



AIRMYN NEWS

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MACMILLAN



During 2024, **Joan's Plant Sales** have raised £4,169 for Macmillan Cancer Support, making the amount raised since she first started this venture in 2009 to more than £50,000. Joan has had many plants, seedlings and cuttings donated by villagers and other customers. It is always a lovely surprise when Joan comes home to find these offerings on her doorstep, and she is very grateful to all who contribute their surplus plants and garden produce.

The money raised from the Plant Sale funds the Cancer Self-Help and Social Group, which meets on the last Friday of the month (except Bank Holidays) at The Oddfellows Meeting Rooms, 175 Boothferry Road, Goole from 12 noon to 2pm. Light Refreshments are served, which are provided by Joan, and the meetings are free of charge. The Group is primarily for those who have had a cancer diagnosis, are currently receiving treatment or are in remission, but friends and family are most welcome to accompany them. The aim of the Group is to offer help, support and friendship to anyone who has been affected by cancer.

If anyone has an interesting hobby or has been on a holiday that they would like to share with the group, we are always on the search for new speakers to come and entertain our members or share their skills. If this is you, then please contact Joan or see Meryll Hayselden at 2 St David's View with details of what you can offer.

Joan would like to thank all those who have bought items from her trolley during 2024 and she has been particularly pleased that people have used the QR Code, which is displayed on the trolley, to make payments from their smartphone if they don't carry cash.

Do keep a look-out for the new season's bedding plants, fuchsias and garden perennials as you pass and continue to support this very worthwhile cause.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/joan-flanagan-1698141006346?utm_term=rnw3YBdKe

AIRMYN W.I. EASTER CONCERT



Castleford Male Voice Choir

Date: 19th April 2025 (*Easter Saturday*)

Venue: St David's Church, Airmyn

Time: 2 pm

Ticket Price: £8.00

(Including Refreshments)

Available from Cathy Galloway, 49 High Street, Airmyn. 01405 764987, or Margaret Jackson, 57 Shaftesbury Ave, Goole. 01405 764759

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Airmyn WI to suspend meetings after 60 years

Due to a lack of members, it has been decided to suspend all meetings of the Airmyn branch of the WI from April 2025 onwards as it is no longer viable to meet the requirements as stated in the WI Handbook. What follows is a potted history of the Airmyn WI...

The first meeting of the Airmyn WI took place on the 17th July 1964 at the home of Ada Hopley, The Lilacs, Rawcliffe Road. She was also the first President. Usually, a WI President serves for three years. The meeting was in the form of a Coffee Evening. Following this, the WI met in the old school near the clock tower until the opening of the new school, Airmyn Park Primary in 1991. From then on, the WI met on the third Wednesday evening of the month at the school until being informed that the school could no longer accommodate the meetings in June 2024.

In July 2024 we celebrated our WI's 60th birthday at the Loftsome Bridge restaurant, inviting along a number of guests who had helped over the years with various aspects of the WI.

We were invited to meet in the Airmyn Memorial Hall from September 2024 but unfortunately the lift there broke down and we had to decline the offer (the stairs being a problem for some members) so we started meeting in St David's Church.

The WI was very involved with the old school, buying gift vouchers or books for the 'leavers' assembly' and in return the two WI members present used to be given a flower corsage made by the children.

Over the years various fund-raising events took place which some readers will have attended; Fashion Shows, Pie and Pea Suppers, BBQs, Coffee Evenings and Christmas fun at Muriel Johson's where Christmas carols were sung accompanied by Muriel on the keyboard. The WI has always supported Airmyn Church and the Airmyn School over the years by either donations or the giving of their time.

Our membership numbers have fallen drastically during the last three or four years and, with only seven members remaining, sadly it is no longer viable to run, so from April 2025 the meetings will cease. There may be an opportunity to start a new Airmyn WI in the future if a new group of women wish to get together once a month for an enjoyable evening. All they will need to do is contact the Federation Office in Beverley where advice will be given to them.

