



AIRMYN NEWS

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A Free
CHRISTMAS Concert

by

Goole & East Riding Community Concert Band
16th December 2025
7.30pm
 At
Airmyn Memorial Hall
Raffle tickets available
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Airmyn is now home to Goole & East Riding Community Concert Band!

The band was formed in April '24, and was the idea of Musical Director & band secretary, Councillor Ray Kilcoyne and band Chairman Roger White. We are an amateur community band that brings people together to play music & support the local community, by playing concerts in the local area. We welcome players of woodwind, brass and percussion to come together to play a mixture of traditional concert band music. We practice on Tuesdays at Airmyn Village Hall, 7.15pm to 9.15pm.



The band is self-funded and has received a couple of community grants from the Co-op and Drax Powe station. We are playing at a few locations this Christmas season, and are also putting on a free concert

Tuesday 16th December - 7.30pm at Airmyn Village Hall

Everyone is welcome and raffle tickets are available.

Find us at www.gerccb.org and on Facebook

MACMILLAN SUCCESS

Our Macmillan fundraiser, held back in September raised a fantastic £5,698.06

The amount was made possible by the continued support and generosity of all who made donations, attended and helped out on the day. Thanks also go to Barclays Bank for match funding and Saddle & Glass for donating the use of all their equipment. It takes the total raised in the past 5 years to over 20k.

Thank you! From Anthony & Wendy



Message from the Chair of Airmyn Parish Council

As I sit at home drafting this article for inclusion in the Airmyn News, I find myself reflecting on the calendar year 2025, particularly the challenges that the Parish Council has encountered as the year progressed. Early January saw our Parish Clerk and Charity Administrator signed off from work. What we initially hoped would be a short period off work manifested itself into nine months absence, which ultimately resulted in Alison leaving her employment with the council and the Airmyn Community Association. Airmyn Parish Council is quite unique, in that all the councillors work full time. Traditionally councils consist of predominantly retired people, but not Airmyn. With all your councillors having 'day jobs', trying to manage the operation of the council with no Clerk has proved to be quite a challenge. Once it became evident that Alison may be absent for a prolonged period, the council unanimously agreed to appoint an Interim Clerk to assist with the operation of the council and the Community Association. Whilst in my opinion it was entirely necessary to make this decision, it was inevitable that the council finances would be stretched whilst in effect two Clerks were being employed. Yvonne, or Vonny as many of you will know her by, has been employed on an interim basis for nine months and steadied the ship as the council and Charity Association sailed through some extremely choppy waters. It would be extremely remiss of me not to thank parish councillors Helen Matthews and Kirsten Staward for the many, many hours they spent supporting the former Clerk during her absence. Helen also accessed her professional network to secure the services of a HR Consultant to advise the council on compliance with employment law during the Clerk's absence. The council has just commenced a recruitment exercise to (hopefully) appoint a new Parish Clerk and Community Association Administrator. The council will of course keep residents informed of developments.

Unfortunately, whilst the council had a period with no Parish Clerk, the village experienced a surface water flooding incident which affected several properties in the parish. Following the incident, Councillor Goddard liaised with external stakeholders, landowners and parishioners to improve the drainage, dykes and watercourses in the parish. On behalf of the council, I thank Carl for his efforts and those landowners for the measures they immediately implemented for the betterment of the parish. Councillor Goddard and I, alongside a local resident attended a meeting of the Goole and Airmyn Internal Drainage Board, whereby we explained the difficulties and challenges facing the parish. Our attendance and participation was well received and following successful dialogue after the meeting, the Drainage Board agreed to add the watercourse that runs alongside the playing field towards Goole to their portfolio. In response, the Parish Council appointed a contractor to clear and re-grade the watercourse than runs behind the former Airmyn Bowls Club site. This decision, alongside the efforts of residents Brian Hensby, Nigel Stead and Tony Butcher has seen an improvement in the various watercourses that should ensure water continues to flow freely when exiting the village.

