

# PARISH NEWS

Winter 2009

## LAUNCH OF THE VILLAGE PLAN

The village or parish plan will be officially launched on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at a grand public event in the village hall, 6.00 to 8.00 pm. This is a significant milestone in the life of both villages and everyone is invited to come along and mark the event. Refreshments will be provided.

The process of writing and implementing a village plan began on 5th December 2007 with an open meeting for Granby and Sutton residents. From that first meeting it was clear that there was a collective enthusiasm to go ahead with the project. The process takes some time because it is based on consultation with residents at each stage to ensure that the plan is a true representation of the wishes of local people.

The launch follows the validation of the plan by residents at an open meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January in the village hall (see photo). The Parish Council also gave its support to the document at the December 2008 meeting. The final version will now go off to the printers and every household will be then be supplied with a copy.



*Open meeting in the village hall to validate the village plan (17 January)*

The completion of this stage of the project is only the beginning of the next. The success of any plan is judged on its implementation. The action plan identifies goals to be achieved to improve the quality of life in Granby and Sutton. Some of these will be relatively easy to reach and others will require significant effort and funding. The action plan will inform the work of the Parish Council and the various implementation groups. Everyone will have the opportunity to get involved in the various initiatives, so come along to the launch and find out more.

## Local children enjoy time off school

The closure of local schools due to the snow provided the opportunity for children to make the most of the weather and time off on Granby hill.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

The Granby, Barnstone and District branch of the Royal British Legion assembled on a cold but bright morning. The event was tinged with sadness because the long standing Chairman Les Fahy had recently passed away. Les, a WW 2 aircrew veteran, had rarely missed parades in his long association with the branch. We are fortunate that we are always well supported by the Nottingham Branch of the Grenadiers Guards Association. Their members are always immaculately turned out and set the highest standards in drill.

The Scouts, Cubs and Guides were well represented and it is encouraging to see the ATC contingent in good numbers and enthusiastic participants in the occasion. A senior "Grenadier" was parade marshal and on his command the standard bearer Reg Stanley moved off escorted by Tim Tomblin and Tim Chamberlin. The contingent moved safely into a packed church and appreciated a moving service and the opportunity to sing 'O Valiant Hearts', a long standing favourite with the Legion! After the service the column marched passed the local dignitaries and then repaired to Barnstone Country Club for well deserved refreshments.



## Granby Coffee 'Shop' and Book Swap

The Saturday coffee mornings continue to be popular. The next coffee shops will take place on the Saturday mornings of 7<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00 to 11.45 am.

## All Saints Church news

Over Christmas a congregation of 80 people, including many children, enjoyed a wonderful atmosphere at the candlelit carol service. A group of residents turned out for carol singing in the village on a December evening before Christmas. The sum of £178 was raised for church funds.

Our spring lunch will take place on Sunday 15th March at the village hall 12.30 for 1.00pm. Members of All Saints will prepare a hot lunch. Everyone is welcome, including children of all ages and those new to the village. Tickets are £9.50 for adults and £3.00 for children. Ring Mark 01949 850231, Brenda 01949 850331 or Angela 01949 850064 for tickets.

Thank you to Granby Motors garage for the generous donation of the Christmas tree in the church yard (see photo)

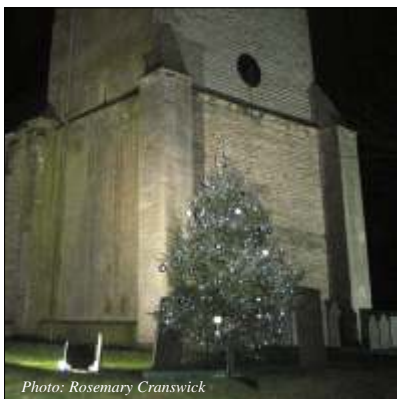


Photo: Rosemary Cranswick

## Gardening Club



The gardening club continues to meet monthly, usually in the Marquis of Granby. At the December meeting Erika Humphreys gave an informative talk on 'the garden in winter', making a range of suggestions to keep an interest in the garden over the winter months. Her talk was enhanced by excellent photographs and plant samples from local gardens.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February Steve Lovell presented a talk on 'Roots and shoots' at the village hall (see photo). The next meeting is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> March at the Marquis 7.30pm. The speaker will be Mike Davey on the topic of 'vegetables for all seasons'. During the summer months the group plan to arrange garden visits.

