

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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NEW FOOTPATHS

The new footpaths along the eastern side of Walter's Hill were officially opened by Paddy Tipping M P on Saturday, 21st April. These are the first new public rights of way to be opened in the parish for over 130 years and mean that pedestrians can avoid having to dodge traffic along Blidworth Way. Notts. County Council have provided funds totalling £7,000 to enable these paths, and the verge improvements in-between, to be built. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped us to clear the route and carry out construction work. By the time you read this, the woodland bluebells will be in flower so why not try out this new path?

The Parish Paths Partnership Committee have drawn up a Public Paths Strategy which outlines how they would like to see the footpath network extended over the next fifteen years. A copy of the Strategy is available on the web site at www.papplewick.org/local/pathinfo.htm.

Please let us have your views.

In an effort to prevent the spread of foot and mouth disease, all footpaths were closed in the parish on 3rd March. Following consultations with the County Council and local farmers, it was decided to re-open the paths on Walter's Hill and along Hall Lane towards Newstead Abbey, which can now be used as usual.

The local farmers have expressed their thanks to members of the public who have supported them by keeping away from restricted areas during the crisis.

However, the 'Moors' path between Moor Road and Mansfield Road, together with the path to Linby over the Meadows, will remain closed until further notice. Please continue to respect these closures.

Moor Road

At the Annual Parish Assembly a suggestion was made that the Council pursue a scheme of improvement works to the verges along Moor Road opposite Moor Pond wood. The work on Linby Lane has certainly been successful although the lay-by still has to be completed, however an assurance has been given that this work will be done.

Welcome !

In addition to the normal distribution to all residents of the parish this edition of the parish newsletter is also being delivered to residents who live on the west side of Moor Road. The council appreciate that whilst not living within the electoral boundary many of you contribute greatly to the life of the village and it's events and hope you may find the contents to be of interest, we would welcome your comments. Recent changes to the electoral parish boundary have been made along the A60 route and the possibility of further changes in future cannot be ruled out, especially with housing development still in the news.

Moor Pond Wood

Another successful meeting of "The Friends of Moor Pond Wood" was held on 6th April, when Terry Birch and Michael Owen from "The Friends of Brierley Forest Park" gave a talk on the forming and running of a "Friends" group. This was followed by an excellent presentation by Stephen Walker on the history of the site.

48 people were in attendance, a number that once again surprised our visitors, refreshments were served and a raffle with excellent prizes was held.

On 21st April Paddy Tipping MP came along to the village to see how the project was progressing and watch the Hucknall 1803 Air Training Corps Cadets installing a dipping platform they had constructed.

The Environment agency was also undertaking the first works in eradicating the invasive weed in the pond.

On Saturday 28th April a workday was held which saw the installation of the first disabled gate and access into the wood, although the ramp is still to be completed. Work also commenced on clearing the undergrowth and repairing the fencing around the area next to Grange Cottages. Some of the ATC Cadets are working on the project as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Next "Friends" meeting is on Friday 18th May in the Village Hall .

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Are you interested in wildlife or plants ?

We are conducting a survey of species for the parish. We are interested in recording the position of sightings of birds, plants, insects, fungi or animals. Would you be willing to keep notes of your observations, and submit them for recording ? You don't need to be an expert, and they could be anywhere in the parish, as long as we know where. in your garden, on walks etc.

The information will be used to build up a 'parish biodiversity register', and forwarded to the County Nature Archive, who are co-ordinating similar work throughout Nottinghamshire.

Please contact Stephen Walker (963 0808) or stephen-walker@lineone.net for more information.

More Rubbish News or

Four Hub Caps & A Gnome's Head !

Not the title of a new film but a horror story in it's own right, being just some of the items making up 6 bags of rubbish cleared from Forest Lane during a clean up operation in the village on 7th April. Together with the proverbial kitchen sink and the Barry McQuigan boxer's punch ball found lying in the hedge bottom, enough bags full of rubbish to fill two large trailers were collected on the Saturday morning by 12 parishioners / Councillors, 10 Hucknall ATC cadets, 1 Council Chairman and his 2 grandchildren.

Thanks to Tim Barker and Lee Scudder for use of the trailers, and to every one involved who helped out in the absolutely awful weather, (the pouring rain and cold forcing some of us to seek refuge in The Griffins Head afterwards, so it was not all bad news.)

The clean up was held as part of the Tidy Britain Campaign "Bin It " initiative, whilst this is an annual event we may have to consider it on a more regular basis judging by the amount of rubbish that has accumulated in the 3 weeks since the clean up.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations 2002

Next year sees the Queens Jubilee taking place and it offers the opportunity to hold some form of celebration in the village. If any person or groups would like to be involved, or have any suggestions for activities, would you please advise Clerk to the Council.

Good Neighbour Scheme

Support for such a scheme came out of the Village Appraisal carried out last year and this will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Bulb Planting

It has been suggested that the Parish Council, possibly in conjunction with the Gardening Club undertake a bulb planting program, as it is many years since the last one took place. In addition to the usual Daffodils which really make the village look good at this time of year, it is hoped to provide later flowering varieties to enhance the village over a longer period.

Police Surgery

PC Andy Vale, our local Beat Manager or Community Officer attends Parish council meetings and gives reports on crimes committed in the area. Between 7.15 and 7.30 prior to the commencement of the meeting he is available for questions.

He has advised at recent meetings that this area and surrounding villages are scheduled to be the subject of police speed checks.



Recent media reports suggest that most drivers caught speeding in rural areas are local people !

Your Village website :

<http://www.papplewick.org>

Contact webmaster@papplewick.org with your views and any information you may have of forthcoming events that could be included in the Diary section. Several sections of the website have been updated. More news on the village computing facility in the next issue, but it will be operating quite soon.

Next meeting of the Parish Council is on

Wednesday, 9th May, 7.15 in the Village Hall.

All residents are invited and it is your chance to air views or concerns on matters affecting the village, or topics contained in this newsletter.

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