Alongside the improvements to the various watercourses in the Parish, the council appointed a contractor to design and install a new drainage system within the children's play area and playing field. This followed the application and successful receipt of grant monies to finance the project. A huge thank you to Andy Jackson for his help and support with the grant application process. The project is now complete. However, its completion was significantly behind schedule which has unfortunately meant that there is little or no opportunity for the applied grass seed to ferment. Similarly, the delay also means that the playing field, children's play area and the community orchard will continue to look unsightly until the Spring. On behalf of the council, I apologise for the inconvenience various parts of the playing field being closed off meant to residents, as well as the area not looking as pristine as normal. On a positive note, I visited the site following the heavy rainfall on 28/29 November and there was no standing water in either the play area or playing field. Hopefully the success of the project will dramatically improve the appearance of the site and make it accessible all year round. My thanks go to Councillor Phil Batten for his invaluable advice in managing the project.

Regarding projects, the council received a very interesting proposal for the management and operation of its Bracken Hill site. An interested party attended a council meeting to discuss the future of the site and outline a business proposal. The council will of course keep residents informed of any developments at the site.

The management and future use of the former Bowls Club site continues to be at the forefront of councillors minds. Councillors Goddard and I have spent many hours liaising with interested parties, holding open days and discussing draft leases and contracts. This is in addition to the excellent work undertaken at the site by our former Caretaker. I am sure some residents may well be asking 'why bother?'. In my opinion, the site is too important to neglect and leave to waste away. Whilst the former Caretaker and currently the Community Payback operatives maintain the site, it could offer so much more. Consequently, the council continues to

explore all options for the future management and maintenance of the site. Leasing the site would provide a commercial opportunity to generate a meaningful income to reinvest in the parish, whilst also maintaining the site and ensuring a tenant can provide a service that is for the betterment of the village and surrounding area.

At the 12 November meeting of Airmyn Parish Council, members received a verbal representation from Mr Andy Ullathorne who expressed his and his investors interest in leasing the former Airmyn Bowls Club site. The proposal presented to the council was for a Padel Club, associated changing facilities and a café to be operated from the site. The proposal would see two Padel Courts installed on the western boundary of the former bowls club site. The proposal would also see the outbuildings modernised and refurbished, to include changing facilities, a café and a place for users to socialise. Fences would be erected around the site to improve security and minimise any disruption from the users. Mr Ullathorne circulated initial artist impressions of the site, as well as a timeline for its development (the images are pinned to the notice board at the Memorial Hall). I must stress that this is only the very early stages of the proposal being progressed. Any decision on the future of the site would be dependent upon a draft lease being agreed and a planning application being approved by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. The council is fully aware that there may be support for, or objections to Mr Ullathorne's proposal for a Padel Club. Following the meeting, the council circulated a letter to residents of Woodland Way, as well as publishing the letter on our social media channels and the village noticeboard. The council will also be holding a consultation event on Tuesday 13 January 2026 at Airmyn Memorial Hall, commencing at 5:30 pm, to which all residents are invited. Mr Ullathorne will be in attendance to answer any questions residents may have.

The Events Team has had another hugely successful year, culminating in the fantastic Christmas Fair held last weekend. The event was another collaboration between the council, Airmyn Park Primary School and the local community. Councillor Lowe has done an outstanding job co-ordinating the Events Team, chairing the planning meetings and acting as Treasurer. I am sure that everyone who attended the Christmas Fair had a fantastic time. Other community events held this year were the 'Big Breakfast', Scarecrow Festival and Bingo. A huge thank you to all the members of the Events Team for their enthusiasm and efforts to plan and deliver events in the parish this year. Plans are already being drawn up alongside the Airmyn Parochial Church Council for a 'community day' in May 2026 to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the building of the nave section of our present-day St. David's church. Further details to follow.

As we enter the month of December, the council's attention turns towards setting the parish precept for the financial year 2026-27. It has been an enormous challenge to manage the council's finances this year, but I am confident that with continued prudent financial management, all challenges will be overcome. The council is fortunate to have Brian Rodger as one of its members. His knowledge, skill and expertise in financial matters is a huge asset to the council, and I thank him for his stewardship this year. Following the precept meeting, the council will of course communicate the outcome to you, our residents.

