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What's new?



If you would like to start receiving the Riccall Beacon via email, please let us know and we will send it to you before the hard copies come out.

Cllr public surgery—if you have an issue with something in Riccall or ideas to improve our community, come and speak to us. The next surgery will be on **Thursday 7th March 12noon—2pm at the Regen Centre**. Just drop in for the surgery but if you would like an evening appointment or an appointment with our Clerk /RFO then please contact us to arrange a mutually convenient time.



Those of you that requested improved signage for the Ash Grove / Hawthorns area should see some new signs installed in the near future.

Thank you so much to our Snow Patrol volunteers, who have relentlessly cleared our community footpaths of snow and gritted during freezing temperatures over the last few weeks. Your efforts are appreciated by the whole community and we can all be really proud of what we continue to achieve in Riccall. Thank you so much from everyone. For general advice on snow clearance please see our website—clearing the pavement outside your property is really helpful if you are able to—please do read the advice, as many worry unnecessarily about litigation in respect of this.

thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you



The Parish Council are in the early stages of developing a more user friendly Emergency Plan, which can be put into

action during times of extreme weather conditions, flooding or major accidents or incidents. We would like to build a register of vulnerable residents who may need help in such an event, so if you or someone you know may wish to be included in a register then please contact Lindsey Ryan. We would also like to build a directory of contacts and available equipment which could be used at such times and would welcome any offers of help from residents and businesses. Generators, lighting and heating equipment, tractors, lifting equipment and 4x4 vehicles would be useful to include on our register. Please contact Lindsey Ryan clerk@riccallparishcouncil.org.uk with any details that can be held confidentially in the register.



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Riccall Community Library



The Riccall Community Library has now been running for nine months and is proving to be very popular. It is open Monday mornings 10am—12.30pm and Tuesday afternoons 2pm—4.30pm. It is located downstairs in the bar area of the Regen Centre, where there is a coffee machine and comfortable seating area. There is a wide selection of books, including fiction, non-fiction, large print and Books for children, supplied by Selby Library and changed every three months.

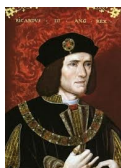
We have received a number of donated books from local residents to add to our collection.

There is no joining fee and you can borrow as many books as you wish for up to 3 weeks (or longer by arrangement).

We look forward to seeing you all at our friendly library.

Fay, Dorothy, Jill, Martin and David (Riccall Community Library Volunteers)

Come Visit



Campaign for King Richard III to be Re-interred In Yorkshire

Following the recent discovery of the remains of King Richard III in Leicester, the Yorkshire Society has launched an online petition to have his remains re-interred in York Minster. More information, including how to sign the online petition, can be found at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/38772>.

Welcome to new Cllr Bob Owens



I was born in Bradford, West Yorkshire, but moved to Leicestershire early in life. My first employment was with the post office (behind the counter) but later I joined Leicestershire Police and spent 21 years serving the community before being retired following a back injury.

I am married to Chris and we have two children, Alan and Anne and three grandchildren. Alan who lives in Northallerton, is a retired army musician and teaches at Barnard Castle School. Anne lives in the village and works as a teaching assistant on a voluntary basis at Riccall school. We moved to Riccall in 2003 to run The Greyhound and have enjoyed living in this wonderful, friendly village. When we left the pub in 2007, we decided to stay in Riccall. I enjoy watching sport, mainly rugby (both codes), snooker, darts and cricket, doing crosswords and listening to music (military, big band and choral), I used to sing in my church choir and in a small male voice choir and am a member of Riccall Methodist Chapel.

I am a member of Riccall Snow Patrol and this year will be lead co-ordinator for the group. I was honoured to be co-opted onto Riccall Parish Council in November 2012 and will be endeavouring to put something back into the community.

