



FANGFOSS WITH BOLTON PARISH DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016



**The Parish Council would like
to wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Healthy New Year**



PUBLIC TRANSPORT ISSUE - HAVE YOUR SAY

In a change from the usual format of this news sheet, we are giving over most of this issue to publicising the East Riding's initiative on transport in rural areas.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council is in the process of carrying out a major consultation about the transport needs of rural communities in the county. As a parish we are invited to contribute to the outcome of this exercise.

ERYC wishes to assess unmet need with the aim of making provision where it can be proved that there is sufficient demand. With this in mind they are hoping to recruit volunteers (Parish Transport Champions) from parishes to help them measure transport needs and to act as a liaison between the County and local residents.

According to ERYC, there is potential for an innovative approach to meeting the varying needs of rural residents, using a wide range of transport options. The ideas they are putting forward are set out in the 'Parish Transport Toolkit' which is a guide for transport champions on how to assess the travel needs of parish residents. If you would like to see this, you can find it on the parish website or a print version is available from the parish clerk, see below.

You can find the latest minutes and agendas for forthcoming meetings on the council area of the village website. <http://www.fangfoss.net>, or contact the parish clerk, Jane Allen, on 01759 368498, email: parishclerk@fangfoss.net

Ours is a small parish and because public transport here is not plentiful, few people rely solely on it for travel. This does not mean that we should not look at ways to improve matters not only for those few, but for everyone who might prefer to use public transport if only it were more convenient.

At present the 747 bus serves the parish. It is subsidised and runs from Pocklington to York and back Monday to Saturday. The latest you can reach York is 3pm and the latest return is 5.10pm, so it is limited in its usefulness. Other nearby services are the 746 and X46 from Hull via Pocklington to York and the No. 10 service between Stamford Bridge and York.



NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO INFLUENCE TRANSPORT PROVISION – COME ALONG ON 7 DECEMBER!

As a start, the parish council would like to gauge the interest among Fangfoss and Bolton residents in improving the public transport facilities for the parish.

It is therefore intended to hold a half-hour open discussion at 7pm on 7 December, at St Martin's School, Fangfoss, to precede the scheduled Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm.

Anyone who has views on the matter of public transport is invited to come along. If you are not able to attend but would like your opinions to be taken into account, please email parishclerk@fangfoss.net, or telephone the clerk on 01759 368498 or put a note through the door of Brenda Holmes (Oakworth House, Bolton) or Pamela Broughton (15 Chestnut Way, Fangfoss) outlining your views.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF:

NO COLD CALLING: We are still waiting for the public signs to be erected but we have a small supply of window stickers which are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Email or telephone the clerk to arrange to get one.

LIBRARY SURVEY: ERYC is conducting a survey on the future of libraries. The closing date for the return of the surveys is 21 December. Link to the survey from the parish website (see over) or fill and return a print copy, available at the local library.