

Update on Detonate

Whilst health and safety issues at last year's 'Halloween' Detonate Festival led to its early closure, it is a concern that Nottingham City Council has now issued a licence for the June event, held at Colwick Country Park, to be extended to two days (Friday 9th June – Saturday 10th June).

Although Parish Councillor Sally Griffiths did submit evidence to the City Council about the considerable disturbance that last year's event caused, there is unfortunately no guarantee that the noise levels will be any less than 2016. With five stages, a Festival Village and a Global Street Food Market it is going to be a big event.

If the organisation works the same way as last year, many residents will be getting letters this month (March) highlighting a phone number to ring if there is a problem. The Parish Council will try to get a copy of this letter on to its website as soon as possible.

Rushcliffe Borough Council now has an app for smartphones which can record and send noise nuisance. Ideally, this should be downloaded prior to the Festival and can be accessed by going to www.rushcliffe.gov.uk and visiting their Noise Pollution page.

Village Hall

It is six months since the opening of the new Gamston Village Hall. The regular users are now settled in to the new surroundings, there have been numerous requests for weekend bookings and, in general, the feedback on the hall has been very positive.

As with any new build there have been a few teething issues. Strong winds on Wednesday 11th January caused damage to the side door of the Hall. However, without a doubt, the major problem has been the adoption of the Village Green gate nearest to the hall as the preferred access point. This has led to numerous instances of anti-social car parking.

Hall users are requested not to park their cars on the short, narrow section of Main Street to the rear of the Village Hall (on the stretch of road from Old Tollerton Road to the Village Green double gates). It should also not be used for dropping off or picking up passengers.

On a more positive note, the Parish Council's application to the Woodland Trust for hedging plants was successful. The hedge around the Village Hall and Green, which had been damaged during building works, has now been repaired. The plants were sponsored by IKEA.

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Newsletter

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A few words from the Chairman

Welcome to the Spring newsletter. I am pleased to report yet another successful Tree Fest which fortunately had better weather than previous years. The new gazebos were a welcome addition and proved that the extra spend on quality equipment was the correct decision. Use of the Village Hall and general feedback on the building is all encouraging save for the absence of common sense from some users when parking their vehicles. We are trying to address this issue.

What is exciting is the first Sunday breakfast meeting organised by a group of local residents. All I can say is we had a full house, received many positive comments and had lots of debate around the tables. The size of the hall is the restricting factor so if anyone wants to replicate the event on another day please contact the Clerk.

All these items and many more are reported in the next few pages so please read on.

Melvyn Tisbury

Dates for your diary

Sunday 26th March	Specialist Plant Fair, Holme Pierrepont Hall, Holme Pierrepont (11.00am to 4.00pm)	Sunday 16th April (Easter Day)	Festal Holy Communion, St Edmund's Church (11.00am)
Sunday 26th March & 30th April	Village Hall Breakfast, Gamston Village Hall (9.00am to 11.00am)	Thursday 4th May	Nottinghamshire County Council Election, Polling Stations – Gamston Village Hall and Regatta Way Sports Pavilion (7.00am to 10.00pm)
Saturday 1st April	Coffee Morning in aid of St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont Hall (10.00am to 12.30pm)	Thursday 11th May	Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A, AGM + Heather Harrington – 'The filming of <i>The Duchess</i> ', Gamston Community Hall (2.00pm)
Sunday 2nd April, 9th April, 23rd April & 30th April	House and Garden Open, Holme Pierrepont Hall (2.00pm to 5.00pm)	Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st May	Various Triathlon events, Holme Pierrepont Country Park
Thursday 13th April	Pyrotechnology Workshop where children can learn about the importance of fire and how to respect it, Skylarks Nature Reserve (1.00pm to 3.00pm)	Thursday 8th June	Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A, John Barnes – 'Tales of a Dairy Farmer', Gamston Community Hall (2.00pm)
Thursday 13th April	Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A, Karen Hayward – 'Wills and things', Gamston Community Hall (2.00pm)	Thursday 15th June	Shakespeare in the East Garden (or if wet in the Long Gallery), Holme Pierrepont Hall (7.30pm, doors open at 6.30pm)
Friday 14th April (Good Friday)	Devotions, St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont (6.00pm)	Sunday 18th June	Nottingham Fun Colour Rush, Holme Pierrepont Country Park (9.30am to 12.45pm)
Saturday 15th April (Easter Eve)	Service of Light, St Edmund's Church (6.00pm)	Sunday 18th June	Concert by Musica Donum Dei – Music for a Summer Sunday Afternoon, Holme Pierrepont Hall (3.00pm)