Airmyn Memorial Hall

Woodland Way, Airmyn,
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Main hall and 2 meeting rooms available for hire, please contact the Administrator for availability & full details.

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Tuesday 11th March
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Tuesday 13th May

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Forthcoming services at St. David's:

Sunday, 2 nd March	Holy Communion	4-00 pm
Wednesday, 5 th March	Ash Wednesday Benefice service	7-30 pm
Sunday, 9 th March	Morning Prayer	10-00 am
Sunday, 16 th March	Holy Communion	4-00 pm
Wednesday, 26 th March	Midweek worship and Lent course	7-30 pm
Sunday, 30 th March	Benefice service (Mothering Sunday)	10-00 am
Sunday, 6 th April	Holy Communion	6-00 pm
Sunday, 13 th April	Palm Sunday Benefice service at Rawcliffe	10-00 am
Thursday, 17 th April	Maundy Thursday Benefice service at Hook	7-30 pm
Friday, 18 th April	Good Friday Benefice service at Rawcliffe	11-00 am
Sunday, 20 th April	Easter Sunday service	6-00 pm (time still to be confirmed)
Sunday, 27 th April	Holy Communion	10-00 am
Sunday, 4 th May	Holy Communion	6-00 pm.

N.B. Benefice services are services where people from each of the three parishes of Airmyn, Hook and Rawcliffe meet up to worship together in one of the churches.

N.B. British Summer Time begins on the 30th March and Evening services at Airmyn start at 6-00 pm instead of 4-00 pm thereafter

Concert by the Castleford Male Voice Choir

Many readers of this newsletter will be pleased to learn that the Castleford Male Voice Choir will once again be giving a concert in St. David's church on Easter Saturday, the 19th April, commencing at 2-00 pm. Their concerts given here at Easter time during the past two or three years have been really impressive occasions and much enjoyed by the audiences. Tickets remain at their same price as previously which is £8.00 per person and this price includes refreshments during the interval. They may be obtained from Cathy Galloway at 49, High Street or Margaret Jackson at 57, Shaftesbury Avenue, Goole.

Airmyn Church's Annual Gift Day:

Readers may remember that Airmyn Church held its first Annual Gift Day towards the end of April last year. The income it raised was intended to be a direct replacement for that which had been lost as a result of the discontinuation of the long-established four nights of carol-singing around the village every Christmas. This year's Gift Day has been fixed for Saturday, the 10th May and further details about it will be provided nearer the time.

Significant historical anniversaries:

You may have heard that **Hook church will be 800 years old this year** and you may well be interested enough to pay that church a visit, learn a good deal more about how it all began and join in the celebrations that are planned to mark the occasion.

At the same time, it should be mentioned that **Airmyn church (at least, the nave section of it) will itself be 350 years old next year** and we will no doubt be arranging a special service or two to celebrate and to reflect on how times have changed during its lifetime. There are brochures available giving full details of its history which cost just £3 each.



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Message from the Chair of Airmyn Parish Council

Airmyn Parish Council has had a very challenging and time-consuming start to 2025. The year started with the council having to meet for a second time to consider its budget and set the parish precept for the financial year 2025-26. I am sure my councillor colleagues will agree that setting the parish precept is probably the most important decision that the parish council can take. That is why the council deferred consideration of the budget and parish precept at its meeting on 11 December 2024 as councillors did not believe they had sufficient information to make an informed decision. This followed some 'teething troubles' that our Parish Clerk experienced following the installation and implementation of a new finance software package the council purchased which, ironically, was supposed to make the Clerks job easier. However, following a re-refresh of the figures, councillors were able to go through every budget line carefully, pruning where it was sensible to do so, in order that the council can continue to deliver what we believe to be important to you, our residents.

