



# PARISH NEWS



Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council

August 2010

**Hugh White**  
**Nottingham World Cup Bid Team**  
**Nottingham City Council**

**15<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

*Dear Mr White*

**B**ack in September 2009 you released, through the Evening Post, Nottingham's commitment to deliver a new football stadium on green belt land around Gamston for the 2018 World Cup bid. To fund this stadium you highlighted that there would have to be in excess of 4,500 homes built in the area, predominantly again, on green belt land.

Furthermore, an outline plan was submitted to Rushcliffe Borough Council in November 2009 confirming the above, albeit very short in detail or clarity. In December 2010, your Nottingham plans were provisionally selected as part of the FA bid to FIFA.

During these last 10 months, there has been no consultation with the local Parish Council or any residents. Indeed, members of the World Cup bid team have repeatedly refused to attend meetings or given any specific information about the project. This has caused a considerable amount of distress to many people whose lives would be seriously affected by such a development.

The World Cup bid document was very publicly handed over to FIFA this year, yet you have denied access to the public of any details of the Nottingham plans.

With FIFA due to inspect the potential stadium site in August, can you please let the Parish Council know – so that we in turn can let the many thousands of residents know - when you will release the plans for the Gamston stadium and start the consultation process.

*Yours sincerely*

**Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**

The Parish Council writes an Open Letter urgently requesting details of the proposed Gamston football stadium.

## Gamston Summer Play Day

Wednesday 18th August 2010  
Play Park, Ambleside, Gamston  
12.00noon – 4.00pm

+++ FREE EVENT +++



Fun in the sun featuring the climbing wall, circus skills, balloon modelling, face painting, musical crafts, New Youth Theatre dance workshop, bouncy castle and much more.

Supported by Councillor Mike Hemsley

**Junior Fun Dog Show at 2.00pm**  
Registration 1.00pm onwards. Entry fee £1.00 per dog per class. All proceeds to charity

For youngsters 16 years and under and their dogs  
Classes: Most handsome male / Prettiest female/ Waggiest tail / Most like its owner & Overall winner

Supported by Pedigree Wholesale Ltd

Organised in partnership with Rushcliffe Play Forum, Church at Gamston, Sure Start, Notts CC Play Service & Rushcliffe Borough Council

**VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED. IF YOU CAN HELP  
PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK**

### Metal Thieves Strike Again

Ambleside Play Park in Gamston has become the latest victim in the spate of metal thefts from parks in the Rushcliffe area.

Councillor Diane Kidger discovered the theft of the four metal bin inserts on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July, making Ambleside the fifth park to be targeted since the beginning of May.



Cllr Kidger said "I am very angry because we have never had trouble before in this play park....It is unfortunate that these people think of their own pockets rather than the people who use this equipment."

She said the four bins would cost between £500 and £1,000 to replace. Rushcliffe Borough Council has had to pay £16,000 for replacement equipment so far.

Parks previously targeted are Rushcliffe Country Park in Ruddington, on May 11, and Boundary Road, on June 7 and 8, West Park and Bridgford Park in West Bridgford.

### Neighbourhood Alert Goes Live!

The Neighbourhood Alert system is now available online. It's a free service that gives you up-to-date information about crime and lets you report information confidentially to the police. The advanced technology provides safe and secure two-way communication and can help individuals, communities and organisations to work together to solve problems like antisocial behaviour.

The service provides:

- a totally free service - no monthly, annual or incoming text or phone charges
- information about crime trends, incidents and requests for information by voicemail, text and email
- the ability to report suspicious and antisocial behaviour and receive updates and responses about your reports
- a review of crime statistics, graphs and charts for your local area
- the chance to start or join or invite others to join a virtual informal Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Once you subscribe to the system you can configure exactly how, when and what priority of messages you want. You can remain unseen on the system or make your virtual scheme visible for other users to join. You can also unsubscribe at any time; there are no contracts, costs or obligations.

Simply register online for where you live or work at <http://www.rushcliffecommunity.co.uk>.

### Abbey Road School Visit

Councillors Diane Kidger and John Mason along with Roger Hawkins, Clerk to the Council, were invited to Abbey Road School to give a presentation to Year 4 pupils as part of their persuasive writing project. They explained to the pupils the duties and responsibilities of a parish council and the issues surrounding the threat to the green belt in the parish by the proposal to build a football stadium at Gamston.

Recent feedback from the teachers has indicated the children have shown considerable empathy with the residents of Gamston and they had planned and drafted some persuasive letters opposing the build.

The Parish Council wishes to thank Karen Usher and her colleagues at Abbey Road School for the opportunity to talk to young people about our work and the area we represent, and the pupils for their interest and their questions.



### Free Newsletter from Notts CC

There's a lot happening in Nottinghamshire – and you can keep up to date by receiving the County's free email newsletter, *County eNews*.

