

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

PROGRESSIVE PARISH PROVISION

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Village Bonfire & Fireworks



Will take place this year on Friday November 2nd on the playing field behind the Village Hall, starting at 7.00pm. For reasons of safety, please don't bring own fireworks or sparklers. Refreshments available. Free admission although a collection will be taken towards costs.

Vandalism in the churchyard.

There have been a number of disturbances recently at St James' Church and some gravestones desecrated. The Police have been informed and have promised some surveillance but it would be a very useful deterrent if local residents would walk to the church as often as possible, particularly early evening. Any groups of people seen loitering in or around the church porch or churchyard should be reported to the police.



Next year sees the Queen's Jubilee taking place and with the prospect of a long bank holiday weekend, presents the opportunity to hold some form of celebration in the village. If any person or groups would like to be involved, or have any suggestions for activities, would you please advise Clerk to the Council as below or come along to the next council meeting.

Moor Pond Wood Project

The "Friends of Moor Pond Wood" group was formally inaugurated at the Annual General Meeting recently. Everyone is welcome to join and the meetings are normally held on the last Friday of the month, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

A program of "jobs to be done" and work days is being compiled for volunteers, any one wishing to join in either on a Saturday or weekday will be made welcome.

A good amount of work is in progress and results so far are there for all to see. On the main site two disabled access gates have been provided already and the third will follow soon. These will be accessible to holders of the RADAR key, which is available from local authorities and will permit easy entry for wheelchair users. Contractors are re laying the pathways in the wood, using money given as a grant by Gedling Borough Council.

Grange Cottages Wood, on the south side of Papplewick Lane is actually in the Ashfield District Council area and they have awarded a grant of £200 towards fence repairs and replacement seating which will be installed at the end of the work. We are currently awaiting permission to landscape the area in the wood that was previously the site of a Victorian tip. As a result of activity over the years by "Bottle Diggers", it is currently quite hazardous with deep pits and exposed glass. Please be warned!

The area by the lay by on Linby Lane has been tidied up and a new fence erected, hopefully this will deter the fly tippers who increasingly spoil the area by their laziness.

The next meeting on November 30th will have a guest speaker from the Notts Wildlife Trust. There have been some excellent presentations recently ranging from a slide show about Bats (quite small), to demonstrations of Birds of Prey (real and extremely large)!



Credit is due to all the members of the "Steering Group" who have worked so hard to get the project off the ground. In particular those who have managed to put together and produce a good case for grants, it's not always as simple as completing a form & waiting for the money to appear. Sometimes it means standing up in front of committees and presenting your case in competition with other groups.

Your Village website :

<http://www.papplewick.org>

Contact webmaster@papplewick.org with your views and any information you may have of forthcoming events that could be included in the Diary section.

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

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

in conjunction with

The Countryside Agency

This is a brief introduction to The Vital Villages project that several of your councillors and the clerk are involved in. Colin Womble is leading the team and more information will follow as work progresses.

In May 2000, the Countryside Agency launched its 'Vital Villages' initiative with the aim of helping small rural communities to take stock of their parish and decide upon what action could be taken to revitalise them. This programme came into being because there was recognition that rural communities were increasingly faced with a loss of essential services, lack of appropriate housing and were generally disadvantaged in relation to urban dwellers. Papplewick Parish Council recognises that many of these problems either face this parish now or could do so within the near future and as a result, decided to take action under the 'Vital Villages' initiative to address these areas of concern.

The Countryside Agency has set aside funds to meet a proportion of the costs associated with preparing this Parish Plan. However, the Parish Council will be meeting the remaining 25% of expenses. The Parish Plan will be important to the people who live and work in this parish. It advances ideas about how parishioners might wish to see it developed over the next decade and beyond. If the greater part of this Plan is to see fruition, it must be realistic and achievable. It must build on the many benefits this parish has to offer as a place to live, improve services, enhance the environment and conserve those particular aspects of parish life which we value most. It will guide both the Parish Council and external agencies in their mid and long term investment decisions.

In 1998, the Parish Council undertook, with assistance from the Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, an Appraisal of the parish to help us plan for the future.

66% of households responded. The results from that Appraisal form the basis of this Plan and it is hoped that the Plan will allow us to expand on the raw data collected three years ago. Although much work has already been undertaken as a result of the Appraisal, we hope to move further forward on those topics that were identified as being of particular importance.

In common with the Appraisal, the Parish Council believes that as many people living and working here as possible should make their contribution to the Parish Plan process. To this end, a wide ranging consultation exercise has been developed.

In the first instance, a consultative draft has been drawn up which should not be taken as the final version of the Parish Plan.

It will be amended and modified to reflect the results of the consultation exercise before final publication.

We will keep you informed of progress.



Bulb Planting / Best Kept Village Runners Up

It was suggested in the last Newsletter that the Parish Council, possibly in conjunction with the Gardening Club undertake a bulb planting program. In addition to the usual Daffodils, which really make the village look good early in the year, providing later flowering varieties would enhance the village over a longer period.

One way to finance this proposal has come about due to Papplewick being the Runners Up in their category for Best Kept Village Competition and receiving a £50 cash prize.

What do you think, is this the best way to spend the cash prize, or is there another way to buy the bulbs? Let the council know if you have any suggestions and thanks to everyone who did their bit towards keeping the Village tidy.

*Congratulations to the
Clerk to the Council,
Maureen Barker
on receiving a certificate
acknowledging her continuing
work and contribution to
The Greenwood Community
Forest*

**Next meeting of the Parish Council is on
Wednesday 14th November, 7.15 in the Village Hall.**

All residents are invited and it is your chance, during the open forum at the beginning of the meeting, to air views or raise concerns on matters affecting the village, or topics contained in this newsletter

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