

# PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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### Let's Celebrate!

Massive celebrations will be taking place in Papplewick this summer and everyone's invited to join in. To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and London Olympics, there will be a host of events around the parish to cater for everyone's taste. Briefly:



#### Over the Diamond Jubilee Weekend itself:

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| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June   | Beer Festival, Griffin's Head Inn.   |
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June | Beer Festival continues and Evening Barn Dance, Linby Hall Farm.   |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June   | Jubilee Church Service at St. James', Papplewick.<br>Songs of Praise at St Michael's, Linby.<br>Jubilee Dance at The Griffin.  |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June   | Picnic in the Park on Griffin's Head Field with live music, fun and games for children, Village Ladies cake & plant stall for charity, etc.<br>8.30pm people walk to Stanker Hill for beacon/bonfire at 9.30pm organised by Young Farmers. |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June  | Linby vs. Papplewick cricket match, bar & BBQ etc. at Papplewick & Linby Cricket Club.   |

Further details will be issued to every household within the next few weeks by the Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group.

#### Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July

The Parish Council's Fourth Annual Play Day will be taking place on the Playing Field. All the usual attractions will again be available. Come and have a fun day with us at the start of the school holidays, 1pm until 4pm.

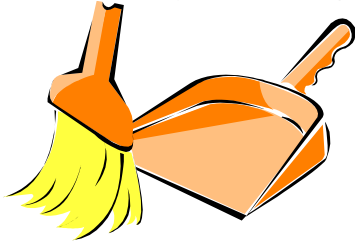
#### Photographic Competition



Following our very successful photographic competition to mark the Millennium, the Parish Council will be running a similar event throughout the months of June and July. The competition will be open to anyone living in the Parish with entries on the theme of 'Papplewick in 2012 - Olympics and Diamond Jubilee year'.

- ▲ There will be three classes of entry: Primary School, 11-18 and over 18s.
- ▲ One prize will be awarded to the winner in each category (prizes yet to be decided) and certificates for the top three entrants in each category.
- ▲ Winning photographs will be displayed on our web site for the world to see!
- ▲ Prizes and certificates will be presented at the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September.
- ▲ Entry forms can be obtained from Cllr. Stef Roberts by email at [auntystef99@aol.com](mailto:auntystef99@aol.com)
- ▲ The closing date for entries is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Best Kept Village



Each year the Campaign to Protect Rural England organise a Best Kept Village Competition. Papplewick last won the competition in 2002. This year the Parish Council have again entered and wish to repeat that success. Round 1 of the judging takes place between Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Four villages with the highest scores will then be entered into Round 2 for which judging will be held between Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Out of a maximum possible score of 100, 30 marks are available for well-kept houses, gardens, hedges and frontages. Another 25 marks are available for well-cared for commercial premises such as pubs, farm buildings, advertisements etc. In order to secure another victory in this competition, which reflects well on the entire village, we need your support. Please make a special effort between the above dates to ensure that your bit of the village is looking spick and span.

## Church Lane

The Parish Council has recognised for many years that Church Lane represents a valuable asset to the people of this parish. In order to secure its long-term use for public benefit, enquiries were made in 1997 to ascertain who last owned Church Lane. Unfortunately, despite extensive searches, the owner could not be identified. The Council therefore began a lengthy quest to obtain ownership.

This ongoing project came to fruition in December 2011 when the Land Registry granted possessory title to the Parish Council. Title was only granted after the Council demonstrated exhaustively both that the original owner could not be traced and that it had satisfied all relevant criteria to be granted title to the land. Both the existing public footpath and access to St. James' Church will be unaffected by the Council's acquisition.

## Policing



The Police team responsible for covering Papplewick will no longer be available at the Ravenshead Contact Point. They can now be reached at Arnold Police Station by telephone 101 extn. 856 3470. Despite the change in operational base, our Neighbourhood Team remains the same, consisting of P.C. Sarah Cheetham together with PCSOs Chris Shaw and Darren Scatcherd.

## Our Paralympic Participants

The parish can be proud to have two of our residents taking part in the Paralympic Games later this summer. Cllr. Maggie Else will be officiating at the Paralympics in the sport of boccia - a sport for individuals or teams where leather balls are thrown as close as possible to a white jack. Maggie has been involved in the sport for 13 years and is currently a director of Boccia England.

In addition, Angela Weiss of Papplewick Equestrian Centre on Mansfield Road has been working hard to train two riders in the hope of retaining Britain's number one spot in the Paralympic dressage. We wish them both every success!

