

Bonfire and Fireworks



The annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display will be held on Friday, 8th November. Papplewick and Linby Parish Councils together with the Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group will be hosting this annual event on the Playing Field.



Please see the accompanying leaflet for further details.

Gates open at 6.30pm, the Bonfire will be lit around 7.00pm with the fireworks to commence at 7.30pm.



And please remember - for everyone's safety - **NO** private fireworks or sparklers are allowed. Anyone using sparklers may be asked to leave the event. We look forward to seeing you!

Another successful Play Day!

On 24th July, the Parish Council and Papplewick and Linby Leisure Enterprise Group hosted another highly successful Play Day, attended by over five hundred people. Organised jointly by the Parish Council, Gedling Borough Council and Gedling Play Forum, we were privileged to be visited by the Mayor of Gedling, Cllr. Bob Collis. After his visit, the Mayor tweeted: "had a great afternoon at Papplewick play day. Lots of fun and games for all. Well done to all involved in organising it."

We were also pleased to welcome Olympic torch-bearer and local athlete Dan Edson, who came along to inspire local children and help out with fun sports day activities. Dan brought along the torch that he carried the Olympic flame on and talked about his experience of being part of the Olympics. Other games and activities on the day included drumming workshops, den building, grass karts and pets.

Griffin's Head Car Meet

We have received various complaints about noise and congestion arising from activities at the Griffin's Head on Wednesday evenings. It appears that the event, which has been running for a few years now, has become more popular with a greater number of enthusiasts attending.

Noise nuisance is covered by the 1990 Environmental Protection Act. Before action can be taken, the noise has to constitute a statutory nuisance. This means that the noise has to be shown to be prejudicial to health or causing an unreasonable and persistent disturbance. Noise created by traffic is specifically excluded from the Act's provisions.

A statutory noise nuisance is more than annoyance or the fact that the noise is audible. For a noise to be a statutory noise nuisance it must be a significant or unreasonable noise that materially interferes with the use and enjoyment of your home. Several factors determine whether a noise is a statutory noise nuisance such as: the time the noise occurs, how loud it is, how long it lasts, the character of the noise, how often it occurs and your proximity to it.

Having monitored activities around the Crossroads over the preceding few weeks, at its September meeting the Parish Council arrived at the conclusion, having regard to the above criteria, that noise arising as a consequence of the car meet is unlikely to be regarded as a statutory nuisance.

Gedling Borough Council is the enforcing authority in relation to the above Act and will have regard to the above criteria when assessing complaints about noise. A person can take their own action under section 82 of the Act but it would be wise to seek legal advice before doing so.

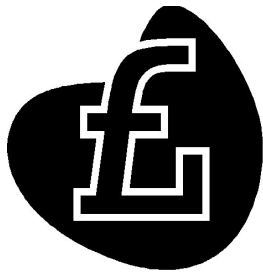
Local Improvement Scheme

As mentioned in our last edition, the Parish Council were considering the erection of a suitable memorial to those people from this parish who served in the Armed Forces or gave their lives. To obtain funding under the Local Improvement Scheme, we have to demonstrate public support for any proposals advanced. Unfortunately, as no such support was forthcoming from parishioners, it has been decided not to pursue this project.

Proposed Housing and Industrial Development - Aligned Core Strategy

Gedling Borough Council's plans for 1,100 houses plus industrial development land allocation at Top Wighay and 600 houses on land north of Papplewick Lane were approved for inclusion within their contribution to the Aligned Core Strategy (ACS). Before the ACS can be implemented it has to be approved by an independent Government Inspector, hearing dates have been set for 15 -17th October and 5th - 7th November. Papplewick and Linby Parish Councils worked together in compiling their individual objections to the proposals for these developments on the grounds that they contravened Government Planning policy and would overburden the local infrastructure and damage the communities. To coordinate objections and to raise the necessary funds, as the Parish Councils do not have the resources to fund professional advisers on this matter, they combined forces together with other local groups to form Brownfield First (www.linby.org.uk/brownfield.php). The group is also keeping abreast of other development matters within Gedling and adjoining council boundaries which are believed to weaken the ACS.

Brownfield First would like to thank all those who supported the recent fund-raiser at the Griffins Head which raised a much needed £3,901.40. This money will help pay for the seven pieces of written evidence submitted from the Parish Councils to the Inspector confirming why we believe the ACS is not sound. In the interim the land owners are progressing with proposals for 300 new homes on the land north of Papplewick Lane separately to it being included within the ACS. Regular updates are posted on the Brownfield First web page.



