



November 2024 Newsletter

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Crimple Meadows

We are pleased to confirm that the path contractor has now completed the final drainage work in the area of Allen Wood where, during wet weather, water accumulated resulting in very muddy ground. This extra drainage will, hopefully, positively reduce the water flow down towards the road and can only benefit all those who take pleasure in using the park. Additionally, he applied a further dressing on the path itself which should see it set fair for the coming winter months.

The new H&S gym equipment sign – following its summer vandalism – has now been securely placed on its post and we are appreciative of Steve Doherty's assistance with this installation.

We still await, in spite of a number of requests, contact from NYC's Tree and Woodlands Manager regarding any additional planting that may be undertaken: we keep our fingers crossed.

Dog dirt

An unfortunate subject ever-present in councillors' minds and one on which they are often reminded! A growing problem with unbagged dirt is being experienced in Sandy Banks Wood, an area which of course is well-frequented by adults, children and dogs. Children play in the woodland and it is a site well-used by professional dog walkers on behalf of their clients who may well have 6-7 dogs in their care on a single walk. The picture is unfortunately clear in that the uncollected excrement has become a health hazard - and particularly so for children.

We feel sure that you are all diligent in bagging your dogs' dirt and, to this end, we have made request to NYC to place a bin in the gateway entrance off Church Lane thereby hoping to encourage those *who do not*. The poster below will, in the interim, be placed in the wood and by way of encouragement:



CAROLS ON THE GREEN

We're all geared up for the next carol singing on Monday 16th December starting at 6-00 pm. The Tewit Youth band will again provide the musical accompaniment and we are appreciative that Iain Ward-Campbell will again act as choirmaster. After the carols we'll repair to Pannal School where headteacher Mrs Jane Turner has again offered school facilities and where we will dispense mulled wine, mince pies and some suitable non-alcoholic beverages for our younger participants. One important point... while pets are welcome on Pannal Green, county council and school rules forbid the presence of dogs or other pets at Pannal School.

Please provide your ideas as to where you would like the evening's collection to go, but also bear in mind that councillors would prefer a local area charity. Thank you.

We look forward to an ever-increasing number of singers at this wonderful community event.

Christmas lights

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have procured a new light provider this year and – by all crossed-fingers accounts – they will make a super light-wrapped provision. The Christmas trees will display coloured lights and the remaining six trees this year will be alternate white with warm coloured lights. The lights will be on daily from the beginning of December between 6-9am and 3-11pm. Additionally, it has been necessary for NYC to upgrade the electrical provision and we have been very appreciative of Cllr John Mann's Locality Budget contribution to the costs.

Our thanks and appreciation go to Mr Neil Jackson at NYC who has been hugely supportive and proactive in the installation of the electrical provision: without his prompt attention and address we would all be singing in darkness!

Next year's dates

Please diarise in your next year's calendar the re-confirmed nationally recognised date of **Thursday 8th May 2025** being the **anniversary of V E Day**. Councillors feel it important that any recognition is aligned with the nation's recommendations so the beacon – in the church car park and as in previous years – will be lit at the slightly later time of 9.30pm. Further arrangements will be confirmed in due course.

Consequently, it was agreed that the **Family Fun Day** would more appropriately be placed on **Sunday 11th May 2025**.

YLCA (Yorkshire Local Councils Association of which your parish council is a member) and the "new" Parish Liaison organisation

Councillors and clerk attended both event meetings and found them beneficial. There was much shared dialogue between presenters and attendees at the Parish Liaison meeting which was constructive and helpful for all parties.

Precept

We have decided that as we have a healthy balance of funds, we shall not ask NYC for an increase in our precept per household for 2025/2026. We still strive to have a park and stride, allotments and some access to Pannal Sports Junior Football Club from near St Roberts church. Also, now that your Neighbourhood Plan is adopted and active, we shall be considering pursuit of some of its community actions. It is also essential that we keep sufficient funds to engage planning consultants again should there be repeat proposals by NYC in their developing Local Plan (required to be underwritten by 2028) as happened with their current Local Plan.

Garden waste

Remember that that your final garden waste collections will soon be here. In some areas of Pannal the final collection will be early December but please check on the North Yorkshire Council website with your own postcode to find out your last date. It might well be earlier!

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 12th December 2024 at 7.00pm and preceded as usual by the Planning Committee meeting at 6.30pm.

Best wishes

Cllr Cathy Burrell (Chairman of the Parish Council), Cllr Neil Permain (Vice Chairman) and Councillors Steve Cobb, Andrew Farrar, Elatia Sharkey, Cliff Trotter and Helen Hayes

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