Bob Owens

Contact Details - Riccall Parish Council

Chairman 2011/12

Cllr Brian Keen

Fuchsia Cottage, Kelfield Rd

Vice-Chairman 2011/12

Cllr Edward Wilkinson

25 Viking Drive

Members

Cllr Howard Adamson - 12 Holmes Drive, **Cllr Keith Dawson** - 3 Kelfield Rd, **Cllr John Duggan** - 1 Lucerne Close, **Cllr Ann Kilmartin** - 5 Chapel Lane, **Cllr Mark Nuttall**, 1 King Rudding Close, **Cllr Bob Owens**, 42 The Meadows, **Cllr Keith Rookes** - 9 Chapel Walk, **Cllr Steve Sharp** - 33 York Rd, **Cllr Rupert Somers-Joce** - 9 King Rudding Close,

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Safer Neighbourhood Policing team for Riccall



Once again reports have been received from members of the public about them being targeted by cold-callers, purporting to be from Microsoft, phoning to fix a (fake) computer problem. In all cases the computer does not have a fault, the caller is not from Microsoft and in some cases the owner has given a complete stranger access to every piece of data on their machine. Police in the UK are powerless to stop them. Microsoft does not make unsolicited calls to help fix your computer. Please hang up and never pay any money for this kind of fake service

Catalytic converters are still a target for offenders, many are sold on as scrap metal. Your Safer Neighbourhood Team can offer security marking for these, allowing them to be identified should they be stolen. In addition to security marking, park in well lit areas and garage your vehicle whenever possible. For further details contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101

Julia Mulligan, the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire and the City of York took office on 22 Nov 2012, formally beginning her new role. Julia began by outlining her plans for talking and meeting with the public over the next few months as she develops her Police and Crime Plan, working closely with North Yorkshire Police and other partners. Engaging with the public



and giving them a say in the Police and Crime plan is a key priority of Julia's and she will undertake a formal consultation with residents about the policing budget, together with North Yorkshire County Council. Having spent her first morning with a group of victims, listening to their concerns and experiences of dealing with organisations involved in providing services, Julia today reaffirmed her commitment to putting victims' views at the heart of decision making and a key focus of her term of office. Commenting on her start Julia said, "Today is the beginning of a new era in local policing and crime reduction. I deliberately wanted to send a very clear message on my first day that I am here to give both local people and victims of crime a stronger voice in local policing. This is why I have decided that my very first meeting as the new Commissioner should be with victims of crime and their representatives. I also want to announce today that over the next two months, I will be working with the police, Victim Support and other organisations to develop a local Victims' Charter. The Charter will focus on victims of crime and anti-social behaviour and will involve a two-month period of research. People will be able to have their say on Twitter, by Facebook and to contact my office directly via email. I will also be running a series of focus groups with victims of crime and with voluntary organisations involved in supporting victims. The Charter will set out the standards of service to be expected by victims here in North Yorkshire and the City of York and will contain a number of recommendations about what we can do here to ensure that victims receive the support they need." To become involved in the development of the charter, please visit the Police and Crime Commissioner's website www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk

Go to www.crimeplan.org.uk to have your say on the plan. Julia wants to hear your views before the end of March 2013.





Lessons in democracy

Student Councillors from Riccall Community Primary School arranged a visit from their local MP for Selby and Ainsty, Nigel Adams on Friday 7th December to enjoy a question and answer session. The children came prepared with lots of questions from their electorate (their classmates!) and grilled Nigel about his job as an MP, his ideas for the Selby area and ideas for his Christmas list!



Lindsey Ryan, Riccall Parish Council Clerk, who helps to run the Student Council at Riccall Primary School said: "The classes had come up with some interesting questions. Nigel was really natural and made the student councillors feel relaxed. We were really grateful that he gave up his time to see us and the children came away having learnt some great lessons about how democracy works and about issues local to where they live. It was a really memorable and worthwhile experience for the young people involved."

George Hopwood, Student Council publicity officer (aged 7) said 'It was very exciting meeting Nigel Adams. We told him that part of our Student Council is a coalition, like the government.' Nigel Adams MP said "It was a real privilege to meet with the students from Riccall Primary School. I was really impressed by their engagement and interest in the workings of Parliament and I'm sure there were some budding politicians in their midst!"



Farewell to Gary

The Council is sad to say that after 10 years as Litter Collector with Riccall Parish Council, Gary Walker will be leaving his post on 31st March to be with his fiancée in Lancashire. Gary has gone beyond the call of duty to ensure that Riccall has been a very clean and attractive place to live and will be sorely missed by the Council and by many residents. We wish him all the best in his new life 'over the border' and thank him for all of his hard work and effort.



Gary said 'Hello or should it be Goodbye! After ten enjoyable years, I am moving on to fresh fields. I will miss the friendly voices, smiles and pets of Riccall and wish to thank you all for your much appreciated support.'



