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The Riccall Beacon - Autumn / Winter 2011

Snow Wardens needed!



A clear path to showing Riccall's community spirit?

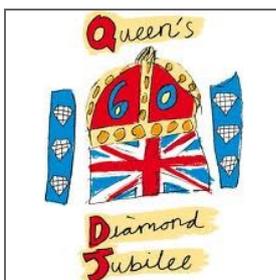
Subject to getting severe weather this winter, we want to try and do something quite unusual within the community of Riccall. Our aim is to clear the snow and grit the footpaths around the centre of the village, making them accessible for everyone, particularly the more vulnerable residents, to get to the local shops, GP, bus routes, school and so on. We have the grit bins in place and we have completed some basic training that can be passed on. If we achieve this, we will be one of very few communities out there that have taken the initiative themselves to solve a problem.

We can't do this without volunteers. You might be interested in helping regularly or may only be able to help at weekends or the odd day, but if you really feel that we can do this as a community then contact us and put your name forward to help. You would never be pressured and could do as much or as little to help as you can manage. We do need that team of volunteers though to do this. Interested? Contact Lindsey Ryan clerk@riccallparishcouncil.org.uk or call (01757) 249222. Based on our getting some volunteers, we hope to hold a meeting within the next couple of weeks to discuss routes, kit and forecasting. We hope that lots of you will contact us and quickly as we need to get ready.

Please note that the salt bins in Riccall are intended for use on public footpaths only.

We need a Councillor

We have one vacancy on Riccall Parish Council. See our website for details about what it takes to be a Parish Councillor or have a chat with one of us. Interviews will be held later in November so please get in touch with Lindsey Ryan before the 11th November, if you would like to be considered.



Diamond Jubilee ideas?

We are looking for your ideas about what we should do in Riccall to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year. If you have any good ones—please do let us know. Also, we are thinking about doing something new with the Pinfold around this time (the semi-circular area on the corner of Northfield Lane, near the Post Office). It would be interesting to hear your ideas for what we could do to make it a more attractive area in celebration of the Jubilee.

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SADPD progress?



Selby District Council has announced its preferred options on the Site Allocations Development Plan Document which seeks to allocate land to accommodate various types of development up to 2026, including housing, employment and infrastructure. The SADPD responds to the consultation that took place in January - April this year and sets out those parcels of land that are identified as the most suitable for development. Residents are invited to read the documents and make their views known. The consultation runs until 5pm on Friday 2nd December 2011. Representations should be made in writing or by email stating the reason for the response with any justification or changes required to

satisfy any concerns. Comments can be sent to: Policy Officer, Selby District Council, Doncaster Rd, Selby, YO8 9FT or emailed to ldf@selby.gov.uk

View the SADPD preferred options at www.selby.gov.uk/SADPD

To view specific information for Riccall, you can visit 'news' on the Riccall PC website. www.riccallparishcouncil.org.uk

As a very brief summary, Riccall has been allocated the potential for a further 127 dwellings between now and 2026. You can view the maps about where this development is planned online, using the links above or can view the hard copy plans by making an appointment to visit our office at the Regen Centre or at Selby District Council.

If you look at chapter G of the SADPD, the District Council has responded to questions about Gypsy & Traveller use in Selby district and selected the preferred site in Whitley.

Have your say about Riccall

As we told you in the

As we told you in the summer Beacon, Riccall Parish Council is putting together a business plan for our community for the coming four years. In order to help us to be sure about your priorities for Riccall, we asked that each household completed a short survey. There was a separate survey for young people.

Thank you so much to those of you that have taken the time to complete the survey either in hard copy or online. If you have asked to be included for Crimestopper information and email groups, these will be set up in the New Year, once all of the surveys are complete and evaluated—we haven't forgotten you if you haven't heard from us yet. We will also provide feedback for everyone early next year. **We would like to offer those of you that haven't participated, one more opportunity to do so.** The surveys will remain live until 31st December 2011. Go online and take part by visiting our website www.riccallparishcouncil.org.uk. The residents survey is on the home page. We would like this survey to be representative of all members of our community and all age groups—if you haven't taken part please do take this final opportunity to do so.



