

PARISH NEWS

Spring 2008

BUSY YEAR FOR GRANBY AND SUTTON

2008 is proving to be a busy year for the villages of Granby and Sutton. We have the Parish Plan, the Summer Event and entry in the Best Kept Village competition.

Each of these exciting initiatives requires a great deal of goodwill and time but local people are rising magnificently to the challenge. This is clear from the attendance at public meetings, the number of local people volunteering to help and the high response rate to the Parish Plan questionnaire. The spin off from all this is a growing sense of community.

All this activity means that we have a bumper addition of the newsletter. Communication is vital for all of these ventures and we can only give an overview in this publication. If you require more information, or want to volunteer to help, you will find the contact details of the identified individuals throughout the articles that follow. We also have two new websites in addition to the Parish Council website, the Parish Plan web site can be found at <http://granbysuttonparish.wordpress.com> and the summer event website at www.GranbySummerSolstice.com

The inserts in this newsletter outline our progress with the Parish Plan, including a summary of the results of the questionnaire and advertise our Summer Event competitions. Over the next few weeks you will be receiving updates through your letter boxes on the programme for the Summer Event that takes place on 21st and 22nd June

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th May starting at 7pm. All members of the community are welcome to attend, ask questions and have their say. We look forward to seeing you at this important annual community event. Every English parish must have a parish meeting between 1st March and 1st June each year.

This is not a Parish Council meeting, it is a meeting of the community and all registered electors are entitled to attend, speak and vote. Decisions made at this meeting are not binding on the Parish Council but Councillors will need to consider community feelings if they have a desire to be re-elected.

Another important aspect of the meeting is to round up events in the community and representatives of various community groups, committees and clubs are invited to give a short report of the past year for their respective groups. These reports will be available soon on the Parish Council website and you can read previous years' reports there <http://www.parish.council.freeuk.com/granby-apm.htm>

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

We can confirm that Granby has been entered into the Best Kept Village competition for the category of villages with fewer than 300 residents. If we are to repeat our previous successes in the competition then everybody must make an effort to show Granby at its best. The judges take into account the appearance of the village and also aspects of village enterprise and community life. The fact that we have so much happening in the village this year, including the summer event and the parish plan, should strengthen our entry. The judging takes place throughout the summer. Our entry this year is being co-ordinated by Erika Humphreys 01949 850239 and Christine Lineker 01949 850322.

The recent village clean up Saturdays have been well supported. Future clean up dates are: May 24th and June 7th. Just turn up at the village hall at 10.00am (till 12.00) with any

GRANBY CROSSROADS SIGNPOST



The Parish Council recently made an application to English Heritage to list the distinctive signpost opposite the church in Granby. This traditional style 'finger' post makes a very positive contribution to the village and the Parish Council is keen to protect it. The application to English Heritage was rejected on the grounds that 'in both architectural and historical terms it does not possess the special interest required in a national context to merit listing'. It was stated that the signpost is afforded the appropriate level of protection by its inclusion in the Conservation Area.

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Letters

Volunteers needed

You said that you are concerned about speeding in our villages. The parish plan questionnaire responses show that speeding traffic is by far the biggest thing that people would like changed in our villages. We have to find ways of doing more to reduce this problem. Speeding traffic is not only dangerous, but is also very intimidating and spoils our enjoyment of where we live.

We have been operating a Community Speed Watch scheme for three years but have done less and less recently because of a shortage of helpers. For those of you who are not familiar with this activity it is a very effective, police endorsed way of showing motorists that we care. Many other villages are doing this with good effect.

It does involve monitoring the speed of traffic and recording the details of those travelling at excess speeds who then receive a letter from the police. This should not be confused with speed cameras and fines. The idea is not to penalise people but to show drivers that we care. We are all guilty at some time or another and we all know how easy it is to forget to check our speed. How many of us can honestly say we have never exceeded 30mph in Granby or Sutton?

Almost all drivers slow when they see us and we like to think that they remember, for a while at least, to check and reduce their speed when passing the same point again. We, in fact, often switch the speed gun off and still feel that we are achieving something!

Your village needs you. Can you spare a little time to help reduce the problem? Please help us make it a safer and more pleasant place to live. Most of you said that you wanted something done about speeding – here's a chance to help get something done.

To find out more please contact either Keith Collingwood on 851420 (9am to 5pm only) for Sutton or Philip Straw on 851556 for Granby.

Philip Straw

NEW NATIONAL BUS CONCESSION.



From 1st April 2008 if you are 60 or over or an eligible disabled person your bus pass will enable you to enjoy free off-peak travel on local buses anywhere in England. In Nottinghamshire this will also cover peak bus travel, tram, trains and social and community transport schemes. For more details visit www.direct.gov.uk/buspass or contact Rushcliffe Borough Council 0115 981 9911.

SUTTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME



Sutton Neighbourhood Watch has been running now for 5 years, and is just one of 170,000 schemes serving 6 million households in this country. The main aim of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme is to create a partnership between the local community, the police and the local authority to target local crime problems.

