

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

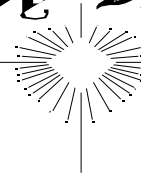
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Celebrate the season
with **PEACE**

Silent Night, Holy Night

Christmas Services



Monday 10th December

Carols Around The Tree

Linby Village 6.30 for 7.00pm

Sunday 16th December

Carols Service 6.30pm at

St. James' Papplewick

Sunday 23rd December

Family Carol/Christingle Service

5.00pm at St Michael's Linby

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion 11.30pm at

St James'

Christmas Day

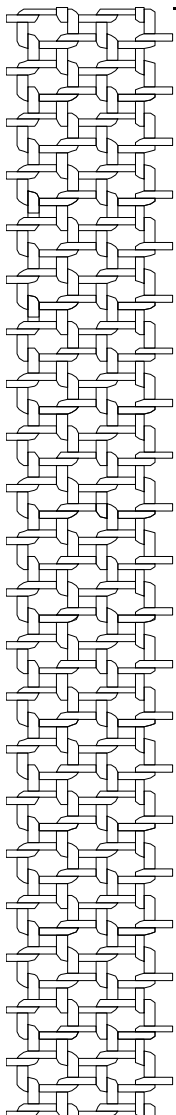
Holy Communion (said) 8.00am

At St James'

Family Service 10.00am at St Michael's

(Followed by a shortened form of

Holy Communion)





New Parish Councillors

Welcome to David McCracken & Gillian Winfield- McCracken from Moor Road. They were co-opted as members at the last Parish Council meeting.



Sherwood: The Living Legend

Notts. County Council has an ambitious plan to secure £50m of BIG Lottery Funding to improve and promote Sherwood Forest. They have made it through to the final stage of The People's £50 million contest which will be showcased on ITV on Wednesday, 5th December. There will be online voting for the winning project, which opens at 9am on Monday 26th November and closes at 12.00 noon on 10th December. The telephone voting number has yet to be announced.

If Sherwood:The Living Legend wins there will be a pot of money for 50 community schemes in and around the most famous forest in the world. These schemes will be used to celebrate the unique character and local distinctiveness of these towns and villages. The Parish Council wants to secure some of that money for projects here. We are looking at improving access between some of the more remote parts of the parish such as Moor Road, Mansfield Road and the Pumping Station. Further improvements to Moor Pond Wood are also being looked at as a possible project.

So, Sherwood needs your votes to win! Log onto www.thepeoples50million.org.uk and make your vote count or www.robinhood.co.uk for further details. Give Robin the home he deserves.



Mansfield Road Notice Board

For the last couple of years we have been trying to get the notice board on Mansfield Road replaced. Residents requested that a more convenient location be found, particularly one that did not involve crossing the busy road. After much searching for a suitable location, Severn Trent has kindly granted permission for a notice board to be erected outside Newstead Pumping Station. We are now working towards finalising arrangements and installing the new notice board.



Parish Council Budget and Precept 2008-9

The Council is required to prepare a budget each year in order to determine where its spending priorities are likely be for the coming year. At our meeting on 14th November, the Council approved a budget prepared by its Finance Committee that will see an anticipated 31% increase in spending over this year's budget. Overall, we have budgeted £10,524 for next year's spending.

There are a number of areas where we believe expenditure will increase beyond inflation next year. Because we have installed new equipment on the Playing Field, and expect to install yet more equipment within the next few months, the cost of insurance is likely to increase and we have set aside £1,300 to meet these costs. In addition, parishioners who attended our September meeting expressed concern about anti-social behaviour on the Playing Field. We have been working hard with the Police to remedy these problems but if the problem persists, £2,000 has been allocated towards the cost of installing a CCTV system.

Many of you will be aware that the Parochial Church Council are in the process of extending the churchyard at St. James. We know from our last Parish Appraisal that parishioners were keen to see burial provision maintained within the parish and therefore we intend to contribute £500 towards this project.

We raise a small part of the money we spend as a precept through the Council Tax system. Here's the good news! We do not intend to increase the precept beyond last year's level – provided we receive the same amount of revenue support grant from Gedling that we received for 2007-8. Revenue support grants are not finalised by Gedling until December so the final level of precept will not be known until the calendar year end. The difference between precept, revenue support grant and spending will be met from the Council's own reserves.

Much of what the Council spends does not actually appear in the budget at all. Because we obtain it in the form of grants from a variety of sources, these do not have to be included. For example, large sums of money spent on Moor Pond Wood and creating the Skate Park were all obtained in this way. The new Playing Field equipment we are about to install will also be funded by around £26,000 of grants.



Parish Bonfire

The Bonfire and Fireworks held on 2nd November were nothing less than a spectacular success. More people attended than last year and the weather was ideal.

It takes us around a year to plan and organise this event so we have already started to make arrangements for 7th November next year. All this work would not be possible without countless people volunteering to help both on the day and beforehand. The Parish Council is particularly grateful for Richard Hull's expertise with fireworks, Lorraine Hillier's sponsorship raising strengths and David Clayton's safe pair of hands. We must also thank the St. John Ambulance staff, members of Papplewick and Linby Leisure Enterprise Group, stewards and bonfire crew who freely give their time towards this event. Our gratitude also extends to Hucknall Fire and Rescue Service for making their appliance available throughout the evening.

Although fireworks are purchased by the Parish Council, the Leisure Enterprise Group provide us with a donation to cover their cost. Many thanks.



Registration Services

The County Council's Registration Service has recently moved to new premises at 'Under One Roof', 3a Vine Terrace, Hucknall NG15 7HN (tel: 0115 963 8604). If you need to register a birth or death, registrations are by appointment only on Mondays 2.00-4.00pm, Wednesdays 10.00am-12.30pm and Fridays 10.00am-12.30pm. Please telephone the Registrar for further details.

The Registration Service also provides civil funerals, civil partnership ceremonies, and weddings, together with baby naming and re-affirmation of vows ceremonies. Copy birth, marriage, death and civil partnership certificates are also available from the Register Office where the registration took place. For further details see www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk and follow the links in "you and your community" to "births, marriages and deaths."



A single gateway to access extra services

One simple checklist enables people aged 60 or over to receive vital services to stay safe and independent in their own homes.

The First Contact Signposting Scheme works with a number of partners including Notts Fire & Rescue Service, Gedling Borough Council, Local Pension Service, Welfare Rights, Nottinghamshire County tPCT, Greater Nottingham Healthy Housing, Nottinghamshire County Council Adult Social Care & Health and Gedling Voluntary & Community Service to deliver services together in the Gedling area.

If a staff member from any of the partner agencies, such as a firefighter, police officer or volunteer goes into a home, they will complete a checklist to find out if the older person has any other particular needs - for example:

- A fire safety check and/or home security check
- Any repairs or mobility adaptations that need doing in the home
- Energy saving improvements to keep warm and reduce energy bills
- Confidential advice on any money the householder may be entitled to
- Signposting to local voluntary and community groups and clubs
- Advice on types of housing accommodation that may be available

Householder responses to the checklist will be fed back to one central point of contact where staff will co-ordinate referrals to partner organisations. A representative from the organisation will then contact the person to discuss what might be available. An older person can therefore receive a whole host of services without going to the trouble of contacting all of the different organisations themselves.

A representative from the First Contact Signposting Scheme will be at our next meeting on 9th January. Come along and find out more about this important service.



Next Council meeting is on Wednesday, 9th January 2008 at 7.15pm
All parishioners welcome

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