

PARISH NEWS

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<http://www.granbysutton.org.uk>



NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE FOR GRANBY & SUTTON

The new website, which is now available at the address above, has been designed to provide information about many aspects of village life in Granby and Sutton. At the moment it is a work in progress as we collect and include up to date information about the various activities, events, organisations and services in the villages. The new website replaces the previous Granby cum Sutton Parish Council website and offers a wider range of information than previously. It will still include information about the parish council including contacts, previous newsletters, village hall bookings, the cemetery and agendas and minutes of meetings but also cover other aspects of Granby and Sutton. As with any website, its success depends on people supplying relevant and up to date information. If you lead a local initiative, organisation, club or event that you would like people to know about contact Andy Betts (contact details overleaf).



EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Nottinghamshire County Council is the Trustee of the Granby Educational Foundation, which was established in 1955 and derives from the sale of the Old Granby School and School House. This produces a small amount of income which may be distributed to children who live in Granby for the benefit of their education. Applications may be made at any time of the year.

A recent example of someone who benefitted from the grant is Jack Kennedy whose school trip to Poland was half-funded by the trust. The terms of the Trust are fairly broad, and anyone who wishes to apply should contact Gill Thackrey: 0115 977 3644 or gill.thackrey@nottsec.gov.uk

LOCAL BUS SERVICE

The bus companies have recently made minor modifications to the timetables and routes of local bus services (for details, see links below). Granby and Sutton are served by the following buses on Mondays to Saturdays:-

No. 22 runs between Sutton and Nottingham via Granby approximately hourly during the day.

No. 24 Runs between Melton and Bingham via Granby approximately every two hours during the day.

No. 53E Takes a circular route from Bingham via the Cropwells, Langar & Barnstone to Granby and Sutton - five buses during the evening.

No. 55 runs between Bottesford and Bingham via Elton (about 1¼ miles from Sutton Village Green) approximately hourly during the day.

Timetables can be found on the Nottinghamshire County Council (www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/timetable-b.htm) or call traveline on 0871 200 22 33

John Daw

OPEN GARDENS 2010



On the 13th June Granby will once again be opening some of its beautiful gardens to the public. In past years this has proved to be a very successful event and raised a considerable amount of money for nominated charities.

This is a rare opportunity to view some superb gardens and swap ideas for design, planting and general maintenance. Some of our gardens may not be looking their best right now after the long severe winter but we can all look forward to seeing them burst into life again over the spring and they should be at their vibrant best by June 13th.

If you have opened your garden before and would like to do so again, or if you would like to open it for the first time, contact Erika Humphreys for information on 850239.

Christmas cheer at All Saints

Those who turned out to fill the church to the rafters on Saturday 12th December were treated to an hour of seasonal songs, poems and readings, followed by coffee and mince pies. The audience was encouraged to join in singing their favourite Christmas carols and they responded enthusiastically.

The songs were interspersed with readings by local people, most of whom also formed part of the well-trained choir. The event was organised by Isabel Daw and raised £271 for church funds. Thanks to all those who helped with the evening. Look out for future musical evenings in Granby – information will be posted on the notice boards and website.

A big thank you to the Marquis of Granby pub for supplying the magnificent Christmas tree at the front of the church and to the Faulkes family for sponsoring two other trees for inside the church.



Granby Ladies' Thursday Club

We had a very successful Christmas meal at Paul's restaurant, Bottesford in December followed by a well-attended AGM in January at Doreen Watson's house. Unfortunately our speaker for the February meeting had to cancel at the last minute but we are grateful to Lisa Brindley who stood in with a talk on yoga.

The new programme from April onwards is being finalised and will be distributed soon but one date for your diaries is June 3rd when we will be having our annual fashion show. New members are very welcome (contact Elizabeth Howard 850090)

Spring lunch in village hall

The popular annual spring lunch will take place on Sunday 28th March. Contact Brenda Preece (850331) for information and tickets. All proceeds will go to church funds.

Granby Coffee Shop

The coffee shop continues to thrive with up to thirty people passing through each session. These Saturday mornings are great opportunities to catch up with neighbours over a cup of coffee and to exchange some of the books that have been gathering dust on your shelves. The coffee shop takes place in Granby village hall on the first Saturday of each month from 10.00 to 11.45 a.m.



Interested in joining a wine tasting group?

Michael Headland is looking for people who may be interested in joining a wine tasting club. If there is sufficient interest the idea is to meet socially, possibly at the village hall, to sample and discuss wines. Contact Michael direct if you are interested on 850940.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE

Wherever you live in Nottinghamshire, there is now only one number for calling your local police. The number is 0300 300 9999. The same police staff will answer all calls and you will then be directed to the right person, department or police station. The number will be used for enquiries and to report crimes that have already happened. When a life is in danger or a crime is in progress use 999.

In common with other forces across the country Nottinghamshire police have set up local consultation groups. These have local representation and meet every three months to discuss priorities and local issues. Councillor Philip Straw has attended two of these meetings recently. He reports that the police have adopted 'speeding in rural villages' as one of three priorities in our area. It is hoped that we will now have greater police support to reduce speeding in villages. In response a limited number of police speed checks were carried out in Granby in December.