Best wishes.. *Gary*

Business Planning

— the Council Business Plan is now active and in place for 2013 / 2014 and with longer term projects planned. Some of the activities and projects planned in the shorter term for Riccall include an outdoor gym for adults, youth projects and initiatives, full development of the emergency plan, information leaflets, the Riccall Round Walk, Riccall in Bloom, streetlight replacement programme and traffic management including a VAS sign outside Riccall Park. We will give you further details with the Annual Report that will be delivered to every household with the June Riccall Beacon.





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. Remaining deadlines for 2013 are April 5th, June 7th and Oct 25th.

Lindsey Ryan - Editor

WHAT'S GOING ON IN RICCALL?

Riccall Gardening Club



Come and join our friendly group of gardening enthusiasts.

An opportunity to share ideas, ask questions from local experts and enjoy the company of fellow gardeners.

Meetings are held at the Riccall Institute, 10.30-12.00

Next dates for your diary:

27th March, 24th April, 22nd May and 26th June

£1.00 entry (includes refreshments)

Everyone welcome!

The group is also now supported by funding from Riccall Parish Council

For further information, please call Annabel Amy - Tel 249400



German Conversation Group



Are you interested in improving your German language skills?

Why not join this new group in Riccall?

Informal setting – no exams – no stress!

Some knowledge of German required.

Nominal fee charged (2 hours) -

Maximum group size 6

For further details contact:

Mrs Jutta Sharp, M.I.L Riccall - 249347



Riccall Open Gardens - June 23rd

Riccall Open Gardens will be held this year on June 23rd. If you would like to "open" your garden to help us raise funds for St. Leonards Hospice please contact Karen on (01757)

249403 or email scarlet.ohara2@btinternet.com

Many thanks to all that came to Fuchsia Cottage to see Santa and the lights- £150 was raised .





Community Notice Board.....

HELP US DIG UP RICCALL



WHAT'S GOING ON IN RICCALL?

The fledgling Archaeological Society of Riccall, "*Digging up Riccall*", needs your help!

In order to find out more about our village, we need to know what lies under the ground.

If you have ever dug up anything in your garden or allotment, then we would love to see it – however trivial, small or unimportant it may seem at first glance.

You may have found some pieces of pottery, part of clay pipe, a bottle, an old coin – *or maybe even some old bones!* There may be traces of a wall under your lawn or things that you have found that you can't identify.

If you have any artefacts, photographs or other information, please bring them along to our OPEN DAY at the Regen Centre to be held at Easter – we shall be announcing the exact date and time soon so keep a look out for our posters that will be appearing at various places throughout the village.

At our OPEN DAY, you can meet an EXPERT from the York Archaeological Trust who will be there to help identify what you have found, whether you dug it up last week, last year or ten years ago. We shall then plot all the finds on a big map so that we can try and identify where the first buildings in the village stood.

Bring your mums and dads along; tell your friends; bring your grandchildren and help us start to learn about our village through archaeology. Once we have seen what you have already found, we are planning a series of TEST PITS for you to dig in your garden (like *Time Team*, only better).

'Digging up Riccall' is going to be fun!

For more details on 'Digging up Riccall', please contact Sue Halewood at theamberlady@gmail.com or telephone Anne Saunders (01757) 248649



Photography project kicks off

A Year in the Life of Riccall

Local photographer, Peter Williamson has now begun his project of recording a year in the life of our village!

Already he has captured the Riccall Snow Patrol, a Parish Council meeting, dress rehearsals for the panto, the tree dedication at the church, people clearing snow and going about their business, etc - but there's so much more to record.

For the rest of the year he will be out and about with his camera, recording events, people, places and everyday life - so if you know of an event, whether a regular feature or a special one-off, let him know by emailing Peter at

auctor@supanet.com or via the Parish Council. Nothing is trivial - everything that happens makes this great village what it is.



Community Notice Board.....

Riccall Regen Centre



WHAT'S GOING ON IN RICCALL?



