



Tidal Surge affects 29 North Ferriby Homes



The tidal surge of Thursday 5th December caused flooding to the homes or gardens of 29 properties according to East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC). Worst affected were in Southfield Drive, Old Pond Place, Redcliff Drive and Humber Road. Some home owners have had to vacate whilst their properties dry out and our sympathies and best wishes go to all those affected. Members of the Parish Council (PC) Emergency Committee were out and about on the evening and were joined by ERYC land drainage engineers, social services, the Environment Agency (EA), the Police, the Fire & Rescue Service and concerned residents from throughout the village.

Recovery the next day was swift with ERYC undertaking street cleaning and, together with the Police, checking on affected residents. The PC provided information to agencies over following days.

Towards the end of February members of the PC met in public with senior strategy managers of the EA and a land drainage engineer from ERYC. Approximately 30 local residents attended and spoke freely about their experiences. The EA informed the meeting that atmospheric conditions contributed to a tide 1.9m higher than anticipated on the coast and around 1.8m higher in the estuary, with 1000 properties flooded in East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. Key messages for North Ferriby were:

- ◆ The EA will meet on site with the PC, ERYC and local residents in the next month
- ◆ Repair work to damaged defences will be undertaken quickly – in the next two months
- ◆ Concerns about erosion to the bank at Long Plantation will be considered
- ◆ Concerns about potential flood risk to the pumping station will be considered
- ◆ A review of the zoning and system for early warning messages is being reviewed
- ◆ ERYC, as lead flood agency, will produce a report on the event and make recommendations
- ◆ The long term strategy for the Humber and individual communities is being reviewed and will now include experiences from the tidal surge
- ◆ North Ferriby is currently well protected against all but the extreme event
- ◆ Rising sea levels will require additional work to the defences over time and North Ferriby will get what is necessary to ensure a good level of protection
- ◆ Partnership working including the PC is essential
- ◆ The PC will update its Emergency Plan to take account of the flooding event

We were reassured that there is a commitment from agencies to move forward from here and protect the village which is very different to the message that came out of the 2008 strategy for the Humber.

Melton Fields Appeal

The appeal into the planning application for 510 homes on Melton Fields will commence on Tuesday 29th April at 10am in County Hall Beverley. The decision to refuse the second application (for 390 homes) has also been appealed but as we go to print we do not know whether the two appeals will be dealt with at the same hearing. Please see our website and notice boards for further developments.

The parish council will be speaking at the hearing and will be insisting that at least one session be held in the village to enable the inspector to hear the views of residents and to appreciate the strength of opposition. Again, we will keep you informed via the website and our notice boards.

Riverside Walkway Path Improvements



Grant funding from ERYC together with some funding from parish council reserves has enabled us to widen and improve the quality of the footpath to Riverside Walkway, making it a more pleasant experience for all. It also means that a dog litter bin can be installed at the end of the path to be emptied by ERYC. We hope that this will encourage all dog walkers to pick up after their pets and put the bags in the bin, wherever they are on the walkway when an event occurs.

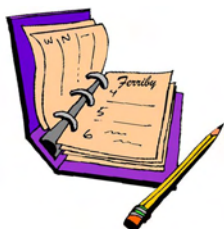
Riverside Walkway is a public place and it is an offence not to pick up after your dog

Looking for a new challenge in Guiding?

In North Ferriby 4 Rainbow, Brownie and Guide Units give around 80 girls the chance to enjoy Guiding activities. Many more are waiting to join.

Guiding offers girls the chance to make new friends, learn new skills, have fun and enjoy adventurous activities.

To continue giving these opportunities to local girls the units are actively recruiting new volunteers. If you think you would enjoy these types of activities and could spare a couple of hours a week (term time) then please contact Joyce Knox on **634 332** or jknox@jknox.karoo.co.uk. No previous involvement is necessary and full training is available. Perhaps you have fond memories of being a Guide or Brownie yourself?



Diary Dates

Sunday	15th	June
Open Gardens		
Saturday	12th	July
Village Show		

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will be held at 7 pm on Monday 28th April in the Village Hall.

This is a meeting for the whole village and any resident may put an item on the agenda for discussion.

It is not a meeting of the Parish Council but the APM can refer items to a future PC meeting.

To place an item on the agenda please contact the Parish Clerk.

New Years Honour

Congratulations to **Odette Mitchell** from New Walk who was awarded the **British Empire Medal** by Her Majesty the Queen for 12 years of voluntary work in helping young people come off the effect of drugs and also help them to gain careers.

Twinning Association Spring Events

Jive Night - Saturday 12th April, 7.30 pm, North Ferriby Village Hall. Cost: members £7.50, non-members £8.50 and children aged 14 and under £4, including a sandwich supper. Tickets from Hilary Brocklehurst on **634 398**. The evening will be led by Laura Chatterton from the Hessele Jive Group. No experience is necessary and singles are welcome.