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Safer Neighbourhood Policing



There have been a number of incidents in the North Selby area, including Riccall, where residents who have been away on holiday have had their houses broken into. Offenders have been apprehended for this but we would like to take this opportunity to remind residents to ensure that properties are secure and appear to be occupied, using methods such as timer lights and asking trusted family/ friends to close curtains at night etc. Please be mindful about who you are telling about your plans for a holiday.



Numerous vans have been broken into and tools have been stolen from outside houses in the Brayton area. We are asking all residents who store tools in their vans to remove them into safe storage overnight. We are conducting free tool security marking days; watch out for details in the local newspapers.

Finally there have been reports of “lamping” on local farm land and in the local area. Not only does this cause damage to farmers crops but the offenders can often be involved in other crime, whilst in the area. We are conducting patrols targeting suspect vehicles and poachers but ultimately we need residents to report incidents to us so we can dedicate our patrols to the correct areas.

Police 0845 60 60 247



For those of you that are not keen on **Trick or Treat**—you can pick up a ‘No Thanks’ poster to put on your door and discourage young people from knocking. These are available at the Post Office and at Costcutter in Riccall.



You might soon notice full size cardboard cut outs of Police Officers in all of the Selby supermarkets—the idea being that notices about crime in the local area will be displayed on a weekly basis on these figures for the information of residents.



Smoke Alarm reminder

Please check your smoke alarms and batteries at this time of year, when the likelihood of house fires increase nationally.



Please help us to keep Riccall litter free



Riccall Parish Council is fortunate to have a really conscientious litter collector, who completes his work around the village with pride. We realise how difficult it is to prevent everyone from dropping litter and we also can't prevent litter from blowing on to the streets from overflowing litter bins – however there is one way that everyone can help to reduce litter in Riccall, if you don't already. We seem to be experiencing strong winds recently, regularly and typically it is often the day before, or on the day that we put our recycling boxes out for collection. We know that many of you weight your boxes, but there are many boxes that are put out on the kerbside with no lids on, resulting in the contents blowing all over the streets. If we could all put some form of weight on the boxes, it would really help in reducing the litter that gets blown around the village. We also realise that after the boxes are emptied they are light and often blow over – if you have a weight (brick or breeze block etc) the refuse collectors will and do stack the boxes inside each other and if you are one of the conscientious residents that already put a weight on the box the refuse men will put it inside or on top of the empty boxes, which in most cases stops them from blowing onto the road. Please help recycling to be a success in Riccall and help us keep our village as clean as possible. **Cllr Brian Keen**





Westfield Sports ground

Those of you living near by will have definitely noticed the progress and we apologise for any disruption caused during the ground works stage. Thank you for your support and patience with the development of these facilities for Riccall.



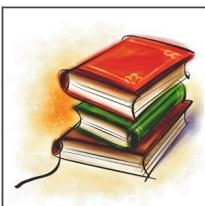
The field is now fully drained, levelled and seeded. Some of the excess soil has been used to create a sloping bund to the boundaries, with the intention of this being used as a viewing area for spectators. The corner hedging has been removed and will be set further back to allow better visibility for traffic on this difficult corner. The footpath to the side of the pitches is being completed at present and fencing will be in shortly. The junior pitches will not be playable until autumn 2012, so please do help us by keeping off the area and keeping your children off for the time being. We'll have an official public opening of the facilities next year so you'll get to hear when they are open.



Planting will take place between the footpath and the rear of the Ash Grove properties. We are currently working with Riccall Lands Charity to try and get an extra grant for planting along the woodland walk. Please vote for us by visiting www.qe2fields.com—you will need the postcode YO19 6PW—project is "Westfield Jubilee Sportsfield" Landing Lane, Riccall, North Yorkshire. Please do record your vote as this will really help us to get this grant. *Thank you.*



A huge thank you to Billy Bills, who recently presented us with a cheque for almost £1200 towards the project.



Library at the Regen Centre?

NYCC are asking local communities whether they have a venue for a library. It is possible that we could use the Regen Centre for Riccall but would need a couple of volunteers. Would anyone be interested in helping if this goes ahead? Please let us know.

