

# Lartington Parish Council

## Summer Newsletter 2014



You will remember that in our last newsletter we posed the question "What use is a Telephone Kiosk without a telephone?" - the answer is that we hope it will be very useful indeed but that it is taking a

little longer to get there than we hoped!

Another teaser - "When is an IPAD not an IPAD?"

### The Defibrillator Project - so where are we now?

We have the Telephone Kiosk, we have (courtesy of some generous residents) some of the funding - and we thought we had a defibrillator!

Unfortunately a kind offer of a Defibrillator surplus to NHS requirements has fallen through. The Council has decided, therefore, that we must move on and has decided to purchase, as originally intended, a new defibrillator and secure box in which to place it.

The cost of this will be in the region of £1300. We have received donations of £200 from Councillor Bell, £50 from Glaxo and £280 from kind-hearted residents.

In the first instance the Council will use its reserves to make up the difference and will plan some fund raising activities centred on a Social Evening that will be held in September to accompany a training session for residents interested in being able to use the equipment in an emergency.



We are working with the North East Ambulance Service on this project. They recommend that we should purchase an IPAD SP1 AED - and the answer to the question above is "When it is an Intelligent Public Access

Defibrillator". This has a significant advantage over earlier models in that it can switch easily between Adult and Child mode. It often retails in excess of £1000 but can be purchased through NEAS for £850.

The Ambulance Service will also provide "Heartstart" training sessions for anyone interested in learning to use the equipment **and in acquiring basic 'First Responder' skills to deal with emergency situations.** We intend to arrange one or more of these sessions, probably in September and at Cotherstone Village Hall. It would be helpful if we knew who was interested and which evenings would suit them best - please use the attached proforma to let us know. The form can be returned to any councillor, dropped into Postgate House or a simple email message can be sent to [lartingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:lartingtonpc@gmail.com).

*Your support, whether through donation and helping to raise funds or in learning how to use the equipment, really is vital to the project's success - please help us to make Lartington a safer place in which to live.*

### Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. This vacancy has been advertised on the noticeboard for the required period and there has been no call for an election. The Council, therefore, will seek to co-opt a new member at its September meeting.

We would be grateful therefore, if anyone who is interested in joining us would submit a simple letter declaring their wish to be considered for the vacancy - please use the contact details above.

### Could this be you?



Traffic speed continues to worry us - especially as vehicles enter the village on the Bowes road.

We have asked DCC Highways to consider better signage here and have asked the Police to undertake another Speedwatch campaign.

Candidly, it is local people who are the worst offenders - and they really should know better.

There are more children in the village than there have been for many years and we want to see them all grow old!

## A Green Heart for Lartington?

The Council has been awarded a grant to undertake research on the History of the Village Green. The outcome of this will be (in addition to increased knowledge!) a booklet, a village walk, a public lecture and an interpretation board.

We will be advertising for tenders for this work shortly and it will be a condition that the successful contractor will work to involve local volunteers in as much of the work as is sensible.

## Future Parish Council Meetings

September 2nd 2014

November 11<sup>th</sup> 2014

January 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

March 10<sup>th</sup> 2015

Meetings, which are open to the public, generally start at **7.30pm** and will usually be held in Cotherstone Methodist Hall.

Agendas and minutes are placed on the noticeboard whilst they will be emailed to you if you register with us - [lartingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:lartingtonpc@gmail.com).

## Lartington Defibrillator Project - Heartstart Training

The Council hopes that we can involve many local residents in training sessions to learn how to use the defibrillator and to provide first response in emergencies.

We will try, therefore, to arrange one or more sessions at times to suit everyone. Our present intention is that these sessions should take place in late September/early October.

It would be a real help if you would register your interest by returning this form to a councilor or emailing a note of your interest to the clerk at [lartingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:lartingtonpc@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

I/we would like to take part in the Heartstart training:

Name (s) .....

Address : .....

Tel: .....

Email: .....

Best evenings: .....

Please avoid: .....

**Many thanks for your interest - and please consider making a small donation to the project or to bring some loose change to the eventual training session!**

