

# WEST HADDLESEY NEWS

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THE SPORADIC AND INFREQUENT NEWSLETTER FOR WEST HADDLESEY PARISH

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Hello, and welcome to the first issue of what's hopefully going to be an occasional, if irregular, newsletter for the residents of West Haddlesey, produced by the committee of your Parish Meeting to keep you in touch with what's happening in and around the village, as well as letting you know what we're doing to tackle issues affecting the village, and improve life in the village for all its residents.

Since West Haddlesey is a small village, it doesn't have a formal Parish Council – instead it has a Parish Meeting, where all residents of the village are invited to two meetings a year (normally held in May and November, and normally with a small, but dedicated, group of attendees!), and a committee, of whom there are more details to the right, which meets more frequently – every two months or so – and which takes care of the day to day activities of the parish.

## The website

The village has a new website, which can be found at [www.westhaddlesey.org.uk](http://www.westhaddlesey.org.uk).

The site contains useful information for villagers, including contact details and opening hours for the pub and the post office, reminders of bin days and details of past and future parish meetings, as well as full details of what's on in the village each month, including events at the George and Dragon, the village's toddler group, and pilates and other events taking place at the Village Hall.

If you have an event you'd like covered on the website, or think that there's something that isn't covered on the site that should be then simply send an email with details of the event or info you'd like added to [info@westhaddlesey.org.uk](mailto:info@westhaddlesey.org.uk).

## The committee

The committee currently consists of :

**Glen Williams** – Chairman

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The committee is responsible for the general upkeep of the village, including grass cutting, planting of flowers, maintaining streetlights, etc. It does this by raising a small "precept" – a charge raised by Selby District Council as part of the council tax which is then passed to the Parish for its expenditure.

To try and get value for money for residents the committee tries to do as much themselves as possible, and is grateful for those who donate their time, services, or flowers towards the improvement of the village. Certain work, however, such as grass cutting and streetlight repair, has to be contracted out to third parties.

The committee also responds to planning applications on behalf of the village, manages the playpark, and liaises with local authorities over matters which affect the village and its residents.

If you are interested in helping out then why not get in touch and come along to our next meeting. They're always pretty relaxed affairs and we promise we won't bite - unless you forget to bring a bottle of wine along with you, that is!

If you have anything you want covered in the next issue of the newsletter (whenever that may be) then drop any member of the committee a line, or email [newsletter@westhaddlesey.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@westhaddlesey.org.uk).

### What's going on

Most of the work that the committee does generally goes unnoticed in the background. For example, in recent weeks and months we've been replacing the broken bench at the west end of the village, sourcing a permanent Christmas Tree for the village and finding a suitable location for it to be sited.

More visibly, we've started on a program to tidy up the trees along the Avenue / Main Street / Field Road / Millfield Road / whatever it's called this week / between the canal bridge and the George and Dragon. It's a big job, so will take a while, but will be well worth it once completed.

We've also been working to tackle issues which detrimentally affect the amenity of life in the village, such as speeding (more on which in the box to the right) and rubbish and fly-tipping in and around the village.

You can help – if you see fly-tipping going on then take down the number plate of the vehicle concerned, and get photos if possible. and then get in touch either with a member of the committee or direct with Selby on their fly-tipping hotline – 01757 292 044.

### Plumbing time...

A quick couple of plugs for local businesses and events...

The **George and Dragon** goes from strength to strength, and recently won **Community Pub of the Year** in the York Press Pub Awards 2010. It has a new website at [www.thegandd.co.uk](http://www.thegandd.co.uk), and is currently offering 10% off your food bill when dining there Tues to Thurs nights.

**Avondale Preserves** sells homemade jams, chutneys, oils and sauces – full details can be found on their website at [www.avondalepreserves.co.uk](http://www.avondalepreserves.co.uk). Orders can be taken by email or phone, or just turn up (Avondale is the last white house at the western end of the village).

### Speeding in the village

As most residents will know, speeding in the village (particularly by motorbikes) continues to be a problem.

At the Parish Meeting earlier in the month we were joined by representatives from the Highways Authority to discuss possible solutions. The first step is to report speeding concerns – if there is a particular vehicle you consistently see speeding, or if there is a certain time of day when speeding is more of a concern than at others, then you can report it. The form can be downloaded from the website, or ask a member of the committee to drop a few round to you.

The committee can help – when a number of people recently raised concerns over workers from the drainage construction site (halfway between the village and Birkin) speeding through the village every morning and night, we quickly got in touch with the company in question. The Managing Director spoke to the staff concerned the same day, and since then the problem hasn't reoccurred.

### Neighbourhood watch

The committee is looking into forming a neighbourhood watch group – there has been one in the village historically, but it hasn't been active for some time. A co-ordinator has come forward, so we'll be circulating more details soon – in the mean time if you want more info then get in touch with one of the committee.

### Haddlesey School

There will be a summer fair at the school on 17<sup>th</sup> July. Lots of interesting stalls are planned, along with a raffle, some sporting events and a display of school and Haddlesey memorabilia. There will be old roll books to look at and hopefully some embarrassing photos of villagers when they were at school. The event runs from 10 am to 2 pm, and refreshments will be served. All are welcome, so please come along!