

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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This edition is being delivered to Linby & Papplewick residents

The Annual Linby Village Carol Service is being held on Tuesday 14th December, starting at 7.00pm. The Christmas tree has been trimmed with traditional decorations, including many made by the local schoolchildren. Switching on of the lights will be carried out by the Mayor of Gedling, followed by the Carol Service featuring School Choirs, the ever-popular Black Diamonds Brass Band and Soloist. Refreshments will be served !



On the following Sunday, the 19th there are Carol Services in both churches.

Family Carol Service at 10.00 am in St Michael's and at 6.30pm a Carol Service in St James's.

Top Wighay Farm Greenbelt Development: the latest position.

Co-incidentally, at the same time as the above Carol Service is to be held, members of Gedling Borough Council Cabinet will be holding a re-scheduled meeting to discuss and vote on the proposals to allow development at Top Wighay Farm, and other sites. There are several complex issues relating to the proposed developments, which are of concern to many local people, including members of GAG5 (Gedling Against the Greenbelt) group. GAG5 has been formed by 5 Parish Councils and other interested parties and residents. The 5 Parish Councils involved are Bestwood, Linby, Newstead, Papplewick and Ravenshead, all of which will be affected by proposed development not only at Top Wighay but also at other identified sites within these parishes, most notably locally being land to the north of Papplewick Lane. Proposed development to the south of Papplewick Lane is in Ashfield District Council's control and not part of GAG5's remit, although it will have some bearing on the wider issue of development in this area.

GAG5 has retained the services of an expert in such matters and he has acted on its behalf with both Gedling Borough Council and The Government Office For The East Midlands (GOEM) Matters giving cause for concern include:

A lack of response to requests for information.

Nottinghamshire County Council's role in the planning process, given that they own some of the land at Top Wighay.

Gedling Borough Council's refusal to adopt The Structure Plan based on 2004 figures, which identifies a need for less development but they have voted to use the 1996 figures.

Differences of procedure between local Borough Councils, i.e. Rushcliffe and Gedling.

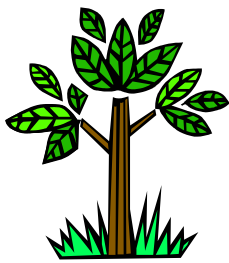
The next meeting of GAG5 is on Monday 13th December at Brook Farm Linby at 8.00pm.

A good turnout of people to the Cabinet meeting at 6.30 on the 14th would show the strength of feeling about this development; the meeting is at Gedling Civic Centre.



May we introduce our new Clerk to the Papplewick Parish Council? Vic Whyley has taken over the position from Pamela Clark with effect from the beginning of December. We thank Pam for her work with us and look forward to working with Vic, who is shortly to retire from his role as a senior manager in local government. His knowledge of such work will be of great help to the Council. Contact details for Vic are below.

Thanks to every one who helped at the Bonfire & Fireworks event last month. Too many to mention individually but tractor drivers, bonfire building crew, (and those who cleared up next day) Griffins Head, Horse & Groom and the sponsoring firms, all contributed to a successful event. Fortunately the weather was good again and we had a record attendance. The ladies of the Enterprise Group did a superb job on the catering front, again selling out completely. Sorry about the queues this year but changes are in hand for the future! Thanks to the children who entered the Guy Fawkes competition which was popular and will be repeated next year, The event made a profit of over £1000 which will go towards playing field improvements which are due to start in the new year.



MOOR POND WOOD

A lot of work has been undertaken in the woods and new paths laid in Papplewick Dam Woods. Work is continuing on the stonework. Nottinghamshire County Council are showing increasing interest in the project and have allocated resources to it as they recognise what a unique example of watercourses and industrial archaeology we have. Work is progressing on the design of “interpretation boards” that will be installed around the sites. These will explain the different flora, fauna

and archaeological features to visitors. Further details in the next newsletter but a reminder that if you wish to become involved in the project or are just interested in what is going on, why not join the Friends of Moor Pond Wood? Meetings are generally held on the last Friday of each month in the Village Hall, with occasional workdays on Sundays.

Moor Road Drainage Problems There have been several complaints to the Parish Council regarding surface water problems on moor Road. These have been escalated to Gedling Borough and they have now tackled the problem. Old plans have been discovered that show soakaways and drains that had become silted up and blocked over time. They have now arranged to have the drains pressure jetted and to dig out new soakaways on the top end of Moor Road and Linby Lane, which should alleviate the problem. However further work is required on the south end of Moor Road towards Grangemoor and we will be monitoring this.



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY IN THE VILLAGE HALL ORGANISED BY FRIENDS OF MOOR POND WOOD TICKETS £6



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