

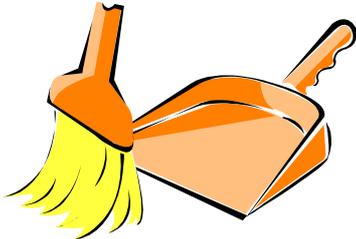


Papplewick and The Great War

To mark 100 years since the start of the First World War, the Parish Council decided to create a memorial to all the people from Papplewick parish who have served their country; to acknowledge their achievements and the sacrifices they made. Instead of creating a physical memorial, we have a memorial page on our website.

This has enabled us to incorporate much more biographical information about those who lost their lives in conflict, never to return home, including some photographs of the servicemen concerned. We have identified ten individuals who were living in this parish at the time of their enlistment into the Armed Forces and who subsequently perished. If anyone has any further information regarding the people listed, or can supply additional photographs, we would be delighted to hear from you.

The Papplewick Memorial can be found at: http://www.papplewick.org/War_Memorial.html



Best Kept Village Competition

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 2nd June and Friday 27th June. Four villages with the

highest scores will then be entered into Round 2 for which judging will be held between Monday 7th July and Friday 25th 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.

Wind Turbine at Barracks Farm

At the Annual Parish Assembly in March family members from Barracks Farm, and consultants working on their behalf, provided an outline of a proposal to build a wind turbine near the farm. This included a slide show providing location plan, access routes and photo impressions of the likely views of the turbine from various points within the Parish and further afield. A question and answer session followed. It is understood that a full planning application will follow shortly, when parishioners will be able to make further comments on the pro-

posals. As part of a pre-application participation exercise a number of documents outlining the proposal have already been distributed to some properties within the Parish.

It is understood that incentives to benefit the local communities affected by such structures are common place and an offer of £2,500, payable for 20 years to the Parish Council, is believed to be included in the proposals. The Parish Council expects to make a formal response to the consultation when it is open.

Flooding at Hall Lane-Main Street Junction

Problems with standing water opposite Papplewick Hall gates were initially reported to the County Council in July last year. The Parish Council made repeated requests for the gullies along Walter's Hill to be cleaned out in an effort to stop this water from accumulating in the first place. Unfortunately, despite a Highways Inspector visiting Blidworth Waye during early October, work to remedy this long-standing problem has still not been carried out.

Julien Cahn Trust

We are delighted to announce that the Parish Council's representative, Cllr. Stef Roberts, has been appointed Chairman of the Trust. The Julien Cahn Homes stand at the corner of Park Drive and Byron Street, Hucknall. They were designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield and built in 1925 to accommodate elderly couples from Papplewick, Linby or Hucknall.

Play Day!

This year Play Day will be on Wednesday, 30th July. All the usual activities will again be on offer for kids large and small. Bring your parents to the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields, behind the Village Hall on Linby Lane for an afternoon of fun!

Finance

A meeting of the Council's Finance Committee last October proposed a budget for the 2014-15 financial year of £13,540. This included a sum of £1,000 as the Council's 50% contribution towards a continuation of the Lengthsman Scheme. The Parish Council originally entered into this agreement with Notts. County Council for a trial period of one year, NCC funding the scheme in its entirety during that time. However, at the Parish Council's meeting in November, it was decided that before embarking upon a further Lengthsman agreement, value for the money to be spent would need to be demonstrated beforehand. Therefore, the budget, and precept, would be left in abeyance until the matter had been reviewed. At our January meeting, it was decided to reduce the allocation of funds for the Lengthsman to £500, making a final budget of £13,040, of which £9,225 would be raised by precept. This represents an increase of 2% on the 2013-14 precept amount.



Make First Contact

The First Contact Signposting Scheme is a multi-agency service working with partners from:

▪ Nottinghamshire Police	▪ Welfare Rights
▪ The Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service	▪ Home Improvements Agencies

▪ Nottinghamshire County Council	▪ Greater Nottingham Healthy Housing
▪ Primary Care Trust	▪ Voluntary Transport Schemes
▪ Borough Councils	▪ The Pensions Service

The scheme provides a seamless, time and cost effective process to ensure people aged 60 years old or over are accessing a full range of preventative services which can help to keep them safe and independent in their own homes. The scheme ensures that older people can receive a range of vital services through one point of contact, saving time and resources and guaranteeing referrals are made.