The Regen Centre's programme of refurbishment will continue during 2013. Areas of the Centre that have not been re-painted recently will be. These include the Viking Meeting Room, the toilets and the Riverside Room. More of the furniture used in the main hall, small hall and meeting rooms will be replaced,



where necessary. New blinds will be fitted in the small hall. We hope that this further refurbishment will help the Centre to offer an enhanced service to the people of Riccall and to the wider community. All of this work costs money, of course. We are pursuing grant funding, where we can, and we have also launched our 2013 fund-raising appeal, but we need to do more! We receive no council or government funding and have to stand on our own two feet. Any donations will help us move the Regen Centre even further forward. If you would like to help, please telephone 01757 248849 or email info@riccall.co.uk.



Space Base



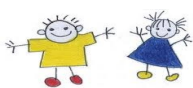
Space Base Out of School Club is part of the Regen Centre and provides an 'out of school' service for children up to 11 years old from 7.30am to 9.00am and from 3.15pm to 6.00pm during term time. The service is also available most weekdays during school holidays. Space Base is Ofsted registered and has friendly, experienced and fully trained staff. (01757 249669)

Windmill Nursery

We are the only nursery in Riccall and are Ofsted 'GOOD' in all areas. We cater for children from 3 months old to school age, in a large, bright and colourful environment, within the secure setting of the Regen Centre. Our staff are highly qualified, experienced and caring. If you would like further information, or would like to visit, please contact our nursery manager on 01757 249527.



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!

For further information please call Sue Hill 01757 249061





Riccall & District Community Archive Group



Under this heading in the Riccall Beacon for Winter 2012, mention was made of work done by the Archive Group in analysing the entries in a Riccall farmer's series of Year Books or Farm Diaries which, with a few gaps, covered the period 1912 to 1952. You may have seen in the local and regional newspapers that the Group has applied for and received a grant of £6,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund under a scheme entitled "**All Our Stories**". The intention is to develop the work done on the diaries into a project, reviewing the changes in farming in this village during the 20th century with the title "**People and Horses to Computers and Robots**".

Each member of the Archive Group has an area of responsibility in writing up this story of change. There are plans to interview people who will be familiar with terms that are used in the Farm Diaries, but which because of a change in farming methods are no longer in use. How many of this list of activities, once so common, still go on, and how many can you define? Happing potatoes, leading shoddy, shaking manure, shoaling clover stubble, sipping potatoes and singling turnips. The money is earmarked for equipment which will help to tell this story e.g. various pieces of software, and items to record visually and in audio. Links are sought to share this project with other groups in the village, young and older. The Annual General Meeting of the Archives Group will be held in the Regen Centre on Tuesday, April 30th at 7.30pm, which is open to all residents. Our great thanks go to the Regen Centre for providing us with the space to run the group.



Learning to play, Playing to learn

www.riccallpreschool.org.uk

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

Places available for children aged 2½ -5 yrs.

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

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

8 - 9am – Breakfast Club

9-11.30am – Morning Session

11.30am-12.30pm – Lunch Club

12.30-3pm – Afternoon Session

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



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Eastern Area Community Engagement Forum (CEF)



Community Engagement Forum
Your community

The next CEF meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th March at 6.30pm at the Village Hall, North Duffield.

Agenda items include a presentation from Senior Development Policy Officer at Selby DC—Andy

McMillan and Principal Planning Officer—Richard Sunter, with a public question and answer session following the presentations. There will be updates from NY Police, NY Highways and NY Fire and Rescue Service. This is an opportunity to have your say about issues within our district.



On Saturday 15th June—the CEF group are holding a 'Food and Drink Fayre' at Riccall Regen Centre between 10am and 4pm. Please do come along and have a look at what is on display.



Riccall in Bloom - new for 2013



I am sure that you do not need reminding of our unusual weather, the economic pressure that the country is under and unemployment problems..

It's not the answer to any of these problems but let's collectively cheer ourselves up with longer daylight coupled with the re-launch of Riccall in Bloom. It is lovely for all residents to see flowers throughout the community.



We need your help though. Have you any suggestions about what you would like to see to brighten up Riccall, maybe Planters, or hanging baskets? We already have planters at the three entrances to the village and the two new flower boxes at the Pinfold. Should we focus on the Village Green—any other ideas?

As well as the planters and flower beds tended by the Parish Council, we would like to encourage businesses and householders to spruce up their own spaces with an abundance of hanging baskets, planters and flower power should they be in a position to. If you have any ideas for joining a group to work together to plant and maintain public areas then please do let us know. We are open to all ideas, before we re-launch the competition, when prizes will be awarded for various categories. Read more in the next edition but in the meantime, please let us have your thoughts.....