Following a lengthy discussion, the council was able to set a balanced budget, thus allowing it to unanimously agree that the parish precept be frozen for the financial year 2025-26. This will mean that Airmyn residents won't pay anymore for its parish services than it did during the financial year 2024-25. This outcome was extremely pleasing after learning that East Riding of Yorkshire Council increased its precept by 4.99%; Humberside Police increased its precept by 4.97% and Humberside Fire and Rescue Service increased its precept by 2.99%.

Voting to increase the precept last year was the most difficult decision that I have had to make whilst serving as an Airmyn parish councillor. Colleagues were of a similar opinion which is why we have worked so hard to ensure it did not need to be increased again. This despite an increase in the costs associated with employing our Parish Clerk, as well as making additional resources available to employ a Caretaker. Insurance costs continue to increase as well as the cost of things like utilities, office supplies and fuel.

However, the council has proactively looked at ways it can reduce its expenditure or generate income. The partnership between the Probation Service and the council should hopefully see a substantial reduction in the cost of managing and maintaining our green spaces. The same partnership should also see our valuable volunteers at St David's Church receive additional support with maintaining the church yard. The Events Team had a hugely successful year. Not only did they plan and implement several community events that were enjoyed by hundreds of people, but the volunteers also managed to generate over £600 in income for the council. This is on top of the money that was also distributed to Airmyn Park Primary School and other charity or voluntary groups.

The council did have to make some difficult decisions though. One being the reduction in the number of editions of the Airmyn News produced each year, as well as the document in future being printed in black and white instead of colour. However, each edition of the Airmyn News will be available in colour on the council's website, where it can be read online or downloaded and printed. As the Airmyn News is now quarterly, it is not practical to include minutes of parish council meetings in each publication. Instead, the minutes will be printed and available to read in the parish noticeboard, as well as being published on the council's website.

Through prudent financial management, the council continues to maintain very healthy level of reserves. Some of which will be used to improve the availability and accessibility of parish council information, as well as modernising the IT software the Parish Clerk has access to.

However, no sooner had the council set its budget for 2025-26 then the Parish Clerk became unavailable for work. This saw the council enter a period whereby we had no Parish Clerk. However, all councillors proactively became involved in the practical operation and management of council activities to ensure that, to the best of our abilities, it was "business as usual". In the Parish Clerk's continued absence, councillors have appointed an interim Parish Clerk, Yvonne Belwood, who has transitioned in very well. Vonny is employed to work on Thursday's and Fridays. If residents need to contact the interim Parish Clerk, then she can be contacted on the usual telephone number or email address. It goes without saying that the council will monitor and manage the unexpected costs that will inevitably arise from remunerating two parish clerks.

Unfortunately, whilst the council had a period with no Parish Clerk, the village experienced a surface water flooding incident which affected several properties in the parish. My family and I were one of the unfortunate parishioners who were directly affected by the incident. Following the incident, Councillor Goddard has done a phenomenal job in liaising with external stakeholders, landowners and parishioners to improve the drainage, dykes and watercourses in the parish. The council understand that Yorkshire Water have also reviewed their awareness and response to such incidents. In addition, several landowners have proactively cleared their dykes and watercourses to improve the flow of water away from the village. On behalf of the council, I thank Councillor Goddard for his efforts and those landowners for the measures they immediately implemented for the betterment of the parish. Councillor Goddard and I, alongside a local resident attended the latest meeting of the Goole and Airmyn Internal Drainage Board, whereby we explained the difficulties and challenges facing the parish. Our attendance and participation were, we hope, well received and will result in further collaboration and joint working to protect and safeguard the parish from any future flood related incidents. I would also like to thank the many residents who attended parish council meetings to discuss the flood incident and for

those residents who offered to assist the parish with the management and maintenance of the various watercourses in and around the village.

