

STEETON-WITH-EASTBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Working for the community

April 2007

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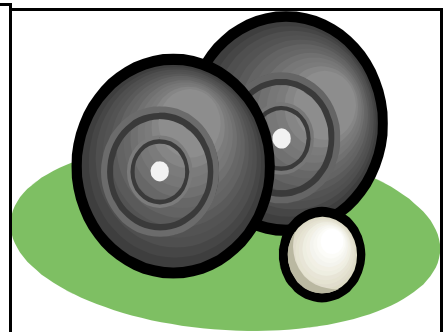
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No increase in the parish council precept for 2007/8

The parish council raises its own funds, the precept, which is collected by the City of Bradford Council with the council tax. The parish council decided not to increase the precept for 2007/8. A band D property will pay the same as last year, £15.30, and this raises £20,956 to support the work of the parish council. Budget priorities for 2007/8 include further play provision with the development of Eastburn Playing Field. The parish council has become the trustee body of the Eastburn Playing Field Association to protect this important green space. The parish council will have £12,000 to commit towards this exciting, ambitious project, which the parish council hopes will attract substantial grants from grant awarding bodies. Money has also been allocated to provide disabled access at the bowling pavilion. The parish council holds 50% of its meetings at this venue and is aware that disabled residents should have access to the building. A wider door and a temporary ramp will be provided. The parish council is also keen to provide more litter bins around the parish and the cost of three extra bins has been included in the budget. Essential work to fell a dangerous tree in the football ground and trim back another tree has also been budgeted for. Two native species of tree will be planted to replace the

one that has had to be cut down. The parish council is also committed to improving communication with you, the residents, and will continue to print a quarterly newsletter and keep the website up to date. The newsletter will be circulated with the Target, from June, to homes in Steeton and copies will be hand delivered to Eastburn properties by members of the council. Copies will still be available at schools, post offices, shops and the surgery. A grant of £2000 from the Keighley Area Co-Ordinator's office will be allocated to 'Youth Issues'. The council is considering setting up a Youth Council so that young people can get involved in the decision making process that affects their lives. The grant will give a start to any project that they may want to be involved with. A grant of £4867 has also been received from Bradford Council to enable the parish council to complete its parish plan. It is really important that everyone fills in the questionnaire that accompanies this mailing so that your aspirations for the villages can be included in this important document. A reserve fund is also being accumulated to pay for parish council election expenses from 2009 and any unforeseen emergency costs. The reserve fund will stand at £11,000 in 2007/8.

Steeton Bowling Club is looking to recruit new members of all ages, with or without experience, to play social bowls or compete for places in the club's teams. It is the club's intention to run competitions and leagues for juniors in the coming season. **Please contact Alden Phillips on 654125 for more details.**



Check out the parish council website:

www.steeton-with-eastburnparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Local Council Elections

Thursday 3 May 2007

The parish council elections take place on Thursday 3 May, the same day as the local council elections.

Until this year the requirements to be a parish councillor included:

- ◆ An elector over the age of 21
- ◆ A European national
- ◆ Resident in the parish or within 3 miles of the parish boundary or...
- ◆ Employed or own a business or land in the parish

From May 2007 the minimum age requirement has been reduced to 18 years old

Councillors are unpaid and commit time and effort in to representing the residents of the parish.

If anyone is interested in becoming a parish councillor please contact the clerk for more details.

Notice a problem?
Are there holes in the road, uneven pavements, lamp standards not working etc. etc.....

Ring Bradford Council
on
01274 431000

Steeton Flower Club St Stephen's Church Flower Festival Friday 29 June to Sunday 1 July Lilies, Linen and Lace

To celebrate the discovery of some antique lace and fabric in St. Stephen's Church cellar a flower festival will be held with all proceeds going to church funds.

The flower arrangements will probably depict passages from the bible that have references to cloth or clothing, e.g. Joseph's coat of many colours

Programme:

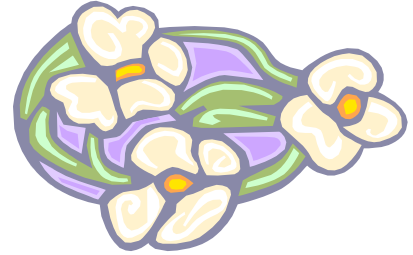
Friday 29 June: Cheese and Wine Preview Supper

Saturday 30 June: Flower Festival in the church from 10.00 a.m. A summer fayre and an evening concert

Sunday 1 July: Sunday morning service followed by an opportunity to view the flowers until 4.00 p.m.

The whole event will close with 'Songs of Praise' and an auction of the flower arrangements.

For more information contact Janet Smithies on 01535 216475



Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 25 April 2007
7.30 p.m.

This is a meeting for all residents of the parish. It is organised by the Chairman of the parish council but it is not a parish council meeting. Councillor Dr. Lorraine Harding will give an annual report and the draft accounts for 2006/7 will be available for inspection. Please come along and discuss any areas of concern, ideas and suggestions for future action by the parish council.

The meeting will be preceded by the AGM of the Eastburn Playing Fields Association at 7.00 p.m.

Eastburn Junior and Infant School Goes International

The themed 'International Year' at Eastburn School is proving a great success with children, parents and staff alike. The 'International Year' has provided many learning opportunities across the curriculum while fostering understanding and empathy with other cultures around the world. A cultural arts day in February gave the children and their parents the opportunity to celebrate different cultures and try new activities. Class 3 have sent off a British teddy, called Freddy to a partner school in Pakistan. A Pakistani teddy will go on his holidays to the children's homes and his experiences will be reported back to children in Pakistan. Class 5 has started a project with École Primaire de Saint André en Morvan in France. This project is supported by the British Council's e-twinning initiative. The children will use some of their French lessons to correspond with pen pals at this small French school.

In the half term leading up to Easter children throughout the school will be finding out about Australia. Pupils in Class 5 are enjoying exchanging e-mails with the class Jacob Tattam in a Miami State School near Brisbane. There is much excitement during the enrichment afternoon as children concentrate on Australian art and design work.

For more information about the school check out their website:
www.eastburn.bradford.sch.uk

St. Stephen's Church Family Fun Day

Monday May 7th, 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Toy and Pet Trail

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