

## WETWANG FOCUS

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Parish Council newsletter. We hope to keep you up to date with projects, local events, advice and information. Content is welcomed and can be e-mailed to the Parish Clerk.

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

Burial ground fees, bus timetables, previous newsletters, Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes can be found on our website, along with other information.

### **Wetwang Community Park**

The Parish Council have successfully secured a grant of £10,000 from The National Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme to provide play equipment in the village.

This project will aim to provide a safe place to play for pre-school and primary aged children and will be located next to the Allotments on Northfield Road; subject to planning permission being granted.

Residents will be invited to a consultation event which will be advertised on the noticeboards. We will also work in conjunction with the school to ensure we purchase equipment the children desire.

## THE HISTORY OF WETWANG (D.R LUNN)

Domesday Book gives our name for the first time. In 1066 Wetwangham was a prosperous village whilst in 1085 it was waste.

Following William the Conqueror's 'Harrying of the North' his younger son Henry 1<sup>st</sup> decided to make a fresh start with a new French Archbishop of York and some carefully selected French landowners.

Archbishop Thomas made it his business to bring Wetwang back to life. He made it a 'peculiar' with a 'Prebendary' (a rather posh sort of vicar) in charge.

The result of this we can see; a road linked Wetwang to the Archbishops Headquarters in York. It ended at the mere, which was much bigger than it is today.

Beyond that was some sort of manor house for a visiting Archbishop and his guests (which more than once including the King).

The houses for those who were going to live here and make it a prosperous farming community were set in good plots of ground on each side of the road.

Where the houses stopped there was a large churchyard (which might have been there quite a long time) and in it was built a very fine and sturdy church much of which still stands unchanged today.

## BULB PLANTING

Many thanks to those who came to help plant daffodil and snowdrop bulbs around the village. Even though it was a miserable day we managed to plant outside the community hall, Main Street from the Cricket Ground down to the pond and parts of Pulham Lane. We still have plenty of bulbs left so if you'd like to help please get in touch with the Parish Council chair or clerk.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

A Service was held at St Nicholas Church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and the wreath was laid on behalf of the Parish Council by two residents of the village who previously served in the Army, Sgt Jason Darling and Warrant Officer Sharon Jackson.

If you are a member of the Armed Forces; either currently serving or retired and would like to lay the wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday 2019 or would like to nominate another resident please get in touch with the Parish Council clerk.

### **Wetwang Active**

Wetwang Active is a new initiative to promote health and well-being in the Parish. Currently there are numerous groups within Wetwang such as the Cricket Club, Bowls, Karate and Yoga but we'd like more!

Perhaps you'd like to organise a 'buggy push' group, chair aerobics, game of badminton or rounders' match, we'll be happy to support villagers to get active.

We aim to find funds to provide goal posts and pitch markings on the playing field off Station Hill and start a 'walking football' group and also markings for rounders' but other ideas are welcomed. If you have any suggestions or would like to promote your group then e-mail: [wetwangactive@gmail.com](mailto:wetwangactive@gmail.com) or speak to Andrew McCormack.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wetwang Community Hall – Meeting point, Tuesdays 9am – 1pm. Tea/Coffee and toasted teacakes available. Bingo is held every second Friday of the month, eyes down at 7:30pm. For all the family – accompanied children also welcome.

Humberside Police – Our PCSO Laura Hudson will be available at the Community Hall between 10.30am and 12pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Christmas Light switch on – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm followed by carol singing around the tree and refreshments at St Nicholas Church. All welcome.

Wetwang Ladies Group - Please come and join our group of ladies, meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Village Hall at 7pm. The next meeting will be on 17th January and we will be holding a quiz. We look forward to seeing you there.