehicles stopped and given warnings
- Bus shelter North Road - noise nuisance investigated
- Needle at toilets
- Children spoken to on two occasions in Barleycroft area. Further problems to be dealt with.

Issues for the police:

Vehicles parking on the hatched area outside the school.

## Planning matters

### Planning applications considered

New tennis court with enclosing fence and floodlighting for Mr Barnes, The Chimneys, Hall Road – No objections.

Side ext 57 Fakes Road for Mr Martin – No objections. GRANTED by GYBC

Ext to side and rear of property 6 Chapel Terrace for Mr Clarke – No objections so long as the right of way up the side and around the back is kept open. GRANTED by GYBC

Rear extension and new raised tiled roof to bungalow, 23 Easterley Way for Mr Roberts – No objections.

Side & front ext 34 Ormesby Road for Mr & Mrs Clarke—No objections - GRANTED by GYBC

The Lacon Arms PH, Beach Road (revised scheme for new toilet block ext at rear of property) for Bevans of Hemsby Ltd—No objections - GRANTED by GYBC

Retrospective app for change of use of garden to operate as a small wildlife rescue centre with associated cages – Tudor Lodge, Newport Road for Mr Garner  
No objections - GRANTED by GYBC

Ext of existing take away kiosk to provide further kitchen & preparation areas—The Kiosk, (The Fruit Stall), Beach Road for Mr Ali - No objections

### Planning decisions made by GYBC

Change of use from restaurant and guest rooms to residential dwelling - The Old Vicarage, The Street, Hemsby for Mr Ingram - granted

5/6 The Close Hemsby new ext & link conversion to incorporate new playroom, bedroom & en-suite (No 5), pitched roof to garage No 5 & No 6 – granted

Erection of replacement conservatory – for Mr Sheppard – granted

Renewal of PP

For use of PF for market/car boots sales – renewed until 31/10/12.

### Planning appeals

a. Wind turbines – planning appeal has been dismissed. Applicant taking case to High Court for decision

b. 06/10/0391/F 1 Beach Road for three bed chalet bungalow – Mr Hanbury – has gone to appeal

## Flooding by Sewerage

It was reported that there had been a meeting with Anglian Water at the Town Hall.

They advised that they were replacing the three pumps which would go a long way to breaking up rags.

They are also starting a campaign to bring to peoples attention the items that should not be put down sinks and toilets. It was suggested that they visit the residential and nursing homes in the parish.

They will also fit monitoring equipment into drains to gauge the volume of water going through the drains to establish if the problem is restricted to the pumps.

## Additional litter bins

GYBC are to install Three new litter bins on the playing field.

## Hemsby Inshore Rescue

The Hemsby Inshore Rescue Unit have advised that they have a new coxswain.

Ross Hewitt, 3 Buttermere, Hemsby. All correspondence should be directed to him.

The Units secretary is:

Stacey Lenton

Tel: 07919616627

# Hemsby Village Calendar

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	DETAILS
3rd Monday of Month	19.30	Parish Offices	Council Meeting	All Welcome
Every Tuesday	10.00	Village Hall	Keep Fit	Jeanie Shiers 01493 384097
Every Monday	19.00	Barn Room	St Mary's singers	Donna 07860 136099
Every Wednesday	09.30	Village Hall	Parent & Toddlers	Clair 07999 680238
Every Tuesday	19.30	Village Hall	Sequence Dance Club	Richard or Pat 01603 270709
Every Sunday	20.00	Village Hall	Acorn Country Music Club	Jack or Sheryl 01493 781007
Every Tuesday	19.30	Sports Pavilion	Youth club	All 9 to 18 year age group welcome
3rd Wednesday of Month	14.00	Barn Room	Pensioners Campaigning Group	Over 55's
2nd & 4th Monday of Month	14.00	Barn Room	St Marys Afternoon Club	All Welcome

If you want your events listed here in future editions, please contact  
 The Editor Tel: 07910033454  
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## Hemsby Playing Field Management Committee

It was announced that Mike Tingley has been appointed Secretary.

