

Haxey Parish Council, Newsletter, January 2010

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The Parish Council would like to wish you all a Happy New Year

Awards Book / Map and Tithe Book

The Parish Council has in its possession for safe keeping the Awards book of 1803, Awards maps of about 1845 and Tithe book of about 1900. These are all original and relate to the enclosing of the land and its use in the parish. They presently reside in a large safe in St. Nicholas church, the environment is stable other than from problems of damp, the books and maps are free from any major damage.

The Parish Council earlier this year decided that we should try and find places where they could go on public display and local residents could have an insight into our rich local history and heritage.

With this in mind we have been investigating the cost of a display cabinet which would suitably protect the books and maps while giving the residents the opportunity to view them. We are currently taking expert advice on their condition and any steps required to restore them and protect them from further damage. We also hope to photograph them so that the copies can be more generally inspected and intend to approach the camera club for advice on the technical aspects of such a project.

We then will put out to tender for a suitable display cabinet, once we have one we will be able to put them on display. We already have in principle the agreement to display at St Nicholas church and are looking to find other venues within the parish to show them. We will be approaching the Heritage Society with a view to having a short written explanation of how the enclosures affected what was one of the last places in England to practice the medieval strip farming. We hope when they go on display you will visit and enjoy what is one of the parish treasures.

Allotment Update



Haxey Parish Council's Allotment Project is close to completion and the Cove Road site was handed over to the Allotment Association on 3rd December 2009. The photograph shows Cllr John Smedley handing over the Parish Council's Allotment Cup to Steve Brown to mark the official hand over. In attendance are representatives of the Council's Land Working Party, the Allotment Association's Steering Group and the site Contractor, Nigel Brownbridge. Whilst most of the work on the site is now finished, Yorkshire Water has still to connect the water supply, which is now not expected to be complete until after Christmas. The Association is now looking forward to their Tenants preparing the plots for the new growing season and is planning an Open Day in 2010; meanwhile, the Parish Council will continue to work with the Allotment Association to ensure the smooth running of the site.

Community Emergency Plan

Following the serious floods of 2007 and 2008, the Government has been putting in place measures to ensure that the UK is well prepared to deal with future emergency events. It is very important that locally we are also ready to help ourselves.

When major emergencies occur, public resources are frequently stretched and immediate assistance may not be available, so local help can be vital in providing emergency support to our community.

The Parish Council is therefore considering preparing a Community Emergency Plan so that we are ready to help ourselves in the Parish using our own local resources if an emergency affects us.

In order to prepare an effective Plan we will need help from parishioners to identify temporary premises which can be used in an emergency, to identify people with specialist skills who are willing to help others and a list of vehicles and equipment which could be useful in an emergency. This will increase community resilience to emergencies.

The Parish Council will need your help to prepare the Plan and we will be consulting widely to collect information.