Riccall Student Cllrs go to Westminster



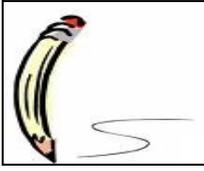
Students from Riccall Primary School Student Council went to Westminster in October to visit the Houses of Parliament. Selby and Ainsty MP Nigel Adams, spent time with the young people involved and gave them a quick tour of some of his favourite bits of the building. The student Cllrs, from both 2010 and 2011 were really impressed with their trip and enjoyed the whole experience.





Community Notice Board.....

Did you have something to add?



This is your section of the Beacon, providing an opportunity for community groups to submit articles about their group and about what it does. Attempts have been made to reach most groups via email but apologies if we have missed yours. Any community group in Riccall can submit an article but we do ask that they are kept to a maximum of around 200 words, so that we can be inclusive and fair to all groups. Ideally please email the article to clerk@riccallparishcouncil.org.uk. The Beacon will be produced four times per year. Many thanks for all of your articles to date. Deadlines for 2012 are **3rd February, 20th April, 29th June and 5th October.**

Lindsey Ryan - Editor

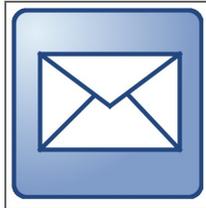
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Bulb planting for the Jubilee



Thanks so much to Riccall Scouts, Cubs and Beavers for helping to plant bulbs all around the village, for next year's Diamond Jubilee. Bulbs were provided by the Riccall Carnival Committee, with proceeds from last year's Dickensian Fayre. Our thanks go out to all concerned and we will all look forward to enjoying the results next year.

NYCC newsletter—delivered straight to your inbox



North Yorkshire County Council has launched an email newsletter, which aims to keep residents up to date with events within the County. If you wish to receive this, sign up by visiting www.northyorks.gov.uk/subscribenow

'North Yorkshire Now' will be sent regularly to all that wish to sign up, free of charge and will include 'what's on' information for the county and notices about the work of the council, consultations and so on.



Digging up Riccall



A recent public meeting showed that there was sufficient public interest among local people to form a Riccall Archaeological Group. This group would work under the auspices and guidance of Dr Jon Kenny, the Community Archaeologist. Riccall has an important early history and some archaeological work has already been done. It is hoped that in the near future, further work will be undertaken.

A website is being prepared which will keep us up to date with events.

In the meantime, look out for notices, which will be displayed in the usual places around the village.



Community Notice Board.....



Dickensian Christmas Fayre

The carnival was blessed with excellent weather this year and was, once again, very successful. Check out our website for photos and details of the returned balloons and where they landed! The winning balloon was found in Germany and belonged to Steve Beck.

Preparations are now underway for "Royal Riccall" the theme for 2012 – to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The dates are 1st - 4th June. What would YOU like to see at the Carnival? Have you an idea, do you want to see something different, or are you happy with how we organise the weekend? Please let us know.

We are now preparing for the **Dickensian Fayre on Saturday 3rd December 2011!** Get your costumes ready and get into the festive spirit, have a warm round the brazier, whilst eating hot roasted chestnuts, tasting mulled wine and listening to festive music. There will be festive stalls, a barrel organ and old fashioned fairground rides. Have a cup of tea and a mince pie in the Church, whilst picking your favourite decorated Christmas tree. Enjoy hot food at the Hare & Hounds and music from barber shop singers.

Money raised from the Dickensian Fayre is put back into the village. We were hoping to purchase some more Christmas lights but the installation and up-keep proved to be too expensive in the current financial climate. So instead, we have purchased an alternative variety of bulbs – daffodils, crocus and snowdrops. *See the story within this Beacon about Riccall Scouting group helping us with the planting.*

Have you the capacity to help us on our event days but don't want to join the committee and attend meetings? We are short of helpers to erect and dismantle marquees etc. Please contact us if you can help us out. Brian and Karen Keen (01757) 249403



WHAT'S GOING ON IN RICCALL?

