

THE RESIDENT – SOUTH MILFORD PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE – JULY 2024

Hello to everyone from South Milford and Lumby. It seems like everyone has had a busy few months since the last resident. We would like to congratulate Kier Mather for his election victory to become our MP and it has been great to see him already visit our areas. Our commiserations that he has lost the title of 'baby of the house' to Sam Carling the 22 year old new MP for North West Cambridge.

In July we hosted a fantastic production of *The Adventures of Doctor Dolittle* in our Playing Fields. The rains held off for the performance and it was great to see so many young people (and quite a few older ones) enjoying themselves. We would like to thank the Park Committee (chaired by Tom Bell), all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this event happen and the sponsors whose support made the event possible. This is the third event that the team have put on - it is so nice to put on events that bring people in our community together and we are hoping for another great show next year.

There has been a lot going on in the park this year. The sensory garden is now finished and we recommend anyone who has not yet visited to pop in and take a moment to experience the beautiful multi-sensory surrounds that have been created. Special thanks for the efforts in obtaining grant-funding to make this project possible, and to Nadia Lindsay for working so hard to pull everything together. Nadia is also heavily involved in the *Incredible Edible* project which is going from strength to strength in several locations around the village, providing a wonderful array of fruit, vegetables and herbs. Do pop over to one of the sites at The Swan, Grove Crescent, in the church hall gardens or on the corner of School Lane and Westfield Lane.

On the subject of allotments our new site continues to go from strength to strength, and we would like to thank Glenis Shaw and her team for creating a marvellous site. The Parish Council has recently provided significant funding to improve drainage and car parking at the site. Please get in touch via our website or facebook if you would like to put your name forward for a plot.

In terms of planning, we have heard that the Road Chef application for a new service station on the land between the Yorkshire Gateway Hotel and the motorway has been approved. We understand this will create 300 jobs and have room for 108 HGV's to park and 25 electric charging points. A decision in respect of the planning application for 8 dwellings off Well Lane is still pending.

On the subject of highways, we are pleased to confirm that all the plans and required funding (from various authorities including South Milford Parish Council) are now all in place to carry out sustainable improvements to the junction of Wain Gap and High Street. We hope that these works will be carried out in the coming months.

In our Parish we have a great cricket club. South Milford Cricket Club are a local village cricket team with two senior teams competing in The York & District Senior Cricket League. They also have a mid-week team playing in the Elmet Evening Cricket League on Thursday evenings. In addition to the senior teams, they also have a thriving junior section. There are over 90 junior members playing at four different age groups (Under 9's, 11's, 13's & U15's), and also 'Allstar's' and 'Dynamo's' sections for those aged 6 to 8 years old.

South Milford Cricket Club are a family friendly club and would welcome new members, young and old. They recent hosted the annual hog roast event, which was to raise funds for the club and attracted over 175 guests, more social members are always welcomed. The club is based at the Swan Croft, Mill Lane (behind the Swan Hotel). If you are interested in becoming a member or if you have a child who might like to play junior cricket, please contact the club via the South Milford Cricket Club Facebook Page.

On the opposite side of Mill Lane to the cricket club is the football club - South Milford AFC. Significant work has been carried out there over recent months by committee members and volunteers, to create new and improved facilities, in particular the clubhouse and pitch drainage. The club is keen to grow and create new groups / teams (including walking football and a range of junior teams), so please contact them via the South Milford AFC facebook page if you are interested in getting involved.

After some of the wettest weather we have seen in our Parish it is great to finally have some sunshine! We wish you all a safe and happy Summer.