A major part of this co-operation is Ringmaster, which is a computer database that allows the police to send voice, e-mail, fax and text messages to nominated people in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. These messages can be notification of meetings, information on crime trends, requests for potential witnesses, suspect persons, vehicle descriptions or crime reduction advice.

Sutton Neighbourhood Watch hosts a meeting twice each year to update villagers, and guest speakers have included the local beat officer, our Crime Reduction Manager and a police Inspector. The meetings finish with refreshments contributed by villagers themselves, which is an opportunity to share local news and information and welcome new residents.

John Miles

GRANBY LADIES THURSDAY CLUB

Granby Ladies club has enjoyed two well-attended meetings. In February we had a demonstration of Asian dancing with beautiful costumes and jewellery. In March a beautician from the Body Shop gave a make-up demonstration and a brief history of the business. In May there is a fashion show that is open to everyone. Tickets are £2 and available from Doreen Watson 01949 850615 and Elisabeth Howard 01949 850090.

Elisabeth Howard

NEW LOCAL GROUP FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD A STROKE

Rushcliffe Community Partnership is establishing a new group to support people who have had a stroke. A drop in session was held in Bingham Methodist church hall on 16th April to establish the needs of local people and discuss how the group will function. In particular, the organisers want to know what the group should do; the frequency and venue for meetings; what should be available for carers.

It is not too late to contribute your ideas to this forum so if you, or someone you care for, have had a stroke, contact Rachael 0115 9560330 or Sue 0115 9816988.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

The tenders for the re-roofing project were much higher than we had budgeted for, but English Heritage has agreed to increase the amount of their original grant. Despite this there is still a little more to be raised. Unfortunately the project cannot begin until 1st October this year, due to the fact that two species of bats, the Pipistrelle and the Whiskered, have been identified in the building and they cannot be disturbed until the Autumn. If you wish to make any enquiries about the project, please get in touch.

The cost of the spotlights on the church in the evenings is proving expensive, roughly £8 a week (over £400 a year). We are considering reviewing the use of the lights but would like to hear your views or suggestions.

New bell ringers are always welcome to join our small team.

Brenda Preece

GRANBY ALL-DAY CAFÉ

By popular demand the Granby All-Day Café will open for a further 'one day only' on the 17th May in support of Carole Kirk's bid to raise money for the Children's Society. The café will open at Peter and Linda Singleton's house for breakfast, lunch and teas. The address is The Water Pump, Church Street, Granby. Please make a note of the date and come along to help increase Carole's total for a very worthy charity.

GRANBY LADIES' THURSDAY CLUB

Fashion Show & Sale

Thursday, 29th May
Granby Village Hall at 7.30pm

LOST OR STRAY DOGS

The police have notified the Parish Council that from Sunday 6 April 2008 a change in the law means that local authorities are now responsible for dealing with lost or stray dogs, ending the current arrangement where the police and councils shared this task. The police will no longer accept stray dogs at any police station nor take notifications of lost dogs. The police will continue to deal with dangerous dogs and the theft of dogs.

The new arrangements regarding stray dogs vary from borough to borough. To report a stray dog in Rushcliffe between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, ring Customer Services on 0115 981 9911. Outside of these hours the emergency number is 0115 981 1143 which goes through to a call centre who will contact the dog warden if necessary.

GRANBY & SUTTON WOMENS' INSTITUTE

Granby & Sutton W.I. were delighted to learn that they have been named Nottinghamshire's 'W.I. of the Year' on the strength of a portfolio covering their activities during 2007. The portfolio was chosen to represent the Notts. Federation in a national competition.

Their programme for the next twelve months has now been published and contains an interesting mix of speakers including medieval costume, wine and food tasting, competition gardens, as well as demonstrations of acrylic painting and the making of marzipan fruits.

In addition to the monthly meetings in Granby Village Hall (second Wednesday in the month at 7.45pm) a variety of visits is also scheduled.

24 June 2008

Elton Hall, Northamptonshire
Guided Tour of house and gardens
open to non-members £20
Coach departs Granby 9.00am

17 September 2008

Royal Crown Derby
Factory Tour & Demonstration
Depart Granby 8.45am
Non-members welcome

Anyone interested in the programme of meetings or the visits is invited to contact Gwen James (Secretary) on 850474 (or any member) for further details.

Non-members are always made welcome

Granby & Sutton Women's Institute



COFFEE MORNING

&

SALE OF PLANTS CAKES & PRODUCE



Saturday 17 May

10.00am - 11.30 am

Granby Village Hall

Admission £1 incl. Refreshments
(accompanied children free)

Cakes
Preserves
Pickles
Greetings Cards.....

Perennials
Annual Bedding plants
Tomatoes, Peppers etc
and much, much more

Proceeds to W. I. Funds
Granby & Sutton W.I. Reg. Charity No. 103325

Granby & Sutton Summer Solstice Weekend

21st & 22nd June 2008

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Preparations for the summer event are well under way. The event will take place on the summer solstice weekend of 21st and 22nd June. The Events committee have been meeting regularly to organise an action packed weekend with activities and competitions for all age groups, so organise your family and friends and make sure you leave that weekend free to join in the fun.

