

Parish Council Matters

Leisure Centre.

Further to the staffing changes announced in last month's newsletter, we are pleased to have appointed two additional booking office secretaries. Claire Baker and Helen Beckett-Wilson will provide additional support to the Leisure Centre team.

The Leisure Centre continues to welcome both old and new users. It is so pleasing to see the facilities once again being used, after so many months of lockdown. Full opening until 10.00pm is still not possible, as we are required to staff the building at all times to ensure adherence to government guidance. Hopefully this will change after 19th July.

Friday night sports sessions.

The free sports sessions announced last month are proving popular with young people who regularly frequent the Leisure Centre at weekends. Football and basketball is available on Friday evenings, 6.00-8.00pm on the 3G pitch and the MUGA. Whilst the sports activities are in progress, we are still plagued with too many youngsters who wish to party, are out of control, and then leave their litter behind. This unfortunately still includes smashed alcohol bottles which are a danger to skate park users. On a recent Monday morning, 14 bags of rubbish were cleared, taking over 3 hours to collect, as there was so much broken glass.

Police patrols around the village.

The Police and the Gedling Neighbourhood Wardens continue to be more visible and have increased their patrols around the village, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings. The Parish Council is aware that residents on Regina Crescent and Gorse Hill are very concerned about large groups congregating. If there is any specific anti-social behaviour witnessed, residents are urged to contact the police on 101 and report it.

Sporting news

Readers will no doubt see elsewhere in the newsletter how well Ravenshead FC has been doing in their recent matches. As one of our longest, continuous users, we are delighted to hear of the success of them and the Ravenshead Reds Junior FC.

Residents may have seen that former Ravenshead resident Chris Adcock and his wife Gabby, have hung up their badminton rackets having retired from the sport. Their two European and Commonwealth titles, along with their two Olympic appearances, certainly helped put Ravenshead on the map. We wish them all the best in their retirement from the sport.

I was recently informed of the success of a young Ravenshead resident and Nottingham High School pupil, who won a gold medal at the Nottinghamshire Schools' Athletics Championships. Jake Greenhalgh won the Intermediate 1500m in a time of 4 minutes 16.1 seconds. His time also broke a school record which had stood since 1977. Well done Jake.

Please let me know of any other successes, sporting or otherwise.

Discretionary Grants

The Parish Council is often asked if they can offer financial assistance to local groups. There is a small amount set aside in the budget each year for this purpose. Many organisations will no doubt have suffered financially over the last twelve months without their usual fundraising activities. Please contact the Parish Council with any reasonable requests for consideration.

As always, do contact the Parish Council if you feel that we can offer any assistance or advice.

Martin Smith - Chairman