

GRASSMOOR, HASLAND & WINSICK PARISH NEWSLETTER



CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN: COUNCILLOR PAM HEMSLEY



Welcome to the latest edition of the Newsletter. The Parish Council receives regular complaints about dog fouling which it appears is a problem throughout the Parish, be it on the pavements or in the parks, despite dog bins being provided. We you're your help to identify those responsible so please contact the Parish Clerk if you have information as to those responsible.

Grassmoor and Hasland have been chosen as an area to form part of the Big Local programme. £1m in funding will be received to be spent in various ways over a 10 year period. The programme is community led so it is important that as many local people as possible have a say in identifying priorities and implementing projects. Please keep a look out for Big Local events and be involved in the process.

Councillor David Chapman has decided to stand down as the County Councillor for the Sutton Ward and will not contest the forthcoming County Council elections on 2 May. David has represented the Sutton Division which includes Grassmoor and the Parish Council area, in two spells between 1985 and 1992 and again between 2001 and 2013.

He has championed many local causes and has worked tirelessly to represent the local community. The Parish Council on behalf of the local community would like to pass on their sincere thanks to David for his work as a County Councillor.

Pam Hemsley, Chairman of the Parish Council

Big Local

You may have read in the press that Grassmoor and Hasland have been chosen to be part of the Big Local Lottery funded programme. Big Local targets small, disadvantaged urban and rural areas in England which have generally been overlooked for funding in the past. The aim of the programme is to make communities even better places to live in, now and in the future, by assisting them to develop the skills and confidence to identify priorities that matter to them and to encourage them to take action to address those priorities. Grassmoor and Hasland will receive £1m in funding between them to be spent on projects over the next 10 years. Big Local is not just about grants. Funding can be used for almost anything which will make communities better. As well as grants, Big Local can include social enterprise loans and the direct provision of services to an area.

As part of the project, a Partnership Steering Group comprising representatives from both communities will be established to guide the programme as it develops. A Big Local Plan which will identify priorities and projects will be produced. An important element of Big Local is the involvement of the local community. Whilst local councils will be involved in the process, Big Local aims to involve all members of the community including local businesses and voluntary groups. In the coming months, there will be a series of events designed to raise awareness of Big Local and how you can be involved. Please look out for publicity for these events and take the opportunity to get involved to help make Grassmoor a better place to live.

Further information on Big Local can be found on their website: <http://www.localtrust.org.uk/big-local/>

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Improving Barnes Park

Many of you will recall that you kindly completed a consultation survey on improvements to Barnes Park. The key themes arising from the survey were:

- The general appearance of the Park needed improving
- Anti-social behaviour in the Park needed to be addressed. CCTV should be introduced.
- Litter/dog fouling needed to be addressed
- Seating and garden areas should be introduced
- Play equipment for all ages needed to be installed including looking in to the possibility of a skate park and green gym
- Improved sports facilities including the Pavilion which is in urgent need of replacement. The Pavilion should also include space for social events and for young people to meet.
- Access to the Park needed to be improved including disabled access and lighting
- The Park needed to be able to host outdoor events

Please use the following link to access the full results of the survey:

http://www.grassmoor.org.uk/other_pages/parish_council/2012%20Barnes%20Park%20Survey%20Report.pdf

The Parish Council is in the process of drafting a specification for the development of the Park. The specification will be used to invite companies to produce their vision for the Park. Once the schemes have been drawn up, the local community will be consulted to see which solution is the most popular and which best suits local needs. Options for funding the project are also being considered.

Once again thanks for taking the time to complete the survey and particular thanks go to those of you who helped collect in the questionnaires.

Dog Fouling

Once again, the Parish Council has received complaints regarding the amount of dog fouling in Grassmoor. A particular problem area was the walkway between MacDonald Close and Chapman Lane and the Parish Council has provided a new dog bin on the path. The new bin costs the Council (and ultimately, you) to provide and empty.