Learning to play, Playing to learn



www.riccallpreschool.org.uk

Come and see what fun you'll have in our purpose built new building next door to the primary school in Coppergate, Riccall.

Riccall Pre-school is a stimulating and fun-packed setting with lots to do inside and out.

Places available for children aged 2½ - 5yrs.

(15hrs of Nursery Grant Funding available from the beginning of the term following your child's 3rd birthday.)

Singing

Building

Gloop

Outdoor play

Spaghetti

8.00-9.00am—Breakfast club

9.00- 11.30am—Morning Session

11.30-12.30pm—Lunch Club

12.30-3.00pm—Afternoon Session

Ice cubes

Role Play

Climbing

Story time

Children may attend any or all sessions, subject to availability.

For more information or to arrange a visit or FREE taster session, please call 01757 249792 or email: info@riccallpreschool.org.uk

OFSTED Inspection Oct 2010—OUTSTANDING in ALL AREAS!





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Riccall Regen Centre



The Regen Community Centre's programme of refurbishment is well under-way. This will be on-going during the remainder of 2011 and during 2012. The rotunda has been re-painted, as has the Millennium meeting room, the entrance lobby, the down-stairs' corridor, the reception area, the café bar and the front office. Certain furniture used in the main hall and small hall has been replaced. New blinds have been fitted in the meeting rooms, the nursery and the café bar. New computer equipment has been installed in the reception/admin offices. Further work in respect of the Centre's



heating system, main hall floor, roof and outside play area will take place over the next few months. We are sure that all of this will help the Centre offer an enhanced service to the people of Riccall and the wider community. This work costs money, of course. We continue to seek grant funding from outside bodies, and our own fundraising efforts have raised

some £3000 this year. We need to continue to do more, as, despite being a charity, we receive no council or government funding and have to stand on our own two feet. Your donations, or volunteer help, would assist us to move the Regen Community Centre even further forward. If you would like to help, please telephone 01757 248849, email info@riccall.co, or pay us a visit down Landing Lane.



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Windmill Nursery

The Regen Community Centre's Windmill Nursery now has its own website (windmillnurseryriccall.co.uk). This is live but we are still developing it. This will take several weeks, so please bear with us. Any comments would be appreciated! Our Windmill Nursery caters for children aged from 3 months to 5 years in a large, bright, secure and colourful environment, with highly qualified, experienced and caring staff. As well as long and medium term places, Windmill Nursery is able to offer some short term places. Please telephone the Nursery Manager on 01757 249527 to see what is available. Prices are very competitive for this area, and include freshly produced meals.

Riccall Tot Stop

For mums, dads & carers of pre-school children & babies

Held at the Regen Centre, Landing Lane, Riccall

Every Tuesday 1pm - 3pm in term time

A well equipped playroom & outside play area for the children

whilst the grown ups can chat & socialise!

Christmas Party with a visit from Father Christmas

Tuesday 13th December

A warm & friendly welcome awaits all new members from Riccall & surrounding areas.

For further information please call Sue Hill 01757 249061





Riccall Utd FC



Are looking to sign on new Adult players and Junior Players at under 12 age Group if you are interested

For more information or to become a player, manager, coach or volunteer please contact Liam Bradley on 07738370244 or liam.bradley@mcnicholas.co.uk

Riccall United Football Club would like to thank everyone for their continued support during the last year and we are pleased to announce that we continue to develop for the future and in this issue of The Riccall Beacon we summarise our progress below;

Club was awarded Charter Standard Development Club status in the summer.