My penultimate comments are to thank Councillor Stones for her unwavering support this year. In what has been an unprecedented year for the council, Fran's calm demeanour and can-do attitude has helped me and the council enormously.

My final comments are to thank all the volunteers who have contributed to Airmyn being such a wonderful place to live and work this year. Whether that be litter picking, grass cutting, trimming hedges, delivering the Airmyn News or helping at community events, your contribution is very much appreciated.

Airmyn is, in my opinion, very fortunate to have such a strong team of councillors who all share the same ideology of working for our community. The parish councillor role is increasingly more time-consuming and complex, and their commitment is, I am sure, appreciated by the community as well as by myself.

All that leaves me to say is, on behalf of my fellow parish councillors and I, that we wish you, your friends and family a very Merry Christmas, and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Matt Nundy, Chair, Airmyn Parish Council



Post Office
Tuesday 2pm - 4pm
Airmyn Memorial Hall

THE HEALING TREE SPIRITUAL GROUP

Spiritual Development Group We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7pm to 8.45pm. Cost is £7 (£5 for initial attendance) per meeting per person and includes refreshments. Why not come and see for yourself and be amazed at what you can discover! If you would like more information then please contact Mary on 07939 577518.



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Administrator – Airmyn Community Association

Hours: 6–10 hours per week

Pay: £12–£14 per hour, depending on experience

Location: Airmyn Village Hall, Woodland Way, Airmyn, DN14 8LY

How to Apply

To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter explaining your suitability for the role(s) to cllr.matthews@airmynpc.org.uk by 12th December 2025.

For more information or an informal discussion, please contact cllr.matthews@airmynpc.org.uk

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BINGO

DEC 16TH '25 2:30PM
JAN '26 NO BINGO
FEB 10TH '26 2PM
MAR 10TH '26 2PM
APR 7TH '26 2PM

Airmyn Village Hall

£3 per book inc. refreshments
ALL WELCOME

AIRMYN PARISH COUNCIL Invite you to a **public consultation** event on **Tuesday 13 January 2026 at Airmyn Memorial Hall, commencing at 5:30 pm** to discuss the proposed Padel Club at the former Bowls Club site on the playing field. **ALL WELCOME**, please just come along on the night.



CHURCH CORNER



Services at St. David's during December, January and February.

Tuesday, 2nd December Airmyn Park School Advent service 11-00 am

Wed. 3rd Dec. Midweek worship in a modern idiom 6-45 pm + Discussion 7-30 pm.

Sun. 7th Dec. Holy Communion 4-00 pm

Saturday, 13th Dec. Christmas Draw in church at 2-00 pm. All welcome.

Sun. 14th Dec. Morning Prayer service 10-00 am.

Thursday, 18th Dec. Airmyn Park School Carol Service 2-30 pm.

Sun. 21st Dec. Traditional Carol Service 6-00 pm.

Thursday, 25th Dec. Christmas Day Communion with Carols service. 10-00 am

Sun. 28th Dec. **Benefice service at St. Mary's Hook 10-00 am**

Sun. 4th January Holy Communion 4-00 pm

Wed. 7th Jan. Midweek worship 6-45 pm.

Sun. 11th Jan. Morning Prayer service 10-00 am.

Sun. 18th Jan. Holy Communion 4-00 pm.

Sun. 25th Jan. Family Communion 10-00 am.

Sun. 1st February Holy Communion 4-00 pm.

Wed. 4th Feb. Midweek worship 6-45 pm.

Sun. 8th Feb. Morning Prayer service 10-00 am

Sun. 15th Feb. Holy Communion 4-00 pm.

Sun. 22nd Feb Family Communion 10-00 am.

Sun. 1st March. St. David's Day. Special service to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the building of the nave section of our present church 10-00 am.