## Will the Olympic torch pass through Papplewick?

Surprisingly, it's a secret! Olympic torch relay organisers have published a street-by-street route guide where it will be carried by a person. For the rest of its journey the torch will travel "in convoy" or in other words, by vehicle. These roads are not being made public by the organisers. However, on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, the torch is due to travel from Nottingham to Glapwell. It could pass along Mansfield Road somewhere between 10.30-11.30am - if you see it, let us know.

## RCAN Oil

RCAN (Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire) have launched a new project to buy heating oil in bulk. They intend to get the best deal available for their members. Members can save on average 4p per litre or £40 for every 1,000 litres purchased. For example, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, the price was 58.45ppl. There is a £20 annual membership fee. This scheme could be of particular benefit to Mansfield Road residents who do not have a piped gas supply and rely on this type of fuel for heating. For more details see the RCAN website [www.rcan.org.uk](http://www.rcan.org.uk) and click on the 'Bulk Oil' link or call Annalisa Goodwin on 01623 727600.



## Fields In Trust

As part of the Diamond Jubilee and Olympic celebrations, Fields in Trust have launched the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge and are endeavouring to permanently protect 2,012 outdoor recreational spaces by 2012. The Parish Council is currently applying to have the Playing Field guaranteed for future generations as a QEII Field.

## Community Lorry Watch Update

The following has been issued by Nottinghamshire Trading Standards:



It has been over a year since the Community Lorry Watch Scheme was launched in Papplewick and Linby in August 2010. During that time Nottinghamshire Trading Standards have conducted 6 enforcement days. All drivers recorded within the weight restriction without a legitimate reason have received either a warning or caution with 2 repeat offenders being prosecuted for their use of the restriction.

This work would not have been possible without the support of the Parish Councils and their observers who have submitted over 100 reports of potentially overweight vehicles so far. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have submitted these reports to us.

## What Happens Next?

Currently all reports are logged and the operating weight of the vehicles are checked to confirm they are overweight. This information is used to target the time and date of our own enforcement days and to identify regular users of the restriction.

We are planning to improve the way we use this information by contacting the keepers of the vehicles reported; to warn them that their vehicles have been spotted and to remind them of the weight restriction. Only reports received from observers who regularly provide reliable information will be used and the identity of the observer will not be revealed.

We hope that this approach will further deter inappropriate use of the weight restriction and raise the profile of the Papplewick and Linby Community Lorry Watch Scheme.

### What can you do to help?

We are reliant on the information provided by you to continue this work and so please do keep sending in your reports. Also, we would like to hear from you about how the scheme is working. Have you seen a change in the number of vehicles driving through the restriction? Are there any particular days, times and/or companies that we need to be aware of? Please send any additional information to [trading.standards@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@nottsc.gov.uk) marked Papplewick & Linby CLW.

Thank you again for your continued support.



## Flooding

Notts. County Council are in the process of producing a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for the county. It is designed to help determine priorities and understand local flood risk issues. Within this parish the Environment Agency's Flood Map identifies those properties between 353 and 357 Moor Road as being at risk of flooding from rivers but other houses could also be at risk from local run-off. To get advice on minimising the risk, visit the Environment Agency's web site [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk).

## Playing Field & Village Hall Car Park

Please be aware that the Playing Field and accompanying woodland are not convenient dumping places for tree prunings and general garden rubbish. Prosecutions for littering in a public place are brought under section 87 - Offence of Leaving Litter - of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The average fine is around £100 plus any costs the court awards. However, a person convicted of this offence could be liable to a maximum fine of £2,500 (a level 4 offence on the standard scale). Our CCTV is monitoring the situation.



The car park between the Village Hall and Playing Field belongs to the Village Hall and users of the Playing Field have no automatic right to park there. If the gate has to be closed to prevent unauthorised access, please respect requests to vacate the car park. Should vehicles be left unattended, the barrier will be locked shut for security reasons.

**Did you know?** - Papplewick residents celebrated Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee with a dinner and tea, sports, dancing and games. The Bestwood Band played live music. At dusk there was a display of fireworks, and at 10pm a large bonfire was lighted near Papplewick Dam.

## And Finally - Our Thanks

To Cllr. Patricia Andrews, Mayor of Gedling, who has kindly given us £150 towards maintaining and upgrading our web site. We are also grateful to Nigel Penlington of Moor Road for volunteering to fill a vacancy and become a parish councillor.

**Next Council meeting and AGM will be on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7.15pm**

All parishioners welcome

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