- For the 2011/2012 season the club is formed of a mini-academy (4-6 year olds); Under 7's; Under 9's; 2 x Under 12's; 3 x senior sides.
- Unfortunately lost the Under 8's and Under 9's due to a lack of coaches and players respectively.
- The playing surface was treated over the summer.
- Dugouts painted during the summer months. Almost all of the railings are now complete.
- A new line marker was purchased by the club for maintenance of the club's several pitches. A second line marker will be purchased as the club continues to grow.
- With the exception of 1 team – The club membership is at capacity.
- The Under 7's have made a very encouraging start to life in junior football whilst the under 9's have now begun competitive football and have won all 3 of their games so far in cup and league.
- The Under 12's Saturday are in need of some new players to complement the current players whilst the Under 12's Sunday have made a steady start following last season promotion.
- The 1st Team have suffered major losses to the playing staff to Selby Town but are starting to turn the corner, following a tough start to this season's Premier Division. Two wins on the bounce has moved them four places up the table thanks to the commitment and efforts of the players and the work behind the scenes to rebuild the squad.
- The Reserves have only just started their new season following promotion into Reserve A and have made a good start. Played 2 won 1 drawn 1. Again the playing squad needed rebuilding this summer. The Hounds have started the season very impressively. 3 wins from 3 in the league and a cup win as well scoring 28 goals in 4 games at an average rate of 7 per game.

Westfield Project

Funding for the new sports field project has been agreed and work has started on preparing the Westfield into a sports and social area that has a cricket pitch, two football pitches for junior football and other facilities for the local community to use and enjoy. Riccall United Junior Football Club is committed to raise £5000, to help contribute towards the total cost of the project.

To help raise this financial target we sell tea, coffee and soft drinks at home games along with bacon sandwiches, chocolate bars etc and at some games we hold a raffle. There are also other ideas in the pipeline. Any of your ideas are welcomed

RICCALL UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO BILLY BILLS FOR HIS FANTASTIC SUPPORT, IN RAISING OVER £1200 FOR THE WESTFIELD PROJECT.



Deaf Friendly FC

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A report from the archives

PRIVILEGE, PATRONAGE AND POWER

Riccall Parish contains 2667 acres of land. At the beginning of the 20thC one man owned about half of those acres, which included 16 cottages and houses, 11 farms and Riccall Hall. The benefit to him was not only the rents which he received from these properties, but also the control of the shooting rights over the land and on extensive parts of Riccall Common. In the late 19thC he owned nearly 21,000 acres of land in the East Riding of Yorkshire, and his family owned a further 5,000 acres in Shropshire. Only Sir Tatton Sykes of Sledmere and Lord Londesborough owned more land in the East Riding. Can you guess who this man was?

The answer is Beilby Lawley, the 3rd Lord Wenlock of Escrick Park Estate

Beilby Lawley was a very well connected person. His parents were Richard Lawley, 2nd Lord Wenlock and Elizabeth Grosvenor, the daughter of the very wealthy 2nd Marquis of Westminster. Beilby was born in London in 1849 and he was educated at Eton and Trinity College Cambridge. Not only was he interested in horse racing but he played cricket and football, for which he displayed considerable talent.

He was commissioned into the Yorkshire Hussars in 1869 and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.



Beilby Lawley married Constance Lascelles in 1872. She was the daughter of the 4th Earl of Harewood, and so they were connected to most of the upper class in Yorkshire. They had one daughter, Irene.

In 1880 the 2nd Lord Wenlock died and Beilby inherited the title and the estate. He took his seat in the House of Lords.

Beilby and Lady Constance had a wealthy lifestyle that few of us can comprehend. The aristocracy of the day were accustomed to enjoying their privileges. However attached to this lifestyle was an impressive amount of responsibility and influence. Beilby Lawley's official involvements were as follows:

Justice of the Peace for 41 years, Chairman of the East Riding County Council, Director of Barclays Bank, Director of the North Eastern Railway (convenient station nearby), Chief Promoter of the Derwent Valley Light Railway, President of Yorkshire Federated Unionist Organisations, Chairman of the 'Yorkshire Herald,' President of the Yorkshire Allotments and Small Holding Association, Chairman of the Committee for the Restoration of Selby Abbey, Colonel commanding the East Riding of Yorkshire Imperial Yeomanry.