The main activities on Saturday 21st September will take place in one of the fields on the left hand side of the road as you travel from Granby to Sutton. It is the field with double gates that is opposite Gilding bungalow.

The event opens at 11.00 am. Highlights of the day include a Tug O' War competition involving local pub and business teams (winners will receive a trophy and a barrel of ale), various competitions, a dog show, games, children's rides, commercial stalls, a beer tent with a selection of real ales table tops, food vendors and stocks. The village hall will be open for refreshments and the entries for the flower show will be on display in the church. At 7.30pm there is a Ceilidh (barn dance) with the excellent Higgledy Piggledy band in the marquee. Tickets for the evening are priced at £10 (children under 16 admitted free). Tickets will soon be available from identified ticket sellers but in the meantime contact Andy Betts for tickets (01949 851874). The evening draws to a close with a firework display.

On Sunday afternoon activities switch to the village hall and the church. The judging of the photography, cake, flower and scarecrow competitions will take place (see flyer). We hope to book a jazz band and the Grand Raffle will be drawn. There will also be the opportunity to find out more about the Parish Plan and to give your views. The flowers will still be on display in the church and refreshments will be available.

Various fund raising activities are taking place between now and the event, primarily to pay for the large marquee, the bands and the insurance. The first of these was the successful St George's night Supper. Raffle tickets will be on sale very soon and we have already received some generous donations as prizes. If you can help, either with selling raffle tickets or donating a prize, please contact Anna Betts 01949 851874.

We also need volunteers to help with a range of activities including organising car parking, running stalls and preparing the field. If you can help in any way, then contact Alan Highet 01949 850380. Finally, if you would like to pitch a stall on the Saturday then contact Angela Dobson-Riley 01949 851443.

We will keep you informed with more details as the weekend approaches but meanwhile why not visit our web site on www.GranbySummerSolstice.co

Volunteers needed for Summer Event 21st and 22nd June

Prior to the event:
to sell raffle and Ceilidh tickets
During the event
to help run stalls and competitions;
organise car parking;
help with refreshments
After the event: to help clean up
Contact
Alan Highet on 01949 850380
alan@elmslee.co.uk

Interested in attending a regular Yoga or Pilates Class?

If so, contact
Anna Betts on 01949 851874.

If sufficient interest is shown
we will arrange
a regular evening class
in Granby

COFFEE MORNINGS ARE A GREAT SUCCESS



A welcome addition to the community is the new Granby Coffee Shop held once a month on Saturday mornings. This initiative by Gwen James and Elisabeth Howard has been an outstanding success. The March and April Coffee Shops have been well attended and comments suggest that people really value the chance to have a coffee and an informal chat.

The April coffee morning incorporated a book exchange club and this will be a regular feature of future Coffee Shops. Coffee mornings are planned for the first Saturday of each month for the rest of the year, 10.00am to 12.00: 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November and 6th December. Please come along and support your local coffee mornings. Don't forget to bring any books that you would like to exchange.

RUSHCLIFFE BARN OWL PROJECT



This project has been very successful and has fledged 356 young barn owls into the local countryside. As a result Rushcliffe has one of the biggest concentrations of barn owls in the country. The nearest nesting box is off Granby Lane. The Project is looking for sponsors to increase the number of nesting boxes and if you can help, contact Howard Broughton 0115 9374474 or email Forestrub@aol.com.

ALL SAINTS SPRING LUNCH

The high culinary standards of All Saints Parish Church were upheld at its annual spring lunch on Sunday 9th March. Tickets were a sell out for this splendid community event at which folk were able to sit down to eat some delicious pork served with roast and new potatoes, peas, green beans and carrots to be followed by a tempting array of puddings. Although many people contributed to the occasion particular thanks should go to Doreen Watson, Jane Tubbs, Linda Singleton, Brenda Preece and Angela Sinclair who did the planning and cooking. Apart from the social benefits of the occasion over £450 was raised which was a welcome boost for Church funds, given the cost of replacing the Church roof next year.
P.Singleton.



(l to r) Linda Singleton, Angela Sinclair, Doreen Watson and Brenda Preece enjoy a well-earned cup of tea during their efforts at the Spring Lunch.

COMMUNITY FUND GRANT

Rushcliffe Borough Councillor John Cranswick has made a grant of £75 to the Parish Council from his Community Support Fund to enable the installation of an electrical socket in the village hall and facilitate the relocation of the microwave oven. If anyone is aware of any other small community projects where the injection of a small sum would 'make a difference' please contact Councillor Cranswick

PARISH PLAN FUND SUPPORTED



Councillor Philip Straw receives a cheque for £350 from County Councillor Martin Southers on behalf of the Parish Council as a contribution from the County Council to the Parish Plan funds.

ST GEORGE'S DAY SUPPER

Fifty people attended the village hall on the evening of 23rd April to celebrate St George's day. They were treated to a superb fish and chip supper prepared on the premises by a willing band of volunteers. The challenging quiz had a St George theme but this proved no obstacle to the winning team who accumulated an impressive score of 67 out of a possible 75 points. The event was a clear success and raised funds for the village summer event.



The St George's night supper and quiz in the 'decked out' village hall

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