

## **Haxey Parish Council, Newsletter, July 2014**

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### **Hallcroft Close, Haxey**

Works have begun on the new site at Hallcroft Close. On completion, in the first quarter of next year, there will be 13 two-bedroomed bungalows, designed for the over 50's, wishing to rent in Haxey. Should anyone be interested in renting one of these bungalows, they must get on to the North Lincolnshire Homes website ([www.ongo.co.uk](http://www.ongo.co.uk)) and look for 'Home choice Lincs' registering your interest in these properties. This does not compel you to go ahead with the deal, but it is important that you register as soon as you can. Should you have any problem in getting on line, or do not have the relevant IT skills, please telephone 01427 752394 for assistance.

### **NLC public footpaths**

Unfortunately NLC have had a trailer stolen which has had an impact on the public right of way footpaths being cut back this summer due to it carrying the tractor and specialised cutters.

A replacement has been ordered, but in the meantime and it is NLC's intention to come to the parish on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July to cut all the public footpaths.

### **WW1 Heritage Commemorations**

This year marks the centenary of the start of the First World War and Residents will probably be aware that the Haxey and Westwoodside Heritage Society held an Exhibition on the 21<sup>st</sup> June displaying artefacts, photographs and memorabilia from Parishioners and their relatives from the period. A presentation entitled "The Great War and its effect on Haxey and Westwoodside" was also produced and presented by Councillor George Fiddler which amongst other topics covered the last resting places of the "fallen" from the Parish.

The exhibition was well attended and received by local Residents and proved to be extremely interesting and informative and the Heritage Society should be proud of the show it produced. The opportunity to see such irreplaceable exhibits and speak with those connected with them was a unique experience and Members of the Parish Council who attended believed it would be useful to consider further opportunities for local Residents to see the exhibits and for the younger element of the Parish in particular to at least see the presentation produced by George Fiddler.

Residents will also be aware of the proposed Church Service to commemorate the start of the First World War to be held in St Nicholas Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> August and this might provide an opportunity for elements of the exhibition to be staged again, in particular the film show. Also, there may be the possibility to stage something in the local schools during the coming months. To that end the Parish Council discussed the subject in the margins of its June meeting and the Council supported the suggestion that a dialogue should be set up with the Heritage Society with the aim of making the information more widely available during this centenary year and to this end a meeting will be set up at the end of July.

On a related issue, the Council also discussed the annual Remembrance Parades at the War Memorial and St Nicholas Church and it was considered that both the local schools should be encouraged to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month wreath laying at the War Memorial and that the Parish Council should take an active part in taking this forward with the Schools and that the provision of transport to facilitate children's representation at the event should be considered.

Councillor Fiddler was appointed as the main contact between the Parish Council the Heritage Society and St Nicholas Church. Councillor Smedley would liaise with the local British Legion and Councillor Booth would liaise with the local schools, promoting both the WW1 exhibition during the year and attendance at the Remembrance Wreath lying in November.