Dog mess is not only unsightly and unpleasant, it also presents a health risk, particularly to young children. The Parish Council is committed to help solve this problem. To do so however, the Council needs people to come forward and to identify those responsible. If you witness dog owners allowing their pets to foul the footways or the Park, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Grassmoor Lagoons

The Parish Council recently held a meeting with representatives of the County Council and Remedx, the company responsible for the clean-up work at the Lagoons. It is pleasing to report that the work is progressing as projected. The largest lagoon has been excavated and back filled and the smallest excavated of contaminated material. The middle lagoon which had the greatest tar content, will be excavated and back filled within the next year. All the materials which have been excavated and treated before back filling have passed strict Environment Agency tests. The remaining remediation works will take around a year to complete. The site will then be landscaped.

The Parish Council on Facebook

The Parish Council now has nearly 120 friends on Facebook. Please feel free to join us and encourage others to do the same.

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Lighter Nights Campaign

As we are now officially in spring, although the freezing weather and incredible amounts of snow we have experienced of late may not suggest it, we have put our clocks forward an hour which will mean that, as the weeks and months progress, we can benefit from it staying lighter later on into the evening and hopefully warmer weather.

The lighter nights often coincide with an increase in disorder and anti-social behaviour. We also know these issues are often raised by residents and continue to be one of their main concerns affecting their quality of life and making them feel unsafe in their own homes.

The Eastern Safer Neighbourhood Team is working with partners to tackle these issues. We will be increasing patrols to both reassure residents and deter and target any disorder and anti-social behaviour. We'll also be working with young people to make them understand how hanging round in large groups can be perceived as anti-social and encourage them to become involved with the planned diversion activities over the coming months.

With warmer weather looming we would like to advise residents to remember to lock doors and windows even when they are at home after a number of sneak-in burglaries have been reported. It only takes a moment for a burglar to sneak-in through an open door and take your car keys or personal belongings and you would be unaware until you noticed something missing.

Make sure any tools as well as children's toys including bikes are securely locked away in sheds or garages. Tools and ladders can be used to break in; as any left lying around will be more noticeable if it's still light. For homeowners heading off on a holiday, use timers so lights and a TV or radio come on at set times to give the impression that the house is occupied, and avoid advertising the fact that you are off on holiday on social network profiles.

For further information or to report problems contact the Police or myself on 101, by email james.land.4513@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk or leave me a note in the Police Box at the Community Centre.

GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE – WHATS ON

Grassmoor Community Centre

School Holiday Tea Time group

£1.00 per child

£2.00 per adult (Parents to remain with their children)

Running during school holidays

Come and make your own tea, join in craft activity and then eat together 3.30—4.45pm

Booking essential places limited

If you would like to take part during the next holidays, please see a member of staff for further information or call 01246 857900

Booking essential

GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE – WHATS ON

Grassmoor Luncheon Club

Monday 12.30-1.30pm



3 course meal including tea and coffee for only £3.50.

To join the club please contact Janice Bedford on 01246 857900

Pilates

Monday evenings

6pm – 7pm Beginners and Therapeutic

7pm – 8pm Intermediate

For further information contact Lizzie Self on 01246 291139 or 07785923923

Please note: the course has to be booked and paid for in advance as there are a limited number of places available.

Ringwood Bridge Club

Monday 1pm – 4pm



Wednesday

Tired of watching television?

Tuesday 7pm – 10pm

7pm – 10pm

Need to get out and about?

Would you like to make some new friends?

Come and learn to play Bridge in a fun and enjoyable way with Ringwood Bridge Club.

For more information please contact Mick Gavigan on 01246 850660

Friendship Club

Tuesday Lunchtime 2pm – 4pm

Come along and enjoy a game of dominoes and bingo. Occasional day trips out

For further details contact Pam Hemsley on 01246 851385

Tuesday Lunchtime

At the Community Centre

12.30-1.30pm

3 course meal

Only £3.50

Booking essential

Telephone 01246 857900

Or email

grassmoor@btconnect.com

New Street Tots

Thursday

9.00am – 11am



Mother and Toddler Drop-In for under fives.

For further details contact Janice Bedford on 01246 857900

LITTLE LEARNER PRE SCHOOL

Little Learners continues to be a successful, welcoming and innovative Pre School, based at the Centre during the week. It is run in term time, by Louise Lee and Diane Jones with professional, qualified staff and is OFSTED registered.

It offers children, between 2 and 5 years, the chance to develop their skills and confidence in the comfort of a safe, friendly and fun environment.