"A date for your diary" Riccall Show is on **Saturday 7th September**. This is your chance to show off your prize flowers, vegetables and crafts. There will be more details in the next edition of the Beacon. It is fun and you don't have to be a professional to enter! Who knows you may surprise yourself!

Riccall Round Walk

Work is taking place on creating the Riccall Round Walk, which we hope will be launched within the next few months. We will keep you up to date and intend to include details about some other interesting walks around Riccall in future editions of the Beacon.



Riccall United FC March 2013



2012/2013 Season so far

The new Under 7's and the Under 8's continue to show encouraging signs of progress during the opening half of the season. At the time of writing the Under 10's and the Under 13's have been going very impressively in their respective leagues, currently sit top of the table. The Seniors first team are currently on course for their target of a top 3 finish in the Premier Division, whilst the Reserves have changed manager and assistant manager and had a complete overhaul of the squad, in an attempt to stave off relegation from Reserve A.

Website

Please visit the official club website www.riccallunited.com. You can access the site for full details of up and coming events; league tables; club news; fixtures and results; statistics; and club contact details or alternatively like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Riccall-United-Football-Club/236486196403383 or follow us on Twitter @RiccallUnitedFC. The club would welcome support with operation of the websites and encourage keen volunteers to come forward with this in mind.

Recruitment 2013/2014



Riccall United Football Club would like to invite new players, coaches and volunteers to come along and join the club for the current 2012/2013 season and we are also planning and recruiting for the 2013/2014 season. The club is operating teams at Under 7's; Under 8's Under 10's; Under 13's; and Seniors. New and Old faces are more than welcome. Riccall United Football Club is a Charter Standard Development Club that provides a safe and enjoyable environment for players of varying ages to come along and take part in football

training sessions and matches amongst many other sociable events throughout the year. All our managers and coaches are CRB checked and have either obtained a Level 1 to 3 Coaching qualification or are working towards one. We are looking to recruit players and coaches at all age groups or volunteers who are simply interested in helping to either run the club or develop the club further.

Next season the club intend to operate teams at Under 7's; Under 8's; Under 9's; Under 11's and Under 14's. We are actively searching for an Under 7's Manager and Coaches for next season.

City Tots and City Kickers

In partnership with York City in the Community – Coaching by professional coaches from York City

City Tots (2-4 year olds) Thursday Mornings 10am – 10:45am and 11am – 11:45am @ The Regen Centre and City Kickers (4-5½ year olds) Thursday Evenings 5:15pm – 6:15pm @ The Regen Centre.

Events

Saturday 30th March 2013 – **Annual Darts Night @ The Hare and Hounds**

Sunday 26th May 2013 – **Junior Football Tournament 2013 @ The Jubilee Sports Field**

Saturday 1st June 2013 – **Seniors Presentation Evening @ TBA**

Saturday 22nd June 2013 – **Juniors Presentation Evening @ The Regen Centre**

For further information or to contact the club contact Liam Bradley on 07738 370 244 or email liambradley@riccallunited.com

Thank you for your continued support.

Liam Bradley

Club Secretary & General Manager



Riccall Carnival

28th—30th June

Our 6th Dickensian Fayre was once again successful and as popular as ever. The weather was kind to us – cold but dry. Our Dickensian Dollies sold mulled wine along with warmed cider. The Pickwick Porkers had hot dogs and homemade soup for sale. There was a great atmosphere with the barrel organ playing festive tunes, the smell of the roasting chestnuts and the old fashioned fairground rides.

Many thanks to all that came and helped with the preparations before and after. And everyone that came along to make it a success. The Raffle hamper was won by Jackie Agar, Per-Bacco Voucher - Jenny Rodwell and Spice Mill Voucher – Hazel from Riccall. The Christmas Tree competition winner was Riccall Utd Football Club. The memorial tree proved to be very popular and raised £20.33, which will be donated to Martin House Hospice. In total £900 was raised in funds this year and we will let you know what we will be spending the profit on. See our website for pictures of the day –

www.riccallcarnival.org. Preparations are beginning for the Carnival, which will be on the 28th, 29th & 30th June. There will be a folk night at the Regen Centre on the Friday evening. Saturday will be a fun day at the Regen Centre and Sunday will see the usual Church Service at the Millennium Green, followed by the Picnic on the Village Green.

