PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER EDITION 27 August 2006



Neighbourhood Watch.

Are you concerned about crime in the area?

Are you wiling to become involved in a NHW scheme yourself?

At the next Parish Council Meeting a representative from Nottinghamshire Police, Peter Ainley, the Crime Reduction Manager will attend to talk about the scheme. Also in attendance will be Bob Vaughan-Newton from Neighbourhood Watch. It is hoped to resurrect the scheme in the village but to do so will require volunteers. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and generally discuss the implications of joining in a scheme.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th September

Starting at 7.15 in the Village Hall lounge.

As usual there will be an open forum at the beginning of the meeting at which parishioners may raise any item of relevance that they may wish the Council to discuss.

Our local Beat Manager Police Officer, Andy Vale has asked that his contact details be made generally known to all parishioners. It may be worthwhile clipping the bottom of this page off and keeping it in a handy place.

Papplewick Beat Manager: PC Andy Vale is based at Ravenshead Contact Point, Milton Court, Ravenshead, Nottingham NG15 9BD Tel. 0115 967 0999 extn 3470 Mobile 07775 821 582 e-mail address is <u>Andrew.Vale@nottinghamshire.pnn.uk</u> The following information is taken from Ravenshead Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

There has been a notable increase in the number of "scams" operating in the Nottingham & Derby areas.

Distraction burglaries and reports of bogus officials unfortunately do not seem to have abated.

In one area of Nottingham 2 males offered to carry out gardening work. They were given cash up front and soon disappeared without carrying out the gardening work. A "Flyer" was left stating they were TS Landscape Gardening with a mobile phone number and the name of Lee. When rung, the caller is informed, "The person you are calling is unavailable"

They used a white pick up truck. If you are approached by these people do not part with any money until satisfied with the work carried out.

Police are reminding residents to be on their guard when unknown callers knock at their door. On Monday 17th July at an address just across the border in Derbyshire a sales person from a non-registered alarm company called at an elderly person's house. The sales person tried to sell an installed basic alarm system for £5000. Later during negotiations the price dropped to £3500. The company are cold calling without an appointment using details from one of the financial credit checking companies in this area.

It has recently been established that the same company is operating in Nottinghamshire.

Alarm companies that are members of registered trade bodies (NSL, NACOSS, SSAIB) are banned from such tactics.

Should you need an alarm consider this advice:

Don't purchase anything or agree to have work done by someone who calls door to door without getting quotes from several other companies. Remember to not always choose the cheapest as quality may be poor.

Always ensure that the company details supplied are correct.

Do not buy or sell at the door and if in any doubt, to keep them out. Remember to use a door chain and check caller's identification by ringing the number in the phone book, not on the card they show.

For further advice contact the Police Crime Reduction Manager on 0115 844 6952

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Moor Pond Wood News.

The recent Archaeological Weekend saw quite a lot of work carried out. On the footpath bank alongside Moor Road, excavations uncovered another sluice gate system, presumably to carry water

across Moor Road to the fields, as a kind of overflow or alternatively to collect water from the moor. No one knows for sure, the way this particular part of the installation worked. A large quantity of stone was uncovered, together with the remains of the timber sluice gates and a fair amount of ironwork. What has been determined is that the timber frame unit was pre-fabricated then placed into position, judging by the way it was made. Thanks to the volunteers who helped over the weekend, both in the digging and in giving guided walks around the whole site. Particular thanks to Robin Barton who regularly carries out a litter pick throughout the site during his regular walks.

At a recent meeting we were both entertained and educated by the Water Diviners, who showed their skills in this ancient art. Two of them returned for the Archaeological Weekend and have offered some advice on the likely whereabouts of the missing road crossing under Papplewick Lane. This was known to have carried water from the "plug hole" recently excavated, across to Grange Cottage Woods and thence onto the Leats heading towards Grange Mill.

The Friends of Moor Pond Wood held their annual barbeque in Dam Banks Wood last month and a record number attended, both Friends & friends of Friends! A good time had by all, thanks to Rob, John, Maureen and Marguerite for manning the BBQs. Skittles in the dark added to the interest, this year the trophy for highest score being won by Andy Johns.



At it's last meeting the Parish Council voted to provide the skateboard facility this financial year. The Enterprise Group formally handed over to the Council the job of letting the contract, and purchasing the equipment using Enterprise Group, Council & Grant funds. Tribute was paid to the Group for it's magnificent fund raising efforts, primarily the popular Open Gardens and Bonfire Night Event.

Whilst the works are in progress it will be necessary to restrict access to the playing field. The Village Hall car parking will need to be carefully managed to ensure minimum inconvenience to Hall users whilst still allowing access to the contractors.

This year's Bonfire & Fireworks will take place, as is traditional, on the Friday night, November 3rd.



Last December we warned people of the importance of having Gas Boilers serviced. Now is probably a good time to do it whilst the weather remains reasonable & heating is off, so a reminder again of the local engineers.

Peter Chapman on 963 7962 & Paul Clark on 963 9336



PAPPLEWICK & LINBY VILLAGE HALL

Now has a new Booking Secretary, Mr Brian Clarke.

Contact on 07817 649 643 Email on pandlvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk

Postal address 17 Linby Lane, Papplewick, NG15 8FB

The newly installed CCTV system is working well and has already been able to provide evidence to the police of theft from a vehicle on the car park.



Parent Partnership Service is recruiting volunteers



We offer a volunteering opportunity that is rewarding and challenging. Our volunteers;

- develop in confidence .learn new skills
- help parents of children with special educational needs play a more informed part in their child's education.
- contribute to making a child's educational experience more positive

Parent Partnership Service is recruiting volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds who are;

- good listeners, willing to learn, able to develop positive relationships with people
- able to communicate effectively, verbally and in writing

Our volunteers make a real difference. A parent said of their volunteer,

"The advice she gave me was sound and it worked, but it was the praise and boost to my morale that I found invaluable".

For more information and to find out when the next training course begins please contact: Edwina on 0115 948 2888 or Denis on 0115 840 0081 or visit our website <u>www.ppsnotts.org.uk</u>. You can also contact us at enquiries@ppsnotts.org.uk

This could be the opportunity you've been waiting for!

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