For more information on times and charges please call 07866074319

Baby Clinic

1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month

1.30pm – 3.30pm

Unemployed Workers Centre Advice Worker

Thursday

10am – 12 noon

Visit our website: www.grassmoor.org.uk



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Your Parish Councillors

Mrs PJ Hemsley (C)	211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5ER	01246 851385
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Useful Information and Help - Contacts

Service	Authority	Service	Authority
Allotments	GPC	Planning Permission	NEDDC
Building Regulations	NEDDC	Public Footpaths	DCC
Bus Shelters	DCC/GPC	Recreation/Parks	GPC/NEDDC
CCTV	GPC	Refuse Collection	NEDDC
Council Tax Collection	NEDDC	Registration – Births/Deaths/Marriages	DCC
Consumer Advice	DCC	Register of Electors	NEDDC
Dog Wardens	NEDDC	Remembrance Sunday Service	GPC
Education	DCC	Social Services	DCC
Environmental Health	NEDDC	Street cleaning	GPC/NEDDC
Housing	NEDDC	Street lighting	DCC
Libraries	DCC	War Memorials	GPC
GPC	Grassmoor, Hasland & Winsick Parish Council c/o Mr R Ackrill, Parish Clerk, Manor Cottage, 114 The Green, Hasland, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 0JU.	Telephone: 01246 461095.	
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	Telephone: 08456 058058.	Website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk	

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Blue Dykes Doctors Surgery

Gosh how time flies. It's been six months since Dr Ahmed retired and Blue Dykes stepped in to provide Grassmoor continuing medical care. I think it's fair to say there have been some ups and downs. Initially things were hard as Dr Ahmed asked us to step in at the last minute as his other options had not come to fruition. Then the PCT seemed to have a problem with their data resulting in some patients receiving letters about the changes and some not. We feel we have put these initial issues to bed and hope you feel the same.

When Blue Dykes took over Grassmoor there was an initial meeting where everyone was invited. We then held a subsequent meeting with a few patients and have been invited to Parish Council meetings. We have enjoyed having frank informative, discussions with you all and are most thankful that you gave up your free time to help us shape the Practice for you. We have also listened to the feedback from the team working at Grassmoor Surgery, about the comments and suggestions that you, the patients, have made. You are very passionate about the area and understandably want to preserve your GP Practice. That's excellent because that's what we want too. On the back of these discussions, comments and suggestions you have made we have evaluated things and adapted where possible.

As this Newsletter goes to print we will be in the middle of our "Flu Champaign". We are holding three days altogether and you will hopefully have seen this in the "Shoppers Guide" a free magazine that is sent to all homes around the area. Our first day was in Clay Cross Social Centre where we vaccinated over 1200 patients phew!! As this article is written we are holding our second session at Grassmoor Community Centre and have another day at Clay Cross on Friday 26th October 2012 so there is still another chance if anyone in the target group has missed the other clinics.

The patients run a Patient Participation Group once a month and representatives from the Blue Dykes team also attend. This gives patients the opportunity to steer and develop the surgery after all, we are all patients somewhere. We find this adds real value to things that are happening, patients get involved with the changes happening nationally and also look at close to home projects and areas that need support to develop. We are pleased to say that three Grassmoor patients have joined the group so there is now representation from your neighbours. If you would like to read the minutes of the meetings these are held on our web site. If you would like to join the group or do not have access to a computer and wish to read the minutes please contact Carol Kirk, our Patient Liaison Officer.

Now for the big news - We are extending the hours at Grassmoor. On 22nd October 2012 we are adding in a couple drop-in clinics and this mean that the surgery will now be open all day Monday and Friday. These drop-in clinics will be held every Monday morning and Friday afternoon. The appointments are not book in advance, you simply turn up at the surgery, and the Doctor will be available between:-

8.30am - 10.30am on the Monday morning

3.00pm - 5.00pm on the Friday afternoon.

These are sit and wait appointments for **urgent cases that will not wait until the next routine appointment**. It has been suggested by a number of patients that this is a service previously offered, that you have missed. Just come along as early as possible and check in at reception. We hope you feel as excited as us at the developments.

Verity Shelton, Practice Manager, Blue Dykes Surgery.