As can be seen from the list, his spheres of influence were many. He provided employment and housing in most of the nearby villages, and he influenced law and order and the administration of justice in his role as JP. Via the 'Yorkshire Herald' he could shape opinion; by his patronage he influenced religion, education and charities. He contributed to the defence of the realm with his connection to the Yeomanry and his investments gave him an interest in the flourishing transport system of the day, the railways. His services were required by his country and he served as Governor of Madras from 1891 to 1896. He also became Chief of Staff to the Prince of Wales (the future King George V). Ordinary people can feel resentful of wealth and privilege they themselves are unable to attain. However it must be remembered that Beilby Lawley, 3rd Lord Wenlock, wealthy and influential, took his responsibilities seriously and discharged them conscientiously and fairly. Subsequent generations were not expected to do the same and when the First World War changed everything and an era came to an end.



Beilby Lawley, 3rd Lord Wenlock, died in 1912 and having no male heir his title was inherited successively by his brothers Richard, Algernon and Arthur. The title then became extinct. Dame Irene Lawley, who married Colin Forbes Adams, inherited her parent's estate.

Riccall Archive is supported by Riccall Parish Council.

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Some of this information was extracted from 'ESCRICK' A VILLAGE HISTORY BY J P G Taylor. The photograph of Lord Wenlock is also courtesy of J P G Taylor.

Riccall Neighbourhood Watch



At the 2011 October meeting of RNHW coordinators, the following items were discussed which may be useful reminders to our village community.



Echoing what is said in the report by the Police, there have been **TWO** recent break-in burglaries of Riccall houses and also the theft of motor car wheels from a third address. PCSO Adam Wood attended our meeting and reported positive police action on all three incidents.

Adam also reported on relatively recent crime incidents in the Selby area with a common factor of house owners being away on holiday. Investigations are continuing to try and establish if there is any common information link that criminals are using to determine empty houses.

Householders must be very careful about who is knowledgeable about holiday absences!

Selby area has also suffered many recent thefts from vehicles; tools, machines, and other equipment must be very well stowed and out of sight.

The meeting also discussed the antisocial parking in some area of Riccall. Please be considerate to other villagers when parking even for very short periods. There are more cars being parked that generate increased risk problem for all road users and pedestrians particularly on both side of the road in narrow roadway areas that have all forms of traffic passing and some very quickly. Parking at road junction impedes the line of sight for drivers emerging from nearby junctions.

If any residents would like to help Riccall Neighbourhood Watch, coordinators are required for some street/ areas- The Meadows, Coppergate, Station Rise (the new housing estate off Station Rd) and Silver Street, Please contact Secretary Anne Bell 248909



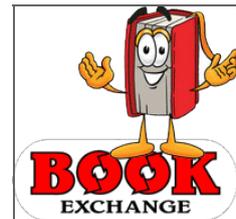
Book Exchange



Now available at Riccall Post Office

For a small donation pick up a book, enjoy reading it then return it or don't —the choice is yours. Proceeds go to Riccall C.P. School

Thank you to all who have helped raise over £100 so far

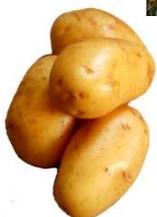


Field Garden Allotments

Call Brian Keen on 249403 to register your interest.

We do have a waiting list for gardens but there will be vacancies in every field in the spring so contact **Brian Keen** and book a plot.

Existing tenants should be able to get some well rotted manure in the next month within our field, at the top left of Northfield Lane. Tenants please watch out for the delivery and a small charge for each barrow filled is made to cover our costs.



Dunelm Farm site development

Linden
Homes

Plans have just been submitted to develop the Dunelm Farm site (piece of land on Main Street opposite Costcutter) . Linden Homes, the company that has developed the housing estate off Station Rd have submitted their plans to Selby District Council. The proposal is for 13 dwellings (a mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom properties).

Linden Homes plan to hold an exhibition of the plans for any residents that are interested or want to ask questions about the development. The exhibition will be

held on **Tuesday 15th November between 5pm and 7pm at the Regen Centre**. Linden Homes have already presented their plans and ideas to the Parish Council and have listened to feedback about how this development can work best for our community. There has been some agreement to slightly widen Carr Lane (the passageway alongside the site) in places to make this more visible for pedestrians.

