

# **PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**

***Progressive Parish Provision***

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The Parish Council has had fruitful discussions with Gedling Borough Council and two highway projects should now be completed over the next few months.

## **LINBY LANE**

The refurbishment of Linby Lane saw traffic calming measures introduced, new entrances to drives and posts installed to protect grassed areas. There has been some misuse with posts being damaged and removed and parking on the grassed areas. This has caused difficulty in getting the appropriate agencies to complete the final phase, the provision of lay-bys on the opposite side of the road. However this will now go ahead, (subject to a County Council safety audit) which should improve the look of this area. On the subject of parking, please try to avoid parking on pavements any where in the village, this causes obstructions to the many walkers who visit the village, particularly visually handicapped and children.

## **MANSFIELD ROAD**

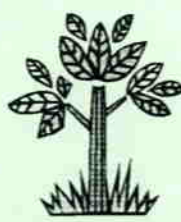
New signs were installed approx 18 months ago. The road signposts were altered to show Papplewick Village rather than just Papplewick and street signs showing Mansfield Road Papplewick were installed. The final part of the scheme will be provision of two

**PAPPLEWICK** signs on the A60 to signify entry to the village. One will be just past Seven Mile Inn going north and the other for south bound traffic will be at the start of the houses at Devils Elbow just past the quarry.

In the last Newsletter we mentioned planting bulbs bought with the £50 Best Kept Village prize. This has now been done on Mansfield Road, Moor Road and the Linby Lane lay-by. Thanks to Maureen & Tim Barker and Rowena & Gordon Huggett for carrying out the planting.

Thanks also to Garry Longdon for cutting the hedge on Church Lane.

A new timber fence is to be provided between the Playing Field and Village Hall car park. Please be careful if taking youngsters to the area while the works are in progress. The gate removed by vandalism is also to be replaced.



## **MOOR POND WOOD PROJECT**

**Grange Cottage Wood.** The Friends of Moor Pond Wood and the Parish Council plan to improve this area by filling in the huge pits dug by "bottle diggers" and to create a wildflower meadow in the centre.

The scheme is intended to create an important local amenity and a disabled access and pathway are included in the plan. To achieve this an application has to be made to Nottinghamshire County Council for permission to import topsoil. This will involve lorries bringing soil to site and an access will need to be created on Moor Road.

We are hoping work will be undertaken shortly so the grass and wildflower seeds can be planted this spring.

In the main part of Papplewick Dam Wood a great amount of timber management has taken place. The work has been completed by The Leen Valley Conservation Volunteers working with Lee Scudder of Notts C C. On Linby Lane a new fence has been installed in the Lay-by.

**Moor Pond Wood** has also seen a lot of activity recently with hedge laying. After a training session on site a few weeks ago, several people had a go and between us we managed to "lay" the length along the path from Moor Road to the wooden bridge. This work was completed last weekend by "binding in" with Willow saplings. Interestingly different styles are used in each county to finish off the tops of laid hedges. Lee, an expert, says our work was done Nottinghamshire style, whether this is a compliment we're still debating but the results are certainly worth a look.

At the same time the opportunity was taken to remove unwanted fencing, barbed wire and rubbish at various places, making the whole area more presentable. Next friends meeting is on Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup>.



With this edition of the Newsletter, you should have received a questionnaire asking for numbers of people likely to attend a resident's party on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Please find time to complete and return to any of the addresses shown, in order that the volunteers can start planning for this day, as it is not that far away.

One suggestion to help raise funds for this event is a sponsored Pub Crawl between The Griffin & Horse & Groom, as many times as possible taking a drink (not necessarily alcoholic) each time. If interested please call Ann Orton on 0115 963 9865 for further details.



### Don't miss the bus !

#### Concessionary Travel Scheme for Elderly & Disabled Persons in Nottinghamshire.

The Nottinghamshire Concessionary travel scheme is for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons resident in Nottinghamshire. It is jointly financed by the County and District Councils. Travel permits provided under this scheme can be used on buses and trains throughout the County with very few restrictions. The permits initially are issued free of charge but you may need to provide a recent passport size photograph of your-self. For further details or to request an explanatory leaflet, contact Gedling Council on 0115 901 3946

#### The scheme allows half fare travel !



### LOCAL HISTORY WEEK

May 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

This national event is organised jointly between the above dates by BBC History Magazine and The Historical Association. There will be an exhibition in Hucknall library and also more locally at Sherwood House Linby on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

We are hoping also to have an exhibition in the Village Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May to cater for those who cannot attend the Linby midweek event. If any one has any old memorabilia, books, photographs or pictures they would like to display, or even bring along old memories to share they would be most welcome. One suggestion is that people may be willing to come along and have their memories recorded on tape for future generations to enjoy.

There is a lot of local history in this area, of interest not only to more established local families but increasingly to those of us who have only lived here a few years.

More information will be given in the next Newsletter, but in the meantime any suggestions to make these events a success would be most welcome, please forward to the clerk at the address below.



### RECYCLING your household waste

Your Council fully supports Gedling Council's Recycling program and ask that all residents make use of the facilities available, for example the kerbside collection system. As most people are aware, there is a waste paper and cardboard collection on a fortnightly basis.

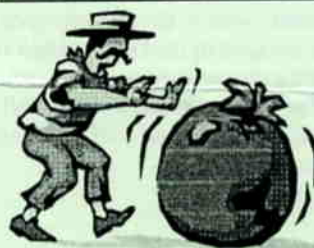
In addition it is now possible to have glass and cans collected. A different crew collects them on the same days as the paper. The next dates for collections are February 21<sup>st</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please refer to the label on your wheelie bin for other dates, if you don't have one contact Gedling Council on 0115 901 3839.

There are also recycling points for cans & glass on the car parks of The Griffins Head and The Horse & Groom. At Linby they also accept plastic & paper.

Following the interest shown in the last Village Computing Facility training / demonstration day, others are to be arranged. A separate Newsletter will be produced giving details, but in the meantime we are keen to know people's preferences for opening times.

**Next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday, 13th March, in the Village Hall, following The Annual Parish Assembly which commences at 7.15pm.** All residents are invited and it is your chance to air views or concerns on matters affecting your village.



### Fresh Farm Produce delivered to the Village Hall

Brook Farm at Linby provides Supported Employment and Training for many young people in this area. Their mobile shop visits various places on a weekly basis to sell their produce. It will now call regularly at the

**Village Hall each Friday at 11.00** and will be selling all the usual fresh Farm Shop produce such as fruit, vegetables and home produced free range eggs.

In addition there will be cut flowers and pot plants. Brook Farm can be contacted on 0115 963 2638.

### Someone's been having a smashing time.

Unfortunately there has been a spate of vandalism in the village recently, apart from the too frequent car crime. The bus shelter light has been torn from the wall leaving wiring dangerously exposed. The Borough Council quickly made it safe but we are still waiting for the lamp to be replaced. The Council notice board also had the glass smashed, with repair costs estimated at £80. Not major crimes perhaps ( some may say ) but inconvenient and unnecessary use of council tax payers ( i.e. your ) money.

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