

# PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## MOOR POND WOOD PROJECT

There is quite a lot of progress to report this time. Firstly you may have noticed a lot of activity on Moor Road side of the Grange Cottages Wood. The permission has now finally been granted to start carrying out the works to provide the Wildflower Meadows and generally tidy up the site. Although looking at it now, it appears to be just the opposite is happening!

The large amount of material being delivered is to enable a temporary roadway to be constructed in order to get the new topsoil onto site. This topsoil will be used to fill in the old "bottle pits" and raise the level of the ground.

Prior to this work commencing, a lot of the existing wild flowers such as Bluebells, Lords & Ladies and Campions, were transplanted to other parts of both Moor Pond and Papplewick Dam Woods.

Thanks are due to members of Papplewick Gardening Club who have volunteered to grow flower seedling "plugs" and nurture them along prior to replanting in the Wildflower Meadow and other parts of the Woods later.

Thinning out of the smaller Oak trees has also taken place in the area by the existing bridge, with the trees being replanted at various locations.

There has also been a lot of clearance work on the edge of the pond itself. In the Papplewick Dam Woods, two recent workdays resulted in a large area being cleared and reseeded around the old picnic area. At the same time several nesting boxes were put in position. (Kindly donated courtesy of IKEA store)

The volunteers who have completed so much work already to improve the project have come up trumps again. This time it is a new footbridge and section of footpath across the leet or stream, linking the playing field to the existing path in the Wood.

**Next Friends of Moor Pond Wood meeting is on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May and will be a "Bird Song Walk".**

Please note, meet at 7.00 pm. at the Village Hall.

Unfortunately some of the bricks on the supporting walls of the new bridge have already (within 5 days) been kicked off so these will need repairing. Also some sad people have broken a large branch off a tree in the playing field and piled up loads of timber and branches on the field. This sort of unwarranted vandalism not only makes a mess for someone else to clear up but also undermines the work of volunteers who are working hard to improve the village amenities for the benefit of all parishioners.



LOCAL  
HISTORY WEEK  
May 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

## LOCAL HISTORY DAY Saturday May 11th

Why is there an S-bend in Main Street? To find out the answer to this and any other questions you may have about Papplewick's past, come along to our Local History Day. Discover more about the people, buildings and events that make this parish such a fascinating place to study. There will be talks on the following topics:

*Frederick Montagu: Founder of modern Papplewick*

*19th Century Censuses*

*Transportation - From Papplewick to the Colonies*

*Papplewick & The First World War*

*Also Papplewick poetry.*

More importantly, we know that extensive areas of the history of Papplewick are yet to be uncovered. Do you have artefacts relating to this parish hidden away in the attic or at the back of a cupboard? Please hunt out your old photographs, deeds, maps, family heirlooms, pictures and documents. In fact, we will be interested to see or hear anything relating to Papplewick from years gone by. So, if you want to know more about your family's history in the parish, a specific building or Papplewick in general, come along to:

THE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday, 11th May 2002

10.30am until 4.00pm

It is hoped to make some recordings of the recollections of local people. Many of you will have anecdotes or memories of interesting or even amusing events that have taken place in the village.

If you are willing to share these for the benefit of future generations, they will be very welcome. The recordings will add an extra dimension to displays in the future.

## Events and Advertising on Parish Website

If local organisations would like a timetable of their meetings or events published on the Parish Website, please visit [www.papplewick.org](http://www.papplewick.org) and email details to the webmaster. Alternatively forward them in paper form to The Clerk at the address below. The same facility is available to any business in the Parish who wish to be mentioned in the list of businesses.

## The Parish Plan

A few months ago the Council announced that it was applying for funding from The Countryside Agency towards the creation of a Parish Plan. We have now been awarded £1,157 towards the cost of compiling a Parish Plan and councillors are busy preparing a Consultative Draft.

This is a very important step for the parish. Until now, decisions affecting us have been made elsewhere, mainly at County Council or Borough Council level, and the results have not always met with satisfaction. The Parish Council wants to change the way decisions are made about Papplewick and intend to have the completed Plan adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance. This means that when future developments take place, the voice of the parish will be taken into account.

In 1998 the Council organised a Parish Appraisal and many of you took the trouble to respond. Since then a lot of work has been carried out to take action on the concerns that parishioners voiced. The Parish Plan will continue that work and lay down a clear path for the next 10 years. Proposals will cover such diverse topics as Environment, Housing, Business, Transport, Community Services and Recreation.

Because the Plan will affect everyone within the parish, the Council will be undertaking a lengthy consultation process to gather your views. Every household, business and organisation in the parish is invited to respond. Once the Consultative Draft has been published in September this year, response forms will be circulated and there will be a public meeting in the Village Hall at which your views can be made known. The consultation period will last at least 6 weeks. Further details, including a date for the public meeting, will be made available in future editions of the Newsletter.



## BUS SERVICE CHANGES

There have been some significant alterations to local bus services since the last Newsletter. South Notts Bus Company (owned by Nottingham City Transport) have stopped running their 70 service along Moor Road. Instead, new services 170 & 171 will operate along Moor Road between Upper Parliament Street in Nottingham and Hucknall Market Place. The services are operated by Dunn Line with financial support from Notts. County Council and have been arranged as a response to the loss of the 70 service. The County Council has made it clear that these services are being run as a 6-month trial and will only continue if people are using them.

The 170 runs from Hucknall Library to Nottingham Upper Parliament Street via Hayden Lane and Moor Road, Bestwood Village, Bulwell and Sherwood Rise.

The 171 route also takes in Cinderhill, Beechdale and the Queens Medical Centre and leaves Hucknall Library at the following three times 09.00 11.00 13.00.

The timetable allows 8 minutes to Hayden Lane from Hucknall Library.

On Mansfield Road, the 200 service has been severely curtailed by Nottingham City Transport without consultation or reasonable notice leaving just four journeys per day, two in each direction. Paddy Tipping M.P. has offered to intervene or if you wish to make representations direct, contact Mr. Smallwood at Nottingham City Transport on 0115 950 5745.

Please support your local bus services!



There are reports of flower tubs, garden ornaments and tools etc being stolen from all parts of the village and local housing estates. Please be on your guard and report suspicious activities to the police. Also keep your house doors and windows locked whilst working in the garden now summer is nearly here! And please don't forget to lock your sheds after using garden tools.

## Keep Britain tidy campaign

The Parish Council has received the kit for this year's Keep Britain tidy campaign and will again be carrying out a litter pick in an attempt to smarten the village up.

More details will follow but volunteers will be welcome!

## Next meeting of the Parish Council.

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.15pm. All residents are invited and it is your chance to air views or concerns on matters affecting your village.

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