Do you want to see something different at the Carnival weekend – or have you any ideas that could improve it? If you have any suggestions please let us know or pop along to one of our meetings at the Methodist Chapel – 1st Tuesday of the month, or contact one of our committee members.

Karen - (01757) 249403 or email scarlet.ohara2@btinternet.com



Coffee mornings at Riccall Chapel are held on Thursday mornings at 10am as follows: March 7th (Methodist), March 14th (Ladies Guild), March 21st (St. Mary's Church), March 28th (Hospice Support Group), April 4th (Methodist), April 11th (Darby & Joan), April 18th (St. Mary's Church), April 25th (Carnival), May 2nd (Methodist), May 9th (Ladies Guild), May 16th (St. Mary's Church), May 23rd (Hospice Support Group), May 30th (Bowls club), June 6th (Methodist), June 13th (Darby & Joan), June 20th (St Mary's Church), June 27th (Carnival).

Riccall Lands Charity

The voluntary trustees of this registered charity (Reg No: 233721) are responsible for managing the 25 acres of village owned land in order to provide for the recreational needs of residents. Most of the land is freely accessible to the public except six acres that is let to produce income for the trust.

We urgently seek volunteers both to help with the summer maintenance of the recreational areas and we also have occasional vacancies for a Trustee. If you are interested in helping as either a "friend of Northfield Nature" or becoming a trustee please contact Paddy 249201, who can tell you what we do and perhaps give you a chance to try out either of these vital roles.

There are vacant allotment gardens on every site and you can have a choice by contacting Brian Keen on 249403, who will be pleased to show you what's available for you. New-comers to Riccall are most welcome to have a go at "growing your own". Why not try a new hobby in 2013—we have plenty of experts who can advise you.





Look after your Oil tank

Rural villages, such as Riccall, are unfortunate targets of the recent spate of heating oil thefts caused by the rising price of oil. Tanks can hold hundreds of pounds worth of oil so it makes sense to invest in their protection.

Firstly, tanks should be a reasonable distance away from the road so that they are not easily visible whilst still being accessible for deliveries. Also, place tanks near a window so thieves may consider the risk of being seen too great. Store away any empty oil drums and fuel lines so attention is not drawn to the presence of oil on your property.

Splurge out on a specialist, flat tank lock as most locks will prove no match for a pair of bolt cutters. Planting thorny shrubbery around the tank is also a good option.

You can't keep an eye on your tank at all times so it could be wise to install CCTV. It can be bought relatively cheaply these days and the presence of a camera should act as a deterrent. Motion sensitive lights are also a good idea and the Watchman Alarm system can be fitted to tanks to monitor any dramatic changes in oil level. Hopefully, by following these tips, your tank will be more secure this year. For any further tips, please see the [OFTEC website](#).



There's no such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy



Numerous comments have been received from residents, concerned about the amount of dog fouling left on our community footpaths over the winter period. None of us want to slip and slide in it or walk the offensive mess into our homes. The Council has provided eight dog bins (many more than in other local villages and towns) to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs and the Council really does appreciate that the majority of dog owners do but still there are a minority that show disregard for other residents. To tackle this problem we ask that residents let us know exactly where the dog fouling hotspots are and the Council will consider taking a different approach to this problem.

Traffic management update...

Success! After years of campaigning by Riccall Parish Council. NYCC Highways has agreed to allow the Parish Council to install a 'Vehicle Activated Sign' outside Riccall Park, on the approach from the A19, in an effort to slow traffic down. This sign is part of a year long trial by the Highways department and Riccall will have the sign for three lots of six week periods during 2013, sharing it with two other local communities. It will be solar powered and will flash speed warning signs up to drivers, instructing them to slow down on the approach to the Park entrance and to the residential areas. The Parish Council still pushes for a permanent sign and hopes that the successful bid to be part of this scheme, will help with this overall objective.



Barlby roundabout Update.....A19/A63 junction improvement works agreed timescale— 24th Feb (2 weeks) - contractors on site, clearing the woodland. 11th March (10 weeks) A19/A63 junction closure from midnight Sunday 10th March. Local diversion route signed. Diversion from main trunk road for HGVs A1, A64, M62.