

PAPPLEWICK

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Millennium Party

Many thanks are due to all those people who helped organise the Millennium Street Party held on 15th July, both on the day and beforehand. Without their assistance the Party would not have been the success it undoubtedly was - someone even managed to organise a fine day! Photographs of the occasion are now available on the parish web site at www.papplewick.org/newsevents.htm.

Photo Competition

We received over 50 entries for the photograph competition. Thank you to all who entered - the quality of all the photographs was outstanding. The judges; Paddy Tipping and Dennis Robinson, both commented that it was a very hard job to single out the winning entries. The prizes were kindly donated by:

Kodak
Boots the Chemist
Mistry Dispensing Chemist (Top Valley)
Jessops Photographic

The photographs were all put on display in the Village Hall on Friday 21st July when the winners were announced and prizes awarded. The photographs will be kept by the Parish Council, as a permanent record of the village and surrounding areas in the year 2000. The winners are: -

Junior Entries: Joint First: Rosemary Walker and Jordan White
Second: Bethany Sherwin

Historical Entries: First: Maureen Barker
Second: Amanda Sherwin
Third: John Guest

New Entries: First: James Peat
Second: Richard Hull
Joint Third: James Peat, Richard Hull, Ann Orton and Stephen Walker

Well Done to all who won.

If anyone would like to see the winning entries, these can be viewed on the council web site. Alternatively if

anyone would like to see all the entries please contact Margaret Passey on 9633271.

Recycling

Gedling Borough Council has recently opened its recycling centre in the Griffin's Head car park with containers for glass (clear, brown and green), textiles, paper and cans. Please make use of this facility.

In the year ending March 2000, Gedling collected 3,495 tons of materials for recycling but they anticipate having to dispose of another 46,000 tons this year. This unrecycled waste will either go to landfill or the Eastcroft Incinerator at a cost to Council Tax payers of £22-23 per ton. In order to cut down on the amount of rubbish we dispose of, Gedling are in the process of altering their charges for collecting bulky household waste and considering the issue of smaller bins to make us throw away less. They have identified garden waste as a cause of increased refuse collection rates between April and October each year.

To meet National recycling targets, the Borough will need to be recycling 4,500 tons per annum by 2003, 8,700 tons by 2005 and 11,500 tons in 2010. It is therefore essential that everyone make use of both the kerbside paper collections and recycling bank. Compost from garden waste will improve your soil and dispense with the need to buy peat. Anyone interested in buying a compost bin can obtain one through Gedling's approved supplier at a heavily subsidised price. Contact Original Organics on 01884 841515 for more details.

Highways

Notts. County Council are running a pilot scheme of partnerships with parish councils whereby parishes can have a greater say in how the highways are managed. Chris Charnley, County's Area Highways Manager for Gedling will be attending a Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall to tell us more about the scheme. His visit will also give us the opportunity to raise concerns about other highways matters, such as repairs and traffic problems. The meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.15pm on:

Thursday 7th September 2000

Anyone wishing to attend this meeting is welcome to come along and find out more.

Gedling (as agents for the County Council) started to resurface Linby Lane on 22nd August. They intend to lift the kerbs, re-seed the grassed areas and install proper parking provision on the north side. The Parish Council has been trying to get Linby Lane improved for many years and these works will result in a considerable enhancement to this part of the parish. People living on Linby Lane have contributed directly towards the cost. Once the grass has re-grown, please do not park on the verges as vehicle wheels destroy the grass and turn the

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soil to mud. The County Council will not be doing any further work here for many years to come!

When the resurfacing works are complete, traffic calming markings similar to those installed on Forest Lane will be added to finish the 'gateway'.

Local Plans

The consultation period for Gedling's Draft Deposit Local Plan has now closed. The Parish Council objected to the proposals for housing on land north of Papplewick Lane, the building of industrial units on Top Wighay Farm at Linby and also the designation of Top Wighay as 'white land'.

The Council have supported Gedling's intentions to safeguard certain open spaces in the parish including Moor Pond Wood, the Playing Field, Cricket Club field and the designation of a Mature Landscape area to the western side of the village. Altogether, our submissions ran to nearly a hundred pages.

At the same time, we have objected to proposals in Ashfield District Council's Plan to build houses at Grange Farm.

Moor Pond Wood

The Local Heritage Initiative (devised by the Countryside Agency) has awarded us a £6,200 grant towards funding Phase I of the Moor Pond Wood project. The Council's Millennium Committee is currently waiting to hear the outcome of further grant applications to Action for Wildlife for £2,000 to fund a full Management Plan, and PowerGen for £10,000 to clear the weed in the pond. Other potential sources of funding include Shell Better Britain Campaign, Greenwood Community Conservation Grants, Landfill Tax Credit Scheme, the Heritage Lottery Fund, development companies investing locally and commercial organisations known to help fund community environmental projects.

Once the outcome of these applications are known, the next step will be to form a Steering Group to oversee the proposals including experts from the County Council, Borough Council, Greenwood Community Forest as well as Parish Council representatives. The County Council's Archaeologist will be meeting us soon to discuss archaeological and engineering work. It is also now proposed to form the 'Friends of Moor Pond Wood' group

consisting of local volunteers who will undertake day-to-day management.

Now, we need views and proposals from the people who use and wish to support the work in Moor Pond Wood - **you!**

Contact the Clerk to find out more, volunteer to help or air your views.

Playing Field

The Playing Field Annual Inspection has been carried out with only minor work required. Although we do carry out frequent checks, could people please advise councillors or the Clerk of any problems arising. Please be on the look out for any acts of vandalism which are expensive and time consuming to repair.

The Council has recently paid £3,460 for new safety surfacing under the timber climbing frame to ensure that this item of equipment meets all relevant safety standards. Other play equipment on the Field already benefits from impact absorbing surfaces.

Council Accounts

The Parish Council is required by law to keep proper accounts of all the money it receives and how it is spent. In addition, each year in November, the Council's Finance Committee meet to calculate what money is likely to be required over the following financial year to meet its obligations. Last year we received £7,514 of which £4,491 came from the Council Tax precept. Our expenditure totalled £3,966 but some of the balance will be required to pay for projects already underway such as traffic calming and safety surfacing on the playing field. The Council's full accounts for 1999-2000 run to several pages and are too extensive to include with this Newsletter. However, copies of all the relevant figures, approved by the District Auditor, are now on display in the notice boards for anyone interested in finding out more about how the Council conducts its finances.

Best Kept Village Competition

The Council for the Protection of Rural England (Notts. Branch) have awarded Papplewick a Certificate of Merit for the row of cottages on Main Street - although we are not sure which row! Keep up the good work, an even better effort will be required next year if we are to win the overall title.

NEXT MEETINGS: The next Parish Council meetings will be held in the Village Hall at 7.15pm on 7th September and 20th September 2000 (NOT 13th September as advertised on the web site).