

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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MOOR POND WOOD PROJECT

Once again there is quite a lot of progress to report. Thinning out of smaller Oak trees has continued, trees being replanted at various locations within the woods. Following survey work within both Moor Pond and Grange Cottage woods several trees have been identified as being in need of attention, **with some needing to be felled for reasons of safety.**

The invasive weed within the pond has now disappeared, this is a good step forward in the overall plan to get the pond back in good condition and was money well spent. The last remaining section of footpath within Moor Pond Wood from the wooden bridge to Papplewick Lane is due to be completed soon. At the same time the existing gradient on the path will be altered and the last remaining disabled access gate provided. In Dam Banks Wood lay-by on Linby Lane, a new gate & fencing has been installed to deter fly tippers.

Several excellent "Work Days" have been held during the past year, most recently excavating the sluices in the leat, or stream that runs through the woods. Prior to that a day spent on the site of the Grange Mill produced some good results. These work days are very rewarding for the volunteers, not only is it (allegedly) good healthy exercise, but a lot can be learnt about the history of the site whilst working. It is amazing how many people just walking by have recollections of what used to be there, or can recall names of people who they used to play in the woods with! The archaeologist who has carried out the site survey often attends the work days.

A note for your diary or calendar: Friday 14th March



**Fund Raising Barn Dance
in the Village Hall,
live music and light
refreshments.
Further details to follow.**

If you still need a calendar, or know someone who would like one, showing scenes of Moor Pond Wood project, there are still some available at a cost of £3.50.

Next Friends of Moor Pond Wood meeting is on Friday 31st January at 7.30 pm. in the Village Hall, and the last Friday of each month thereafter.

For further details of any aspect of the project, work days, or to order calendars, please contact either:

Maureen Barker	Parish Clerk	963 2057
Cllr Stephen Walker	MPW Chairman	963 0808
Margaret Hollinrake	MPW Secretary	963 7145

There are still some Papplewick and Linby Jubilee tea towels showing scenes of both villages available, now at a reduced price. Contact Ann Orton on 963 9865 for details.



SKATEBOARDING FACILITY

There have been requests for a skateboarding facility to be provided for use by village youngsters and teenagers.

At the July Council meeting a group of parents and youngsters presented a case for this provision and suggested forming themselves into a committee to raise funds. The cost of providing a facility to the required standard could exceed £15,000. Whilst the Council supports the provision of such a facility on the playing field, there are no funds directly available to enable this to happen. It will however, as have other Nottinghamshire Parish Councils, assist the committee to raise funds and approach funding agencies to obtain grants.

The next meeting of the committee is Tuesday 14th January, anyone willing to be involved or who has suggestions for fund raising would be welcome.

For further details of the meeting location or committee please contact Janet Robinson on 0115 963 2430.

FOOTPATHS

Remedial work is to be carried out on the footpaths on Main Street between the Crossroads Garage and West View Farm entrance. The cost is to be shared between the Parish Council capital grant and the remainder, (the majority) by Gedling Council. The purpose of this work is to remove the steep camber, or slope towards the kerb. This length of footpath has proved to be very dangerous in conditions of bad weather. Kerbstones will be raised, proper dropped crossings and new surfacing provided.

At the same time it is hoped the surface on the opposite side of the road, which is breaking up, will be renewed.

Gedling Council has recently tidied up a lot of the footpath along the A60 Mansfield Road, which had become overgrown and hazardous.

Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor? The National Association of Parish Councils (NALC) are holding a series of briefing meetings to explain the roles & responsibilities. There will be one on Wednesday 26th February from 7.15 until 8.30 in the Village Hall, coffee from 7.00pm.

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The Hidden Valleys Project

The following is reproduced from a press release by Ashfield District Council giving details of the Hidden Valleys Project, for those of you who have been asking about the H V signs appearing on footpaths throughout the Parishes.

"For the past 18 months Ashfield District Council and Gedling Borough Council have been working together with the local community, the Parish Councils, Nottinghamshire County Council, Groundwork and other public / private sector organisations as a steering group. The aim has been to build a program of activity designed to attract more visitors to the Hidden Valleys area.

The steering group submitted a successful funding application to the Rural Priority Area Program in November 2001 to begin a series of improvements needed on footpaths and bridleways, and to install shelters, waymarkers, benches and information points at strategic sites. An Intermediate Labour Market Team, Enprove, is carrying out the work. Members are gaining valuable training and experience in preparation for employment in the field of countryside management. Members of the parish who use the footpaths will already have noticed the improvements carried out and the waymarkers displaying the H V signs.

A visitor's guide to the Hidden Valleys area is being developed to promote our literary heritage, the countryside and historical features. There are plans to create an educational pack based on similar themes for circulation around local schools to encourage a better awareness of the area as well as healthy walking. The Hidden Valleys area covers Hucknall, Jacksdale, Selston, Underwood, Bagthorpe, Annesley, Ravenshead, Newstead, Linby and Papplewick."

The Parish Plan

Thanks to everyone who submitted Parish Plan Response Sheets. There are clearly differing views on what is required although some suggestions are out of the hands of the Parish Council.

The next meeting to discuss the final content of the Parish Plan is on January 22nd in the Village Hall at 7.15pm.



Papplewick Gardening Club



The Gardening Club meetings continue to thrive and be popular to such an extent that they have now outgrown the original meeting room and are to be transplanted from the lounge to the main hall of the Village Hall.

New members, whether novice gardener or more green fingered, are welcome to attend the meetings. There are always interesting themes, refreshments and a raffle with plenty of prizes ! Additionally one may join any of the trips to places of gardening interest throughout the year.

Meetings will now be held on Tuesdays, 7.15 for 7.30.

The first four events are as below.

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| Tuesday January 14th | Short AGM followed by talk and slides on "Flower Power" by John Gregory |
| Tuesday February 11th | Talk and demonstration on "Greenhouse propagation" by Howard Drury |
| Tuesday March 11th | Talk and slides on "History of Calke Abbey" by Audrey & David Nall |
| Saturday April 19th | Visit to Shugborough Estate Staffordshire. (Early booking essential please) |

For further details please contact Jennie Zinn on 963 6503

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