

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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2001 Census results. The results of the 2001 Census have recently become available and give an insight into the changing ways of village life. For example, 259 households have a total of 630 people living in them, the average age being around 43 years. There are more females in the village (324), than males (306). As far as vehicles are concerned, only 23 households have no vehicles, 89 have 1, 104 have 2 and 43 have 3 or more. It is interesting to note that whilst the parish population has risen by just 10 in the ten years since the last census in 1991, the number of households has increased by 12. The increase in traffic we all complain about may be due to the fact that the number of vehicles garaged in the village has risen by 95 over the same period!

Planning Matters / Greenbelt Action Group 5. The Gedling Local Plan has now been adopted in respect of the whole area including Ravenshead and Top Wighay. It has been suggested that all 11 Parish Councils within the Borough meet regularly and form a stronger alliance. There have been no planning applications as yet but Gedling has a statutory duty to consult with Parish Councils over the planning briefs and on any planning applications. There would appear to be some reluctance within the Borough Council to accept this fact, as was clearly demonstrated by parishioners who attended the last Parish Council meeting. The 25 present (a record number for a normal meeting ?) made their feelings known to the planning department representative who took questions relating to planning procedures, Top Wighay, Blacksmiths Court, and licensing applications. Of particular concern was the revelation that the traffic noise levels at the crossroads were taken after planning permission had been granted, the readings were not taken by Gedling or Highways people but by the developers.

As far as licensing applications are concerned, the extended hours at The Griffins Head were approved but with some clauses relating to noise limiting and outdoor activities. There were 17 letters of objection recorded, but others sent had apparently not been received. The objectors at the hearing put a strong case but the panel did not accept all points raised.

Next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 10th November in the Village Hall 7.15pm.



Classic Car Meetings that have proved so popular at The Griffins Head for the last few summers will now continue during the winter months. Ruyan Aytan, the new manager, has agreed to a meeting on the first Sunday of the month from midday onwards, October to May. In summer the evening meets are at 6.00 pm onwards on the first Wednesday of the month. There has been a fine selection of vehicles on show this year, so bring your own classic along or just come to admire someone else's!

Further details from Kev on 0115 979 4270 or Ian on 01773 963123

ANNUAL CHURCH AUTUMN FAYRE

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Friends of Moor Pond Wood are holding their next social event on Saturday October 29th

At Papplewick & Linby Village Hall, Linby Lane from 7.30 'til 11.00

This time, as a change from a barn dance it is to be **SALSA**, a fun night of Latin Dancing

UK Salsa Dance Champion Enrique Vina from Venezuela will be leading the fun, no experience necessary!



c Tickets cost £8.00 including a hot beef roll or veggie option.

They are available from Maureen on 963 2057,
Marguerite on 968 1968 or Diane on 963 5157

As usual there will be a licensed bar.

The Moor Pond Wood project has seen a lot of activity recently. Contractors have cleared some of the big (non native species) Sycamore trees in Moor Pond Wood, this work was funded by a Sherwood Forest Trust grant. Work still to do includes- removing saplings, sawing timber for use on fencing repairs within the project and replanting with oak trees. Work will continue for two years.



Willow trees are to be pollarded in Papplewick Dam Wood to make them safe. Work will be starting in November, including replanting areas with willow or alder trees, being paid for by British Trust For Conservation Volunteers. In Grange Cottage woods a new seat and litterbin (funded by Ashfield District Council) will be provided and fencing repaired. A new dog bin has been provided in MPW near Papplewick Lane (courtesy Gedling Borough Council), it is hoped that it will be well used, for dog fouling continues to be nuisance throughout the whole site.

There is still some work to do to consolidate the stonework conservation. Work has been carried out to put gravel into the former water channels at the Sluice site in MPW; this has improved the appearance and also made maintenance easier. There is still some more landscaping to be completed around this area of the pond outfall. Archaeology days continue on the second Sunday of each month, and will be introduced mid-week, to investigate the water channel network. Please keep an eye out for notices near the entrances for further details.

Work has started on interpretation panels. These will be placed at the main entrances and will give details of wildlife, plant species etc. and show the layout of the whole site. Again, paid for by a grant, this time from Nottinghamshire County Council. Credit should be given to the steering committee for securing funds from many sources to enable this project to continue, for the site is really quite unique in this part of the country.

New Years Eve Party. Following on from the successful party in the Village Hall last year, one is being arranged again for this year, further details will be given in the December Newsletter.

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