Singles supper

Is anyone interested in joining/forming a '6 o'clock Simple Supper Club' for Single people? If so then please call Pauline on 0754 825 8887

Airfields in Yorkshire

There has been an app developed, which is a trail of Second World War airfields and which includes Riccall. The app tells people what to look for and what they are looking at while they explore. You can access it by visiting www.airfields-in-yorkshire.co.uk

Recipe Corner - Pumpkin Pie

Preparation method

- 1 Pre-heat oven to 180C/350F/Gas4
- 2 Use a shop bought sweet crust pastry case, about 9 inch/23 cm diameter and 1.5 inches/4cm deep.
- 3 To make the filling, steam the pumpkin then place in a coarse sieve and press lightly to extract any excess water
- 4 Then lightly whisk the eggs and extra yolk together in a large bowl
- 5 Place the sugar, spices and cream in a pan, bring to simmering point, giving it a whisk to mix everything together. Then pour it over the eggs and whisk again briefly.
- 6 Now add the pumpkin puree, still whisking to combine everything thoroughly.
- 7 Pour the filling into your pastry case and bake for 35—40 minutes, by which time it will puff up round the edges but still feel slightly wobbly in the centre.
- 8 Remove the pie from the oven and place the tin on a wire cooling rack. Serve chilled (stored loosely covered in foil in the fridge) with some equally chilled crème fraiche, but warm or at room temperature would be fine.



Ingredients

For the pastry: Sweet short crust pastry case (or a packet of ready made sweet short crust pastry with 40g crushed pecans mixed in)

For the filling: 450g pumpkin flesh cut into 2.5cm chunks, 2 large eggs plus 1 yolk, 75g soft dark brown sugar, 1tsp ground cinnamon, half level tsp freshly grated nutmeg, half tsp ground allspice, half tsp ground cloves, half tsp ground ginger, 275ml of double cream.



Nature in Riccall



We've all suffered from the miserable summer weather, including birds and mammals, despite two consolation warm spells. Have you seen a Hedgehog yet? Even a squashed one on the road! Wasps were a nuisance but our fruit trees benefited. Swifts had the briefest summer visit leaving early in August but managing to rear some reasonable broods, despite losing their traditional nest sites in the Station Road warehouses. Our Northfield Swallows came in early April, leaving earlier than usual in September and three pairs produced 24 youngsters. More Sparrow Hawks and Kestrels have become village predators and sightings of small Merlin Hawks mean that birds of prey are a new treat to see in our gardens.



Northfield Nature Park was awarded national *Green Flag* status as a public area of outstanding conservation value. Well done to everybody who has helped with this area. The judge was impressed by the great work of village volunteers in establishing and managing the fields, as well as the plant, bird and mammal wildlife that he observed. We now rank alongside Rowntree Park in our category of award.

You can be a part of more nature activities by calling Paddy on 249201-as a new **woodland walk** is to be created on Westfield, next to the new football facilities that are being developed by Riccall Parish Council (see the story earlier in the Beacon to find out more about this and to vote for a grant to help us with planting). ***Paddy Hodgkiss.....Riccall Lands Charity***



The Friends of Skipwith Common

**Wednesday
2nd November at
1.30pm**

Skipwith History Walk—A Selby Health Walk

Join in with a walk looking at the historical aspects of the Common and Skipwith village.

NB 3 stiles on this 4km route

Meet in Sandy Lane car park, off the Causeway Rd / Blackwood Rd.

Grid Ref: SE669377

Dogs on short leads only

**Wednesday 9th Nov at
10am and Wed 7th
December at 10am**

Skipwith Common Task Day

Keep warm and help to keep the rare and important heathland areas open with some scrub clearance.



Meet on the Common at The Bomb-bays Loop, King Ridding

Lane. Grid Reference: SE653374

**Sunday 8th January
2012 at 11am**

Winter Warmer

Join Natural England's Julian Small on the first walk of the New Year, to see what's braving the winter weather. 1½ hours approximately.

Meet in Sandy Lane Car Park, off Causeway Road/ Blackwood Road

Grid Reference: SE 669377

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PLEASE WEAR STOUT BOOTS OR WELLIES AND BRING WATERPROOFS, SNACKS AND DRINKS TO ALL WALKS AND PRACTICAL TASKS.

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