

# PAPPLEWICK

## PARISH COUNCIL

Progressive Parish Provision

### NEWSLETTER

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### Best Kept Village

The Parish Council will again be entering the village into The Best Kept Village competition. Last year we said : "This is a chance for us to improve our communal environment. We are not going to organise or regiment our preparations, as other villages do. However we would ask you to tidy and improve the area around your home. If each householder spent a few hours clearing the area around their home and garden then the village will look better." The same applies this year, it is good to report that an **Award of Merit** was received in respect of cottages on Main Street so let us see if we can improve on last year's result and do even better.

### New Footpaths

New footpaths on Blidworth Waye are nearing completion, although work still has to be undertaken to level the verges alongside the highway between the two wooded sections. Notts County Council will hopefully be funding this, which will complete and complement the work carried out so far, much of it by volunteers. An excellent job has been done on providing handrails, signposts, footpaths and a flight of steps. Paddy Tipping MP, himself a keen walker, has agreed to formally open the footpath on a date to be decided. This section of footpath will now form part of a proposed circular route through the Parish. In the future it is hoped to incorporate part of the Tarmac quarry site together with a new route from the reservoir down to the Papplewick Pumping Station.

### Papplewick Pumping Station

Have ambitious plans to become an educational resource centre opening seven days a week. They are pursuing funding for major restoration work to buildings and cooling ponds. A conservation plan is being put in place, together with proposed improvements to car parking facilities. However, there is a shortage of volunteers and new members are welcome to help preserve this important local attraction. Contact them on 0115 955 7172

### Just Bin It Campaign

The Tidy Britain Group has replaced The National Spring Clean Week with the Just Bin It campaign in an effort to discourage people from dropping litter and clean up local "grotspots" between 1<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April. Although we are lucky in not having any particularly bad areas for litter, we hope to have a concerted effort within the village on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April**. Tabards and rubbish sacks will be provided. The local ATC (Air Training Corps) have expressed a wish to help and will be concentrating on Moor Pond Wood area, so that leaves the rest of the village for every one else to tackle !

### Dog Fouling

This problem seems to have been largely eradicated, following the installation of the Dog Bin on Church Lane. Thanks to residents and dog walkers for using the facility, which can only be in the best interests of all who walk this area. Gedling Borough Council has begun to prosecute offenders in other parts of the Borough and have successfully issued fixed penalty notice under the terms of the relevant act.

### Linby Lane

Nottinghamshire County Council has confirmed that the provision of a lay by on the opposite side of the road to the houses will be started in the next financial year. This will further improve parking facilities on Linby Lane and follows on from the successful provision of new kerbs and marker posts. Thanks to the residents for using the defined parking areas, with the grass reseeding on the verges soon to be carried out, the whole lane is starting to look better.

### Crime Prevention: be alert !

PC Andy Vale, the local beat officer, asked the Parish Council at their last meeting to remind people of a couple of points.

Firstly to ensure adequate precautions are in place for making sure property is secure, this includes sheds and garages. Spring will be here soon and gardeners need to safeguard their tools and equipment. Summer will also be here ( eventually ! ) so houses should not be left open or unlocked. Caravans are also vulnerable.

Secondly there have been a lot of unsolicited telephone calls to people in this area from firms offering to do "Security Surveys". The advice is never to buy from salesmen on the doorstep, Don't let anyone in to do a "security check of your house" unless you have requested it and always check their credentials

**The Crime Prevention Officer for this area** is Mr John Stirland and he is based at Hucknall Police Station. He is available to give advice to individuals and can be contacted on 0115 968 0999 extn 4750.

All correspondence to The Clerk, Mrs. M. Barker, at 25 Main Street, Papplewick - tel: 0115 963 2057  
E-mail: [clerk@papplewick.org](mailto:clerk@papplewick.org)

## Computing Facility

Agreement has been reached with the Village Hall Management Committee on the provision of a computer in the Village Hall. Last year members of the Parish Council attended courses in connection with production of a web site as part of the Nottinghamshire Virtual Village scheme.

A computer facility is being installed in the Village Hall to encourage more use of the many facilities available to people using computers and via the Internet.

With the help of Notts Rural Community Council and a grant from Notts Priorities Area to cover start up costs, including purpose built furniture, the computer which has been supplied by the NRCC will have suitable software installed.

It is anticipated that the facility will be made available to people initially during the time that the Village Hall is open to existing user groups, but eventually at other times to suit the needs of villagers. The sessions will need supervision and for help & advice to be available, if any one is interested in becoming involved in the scheme please contact The Clerk to the Council, Maureen Barker.

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### Website

**Your Village website** : is at  
<http://www.papplewick.org>

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

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## Moor Pond Wood

There is so much to report on this project, where do we start?

On 26<sup>th</sup> January the second meeting of The Friends of Moor Pond Wood was held at the Village Hall and the room was packed ! Whether it was the chance to have an input on the way forward or just the prospect of a glass of what you fancy whilst putting your ideas down on paper as part of a "team exercise" I'm not sure but it was a very successful evening and good fun.

The results of everyone's ideas will be reported back at the next meeting. During the evening a short talk was given by Darren York from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. He was expecting to speak to just a few people but there were over 45 of us, who heard him outlining the work they do and training that is available.

Lee Scudder, who many people will know from his good work with volunteers both in the Woods and Parish Paths was also answering questions.

The general consensus was that local people want to become involved in the three main areas identified initially by the Parish Council which are:

***To restore and interpret the archaeological features on the site,***

***To protect and improve the wildlife vale of the woodland and water features,***

***To improve access for the elderly and disabled.***

Congratulations to the Steering Group on their efforts so far towards achieving these aims, the following information, not in any order of priority shows some of their achievements on this project.

A £200 prize as winners of the Council for the Protection of Rural England Wildlife Competition.

A £1000 grant offer from The Greenwood Community Forest towards work in the Grange Cottages Wood, that is the wood to south of Papplewick Lane. This is to be used towards clearing the wood and refencing.

A £4000 grant from Gedling Borough Council towards disabled access on Linby Lane entrance to the woods.

This work has already started and will be continued on the next Work Days on Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th March. All members and potential members are invited to come along.

Discussions are still ongoing regarding the cleaning of the pond

The local ATC mentioned earlier are very keen to become involved in this project as are the local Scout Movement.

Post card size calendars for 2001 showing a splendid winter scene of the frozen pond are available from the Clerk, as are copies of the Project Summary outlining the aims of the project.

The next meeting of The Friends of Moor Pond Wood is to be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April at the Village Hall. Anyone who is interested in Conservation (or Conversation) will be welcome to attend, refreshments will be provided, but the real work will be out on site in future !

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**Next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday, 14th March, in the Village Hall, following The Annual Parish Assembly which commences at 7.15pm.** All residents are invited and it is your chance to air views or concerns on matters affecting the village.

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