

PAPPLEWICK

PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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THANKS!

To all those people who helped out at the Queen's Golden Jubilee Party on 3rd June a big thank you. A willing band of volunteers spent many hours planning and executing this event and they achieved a marvellous result. The occasion will long be remembered as an unforgettable day in the parish's history.

On the subject of history, thanks also to the people who attended the Local History Day on May 11th bringing with them their treasured heirlooms. The Parish Council is especially grateful to Mrs. Kendall for allowing us to visit St. James' Church and to Dr. Godwin-Austen who granted us the privilege of a guided tour of Papplewick Hall. Numerous old photographs of the parish were on display allowing names to be put to some old (and not so old) faces.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Last year Papplewick came second in the Best Kept Village Competition and received a £50 cash prize. The judges identified just three areas for improvement: a map of our footpaths (see below), untidiness on part of Moor Road and rubbish in the lay-by near Papplewick Dam.

Although the last area is actually in Linby parish and out of our jurisdiction, the Moor Pond Wood Project, which also looks after the Dam area, has erected fencing to try and prevent the dumping of rubbish in the lay-by. In addition, the Parish Council has also spent a lot of time tidying the Playing Field and erecting a new fence to smarten it up.

As a result, we should be well placed this year to come top of our category. Please ensure that your home and its immediate surroundings are maintained in tip-top condition. With everyone's help we can make the parish a better place to live and work.

SKATEBOARDERS ABOUT!

The Parish Council has received a petition organised by a group of young residents who would like to see skateboarding facilities in the parish. Many people have signed the petition and offered their support.

At our next meeting, the Council will be hearing more about their proposals and considering what action to take. Anyone who wishes to make their views on the subject known, whether in favour of a skateboarding park, against or simply unsure of what it involves, is invited to come along to our meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 10th July.

Because providing a facility such as this is likely to place a heavy demand on Council resources, we need to hear from as many people as possible before arriving at any decisions.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

At the Parish Council's last meeting, Mr. Ian Parker, the County Council's Highway's Manager, came to talk to us about possible traffic calming on Main Street. The Parish Appraisal we conducted four years ago identified highway problems as one of the main areas of concern for parishioners and the Council have been actively pursuing measures to reduce the overall impact of traffic and congestion for everyone. With assistance from the County Council, we have already installed 'gateway' schemes on Forest Lane and Linby Lane.

We looked at three types of scheme that might help to reduce the speed of traffic on Main Street:

1. Imprint surfacing strips at the 30mph signs with repeater strips along Main Street.
2. A chicane about mid-way along Main Street between the 'S' bend and Crossroads.
3. Interactive traffic signs.

The Council recognises that any traffic calming scheme will have environmental and visual implications for Main Street and therefore any scheme will need to be carefully designed to minimise such intrusions. No decision has yet been made on which option, if any, to pursue and the matter will continue to be discussed. Main Street residents will be given the opportunity to comment on any proposals before they are implemented. Any traffic calming will, of course, be subject to funds being available from the County Council.

Mr. Parker has agreed to look at the signing in and around Papplewick for the LGV restrictions along Linby Lane and Forest Lane. It was thought that the signing was inadequate and in generally poor condition and this may be contributing towards the number of LGV's still using these roads.

As a result of continued lobbying from the Parish Council, a double white line system is to be installed around the dip on Blidworth Way to prevent overtaking along this dangerous section of road.

PARISH PATHS

A new map cabinet has been purchased, jointly funded by the County Council's Rights of Way Department, to house a map of Papplewick and Linby parishes on which will be marked all the public rights of way in both parishes. The Council will now decide where best to locate this cabinet.

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