A quick update on several other parish related activities. Following the termination of the previous grass cutting contractors contract, a new provider will shortly commence the management and maintenance of the riverbank. At Bracken Hill, our contractor has almost completed their programme of works which should, hopefully, see the site opened up for residents to access and enjoy. The council, in association with Screetons Commercial, are currently finalising the arrangements for the lease of the former Bowls Club site. Assuming contracts are signed, the arrangement should see the site managed and maintained by the tenant, as well as provide an income for the council. Further details will be shared once/if the contracts are signed. The two 'drop in' events organised by Humberside Police were well attended by local residents, with several important issues discussed with the officers. Following the first 'drop in' event and the issue of highway/parking concerns being raised with PCSO Chandler I, in my capacity as Vice-Chair of Airmyn Park Primary School governing body, met the Head of School to again explore what measures/initiatives could be implemented to alleviate residents' concerns. PCSO Chandler is encouraging all residents to participate in Operation Snap which allows individuals to report all highway issues, ranging from driving dangerously, using a mobile phone while driving or dangerous driving around other road users, such as horse riders and cyclists. These incidents can be reported at <https://opsnaphumberside.egressforms.com/> With regard to parking concerns, Humberside Police allow you to report your concerns online if you believe it amounts to anti-social behaviour. If you observe a vehicle blocking a public road and posing an imminent danger to the public; a vehicle blocking your car in your driveway, preventing your exit or a vehicle blocking the entrance to your driveway then you can report the incident online at <https://www.humberside.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/?stepid=1-2-2-2-1-6-3&lid=d42e507a-3129-4ec0-8099-3e41bbe78055&rid=834355>

I would again like to express my thanks to those volunteers who continue to manage our green spaces, pick up litter, deliver the Airmyn News or assist at the community events. Their significant contribution, whilst very much appreciated, also helps to keep the precept lower than it may have otherwise been.

I would like to reiterate that members of the public are always very welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings, the first 15 minutes of each monthly meeting is reserved for members of the public to raise any issues. Our agenda is published before the meeting on the Parish noticeboard. Why not come along and see what we do?

You can contact our interim Parish Council in several ways. You can contact us by email at clerk@airmynpc.org.uk, by telephone on 01405 947117 or mobile 07557 166909 or by visiting Airmyn Memorial Hall, Woodland Way, Airmyn, DN14 8LY.

Thanks for your time. Matthew Nundy, Chair, Airmyn Parish Council

The Airmyn Diamond Jubilee Wood

I wonder how many of the readers of this newsletter will remember that, back in 2012, Airmyn celebrated the 60th anniversary of the accession to the throne of our late Queen, Elizabeth II. A Diamond Jubilee Committee of villagers led by Colin Pickering was formed to organise a series of celebratory community events. These were one-off occasions but a more lasting tribute that the Committee provided was the planting of a small memorial wood on the washland to the south-west of the village. The appropriate planning permissions had been obtained from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and from the Environment Agency and about a hundred or so very small trees were provided free of charge by the Woodland Trust. A grant was obtained from the Rusholme Wind Farm Fund (which is administered by the Two Ridings Community Foundation) to pay for some fencing to be erected around the new plantation to protect its trees from being damaged by grazing cattle. It has to be said that the vast majority of those young trees did not survive for long, not because they were eaten by cattle but because they were overwhelmed by the long grass that grew around them. This problem was soon recognised, however, and they were duly replaced by some taller saplings of a whole variety of species, partly to find out which types did well in a situation where they are occasionally temporarily flooded by high river tides. Oak, ash, silver birch, field maple and hawthorn seem to do the best.

This woodland has subsequently grown quite well and its trees are now tall enough and strong enough to withstand being browsed by cattle. As a result, as a surviving member of the original Committee, I have felt able to remove the wooden posts and the barbed wire which were erected around the plantation from the outset. Half a dozen young holly trees and three or four larch and spruce saplings have been planted to fill gaps during the past couple of months and these new trees have been provided with temporary netting guards to protect them from deer. As a result of the work carried out recently, I now have about 300 metres of barbed wire which is still in very good condition and available for use by anyone who might have a need for it. A small donation of, say, about £20 in exchange for it all would be paid into the funds of the Airmyn Memorial Hall Management Committee.