Village Hall Breakfast

The Parish Council is always keen to hear ideas about how to promote community spirit in the area so when it was approached by a group of residents about running a monthly breakfast at the Village Hall, it gave its full support.

Planning the event was not a simple task and whilst County Councillor Kay Cutts generously provided a grant from her Divisional Fund to help with set-up costs, there was a lot to do. From organising rotas and timetables, to collecting tea pots and cafetieres (the latter were kindly donated by Morrisons Supermarket), everyone had a job. In addition, appropriate qualifications and standards for Environmental Health had to be obtained, which resulted in the achievement of a five-star rating.

It was decided to hold the first event on the last Sunday in February. With a maximum seating capacity of forty in the hall, notices were displayed asking residents to book



in advance to avoid disappointment. All seats were taken and, unfortunately, some who hadn't booked had to be turned away.

The morning was a great success. Many remarked that it was the best cooked breakfast they had eaten and the tea and coffee flowed along with the conversation. Breakfasts were served between 9.00am to 11.00am with most staying for at least an hour as they chatted with old friends and introduced themselves to neighbours that had never met.

The Parish Council would like to thank Wendy Cuthbert who came up with idea and was instrumental in getting it off the ground and all the volunteers who helped both before and during the event.

Dates for the next two breakfasts are Sunday 26th March (Mother's Day) and Sunday 30th April. Booking is essential gamstonbreakfast@gmail.com.

Tree Fest 2016

The Parish Council is pleased to report that the Tree Fest, which took place on Saturday 10th December, was a great success.

The festivities started in the Village Hall where, with the help of Linda Cox and her team from Rushcliffe Play Forum, children and their parents created unique Christmas decorations. Once complete everyone walked down to the Play Park where the children decorated the tree with the Carlton Brass Training Band playing Christmas music in the background.

The Parish Council was delighted to have the company of the Mayor of Rushcliffe, Councillor George Davison, who switched on the Christmas tree lights. This year, the festivities continued at the Play Park where, accompanied by the band, the large crowd sang Christmas carols and enjoyed a hot mulled drink. Mince pies and biscuits were very kindly donated by Morrisons supermarket. After the carols the Reverend Mark Fraser, the Vicar of St Luke's Church in Gamston, told the children the story of Christmas.

The comments of County Councillor Kay Cutts MBE say it all, "the Tree Fest was an excellent community event which gave great pleasure to all who attended and particularly children who were excited at the preparations for Christmas. The tree was lovely, the band was excellent, the presentation of the Christmas story was beautifully done and the hot mulled wine and mince pies rounded off the event".

Thanks to the amazing generosity of those who donated at the Tree Fest, the Parish Council was able to present £151.00 to Rainbows, the hospice for children and young people which is based at Loughborough.

Skylarks Nature Reserve

Late last year there was an arson attack at the Skylarks Nature Reserve. The attack destroyed the pond dipping platform in the old part of the reserve which had recently been improved to provide safe access to all, including children and wheelchair users, at a cost in excess of £10,000. Although insurance has now paid for a replacement, this will not put right the effect on the wildlife nor will it resolve the damage to the water quality.

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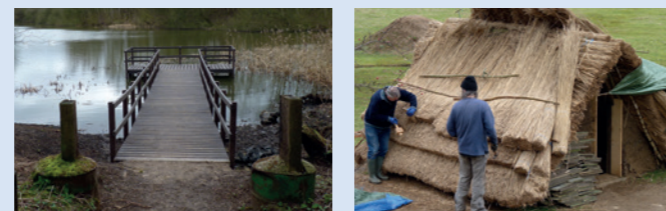
The Great British Spring Clean weekend took place on 3rd to 5th March and the Parish Council's contribution to this year's event was the installation of a litter bin at the corner of Bassingfield Lane and Tollerton Lane. The installation was jointly funded by the Parish Council and Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Jonathan Wheeler with money from his community fund.

