

PAPPLEWICK

PARISH COUNCIL

Progressive Parish Provision

NEWSLETTER

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Millennium Party

It is proposed to hold a street party for the residents of Papplewick parish to celebrate the Millennium. This 'Millennium' outdoor party will now be held on **Saturday 15th July** and not as previously advertised.

You should have received your invitation and hopefully you have returned it. If you have not returned your slip, please complete it and return this as soon as possible.

If you would like to be involved in helping with preparation before or on the day, please contact any of the following:

Ian Griffiths - 67 Mansfield Road.

Joyce Kendall - 20 Forest Lane.

Margaret Kerr - 41 Main Street.

Stephen Walker - 143 Moor Road.

Further details about the event will be posted to you shortly.

Photo Competition

The Council launched a photograph competition in the last edition of the Newsletter. An entry form is enclosed with this issue which contains all the information you need to enter so get snapping. We want to create a photographic record of life in Papplewick in the year 2000 which will be preserved for future generations. Please send your entries to Margaret Passey at 28 Main Street.

You can submit as many photographs as you like, provided each entry is accompanied by a completed entry form and they are taken within the parish boundaries.

The closing date for entries is **30th June 2000**.

All entries will be displayed in the Village Hall on Friday 21st July when the winners will be announced and prizes (sponsored by Kodak and Boots) awarded.

More information about this event in the next Newsletter.

Judging will be by two independent referees.

Additional entry forms are available from Margaret Passey or Maureen Barker at 25 Main Street.

Half Finished?

You may have wondered why a new traffic calming gateway has been installed on Forest Lane but only replacement 30mph signs on Linby Lane. The Parish Council and Notts. County Council are jointly funding traffic calming at a cost of about £8,000 and County had to spend their allocation before the financial year end. However, Linby Lane is due for resurfacing in June and the remainder will be installed out of the parish's Capital Grant allocation when this work is complete. The Council are also looking at ways to reduce the speed limit on Moor Road.

Parish Paths Partnership

At a Parish Council meeting on 16th February, both Papplewick and Linby Parish Councils entered into new agreements with Notts. County Council to be responsible for the upkeep of public rights of way in both parishes. We now intend to finish work around the River Leen bridge and look at other projects that will improve the footpath network in both parishes.

Gedling Draft Deposit Local Plan

The Borough Council will shortly be releasing the Draft Deposit Local Plan for further consultation. You may recall that the Consultative Draft Local Plan was released in 1998 when the Parish Council held a public meeting on 23rd October to discuss its implications. As a result of representations made at that stage, it is understood that housing on Top Wighay Farm, Linby, has been removed from the Plan. However, industrial units are still proposed for that site together with 400 houses between Papplewick Lane and Linby Lane. These proposals will have a considerable impact on this parish and therefore the Parish Council will hold another public meeting shortly to determine our response. As the date of this meeting cannot be determined until Gedling release the Plan, and there will be a very limited consultation period, please watch the notice boards for details of this meeting.

Parish Web Site

The Parish Council now has its own permanent web site at:

<http://www.papplewick.org>

Apart from minutes of previous Parish Council meetings, the web site includes a wealth of other information about the Council, the parish and its history. If you missed the demonstration at our last meeting, why not give it a browse?

Volunteers Required !

As part of Gedling Borough Council's Millennium celebrations, there will be a Calverton Festival on Sunday, 13th August with 'It's a Knock-out' competition. Papplewick will be entering a winning team so if you want to support your parish contact the Clerk!

NEXT MEETINGS: The next Parish Council meetings will be held in the Village Hall at 7.15pm on 10th May and 12th July.

All correspondence to The Clerk, Mrs. M. Barker, at 25 Main Street, Papplewick - tel: 0115 963 2057
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Moor Pond Wood

Moor Pond Wood was originally constructed as a water storage reservoir in the late 18th Century by the Robinson family as part of their extensive cotton milling activities along the River Leen. Water fed into it along a series of leats or canals from behind Papplewick Dam and was then released, as required, to feed the waterwheels at Grange Mill.

Since cotton refining finished in 1828, Moor Pond Wood slowly returned to nature. The resultant woodland is designated a local wildlife site, with some twenty species of bird regularly observed, along with bats living amongst the mature oak and chestnut trees.

The site is now owned by the Co-operative Wholesale Society and is managed by Nottinghamshire County Council's Countryside Management Service under the terms of an agreement. In consultation with the Parish Council, they help to maintain the wildlife interest and keep the footpaths open for local walkers.

When the Parish Council's Millennium Committee were discussing ideas to mark the millennium in the summer of 1999, it was decided to use the opportunity to try to develop the importance of the site for local people, and mark the celebrations by creating a valuable permanent resource for the parish. The Council decided to focus its ideas on three areas:

- to restore and interpret the archaeological features of the site;
- to protect and improve the wildlife value of the woodland and water features; and
- to improve access for elderly and disabled people.

Expertise was brought in from the County Council's Countryside Management team and the Greenwood Community Forest Partnership team. Working as a partnership with these bodies, the Parish Council's Millennium Committee worked up more detailed ideas on what was best for the site's future. A feasibility study has been carried out and sustainable goals established.

The proposals include the following elements:

- partial restoration of the system of leats associated with the mills;
- high quality on site and off site interpretation of Moor Pond Wood's archaeology and ecology

- an education pack for local schools to be able to use the site;
- comprehensive survey and management plan for the ecology of the site;
- restoration of the derelict pond within the woods;
- upgrading of existing footpaths to allow access by disabled people;
- a new footpath to allow local circular walks around the site.

Support for the proposals has been gained from the Corridors to the Countryside Group, a local collective of organisations with an interest in the management of access and wildlife corridors situated on Nottingham's rivers. Organisations represented include the County, City and District Councils, the Environment Agency, the Countryside Agency, the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and the Greenwood Partnership team.

Funding for the project, to be phased over several years, will need to come from a variety of sources. The Local Heritage Initiative (devised by the Countryside Agency) will be approached and other potential sources include the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme, the Heritage Lottery Fund, development companies investing locally and commercial organisations known to help fund community environmental projects.

Now, we need views and proposals from the people who use Moor Pond Wood - you! The Council will be holding a special public meeting on:

Wednesday, 31st May at 7.15pm

in the Village Hall when you can learn more about this exciting long term project and make your suggestions heard. Please come along and support this initiative which will create a valuable and enjoyable facility for the parish.

Stop Press. Stop Press....
Gedling Draft Deposit Local Plan

The Borough Council has just announced dates for their Public Meetings to discuss the Deposit Draft Local Plan. For people living in the rural areas of the Borough, they will hold a meeting on **Monday, 15th May 2000 at 7.30pm** at William Lee School, Flatts Lane Calverton.

Borough residents will be able to submit written representations on the Plan between **22nd May and 3rd July**. Anyone wishing to make their own representations must do so on Gedling's prescribed forms, copies of which will be available from Gedling. The Parish Council will hold its own meeting to discuss this Plan on:

Wednesday, 31st May at 7.15pm

(the same night as the consultation meeting for Moor Pond Wood). The Council needs to know your views so that it can compile its response. Please come along and let us know what you think.