Finance

As this edition of Newsletter went to press, the Parish Council was holding its usual Finance Committee meeting to decide on priorities for the forthcoming financial year. Over recent years, following the loss of revenue support from Gedling, we have trimmed away all but essential expenditure. There will be tough choices to be made again this year, including future participation in the County Council's Lengthsman's Scheme (see below for more details). If we wish to continue our participation, we will be expected to meet half the cost of employing the lengthsman around Papplewick, likely to be in the order of £1,000. This can only be met by increasing the precept we make on parishioners Council Tax bills. Please let us know whether you think we should continue our participation in this scheme.

Our external auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP, have recently issued an unqualified acceptance of the Parish Council's accounts for 2012-13. This means that they satisfied the Council is being run in accordance with all appropriate accounting standards.

Census Data

Remember Sunday, 27th March 2011 when we all completed our Census forms? Well, the small area statistics are now available. They reveal that Papplewick has:

296 dwellings, 300 households, 756 people, 388 males, 368 females, 140 people under age 18 and 152 over 65.	Housing - there are: 2 - 1 bedroomed houses 49 - 2 bedroomed houses 136 - 3 bedroomed houses 71 - 4 bedroomed houses 42 - 5 or more bedroomed houses.	Vehicle ownership by household - (2001 figures in brackets) 12 households have no cars (23) 100 households have 1 car (98) 120 households have 2 cars (110) 41 households have 3 cars (38) 27 households have 4 or more (9)
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We will publish more Census data in future editions of Newsletter. All data obtained from <http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/>

Policing

Our Beat Manager is P.C. Kylie Westlake. She can be contacted at Arnold Police Station on 101 extn. 8534161, via mobile on 07525 226490 or through email at kylie.westlake@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk



Lengthsman Scheme

As reported in the last edition of Newsletter, the Parish Council is participating in a pilot Lengthsman Scheme. Notts. County Council have established this scheme to give parish councils control over minor highway problems that County cannot prioritise themselves. Since then, a Lengthsman has been appointed and numerous minor jobs have been completed along parish roads including:

- Cutting back overhanging vegetation at the junction of Moor Road & Papplewick Lane,
- Cutting vegetation and widening the path between 49 and 63 Mansfield Road,
- Clearing the parking bays on Linby Lane,
- Widening the path between the railway bridge and Seven Mile House.

Over the next few months, as a joint scheme with Linby Parish Council, the lengthsman will be improving the pavement along Linby Lane between the two villages.

We have received notification from Severn Trent Water that works are due to start on Forest Lane in mid to late October to remedy problems with sewage escaping from a manhole cover near Stanker Hill. They say that the exact start date will depend upon negotiations between their contractors and the landowner but residents at Stanker Hill will be notified by letter. There may be disruption to traffic on Forest Lane as a result of these works.



Playing Field

Following dedication of the Playing Field as a Queen Elizabeth II Field, a memorial plaque has now been erected adjacent to the picnic tables. Commissioned specially by the Parish Council, the memorial stands just over 1m high and was designed and manufactured from stainless steel by Howard Marshall Engineering of Papplewick.

To celebrate, we held Play Day on 24th July, as part of the Fields in Trust's 'Have a Field Day' initiative to encourage greater use of the nation's open spaces.

healthwatch
Nottinghamshire

Healthwatch
Nottinghamshire has now
established its

organisational base in Hucknall and is making itself better known and familiar to the people of Nottinghamshire. The primary task of local Healthwatch is to gather evidence from the views and experiences of patients, service users, carers and the public about their local health and social care services. Healthwatch then provides feedback (both positive or critical) to health and social care commissioners, or in serious case scenarios, to the Care Quality Commission or Healthwatch England, in order to effect service change or improvement. So if you want to get involved, perhaps have your say, receive a newsletter, become a volunteer or just to get in touch with your local Healthwatch, then:

Phone: 0115 963 5179

Email: info@healthwatchnottinghamshire.co.uk

Web: www.healthwatchnottinghamshire.co.uk

Twitter: @HWNotts

And Finally - Our Thanks

To the many volunteers who generously give their time to help out at Play Day and the Bonfire & Fireworks evening. Without them these community events would not be able to take place.

Next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, 13th November 2013 at 7.15pm

All parishioners welcome

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