

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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"You don't have to be one to be one"



(A farmer that is), is the recruiting slogan of Young Farmers, who have a National New Members Week. The Papplewick and District Young Farmers are looking for new club members locally. If you are between **10** and **26**, interested in joining a social group to make new friends and join in their activities and to occasionally get involved in charity events, or have children looking for a new interest then this could be for you. Contact Sarah Westwood on 0115 963 7471 for further details.

The Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group raised £950.00 from their Open Gardens Day. It was a perfect sunny day and all who attended enjoyed the event. Many thanks to all who opened their gardens, made cakes, provided raffle prizes, sold tickets or just helped in any way. Particular thanks to Shirley and Roger Pickering who not only opened their garden but converted their garage to a "tea room". They also hosted a barbeque in the evening for all the helpers and people who had opened their gardens. This gesture was particularly appreciated.

A grant from the Gray Trust of £500, together with the successful "flea market" stalls on Hucknall Market Place means there are sufficient funds in the bank to enable the group to apply for Charitable Status. This will really help meet the aim of providing additional play equipment on the Playing Field.

Repair work is to be carried out on the Playing Field equipment, in particular the slide is to be stripped of old timbers and new ones provided. Other play equipment will be overhauled and repairs made as necessary to keep it all up to a reasonable standard. The Parish Council carries out regular checks, together with annual inspections from The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA). Fortunately the Playground and equipment is treated fairly well, but the Council relies on parishioners to report any incidents of damage, litter or rubbish dumping to keep the standards high.



Thanks to Jennie Zinn and the committee of Papplewick Gardening Club, for organising a successful first Annual Flower and Produce Show. Some useful tips were given by the judges for us "first timers" so watch out next year for possibly stunning examples of produce!



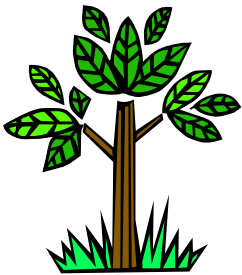
The next meeting is 7.30pm on October 14th at The Village Hall, a talk and slides on "Beauty on the Wing"

There is to be a National Environment Awareness week in October to encourage waste recycling. Very soon local authorities will need to meet stricter targets for recycling household waste. In the meantime please recycle as much as possible, both using kerbside collections or the recycling facilities that are available at The Griffins Head and The Horse & Groom in Linby.

Vote for Broadband: If you are interested in having your telephone line converted to a Broadband service in your home, to allow “always on” internet access with a fast connection speed and normal telephone calls simultaneously there is a process you can follow to register this interest. The local Hucknall BT exchange that serves this area is not yet enabled for ADSL working (as it is known) but conversion is scheduled for later this year. Although sufficient people have now declared an interest to trigger the work, further registrations would not go amiss, for further information or to register your interest go to website:

<http://www.btopenworld.com/votebroadband>

Village Computer There has been little interest in the computing facility provided in the Village Hall. Unfortunately within the Parish there is no suitable secure location to install the equipment and permit easy access for Parishioners. The Council is grateful to the Village Hall committee for permitting us to use their accommodation for the trial period. As the majority of parishioners either already have access to a computer or have no need of one, the Parish Council has decided that unless somebody volunteers to take over the running of this facility it will be discontinued from 1st October, with a consequent saving in telephone line rental.



Moor Pond Wood Project

The steps leading down to the second dipping platform have been completed. The Leen Valley Conservation volunteers have been helped in work on the platforms by the Air Training Cadets as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. The invertebrate survey is going well and wild flowers have started to come through successfully after the first season in Grange Cottage Woods. The Friends enjoyed another good social evening and barbecue in the woods recently. The Annual General Meeting is on September 26th in the Village Hall.

Vehicles leaving the road have again damaged the perimeter fence. As this has occurred three times in as many months, a meeting has been arranged with the Highways Authority to see what measures can be implemented to improve the safety of this part of Papplewick Lane.

Don't forget the Barn Dance on September 19th.

This is always a lively event with a good caller (and a bar) .

Tickets £6 including food are available from Stephen Walker 963 0808 or Marguerite Hull 968 1968.

Crossroads Planning Application The previous application was withdrawn prior to the Borough Council Planning Committee meeting. A further application has been submitted. This still shows ten houses but in a different layout and retaining the existing Old Forge building to be used as garages for three of them.

As the new proposal is not that different to the first application, either in style or quantity, the opinion of the Parish Council is that it's original comments are still valid and as such have been resubmitted to the Planning Authority. The Planning Meeting was due to be held on September 3rd with a recommendation from the Planning Officer to grant approval. However, the application is a departure from the Gedling Local Development Plan so will need to be referred to the Government Office for the East Midlands if the Planning Committee grants approval.

The next meeting of the Parish council is **on Wednesday September 10th**. As usual there will be an open forum at the beginning for Parishioners to raise any issues they wish.

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