Visit - from Wednesday 28th May to Sunday 1st June a group of visitors from Le Pellerin will be staying with host families locally. If you are interested in being a host please contact Ann Welbourne on 631 845

To find out more about this Twinning Association, or to join, visit our website <http://northferriby-lepellerin.co.uk>

Village Hall Update

By the time this newsletter is received the new Village Hall toilets should be finished and ready for use. The work, to provide the new ladies' and gents' toilets, has progressed well, and local firm Total Build Solutions have kept to schedule. All the old fittings have been stripped out, the floors dug out and re-laid, damp-proofing treatment carried out around the walls, new drains laid and walls built for the disabled toilet and cleaning cupboard; a new storage area has been created adjacent to the main store-room and a new entrance to the old store behind the bar area (now the ladies') has been made by the stage.

All this has been made possible by means of a grant from Biffa Award, a multi-million pound fund that helps to build communities and transform lives through awarding grants to community and environmental projects across the UK and the generous help of Ideal Standard (sanitary ware), B. Danby & Co. Ltd. (plumbing fittings), and Hull Lighting (light fittings). The Parish Council has also contributed a percentage of the cost. The Village Hall Trust cannot thank these organisations enough.

We are delighted that this project will have been completed in plenty of time for the start of our Centenary celebrations. The old Estate Hall was completed in 1914, so we share our Centenary with WWI, and we have planned an exciting series of events for everyone in North Ferriby to help us celebrate this very special anniversary. Details can be found on the Village Hall Events page (<http://www.ferribyvillagehall.org.uk/events/>) and we look forward to a great year. We need everyone in the village to attend our events to keep the Hall alive and active. - **Chris Swindin**



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Work in Long Plantation

During February work was undertaken in Long Plantation wood by St Modwen Properties in consultation with East Riding of Yorkshire Council. The works involved planting 162 young trees (comprising a mix of Alder, English Oak, Wild Cherry, Common Crab Apple, Beech) concentrating planting in the areas cleared last year and 2000 hedgerow species (Hedgerow species Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Field Maple, Dogwood and Dog Rose) planted on the western boundary. There were also some tree surgery works to complete the removal of stumps left at the end of last year. The work will be inspected by the ERYC Tree Officer to ensure it has been completed to a good standard.

Keep up to date with Ferriby events
LOOK ON THE FERRIBY WEBSITE

www.nferriby.info

Our website is kept fully up to date with the latest Ferriby news and events. Keep an eye on Ferriby Diary - www.ferriby.info/nferribydiary.htm Local organisations are invited to send details of their events for inclusion on the website.

*join our e-mail up-date list to receive notices by e-mailing:
web@nferriby.info*

Emergency Plan

The Parish Council is reviewing its Emergency Plan and is keen to hear from residents, who are not already included and who wish to register themselves as vulnerable should any emergency arise, such as the recent flooding. Your vulnerability may be because of age, infirmity or simply because you live alone.

Please ring Pat Lambert, the council clerk on **631 822** if you wish to discuss this further or leave your contact details and brief details of why you wish to register. It would be also helpful to let her know if you are already registered and would now like to have your name removed from the list.

Village Taskforce

ERYC's Village Taskforce will be visiting North Ferriby on 3rd July. Please report potholes, damaged grass verges, overhanging trees, defective streetlights etc to the parish clerk before that date so that parish councillors can point these out to the team.

Wolds Way Footpath

It is anticipated that works to stabilise the Wolds Way footpath between North Ferriby and Hessle foreshores will have been completed by the time this newsletter is delivered.

Defibrillator for the Village

Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) has offered North Ferriby a defibrillator. The Parish Council has accepted the offer and will fund the cost of installation. Postmaster Mike Bonewell has kindly agreed that it be placed on the outside wall of the Post Office in a secure cabinet. This will be a huge benefit to the whole village and residents should



familiarise themselves with its location. If a person suffers symptoms of cardiac arrest and a **999** call is made, a relative or neighbour will be asked by YAS to collect the defibrillator as this can save precious minutes whilst an ambulance is on its way and could well save a life. **It will not be used by YAS as a substitute for sending an ambulance.** The defibrillator is easy to use and the user will be talked through how to use it. Residents can be assured that it is not possible to shock someone that does not need it – the machine will not allow it.

YAS is offering a free two-hour daytime course, for interested villagers, to cover basic life support and use of the defibrillator and CPR. If you are interested please contact Pat Lambert on **631 822**, email pat@nfpccouncil.karoo.co.uk. Numbers are restricted so please call as soon as you can

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