The following tournaments are to be played this year:

- May Bank Holiday 1200 - 1500  
 'Sports for all' will be using the

facilities.

- August - Hemsby Football Club tournament
- Hemsby Festival - Hemsby Football Club will be promoting football - specifics still to be announced

## **Parish Council matters**

### **Seat in Memory of Chris Tingley**

Friends of Chris have been collecting money for a seat that will be located in the Burial Ground

Seat has been sited, a report and photo has gone into the GY Mercury and the youngsters have given the PC a cheque for £285, being the cost of the seat excluding VAT. The seat was flat packed and Mr Bowgen put it together FOC – the Parish Councillors thanked him very much for carrying out the work, it was greatly appreciated.

### **Grants**

The Parish Council has approved grants to St Mary's Afternoon Club, Youth Club, St Mary's Close, Hemsby Rainbows & Brownies.

### **Parking restrictions Yarmouth Road**

Due to vehicles parking on the corner of Yarmouth Road and the bus stop having to be moved to a different location parking restrictions are to be investigated.

### **Borough Councillor Mrs Weymouth**

Highway flooding due to heavy rainfall at Martham Road - the landowner is to site a ditch at the brow of the hill and extend the ditch behind the hedge adjacent to the highway.

### **Burial Ground**

For information only - if a parishioner had lived in the village a number of years, but had to move away for health reasons permission would be given by the Chairman of the Parish Council, they would then be entitled to be buried in the burial ground.

### **Coastal Community Group**

At their meeting on the 5th November Jack Bensly was elected as Chairman., members of the Group cover the coastal parishes in the borough. A letter is to be sent to MP Brandon Lewis requesting he holds a meeting for

businesses where coastal erosion could affect their business.

### **Norfolk County Council**

maintaining the street scene and public rights of way.

A letter was received from Norfolk County Council giving the Parish Council an option to carry out various works on behalf on Norfolk County Council.

An email has been sent in reply advising the PC would not be participating in the scheme and in their parish NCC should carry on their usual maintenance

### **Play area Rylands**

GYB Services were advised of damaged plastic caps that are covering screws and need replacing

### **Bus Shelter Yarmouth Road**

Work to strengthen the side of the bus shelter have been carried out by Great Yarmouth Borough Council.

### **A Seasonal Message from Shirley Weymouth**

**Hoping you all had a Happy Xmas and wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year**

# Some Children Are Quick

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America .  
MARIA: Here it is.  
TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?  
CLASS: Maria.

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TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?  
JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

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TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'  
GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'  
TEACHER: No, that's wrong  
GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

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TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?  
DONALD: H I J K L M N O.  
TEACHER: What are you talking about?  
DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

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TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.  
WINNIE: Me!

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TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?  
GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

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TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with ' I. '  
MILLIE: I is..  
TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'  
MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

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TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it.  
Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?  
LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand....

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TEACHER: Now, Simon , tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?  
SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook..

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TEACHER: Clyde , your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's... Did you copy his?  
CLYDE : No, sir. It's the same dog.

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TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?  
HAROLD: A teacher

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# Hemsby Harlequins donations



Following a successful pantomime “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” Hemsby Harlequins are happy to have donated,

£ 100 to Hemsby Inshore Lifeboat,

£ 100 to the Hemsby Church Barn Room Roof funds and

£ 100 to the residents of The Vineries Care Home.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support which enables us to make these donations.

We hope to see you all at our 2011 summer show in June so keep an eye out for publicity closer to the time.....

# Gardening World

**March** is the month that brings fair-weather gardeners out of hibernation. By now the early spring bulbs are flowering prolifically and by the end of the month, in mild areas or after a favourable winter, the main spring-flowering shrubs such as forsythia will be in bloom.

Warmth can now be felt in the strengthening sun, and many seeds germinate readily if they are sown outside. Weed seedlings also germinate freely at this time, and plants such as nettles that die down to ground level in the autumn start to produce fresh new growth. It is impossible not to be aware suddenly that there are all kinds of jobs that need to be done in the garden. Fortunately the better weather makes most of these jobs a pleasure.