Refurbishment of the eastern chancel wall and the east window;

A great deal of remedial work to the eastern wall of the chancel and to the stonework around the east window of St. David's church has recently been carried out by the firm of Furniss and Sons Ltd. of Wentworth. The work is now nearing its conclusion and the church should be back in pristine condition for the Christmas services.

During the course of this major undertaking, it was discovered that the four roof pinions and the ridge timber in the chancel had rotted at the points where they enter the eastern gable. This necessitated urgent action being taken to rectify this situation and the purlins are now all supported by load-bearing metal stanchions which are bolted into the gable.

The major original problem had been the old plaster/render which contained gypsum and this often caused the plaster to crumble and fall off and look a mess. This has now all been hacked off and replaced with the right material. Again, when the old plaster was removed, it was discovered that the stonework around the east window had been badly damaged in a previous era and simply bodged over to hide it. All this damaged stonework has now been replaced.

This has come at a very high cost but we have been very fortunate in securing a large grant from the Two Ridings Community Foundation via its Rusholme Wind Farm Fund and this has paid for half of the total outlay. This organisation has been really helpful to the Airmyn PCC. On several previous occasions in recent years, it has supported our efforts to keep our church building in really good condition with substantial grants. The PCC has played its part and it is the fact that it has invested some of its savings into works of this kind that has attracted the support of the TRCF. Those savings are, of course, money that has been donated by Airmyn people via our Christmas Draw and other fund-raising events.

Christmas events:

All the major events at church during the Christmas season are detailed in the timetable shown above.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Christmas Draw social event in church and to watch the winning numbers being drawn. There will be light refreshments and some gentle entertainment on that occasion.

The Church Christmas Draw:

Our representatives are already out and about around all areas of the village hoping to sell you a book or two (or more) of our Christmas Draw tickets. The price of these books remains unchanged at £2 per book of five tickets, giving you five chances to win one of our 40 or more seasonal prizes.

We trust that you will support us as generously as you have always done in the past. We ask that you have some cash ready to pay for the books that you choose to buy because we cannot deal with card transactions on the doorstep. Thank you very much.

350th anniversary of the present St. David's church:

2026 will mark the 350th anniversary of the building of the nave section of our present-day St. David's church. The chancel extension was only added in 1884-1885. The present church replaced an earlier church here, which had also been dedicated to St. David but had been declared to be beyond repair in 1674 and then demolished. This first church had originally been built in 1311 without the permission or knowledge of the Archbishop of York. When he found out about it, he banned the Airmyn people from using it 'on pain of excommunication'. He died 7 years later, however, and his successor relented and allowed the 'men of Armine' to bring it into use.

We are marking this anniversary with a number of special events and the first of these will be a service of thanksgiving for our church on St. David's Day itself, Sunday, the 1st March, 2026,

In May, there will be a week-long exhibition in the church of pictures, documents and objects which will recall significant periods in the history of our church. Everyone is invited to lend to the PCC any items which they feel will be of value to this exhibition.

More details will be provided in the next issue of this newsletter.



'Me in Virtute'

Midday Assistant Role

Hours per week: 6.25 hrs in School, 2.5 hrs Driving (30 minutes each day collecting the meals from Kingsway School and transporting to Airmyn)

Contact: Caroline Raddings, office manager, airmynpark@airmynparkps.co.uk, 01405 762086
An application pack is available from the school or www.recruiteastriding.co.uk.

News from Airmyn Park Primary School...

We have embraced the outdoors to take part in outdoor learning day in early November. It was a marvellous day, filled with a wide range of activities designed to make the most of our vibrant outdoor environment.



The children had an amazing time engaging in a variety of activities. They particularly enjoyed the mud kitchen, where they could get their hands dirty and let their culinary creativity run wild. The woodland area was another popular spot, providing a perfect backdrop for exploration and discovery. Additionally, the children relished listening to stories in the woods, which added a magical touch to the day.

Before half term, we enjoyed a frightening Halloween disco organised by our Friends and Family team. The children all came looking their scariest and a wonderful time was had by everyone. We are looking forward to our next disco in mid-December. Mrs Dodds, Head Teacher

MERRY CHRISTMAS...