*County eNews* will be sent out every two weeks, and it's an easy way to find out about what's happening around Nottinghamshire. Get the latest news on the subjects that matter to you – from recycling to roadworks. And if you're looking for a new job, sign up – each edition will include details of the latest vacancies added to the Notts CC website.

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You can also follow on Twitter at [twitter.com/nottsc](https://twitter.com/nottsc).

### Police Notice

There has recently been an increase in theft from motor vehicles in the Gamston area. Can we remind local residents to empty, lock and secure their vehicles when left unattended day or night, as it has come to light that several of these vehicles have been left unsecured. (This could invalidate your insurance claim too). There has been an arrest in connection with some of these crimes; however, we should still remain vigilant.

### Schoolchildren Say Goodbye To A Much Admired Headteacher

Pierrepont Gamston Primary School is bidding a fond farewell to their favourite headteacher, John Heard.

When the old Holme Pierrepont School closed in 2001, the remaining pupils transferred to a new building situated on Coledale in Gamston, which became the new Pierrepont Gamston Primary School with Mr John Heard as its first headteacher. As Mr Heard now retires, the school has been celebrating many happy memories from the past nine years.

During a final assembly, children from each class took the chance to thank Mr Heard in their own special way, before wishing him well for a long and happy retirement.

The Parish Council is pleased to support Pierrepont Gamston Primary School's plans for an all-weather playing pitch with a cheque for £500.



Mrs Diane Kidger, Chairman of the Parish Council, and John Mason, Vice Chairman, present the retiring head teacher John Heard with a cheque for £500

### Toddler Plus Next Steps

Over the past few weeks the Parish Council has been carrying out a consultation to find out if there is a need for a Toddler Group in Gamston.

The response has been positive and now we want to develop it further and hear your views.

Come along with your children to a **Play and Say Session on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 10.00am – 12.00noon in the Village Hall in Gamston**, enjoy a coffee, and tell us what you would like to see happening at Toddler Plus when it opens in Gamston Village Hall in September.

**DIARY DATE**  
**Lark In The Park**  
**10 am - 4 pm**  
**Wednesday 4th August**  
**Bridgford Park**

### Parish Walk

The recent May Day celebrations included a short walk from the Village Hall, crossing Lings Bar Road to the canal and then returning via Bassingfield. A number of questions were set for the walkers as part of a competition, and our congratulations go to the winner, Ethan Arnold.

If you would like to follow the walk a copy of the map and questions can be found at: [www.holmepierrepontandgamstonpc.org.uk](http://www.holmepierrepontandgamstonpc.org.uk)

### Funding Success for Parish Archives

The Parish Council has been successful with its application to Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Initiative Scheme and has won funding for equipment to use for collecting, collating, preserving and presenting material for the new Parish archives. We've already acquired copies of photographs taken in Gamston and Bassingfield during the 1960's and 70's (prior to the Gamston development) and we are aware of even earlier photographs of Gamston which we will be processing in the near future.

Can you help us with this exciting project? If you, or someone you know, once lived in the area and has old photographs of the Parish – Adbolton, Holme Pierrepont, Gamston or Bassingfield - please contact the Clerk.

### ++ Important Notice ++

The village hall is used extensively for children's parties and other events where the outside playing area is important. From early September a weekly Toddlers group will also be held.

As a consequence the Parish Council has taken the decision to ban all dogs (except guide dogs) from the village green on health and safety grounds. We appreciate this might cause some inconvenience but hope that the reasons for this ban are understood and we would ask everyone to act accordingly when exercising their dogs.

*Clerk to the Parish Council*

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## Angela Harrington Retires

The big event in the parish of Holme Pierrepont is the retirement of Angela Harrington.

Angela is well-known for her sterling service as Reader at St. Edmund's Church at Holme Pierrepont. She became a Reader in the 1990's and since 2000 has been the mainstay of St Edmund's, taking six of the eight services a month as well as being the main pastoral leader.

Angela has decided to move to North Wales and has bought a house in Penrhyndeudraeth to be near her family. We know that our loss will be her new home's gain.

A service of thanksgiving and buffet will be held on **Sunday 8th August** in celebration of Angela's many years of devoted service to the Church of St. Edmund and to wish her well in her new life in North Wales.

Angela has also been a Governor at the Pierrepont Gamston Primary School for a number of years. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time there and can highly recommend the school dinners to her successor. In her words, "I certainly never had meals as good as these when I was at school".



## Village Hall Bookings

The village hall is available for hire and is suitable for a wide range of activities on a regular or ad hoc basis. For further information telephone 0115 981 5110 or contact [mandy.b@dslpipex.com](mailto:mandy.b@dslpipex.com).

## Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 13th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road, Gamston.

The October meeting will be on the 11th at the same venue. Residents of the parish attending the meeting will be invited to address the Council between 7.30pm and 7.45pm subject to the current rules of the Parish Council.

## Budget Advert

Get your message across to 1200 homes in the Parish for only **£25.00**.

For your business card to appear in this space in September's newsletter, contact the Clerk on 0115 983 0231.

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