How it works

When someone visits an older person in their home, such as a fire-fighter, police officer or health visitor, they complete a simple checklist with the person to find out if there are any other particular needs which would help them to continue to live independently in their own home. The completed checklist is then sent to the County Council, who make referrals to other agencies.

Each district has a First Contact coordinator who is responsible for maintaining, developing and coordinating the scheme. In Broxtowe, Rushcliffe and Gedling, the scheme is administered through Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service, contact Karl Stirland kstirland@rushcliffecvs.org.uk or tel: 0115 9699060 ext 105. To complete a First Contact referral online visit: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/firstcontact



Playing Field

The sensory garden project is still on-going. We have now planted a variety of plants and seeds. Hopefully, we will have a magnificent display of poppies to coincide with the First World War Centenary.

Moor Pond Wood Update

The Friends of Moor Pond Woods have had a successful winter - catching up with maintenance and conservation projects. We have continued to thin out the willow carr around the north end of the pond, to provide more open water with cover, the ideal habitat for nesting waterfowl. This has already paid some dividends with little grebe returning to the pond after an absence of two years. We have also installed a footbridge over the leat at the top of the access ramp from Papplewick Lane. The fragile archaeology of the former water channel was being eroded by foot traffic and cycling. The bridge emphasises the origin of the ditch to carry water towards the mills. It also provides a link to the footpath down to the pond that was created last year.

We have applied for two grants to support further development of the project. The first is to cover the cost of resurfacing the paths to make them more easily accessible to visitors with wheelchairs or pushchairs. The second is to allow development of the project in Grange Cottages Wood. This will (hopefully) allow us to complete the excavation, have a review and report by experts and then installation of access paths and interpretation features.

A date for the diary is to watch out for events over the weekend of 12th/13th July. This is our 'National Archaeology Weeks' event. There will be access to excavations in Grange Cottage Wood and elsewhere, guided walks and an exhibition.



Housing Development

Earlier this year, the Co-operative Group made planning applications to both Ashfield and Gedling councils for planning permission to build houses on land 'North of Papplewick Lane.' Because the issues involved in deciding this application were several and complex, Papplewick and Linby Parish Councils jointly instructed planning consultants to object on our behalf. We objected to the development both in principle and because of the wider impact such a development would have on the area.

Following the Planning Inspector's recent examination of the Aligned Core Strategies (ACS) Gedling were asked to reconsider its proposed allocation of housing to the application site. We stated that granting permission to build would pre-empt the Inspector's findings on the ACS which, in any event, we had already questioned regarding its soundness and legal compliance. We raised further objections to the proposals on grounds that they would adversely affect heritage assets in the vicinity, be a detriment to the ecology of surrounding areas and impact significantly on local infrastructure. In particular, there will be a significant increase in traffic along Moor Road arising from this development. We also raised concerns about surface drainage from the site and flooding issues because it is evident that the developers have made insufficient provision to deal with all the surface water that will arise. The application is now likely to be considered by Gedling's Planning Committee on 23rd April.

At the same time, another consultation on the ACS runs from Monday 17th March until Wednesday 30th April. A wealth of information can be found at: <https://consultplanningpolicy.gedling.gov.uk>



Lengthsman Update

The Lengthsman has been requested to undertake a number of minor jobs around the Parish. These have either been concluded or are in hand for attention within the next few weeks:

- Cutting back overgrowing vegetation along the Walter's Hill footpath northwards from Top Farm.
- Replacing wire fencing around the Playing Field and re-staining the fence.
- Staining and preserving the 'Silver Jubilee' seat on Main Street's 'S' bend.
- Removing bracken on the east side of Mansfield Road.

And Finally - Please Remember

Winning 'Best Kept Village' reflects well on everyone - so please do your bit.

Next Council meeting & AGM will be on Wednesday, 14th May 2014 at 7.15pm

All parishioners welcome

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