

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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The annual carol service at Linby will take place on the Village Green on Tuesday 12th December 6.30 for 7.00pm.

A young Linby resident, Owen Towle, will be switching on the lights this year.

As usual there will be a collection for a charity with a local connection, this year the chosen charity is The Pradar - Willi Syndrome charity with which Owen has a connection.

Thanks to Linby Council for once again organising this service.

Refreshments, hot chocolate and mulled wine will again be served.

Local school children will perform, together with the Brass Band.

The Christmas services for St James' and St Michael's for the Christmas period are:

- **Sunday 17th December**
- 10.00 am Family carol service at St Michael's Linby
- 6.30 pm Carol service at St James' Papplewick
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- **Christmas Eve 24th**
- 8.30 am Holy Communion (said) at St Michael's
- 4.00 pm All -Age service at St Michael's
- 11.30 pm Holy Communion at St James'
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- **Christmas Day 25th**
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) at St James'
- 11.00 am Family Service followed by a shortened said form of Holy Communion at St Michael's
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- **Sunday 31st**
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Michael's



The Royal British Legion Papplewick & Linby Branch reports that it has had a successful year. This year the Poppy Appeal brought in a staggering total of over £5000, for this very worthy cause. A well-attended show in the Village Hall was staged by Co-optima who are a Nottingham group specialising in 40's entertainment.

This event was greatly enjoyed by all and in addition a profit of £500 went to branch funds.

The Village Ladies are holding a Burns Night Supper & Dance on 27th January 2007.

To be held in the Village Hall, doors open 7.30, dress optional (tartan preferred !)

Tickets at £10 each available from:

Carol Spencer on 0115 963 5455 or Margaret Passey on 0115 963 3271

All proceeds in aid of Nottinghamshire Hospice Ambulance Appeal & the Alzheimer's Society.



Accompanying this newsletter is a letter from PC Andy Vale, one of our local police officers. This gives a few details about Neighbourhood Watch "Ringmaster" organisations. There is also a form for people to give consent to be Emailed or telephoned with information relating to incidents.

Whilst this information is strictly speaking applicable to parishioners in the Gedling Borough area, those residents who receive this newsletter but are in Ashfield District area may be included in the scheme.

Please note, Andy Vale's Email address is Andrew.Vale@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk as per his accompanying letter, and not as published in the last newsletter. Please amend any details you may already have recorded.

PC Vale and his colleagues are keen to see that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is re-introduced in the village and the Parish Council support this, but of course it needs people to volunteer to become involved !

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's bonfire a great success. Between us, the Parish Councils of Linby & Papplewick, together with the Enterprise Group worked hard to provide the best ever display, sold out of more food, had a good bonfire, the fire brigade attended and managed to stay all evening this year. The children seem to like the blue lights and sirens! Even the weather was good again!

A total of £1400 has been put into the playing field fund from the evening and we have received several favourable comments about the event, particularly about the good value we give. This of course would not be achievable without the tremendous generosity of our sponsors, who all have local connections either by living in the villages or having business interests locally.

Parish Councillor Vacancies.

Could you be a councillor? It is of course is the bottom rung of democracy in this country. Parish Councils are increasingly being consulted on all manner of things and this trend will continue as the Government recognises the importance of local government. It remains to be seen what will happen in future reorganisations, there is talk of Nottinghamshire becoming a Unitary Authority and some tiers of District & Borough councils disappearing altogether, with more powers being devolved to Parish level.

The next term for serving as a councillor will start in May 2007, when local elections are held. There will be vacancies on Papplewick Council next year as several existing councillors are giving up their positions. Parish Councillors normally serve a four-year term, or several four-year terms in a lot of cases! Training courses on a wide range of related subjects are available.

If you have an interest in the village please consider it and if you would like to become involved or for further information please contact Vic Whyley, the Parish Council Clerk. His contact details and address are on the back page.

The Village Hall management committee are delighted to learn that following the winning of the Gedling area heats of the Best Run Village Hall; they went on to come second in the whole of Nottinghamshire County competition. Congratulations to Dunham in north Notts, who won!

Particularly pleasing when it is realised that there are over 800 eligible village & community halls in the county, but fortunately not all of them entered the competition!

Some of the prize money (a total of £600) will be spent on an additional camera for the CCTV system, which has already proved it's worth in keeping potential problems under control.

At its last meeting Papplewick Parish Council agreed the Annual Budget following a meeting of the Finance Committee. The annual precepts will this year be very close to last year's figure, the provisional budget being £9833.

