

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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Following the switching on of the lights, there will be a Carol Service around the Christmas tree on The Green at Linby on Tuesday 16th December at 6.45pm. Hot mince pies, mulled wine & hot chocolate, all free! The Village Ladies Group will make a collection for local charities during the evening. The Black Diamond band and local schoolchildren will be performing, so come and join in the singing and festivities that have been organised by Linby Millennium Fund & Linby Parish Council.

Papplewick Parish Council Parish Clerk Vacancy (salary scale £2060 – £2454)

Are you interested in serving your local community? If so, Papplewick Parish Council is looking for a new Clerk to work five and a half hours a week. As Clerk to the Council you will be responsible and accountable for the effective management of the Council's resources and financial records. You will advise and assist the Council with its overall policies.

Your specific duties will include monitoring the Council's accounts, preparing agendas for and taking minutes of meetings. Working closely with the Chair and other Councillors, receiving and issuing correspondence on behalf of the Council.

The Parish Council meetings are held every two months but you will be required to attend other meetings and training courses.

The salary offered will be based on the experience of the individual appointed.

Further details of how to apply and a full job description can be obtained by writing to the current Clerk Maureen Barker, at 25 Main Street Papplewick NG15 8FD (or by Email to clerk@papplewick.org) The details will be available from 9th December with a closing date of 31st December.

Twin Bin Trial



Gedling Borough Council is introducing a scheme for collecting recyclable materials using a new green wheelie bin in addition to the grey ones currently used. At present the two areas involved are Burton Joyce and Ravenshead, although some Mansfield Road residents are included in the Ravenshead trial and have already been notified. The Parish Council supports the scheme to improve recycling and Councillors who are actually involved will be monitoring the success of the trial. The new green bins will take paper, cardboard, plastic and cans, which will be taken away and sorted at a Materials Recycling Facility.



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Further information from Gedling Borough Council Waste Management Team on 0115 901 3842

Council Tax Precept

The Parish Council has always been committed to delivering its services and undertaking its business as cost effectively as possible. Each year the Finance Committee budgets for the following year and this time the Council is pleased to report that unlike the expected increases across the County, it is asking for an increase in its precept of 2.9%, well below that of previous years.

Playing Field

The first phase of the refurbishment of the playing field has now been completed. All the equipment has been overhauled and repainted and reports from young users and parents are that it is looking a lot smarter. Additional work has been authorised for replacing the chains on the "Commando Frame" with a bridge section. The Council is grateful to Linby Parish Council, which made a donation towards these costs, as has the Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group. Negotiations with the suppliers of the goalmouth frame are ongoing, as there has been some premature rusting on some sections. Work to replace the faulty items is soon to be started.

The Gray Trust has for many years contributed generously to the annual Bonfire & Fireworks event. It has advised that regular annual events such as this do not now meet its criteria and it will no longer award the grants in future. The Linby & Papplewick Bonfire Club has also been disbanded. Thanks to both these organisations for their past support and efforts. As a consequence and to meet the new requirements of Council's insurers for the playing field, there have been some changes this year. Finding the increasing amount of money needed to stage this and future events at no cost to Council Tax payers was necessary.

Thanks to every one who helped in any way with the event this year. Having made a modest admission charge, providing catering and obtaining sponsorship from advertisers in the information leaflet means the Enterprise Group can set aside a sufficient amount to underwrite next year's event. It can also continue to bank some funds to support their aim of providing additional facilities on the playing field in future. The Group is actively working towards achieving charitable status which will help fundraising considerably.

Village Ladies Burns Night Special is on Saturday January 24th.

A Disco, traditional haggis supper (also veggie haggis!), piper and bar. Tickets available from

Margaret Passey on 963 3271 or Carol Spencer on 963 5455

Beneficiaries from events in the coming year include The Hope Lea Project and Multiple Sclerosis.



Moor Pond Wood News

A good amount of progress has been made on various parts of the site recently. Recent workdays have seen the stone walling at the southern end of the pond uncovered and the culvert being prepared for clearing, hopefully it will be inspected by remote camera to give an indication of its condition. We are still unsure of the final route of the culvert and there is some speculation as to its original purpose. It may link up with the brick structure at the side

of Papplewick Lane, which has been partially excavated and awaits further digging. A similar brick structure is known to have existed on the south side of the Lane but was lost during road widening and improvements many years ago. If you have any knowledge of the culverts or any general information about the pond, (which is at its lowest ever level now) then please share it with us!

Landscaping has now been completed in Grange Cottages Wood in readiness for more planting. To celebrate National Tree Week planting of Wild Roses, Hawthorns and Hazels was carried out. on Papplewick Lane side of the site. "Friends" of the project enjoyed an interesting and informative talk from a member of Greenwood, Nottinghamshire's Community Forest at the November meeting.

At the previous meeting local dairy farmers Stuart and Suzanne Marshall gave a fascinating insight to the running of the "MARS BAR" herd of Holstein dairy cattle that we see in the fields around the village. No one guessed but apparently the name is simply formed from family name MARShall & BARracks farm! Meetings are held on the last Friday of the month in The Village Hall lounge at 7.30, you are welcome to come along and join in.

Next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday January 14th 2004

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