

STEETON-WITH-EASTBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Working for the community

December 2007

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
YOU ALL FROM THE
PARISH COUNCIL**

Parish Plan Update

The data from the questionnaires has been analysed and the Steering Group is working hard to draft the plan. When a first draft is available the council will invite local residents to inspect it prior to the plan's printing and publication. The prize draw for returned questionnaires was won by Ms Catriona Worrell of Steeton and the Runner-up was Mr. R. Hough of Eastburn. Mrs Worrell was presented with her prize at the November parish council meeting by Steering Group Chairman, David Mullen. The council would like to thank the donors of prizes: The Fruit Bowl, Steeton (Hamper with goods to value £10), Julie & Joanne, Hairdressers, Steeton (Hair products to the value of £10), R. Chamley, Butchers, Steeton, (Voucher to the value of £10). The parish council added a bottle of Buck's Fizz and a bottle of Cava to each of the prizes. Two bottles of wine kindly donated by Mr Whittaker, Eastburn Post Office, will be used as prizes at another Parish Plan event in the near future.

Organised activity sessions for young people

Supervised activity sessions are going to be paid for by the parish council from a £2000 grant received from the Area Co-Ordinator's office to address youth issues.. Councillor Su Thompson is leading this initiative and is working with Bradford Council's Rural Youth Officer who will provide the trained youth workers to supervise the sessions. The Parochial Church Council has agreed to consider allowing the council to rent the church hall for the activities which are planned for February and March 2008. Young people who expressed an interest in joining a Youth Council in the parish plan questionnaires will be asked to be involved in the planning of the activities.

So if you are between 13 and 17 years of age, watch out for further details in the press and on the parish council notice-boards in the New Year.

Community Calendar

- ◆ **Saturday 15 December, Christmas Fayre organised by Action Community Eastburn at the Eastburn Inn.**
- ◆ **Thursday 20 December 2.45 p.m. Steeton Primary School Nativity Play 'It's a baby!' Everyone welcome**
- ◆ **Friday 21 December 2.30 p.m. Eastburn Junior and Infant School Candlelit Christmas Service –Everyone welcome**

If any community groups would like to advertise an event in the next newsletter in March 2008 please contact the clerk.

Check out the parish council website:

www.steeton-with-eastburnparishcouncil.gov.uk



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Eastburn Christmas Tree - The facts



The parish council is aware of the disquiet about the lack of Christmas lights in Eastburn. It has spent a lot of time over the past three years trying to resolve the problem of providing a Christmas tree in Eastburn. The tree on the green opposite Airedale Hospital had some lights in the past. Unfortunately the lights were powered illegally with electricity from a street lighting column. The parish council could have been prosecuted for taking electricity from this source and to avoid this agreed not to tap into this supply again. Enquiries with YEDL to install a separate electricity supply were abandoned due to the predicted cost; some several thousand pounds. An alternative site with a local electricity supply has been investigated, including asking the hospital to have a tree sited along the new path to the residency building. Health and Safety rules have also changed recently and public display lights must be low voltage with a transformer supply. Transformers are sited underground, like the one connected to an existing underground supply in Steeton, but there is no underground supply available in Eastburn. Lights could be attached to the top of street lighting columns, like they have in Keighley, at a cost of approximately £300 for connection plus the cost of purchasing the lights. Recently, solar powered lights have started to come on to the market. The council will look at the success of these installations and if it is feasible will again investigate the possibility of installing lights in a tree in Eastburn. Any suggestions as to an appropriate location will be considered.

Eastburn Junior and Infant School receives International Award.

After 5 years of working on various international projects Eastburn J&I School has been awarded the prestigious International School Award. Last year was a particularly busy year when new partnerships with schools in Uganda, Pakistan, Australia and France were instigated and the school organised a special international year for pupils, parents and the community. Headteacher Elizabeth Pratt said 'We are absolutely delighted to have achieved this award. It enables us to celebrate cultural diversity within our own school and community and has raised awareness of other cultures and of the global issues facing us all.' Mrs McLean the International co-ordinator, went down to London to receive the award from BBC Newsreader George Alaghia. The focus continues for another 3 years. Mrs Pratt had a wonderful opportunity to experience school life in Pakistan when she visited the partner school in Rawalpindi during October half term. They are now looking forward to welcoming a member of staff from Pakistan to Eastburn School in April next year

Eastburn Playing Field

After the disappointment of Bradford Council's Parks and Landscapes Department withdrawing its technical assistance, due to staff shortages, the parish council is considering having plans drawn up by Bradford Environmental Designers, who are experienced in making successful grant applications. The parish council has budgeted a large proportion of its precept to improving play facilities and is committed to the improvement of the Eastburn Playing Field. When plans are available they will be used to consult with local residents. Bradford Council will continue to maintain and carry out safety checks at the site.

Foundation Trust for Airedale General Hospital

Airedale Hospital NHS Trust is currently seeking Foundation Trust Status to help secure local health service provision for the future. If successful, members of the community can influence the provision of services by becoming members of the trust or contributing to patients' forums. Anyone can be a member of the Foundation Trust, provided they live in the "Airedale" area. To become a Council Member contact Foundation Trust Membership Office, Office of the Chief Executive, Airedale NHS Hospital. As soon as the "go ahead" is given by the Secretary of State nomination forms will be sent to interested parties, when there will be an election which will be run by the Electoral Reform Service. For further information:
Web site
www.airedale.trust.nhs.uk
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If you notice a problem

Are there holes in the road, uneven pavements, lamp standards not working etc. etc.....
Ring The City of Bradford Council on
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or report it through their website:
www.bradford.gov.uk.

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