For further information visit: [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/local/south/nottinghamshire/rushcliffe south/bingham and trent/](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/local/south/nottinghamshire/rushcliffe%20south/bingham%20and%20trent/)

Please contact Philip if you have comments or questions for him to take to the consultation meetings (details overleaf).

St George's Night Supper



On Friday 23rd April there will be a St. George's night fish and chip supper in the village hall from 7.30 till 11.00 pm. The evening is being organised by the village events committee and will include a general knowledge quiz and a licensed bar. Tickets are limited to fifty people and will be sold on a first come first served basis. They are priced at £7.50 (£5 concessions), including supper and quiz entry and are available from Angela Dobson-Riley (851443), Andy Betts (851874) or Ann Coy (851143).

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

Granby-cum-Sutton Parish Council

www.granbysutton.org.uk

Chairman	Andy Betts	Keeper's Cottage, Granby	851874
Vice Chairman	Erika Humphreys	Woodbine Cottage, Granby	850239
Members	Christine Lineker	The Hedgerows, Granby	850322
	John Miles	Orchard House, Sutton	851480
	David Preece	Longacre, Sutton	850331
	Philip Straw	Manor Farm House, Granby	851556
	Richard Watchorn	Mill Lodge, Granby	850516
Clerk	Ann Coy	Old School House, Sutton Lane, Granby	851143

Rushcliffe Borough Council

Cllr John A Cranswick The Eaves, Dragon Street, Granby 01949 850770

Nottinghamshire County Council

Cllr Martin Suthers The Manor House, Main Street, Flintham 01636 525554

Member of Parliament

The Rt. Hon. Kenneth Clarke, Q.C., M.P.

The Footpath Group



On the third Sunday morning of each month the footpath group meet for a walk in the Vale. We organise a circular walk of about 5 miles and inevitably end up at a local pub for lunch. The walks have continued through the terrible winter and our next one is planned for March 21st (contact Andy Betts for information 851874). The group is also working to produce a guide of local walks around Granby and Sutton footpaths. The photograph was taken at St Mary's church, Colson Bassett where the group took a welcome breather on the February walk.

Village Hall Playground



At the time of going to press we are waiting to hear if our application to Rushcliffe Borough Council for funding to upgrade the village hall playground has been successful. This money would enable a complete overhaul of the play area and provide a variety of play equipment for different age groups. The design incorporates the views expressed at the local consultation meetings for the parish plan.

Granby Luncheon Club

The Christmas gathering of the Luncheon Club was the occasion of the retirement of founder members Sheila Milner and Pat Kitching after 18 years of continuous service as volunteer organisers. The Group meets in the village hall at noon on the last Monday of the month. There are currently places available for new members - why not contact Doreen Watson (tel: 850615) and come along to enjoy a freshly prepared 3 course meal, at a cost of only £3pp., among friendly company.



Happy 80th Birthday to Sheila Milner and thanks to Sheila and Pat Kitching on their retirement from the Luncheon Club.

Helpers (l-r) Janet Rea, Pat Pickworth, Elisabeth Howard, Doreen Watson, Sheila Milner, Pat Kitching, Rosemary Cranswick, Angela Sinclair.

Local Broadband Service



A meeting was held in the autumn to review the results of the Broadband Speed test survey. The following common themes were identified:

- AOL users seem to experience a poorer service than people with other Internet Service Providers
- People living in newer property experience better service than those in older houses
- Users who reported an improved service since the tests last year had also reported a fault to BT to resolve during the year. This suggests that some improvements had resulted from BT line repairs.

Some people have benefited from fitting the BT iplate. These are widely available for about £5.50. They are particularly useful when people have long telephone wire runs in their property. The Broadband group welcome feedback from AOL users, those who have suffered a fault involving BT and anyone using a BT iplate, particularly if there has been an improvement in quality of service.

Contact Stan Taylor on 859090 or
stan.taylor@btinternet.com

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Granby & Sutton Women's Institute

ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING and SALE of PLANTS & PRODUCE



*Granby Village Hall
Saturday 15 May 2010
10.00am to 11.30am*



WELCOME PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS

The Parish Plan committee has produced a welcome pack that will be distributed to all new residents when they move into Granby or Sutton. It provides contacts and other helpful information about the villages such as clubs and organisations, transport, parish council, the church, the parish plan, the website and local services. The intention is to welcome new residents and show them how they can get involved in village life.

Granby & Sutton WI



The WI's new programme gets off to a flying start with an illustrated talk by Nick Hamilton. In 1983, his father Geoff began presenting 'Gardners World' from what was then just a ploughed field. Since then, millions of BBC2 viewers have seen Barnsdale Gardens develop year by year, and it now comprises 37 individual smaller gardens and features incorporated into one 8 acre garden.

This will be followed up in June by a visit to Barnsdale. Both the talk and the day trip are open to non-members. Gardners especially welcome.



GRANBY & SUTTON WI OPEN MEETING

Wednesday 14 April, 7.30pm
Granby Village Hall

Nick Hamilton 'BARNSDALE AFTER GEOFF'

Non-members welcome
(£3 donation requested)

Visit to BARNSDALE GARDENS & OAKHAM

Tuesday 23 June 2010
Coach leaves Granby Church
at 9.30am Return 5.00pm

Cost £16 (coach & entrance)

Please contact Gwen James (850474) or Rosemary Cranswick (850770)
for further details and tickets.