Since January, there has been a continual problem with the dumping of cannabis farm paraphernalia in the Holme Pierrepont area. The Police are aware of the problem and the staff at Streetwise are performing extra roadside collections to address the issue.



In addition, several water sports items have also been discarded at Skylarks Nature Reserve during the winter. Apparently, it is commonplace for canoes and suchlike to be stolen from the National Water Sports Centre in the summer and, when they are broken or no longer wanted, for them to be returned to the area.

Fly tipping is illegal, is investigated and can lead to a heavy fine. In November, a man was charged £400 for dumping building waste at the reserve.



Elsewhere in the reserve the Skylarks Archaeology group have been active in thatching Grubenhause No.1 and building Grubenhause No.2, which has fence-like wall constructs.

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Planning Matters

Planning applications in the Parish are not confined to house extensions. Recent examples have included a hotel, a cycleway, a car park and football stands.

The hotel application was for a twenty-seven bedroom dormitory extension to the Gamston Lock public house. Building of a hotel on this site had been previously approved in 1998 and 2002, although since then further houses have been built nearby. Several concerns were raised about this application including the proximity of the hotel to existing homes, noise and light pollution, the lack of suitable screening, adequate car parking and the possibility of increased crime. At the time of writing, it is understood that amended plans are being prepared to address these issues.

As part of Nottinghamshire County Council's plans to develop a network of cycle routes in the area, an application was proposed to provide a new cycle route across Gamston from Eltham Road/Buckfast Way to the A52 Toucan crossing. Although pro-cycling, the Parish Council strongly objected to the application. The new route would have encouraged cyclists to use the narrow path next to Ambleside Play Park and it was felt that the mix of cyclists and small children was a significant



safety issue. The Parish Council is pleased to report that the Rushcliffe Borough Council Development Control Committee rejected this application on amenity grounds.

Whilst the success and popularity of the West Bridgford Colts football club is impressive, it has led to parking issues along Regatta Way. To help alleviate this problem the club is seeking permission for a new car park which will accommodate up to 80 cars and increase the on-site parking to 130 spaces. This application also includes the building of three small covered stands.

Interested in becoming a Councillor?

Two vacancies have arisen at the Parish Council. Due to work commitments, Adrian Hill resigned in November and Simon Macdonald-Preston in January. The Councillors would like to publicly thank them both for their commitment, help and friendship during their time on the Parish Council.

Both vacancies are in the Gamston Ward, but this does not preclude applicants from the Holme Pierrepont Ward, especially Bassingfield which is currently not represented.

If you would like to become a Parish Councillor or would like further information before deciding, please contact the Parish Clerk.

If you are interested in becoming a County Councillor the 2017 Nottinghamshire County Council election will take place on 4th May (7.00am to 10.00pm) and will be the first election following the recent boundary changes. Holme Pierrepont, Adbolton, Bassingfield and Gamston are now part of the Radcliffe-on-Trent Ward.

If you wish to stand for the election, the deadline for submission of nomination papers is 4.00pm on 4th April. At the time of writing, Stuart Brady (Labour); and Kay Cutts MBE (Conservative) had been confirmed as candidates.

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Green Belt

Rushcliffe Borough Council has issued another Green Belt Review document for public consultation because housing development to meet their statutory five-year land supply is significantly behind schedule. This document accompanies Part 2 of the Local Plan Further Options which is also out to consultation focusing on identifying additional residential sites. It considers some sites in Cotgrave, Tollerton, Radcliffe-on-Trent, as well as villages further afield. Locally land owners are proposing sites in Lady Bay and adjacent to the proposed 4000 houses forming the new town between Gamston and Tollerton. Rushcliffe Borough Council is against enlarging this site but this could change unless you express your views. The deadline for comments is 5.00pm on Friday 31st March.