

## ST MARK'S COMMUNITY GROUP

Our group was originally set up in July 2015 by residents for the benefit of the community and to support the local church. By December 2017, the church had been completely refurbished with new heating, lighting, decoration and the installation of a toilet despite many setbacks. Unfortunately the only surviving group to use the church as a meeting place is the History group, as well as the monthly group meetings.

On Easter Monday 2017 Councillor Julie Reed opened the new playground at the pub. Many families enjoyed the event, eating a superb afternoon tea prepared by Julie Horton and the ladies on the committee. A treasure hunt completed the community event.

Also during the last year we have held the 2nd Annual Rose Queen event with many young people from the village taking part; with past Rose Queens visiting with their families and enjoying an afternoon tea at the Ingelby Arms.

Following successful bids carefully planned and written by Tricia Murphy, we celebrated the Amcotts Sandal being found in Dark Lane 270 years ago. The sandal was on display at the North Lincolnshire Museum for 3 months with artefacts lent by villagers. Children from the village enjoyed making sandals at the museum during the summer holidays. A board was erected on the corner of Dark Lane in July and the leader of the tractor run officially opened this by cutting the ribbon.

Celebrations at Harvest and Hallowe'en take place at the pub with kind permission and support of Derek and Julie Horton. The Christmas Lights event continues to be an excellent fundraiser plus residents enjoy the various stalls scattered around the village selling cakes, books, crafts plus tombola and raffle to entice you to spend and donate. Many families visit the church for the Christingle service on Christmas Eve.

One ongoing project is the container in the Millenium Garden which unfortunately has met with some opposition from certain residents. Planning permission was finally passed last week so that the container may now be moved to a more permanent site situated in the corner of the garden and be clad to fit in with the surroundings.

Also we are making the village more beautiful by planting many tubs and containers for Amcotts in Bloom with help from Graham Jackson and the support of many residents.

Without the support of the Parish Council and SSE, many of these events would not be possible so we offer our sincere thanks for your grants and continued help and assistance. We are a strong group with a dedicated and hardworking committee led by Terry Jollands plus other residents who always rally to the cause and support us.