## Footpath action group



For those of you who enjoy walking the local footpaths around Granby and Sutton, you may be interested to know that we are starting a local footpath action group. This initiative came out of the parish plan consultation. The aim is to audit, maintain and enjoy the numerous footpaths around the two villages. We already have 21 volunteers for this group but would welcome more support. The idea is that a small group of people 'adopt' a particular footpath and keep an eye on access, signage and maintenance issues. For further information contact Andy Betts on 01949 851974 or [andybetts629@btinternet.com](mailto:andybetts629@btinternet.com)

## Looking for a good book?

The Nottinghamshire County Council mobile library has a good selection of adult and children's books and CDs. The staff are very helpful and will obtain any book for you. The van comes fortnightly on a Friday afternoon - usually green bin Friday! Dates: February 13th, 27th. March 13th, 27th. April 24th. May 8th, 22nd. June 5th, 19th. and so on.

Times:		
Sutton	Highland Farm	2.15
	Bruncott	2.25
	Poplars Farm	2.35
	Woodbine Cottage	2.50
	Belvoir Vue	3.00
Granby	Sutton Lane Green	3.10
	Wooden Sheds,	
	Main Street	3.25 to 4.00

This is an excellent facility that is very underused and will surely come under financial scrutiny in these harder times. It may be another example of 'use it or lose it'.

A long-standing problem on the footpath passing through Granby Lodge has been resolved following a diversion application submitted by the landowner. Granby footpath 4 which passed close to Granby Lodge has been unavailable along the correct line for a number of years. The diversion takes the path onto the southeast side of the river Whipling meeting footpath 3, from Barkestone to Sutton, by the bridge over the river. A small diversion of footpath 3 avoids the cross-field section beyond the bridge. These diversions will allow the landowner better use of the land and will make walking the paths far less of a challenge. Why not fulfil that New Year's resolution, get your boots on and take a walk to explore the fields around your home.

The map below shows the new line of the paths in a solid green line the paths now closed are crossed in red,



## Granby lights up

New street lights in Granby have made the dark evenings less gloomy over the winter months. The improved lighting was installed in November

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## Post gets through!



Photo: Philip Straw

The heavy snow fails to prevent Catherine Lee delivering the mail.



Photo: Rosemary Cranswick

## Thank you

Loz, Su and family would like to publicly thank everyone for their good wishes, cards help and support during Loz's recent illness. A special thank you to the very kind person (they know who they are) for their generous gift. It was much appreciated by us all.

## Village Hall Floor

Have you been to the village hall recently and seen our newly renovated and much improved floor? It is not new, but it has been sanded down and re-varnished but still retains its old character. The floor looks much better than before and will be easier to keep clean.

The work was done on a voluntary basis and the parish council would like to thank Martyn Powell who gave his expertise, time and energy to get the work completed over a weekend in January. Thanks also to Stan Taylor who stood in at the last minute and gave up a whole day to help us.

## Rotary Club News

The Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to our Christmas Float Collection. This year we raised almost £3500 and we also extend our thanks to the generosity of shoppers at M&S who donated an additional £1800 for our chosen charities.

As Rotarians we have no administration charges to apply and so 100% of your contributions will be used to support both local and international need (although we do ensure that money collected on the Christmas float collection will be used to assist in the local community).

Our current activities include the piloting of a Dictionary 4 Life scheme with primary schools in the area (check out our web site for more information), providing much needed equipment for a young disabled adult, donations to Air Ambulance, Wish Upon a Star and MacMillan Nurses, and the purchase of "Shelter Boxes" which provide emergency equipment for families in 'disaster areas' of the world.

The Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club, serving Bingham, Cotgrave & Radcliffe-on-Trent communities and the villages in the Vale of Belvoir aims, through its Community Fund, to provide assistance to needy groups and individuals in the local communities as well as supporting international causes including disaster relief, water aid and Rotary's own worldwide fund to eradicate Polio

The Club meets every Thursday evening at 7.30 at The Vale of Belvoir Inn on the A52 east of Bingham and if you want to make enquiries about our community fund, would like more information about future events or are interested in learning more about our Rotary Club then visit our web site ([www.rotary1220.org/vob](http://www.rotary1220.org/vob)) or speak with Harry Thompson (01949 838173) or Mary Bridge-Collins (01949 843880)

Stan Taylor

## Nottingham Samaritans Needs YOU!!

*(but not to answer phones!)*

Well, that's not entirely true. You've probably heard of Samaritans. We're the only confidential support service in the area of emotional health that's available for everyone, everywhere, all the time. We're a charity that always needs volunteers to answer the phones and listen to callers – and to do other jobs too. In these times of financial crisis Samaritans is more important than ever. We support people by listening in confidence in a safe arena to help alleviate feelings of distress and despair – feelings which could lead to suicide.

Many people support Samaritans work. Not everyone feels able to listen to callers but would still like to volunteer with the organisation. If that's you then we need you too!

### We need 'non-listening' volunteers to:

- Devise Publicity Materials
- Arrange a Samaritans Presence at local Festivals
- Liaise with the Local Media
- Devise Fundraising Activities
- Distribute Publicity Material
- Establish a Plan for Getting Samaritan Information into Schools
- And many more important tasks!!

We plan to have monthly action meetings, where we can work as a group to progress our promotional plans. Our next group meeting will be at 3pm on **Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Samaritans Offices. It would be great if you could join us on that day. If you want to get involved (even if you can't make March 14<sup>th</sup>) contact Pete Sturgess to be updated about the group's activities at [pxsturgess@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pxsturgess@hotmail.co.uk) or by phone/text on 7980631820

## GRANBY VILLAGE HALL FOR HIRE

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# Granby & Sutton Women's Institute

## Christmas Cheer & Music Hall



The Christmas Cheer production took place in the church in December and proved to be very successful evening of light songs such as 'Little Donkey' & 'Mary's Boychild', humorous readings, including a response by the recipient of the gifts for the 12 days of Christmas and more serious reflections such as an account of Christmas in the trenches in 1914. The audience of 60 people participated enthusiastically in the songs and enjoyed mince pies and coffee. £110 was donated to church funds.

The proposed 'Music Hall' that was scheduled for February will now take place in May and anyone interested in singing, dancing or reciting monologues etc should contact John & Isabel Daw 01949 851212 or [johndaw6@aol.com](mailto:johndaw6@aol.com)

Here's a chance to recycle your old curtains! (and other fabrics) Granby cum Sutton Music Hall can use them for their costumes for their forthcoming performance in May  
Donations can be given to Isabel Daw 01949 851212 or Linda Brockway 01949 843572

## Government Service Information

Did you know that the Directgov website provides user-friendly, 24/7 information on all government services –including education, transport, tax, crime, the environment, employment – all in one place and in plain English. As well as being available on the website [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk), which now attracts more than 11million visits a month, it can now also be accessed on any internet-enabled mobile phone, and on digital TV.

After a particularly enjoyable Christmas Dinner held at The Thatch at Bottesford, our guest speaker in January was Ann Bremner MBE. She spoke about the work of the Friary Drop-in, our chosen charity for 2008 and was delighted to receive a cheque for £175 plus a large hamper of 'goodies' donated by our members. She thanked members warmly for their interest and generosity.

February's talk. 'Jewish Calendar Girl' offered a fascinating insight into traditional Jewish Customs throughout the year.

Our new programme will be published soon after the AGM in March, but two diary dates open to non-members are worth noting: Saturday 16 May Sale of Plants and Produce, and Tuesday 23 June, visit to Doddinton Hall and Gardens near Lincoln (cost £26 incl. lunch and private guided tour).

At the end of January we were very pleased to see a successful completion to our Community Project to replace the crockery in Granby Village Hall, for use by all user groups.



New crockery in use for the first time

We are grateful to Rushcliffe Borough Councillor John Cranswick and County Councillor Martin Suthers for their support and generous donations to add to funds raised by the institute and hope that everyone will enjoy using the new crockery.



County Councillor Martin Suthers popped in to Granby Village Hall to hand over a cheque to W.I. President Rosemary Cranswick at Granby Luncheon Club's January meeting

.....and stayed for lunch!



## LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

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