Amongst other items the question of making donations to various bodies was discussed and, similar to previous years the following was agreed.

£50 to Papplewick Pumping Station, nationally one of the best examples of its type.

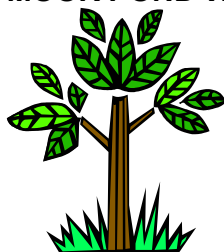
£50 to Papplewick Cricket Club, who provide training facilities for local youngsters.

£50 to Papplewick & Linby Day Centre, who provide a meeting place for senior citizens.

£100 to the Parochial Church Council towards the upkeep of St James' churchyard.

It was also agreed to authorise the purchase of equipment to put on the skateboard park, now that the concrete slab has been completed. There are also further maintenance works to be carried out on the existing equipment. Two picnic benches have also been ordered for the field.

MOOR POND WOOD



It was mentioned in the last newsletter about the prospect of a new roundabout being provided at the junction of Moor Road & Papplewick Lane. This was to be either full sized or alternatively a mini roundabout depending on surveys being carried out by Notts County Council & the developers, Coftons. Unfortunately information about the progress of these works has been very limited and no updated information has been received. The council is contacting Coftons for a progress report on the scheme.

Concerns were raised regarding the proposal to use some of the land in Grange Cottages wood to install a roundabout, particularly after so much good work has been carried out to restore this area. The Parish Council and Friends of Moor Pond Wood are actively pursuing information about the suggestion and Paddy Tipping MP is also involved.

In Papplewick Dam woods tree felling operations have taken place. The most obvious sign of this is the removal of most of the large "Crack Willow" tree adjacent to the entrance to the wood by the notice boards. It had been identified as dangerous due to most of it being dead.

Negotiations are taking place with a view to establishing a footpath through from the woods to the meadow by the church; this would then form part of a circular route. Eventually a new bridge will be built across the river fairly close to the weir. The route people tend to take at present through the field is not a right of way and should not be used.

Nottinghamshire County Council archaeology department will be carrying out survey work across the whole site with a view to producing a digital map of the site. Certainly the example shown of a similar map at the last Friends meeting was very impressive.

There is to be "work day" on Sunday December 17th for clearing undergrowth and general maintenance work. Meet at 10.30 am at the Moor Road entrance, by the notice boards.

On the same day it is proposed to undertake some archaeological digging in Grange Cottages Wood in the quest to find the missing "plug hole", which was known to exist. We will be working from information supplied by the diviners at a recent meeting, so it will be interesting to see what we unearth and discover.

If any one is interested in helping to maintain this special area for everyone to enjoy, then please come and join us. Next Friends meeting is on Friday January 26th 2007



Traffic concerns in the village.

At the last council meeting a delegation of residents, predominately from Main Street, attended the Public Forum part of the meeting to raise their concerns about both the quantity of traffic passing through the village and the speed of some drivers. A survey of traffic flow towards and away from the crossroads had been undertaken which showed high levels at certain times of day. The council is awaiting confirmation of these results to compare with similar information from Notts County Council before issuing a press statement at a later date.

It is known however, that there is considerably more through traffic than when a survey was last undertaken several years ago. The speed of traffic also appears to have increased. The position would appear to only be getting worse, with the proposed housing on Papplewick Lane and the Wigwam site. In fact all new development within the Hucknall area will inevitably produce more potential for increased traffic. The prospect of 2000 new jobs on Rolls Royce site, whilst welcome from an employment point of view will additionally create more traffic.

It is not known yet if the new speed limit reminder signs on Mansfield Road (50 mph) have had any effect; presumably this has been re-signed on road safety grounds and covers the whole length from Redhill roundabout to Mansfield.

If any one wishes to contact the Nottinghamshire County Council regarding traffic issues, the person to write to is:

Teresa Towle,
Customer Services Officer Highways South,
Nottinghamshire County Council,
Trent Bridge House,
Fox Road,
West Bridgford,
NG2 6BJ

telephone 0115 878 6000

The organisers of The Day Centre have asked that we pass on their thanks for the support received at their recent coffee morning. A good turnout meant they made a total of over £400 on the day with a further £120 at a car boot sale run by 3 hardy volunteers the following week.

There are still a couple of vacancies for new members and volunteer helpers are always welcome. For further details please call Diana Welling on 963 4643.

And finally, this is the last Newsletter I will be producing for the Council, so thank you to those people who have told me that they find it useful. I am sure that future editions will endeavour to keep parishioners informed of both what is happening in the village and at council meetings.

Next Council meeting is on Wednesday, January 10th 2007 at 7.15pm

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