This woodland is situated on the washland directly opposite the sewage works and anyone is welcome to go and take a look at it. One of its chief functions is to provide some habitat for wildlife. The sign in front of it is in urgent need of repainting and anyone with a talent for this kind of task would be very welcome to do the job. David Galloway



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Easter Holiday Club

Tues 8th / 15th
 Wed 9th / 16th
 Thu 10th / 17th

8am - 5pm includes a warm breakfast, Hot lunch options and also snacks & juice throughout the day

Come and join us for our popular holiday club. Everyday we will have a selection of different craft and sports activities. We will have lots of Easter themed crafts and even an Easter Egg Hunt to keep all children entertained!

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AIRMYN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Timetable (Monday - Saturday)



GOOLE - HOWDEN

Goole Station	06.05	07.05	07.55	09.00	09.35	10.10	10.55	11.35	12.05	13.00	13.45	14.30	15.00	15.40	16.10	17.00	17.55	18.35	19.15	20.00	20.35	22.00
Tom Pudding Way	06.14	07.14	08.04	09.09	09.44	10.19	11.04	11.44	12.14	13.09	13.54	14.39	15.09	15.49	16.19	17.09	18.04	18.44	19.24	20.09	20.44	22.09
Glew's Garage	06.16	07.16	08.06	09.11	09.46	10.21	11.06	11.46	12.16	13.11	13.56	14.41	15.11	15.51	16.21	17.11	18.06	18.46	19.26	20.11	20.46	22.11
Airmyn Village	06.21	07.21	08.11	09.16	09.51	10.26	11.11	11.51	12.21	13.16	14.01	14.46	15.16	15.56	16.26	17.16	18.11	18.51	19.31	20.16	20.51	22.16
Howden Memorial	06.28	07.28	08.18	09.23	09.58	10.33	11.18	11.58	12.28	13.23	14.08	14.53	15.23	16.03	16.33	17.23	18.18	18.58	19.38	20.23	20.58	22.23
Howden Station	06.33	07.33	08.23	09.28	10.03	10.38	11.23	12.03	12.33	13.28	14.13	14.58	15.28	16.08	16.38	17.28	18.23	19.03	19.43	20.28	21.03	22.28

HOWDEN - GOOLE

Howden Station	06.15	06.55	07.45	08.30	09.35	10.20	10.45	11.30	12.20	13.00	13.35	14.25	15.05	15.35	16.20	16.45	17.35	18.40	19.20	19.50	20.55	21.55	22.35
Howden Memorial	06.18	06.58	07.48	08.33	09.38	10.23	10.48	11.33	12.23	13.03	13.38	14.28	15.08	15.38	16.23	16.48	17.38	18.43	19.23	19.53	20.58	21.58	22.38
Airmyn Village	06.25	07.05	07.55	08.40	09.45	10.30	10.55	11.40	12.30	13.10	13.45	14.35	15.15	15.45	16.30	16.55	17.45	18.50	19.30	20.00	21.05	22.05	22.45
Glew's Garage	06.31	07.11	08.01	08.46	09.51	10.36	11.01	11.46	12.36	13.16	13.51	14.41	15.21	15.51	16.36	17.01	17.51	18.56	19.36	20.06	21.11	22.11	22.51
Tom Pudding Way	06.33	07.13	08.03	08.48	09.53	10.38	11.03	11.48	12.38	13.18	13.53	14.43	15.23	15.53	16.38	17.03	17.53	18.58	19.38	20.08	21.13	22.13	22.53
Goole Station	06.42	07.22	08.12	08.57	10.02	10.47	11.12	11.57	12.47	13.27	14.02	14.52	15.32	16.02	16.47	17.12	18.02	19.07	19.47	20.17	21.22	22.22	23.02



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