## Jobs that won't wait

- Feed seedlings before nutrients in the compost become exhausted.
- Mulch beds and borders while soil is moist to reduce watering and weeding later in the year.
- Sow seeds of summer bedding plants, annual climbers, herbs, sweet peas, tomatoes and many vegetables this month. Some seeds can be sown directly into open ground but most benefit from being started off in pots or trays with protection from bad weather and pests.
- Prick out seedlings before they become overcrowded, otherwise they will make poor plants.
- Thin hardy annuals and vegetables sown in the open ground before they become crowded and compete with each other for light and nutrients.
- Pot up or space out in seed trays in the greenhouse young bedding plants and tender perennials ordered by post as soon as possible after they arrive.
- Divide congested clumps of border perennials before they make a lot of new growth.
- Take hardwood cuttings of any shrubs you wish to propagate. Soon new growth will make this kind of cutting inappropriate.
- Take root cuttings; they are more likely to root if taken from dormant plants.
- Prune roses as soon as possible, ideally before this year's new growth is well developed.
- Complete planting of bare-root fruit trees and bushes and bare-root roses and other shrubs this month to give them time to establish before dry summer weather.
- Start spraying fruit such as apples and pears if you have had problems with pests and diseases in previous years. The timing for some sprays is critical and depends on the state of the buds or flowers to avoid harming bees and other beneficial insects.
- Be strict about pest control in the greenhouse. Warm March days under glass can encourage a population explosion of many greenhouse pests and early control is important.

The above is a reprint from the website <http://www.gardenworld.co.uk>

If anybody has gardening tips please let us have those for inclusion in future issues of the Herald

## Hemsby Festival Events

As this edition of the Herald hits the streets you will have already seen the new publication dedicated to the Events being put on by the Events Committee.

The object of this publication is to bring you full details of our events just before they are due to take place and we hope you will find it very useful.

It was reported to the Parish Council that, looking ahead, we had a number of items to report viz.

- The committee wrote to all residents of The Street who would or could be affected by the closure of The Street during the Carnival. In the event only 2 residents came to listen to our plans. They were happy with our proposals and there were no objections.
- The PC had asked us if we could organise something for the Royal Wedding. Unfortunately we decided that we could not do anything.
- Queen's jubilee - Again the PC asked if we could arrange something. We are going to discuss the holding of a street party but it would have to be a joint effort with the PC - it was left with P Cllrs to contact Barrie Thornton the Events CEO if they wished to participate.
- It was reported that at this years Festival there was the possibility of having a hot air balloon. The PC did not consider this to be a problem as the balloon owners would have their own insurance and Health & Safety protocols.
- The Committee has been approached by Jimmy Jones of the Pleasure Beach to organise a fun day for Gorleston Football Club. This would probably happen in 2012

## Useful Telephone numbers

Citizens Advice Bureau 01493 856665

Village Hall Bookings 01493 384228

Doctors 01493 730449

Dentist 01493732443

Police 0845 4564567

Crime Stoppers 0800 555111

James Paget 01493 452452

Train Enquiries 0345 484950

Bus Enquiries 0845 717273

Fire Safety Advice 0800 9178137

GYBC 01493 856100

GYBC lighting faults 01493 846440

It's your call 0845 6052222

Transport Plus 01603 422807

GY door to door 01493 332253

Community Transport 01603 223956  
or 01603 430594

Hemsby Pharmacy 01493 731697

Hemsby Parish Council 01493 732669

**REMEMBER:** only dial 999

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## An Apology

The Parish Council apologizes for the late arrival of this issue.

This was due to problems with delivery, we are changing our delivery agent and all future copies will be delivered with your Advertiser, so make sure you don't miss it.

The Spring issue due out in April will also be late but hopefully the rest of the year will back on course.

## Resignations

Lyndon Bevan and Jane Mercer have resigned from the Parish Council which is a great loss.

We would like to give our thanks to them both for all their hard work over the years and wish them well for the future.

A Parish Council Election will take place in May.

Announcements in the paper and posters at the parish office will be on display nearer the time.