Thank you to all of our wonderful entries for the Airmyn Village Christmas Window Competition, we would like to announce that the winner is number 12, based on the beautiful book by Charlie Mackesy! The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse. Congratulations 🎉



Here is a small selection of the window displays that are brightening up our village...



AIRMYN CHRISTMAS FAYRE...

On the last weekend in November Airmyn family and friends came together for a fun-filled Christmas Fayre! Friday night saw villagers being greeted by the sounds of a vintage organ whilst moving into the hall to start their Christmas shopping.

On the Saturday, over 40 children visited Santa in his grotto after having a selfie on his sleigh in the car park. Sarah and Andy from the Saddle and Glass kept everyone supplied with delicious drinks and treats. Over 20 stall holders provided a wonderful selection of hand-crafted Christmas gifts.

Over £500 was raised to benefit the Community and Airmyn School.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event and if you would like to be involved in future events, please email Vonny on clerk@airmynpc.org.uk or call her on 07557166909



GOOLE AND HOWDEN HOPPER TIMETABLE

Monday to Saturday Bus Timetable

(From Wednesday 11th June 2025)

Goole Interchange	0608	0708	0758	0908	0938	1008	1038	1108	1138	1208	1238	1338	1408	1438	1508	1538	1608	1638	1708	1808	2008	2208	
Goole (opp Tesco)	0612	0712	0802	0912	0942	1012	1042	1112	1142	1212	1242	1342	1412	1442	1512	1542	1612	1642	1712	1812	2012	2212	
Tom Pudding Way	0616	0716	0806	0916	0946	1016	1046	1116	1146	1216	1246	1346	1416	1446	1516	1546	1616	1646	1716	1816	2016	2216	
Glew's Garage	0618	0718	0808	0918	0948	1018	1048	1118	1148	1218	1248	1348	1418	1448	1518	1548	1618	1648	1718	1818	2018	2218	
Airmyn Village	0620	0720	0810	0920	0950	1020	1050	1120	1150	1220	1250	1350	1420	1450	1520	1550	1620	1650	1720	1820	2020	2220	
Howden (Ozone Park)	0625	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Howden Memorial	0630	0728	0818	0928	0958	1028	1058	1128	1158	1228	1258	1358	1428	1458	1528	1558	1628	1658	1728	1828	2028	2228	
Howden Station	0633	0732	0822	0932	1002	1032	1102	1132	1202	1232	1302	1402	1432	1502	1532	1602	1632	1702	1732	1832	2032	2232	
Howden Station	0615	0635	0735	0825	0935	1005	1035	1105	1135	1205	1235	1305	1405	1435	1505	1535	1605	1635	1705	1735	1835	2035	2235
Howden Memorial	0621	0641	0741	0831	0941	1011	1041	1111	1141	1211	1241	1311	1411	1441	1511	1541	1611	1641	1711	1741	1841	2041	2241
Howden (Ozone Park)	0626	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Airmyn Village	0631	0649	0749	0839	0949	1019	1049	1119	1149	1219	1249	1319	1419	1449	1519	1549	1619	1649	1719	1749	1849	2049	2249
Glew's Garage	0635	0653	0753	0841	0953	1023	1053	1123	1153	1223	1253	1323	1423	1453	1523	1553	1623	1653	1723	1753	1853	2053	2253
Tom Pudding Way	0637	0655	0755	0843	0955	1025	1055	1125	1155	1225	1255	1325	1425	1455	1525	1555	1625	1655	1725	1755	1855	2055	2255
Goole (Tesco)	0641	0659	0759	0848	0959	1029	1059	1129	1159	1229	1259	1329	1429	1459	1529	1559	1629	1659	1729	1759	1859	2059	2259
Goole Interchange	0644	0702	0802	0851	1002	1032	1102	1132	1202	1232	1302	1332	1432	1502	1532	1602	1632	1702	1732	1802	1902	2102	2302

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