

Grassmoor Community Centre

A new face in charge at the Centre

Pam Hemsley has taken on the role of Centre Co-ordinator following the resignation of Brian Furness as Centre Manager. The Centre has undergone a difficult few months and the Management Committee is keen to get back to concentrating on providing quality services and activities in the Centre which local people want. The pricing structure for the Centre has been reviewed and charges in some cases have been removed or reduced. For details of the new simpler charges please contact the Centre Co-ordinator, Grassmoor Community Centre, New St, Grassmoor, S42 5EL. Telephone; 01246 857900. Email: grassmoor@btconnect.com

Community Centre Facilities and Activities

Easter Family Party-26 March

Free admission

Bar, Disco and family games

Children's Easter Bonnet Parade

Grassmoor Photographic History Exhibition

Saturday 14 May 2005

10am– 4.00pm

Grassmoor Community Centre

Gentle Exercise to Music Vikki–YMCA Exercise to Music Certificate

10.00-11.00am Fridays

All Welcome

£2.50 per session

Community Centre Advice Sessions

Citizens Advice Bureau

**Mondays 10.00am–
2.00pm**

Unemployed Workers

Fridays 9.30am-12noon



County Council Elections

The County Council elections (and may be a general election!) are on 5 May 2005. The Community Centre is your local polling station. Why not exercise your right to vote and at the same time have a drink and a bite to eat in the Café and look around the facilities at the Centre.



Community Cafe

The Cafe is very popular with the community as a new venue for socialising. A new menu has been introduced including a vegetarian option, baguettes and toasted panninis.

Afternoon teas are served between 2.30 and 4.00pm. Meals also available to take away and orders by telephone are welcome. Catering also available for functions at the Centre and for pre-booked buffets to take away.

Open: Tues-Fri 9.00am-4.00pm

Want to be a volunteer at the Centre?

We would love to hear from you.

Contact Pam Hemsley to talk about it.

Telephone 01246 857900

B_line and Gold Card

The Community Centre accepts b_line and Gold Cards. Holders will be entitled to 10% discount off Cafe purchases and private Centre bookings.

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GRASSMOOR YOUTH PROJECT

GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Welcomes everyone to use all its facilities

Including young people

Over the next few months the Community Centre has employed Community Worker, Susan Brighthouse on a part-time basis, to encourage more young people to use the Centre's facilities.

Susan has been working on Youth Projects in other areas of Derbyshire, by bringing together people within the communities who work with young people to get 'something going'.

There is a **YOUTH CLUB** in the Community Centre, which meets on a Thursday evening run, by Volunteer Workers, but there is very little else specifically for young people.

So the idea is to have a **GRASSMOOR YOUTH BAZAAR** in the Community Centre, organising lots of participatory activities throughout the day. Young people will be encouraged to let us know what they would like to happen for them within the community generally and specifically in the Community Centre.

Susan is busy drawing together a partnership team of organisations working with and concerned about young people in Grassmoor, to help with organising the Bazaar. She also intends to talk to as many groups of young people as possible, to find out what they would like on the Bazaar day which has provisionally been arranged for Sunday 11 September 2005.

ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE FREE

Ideas suggested so far include:



DJ Training
Video Film Making
Break Dancing
Kick boxing

Nail and Body art makeovers
Drama

Football skills
Cricket skills
Archery
Fencing
Mobile skateboarding
Circus skills



(Please note these are not confirmed activities and may therefore be subject to change.)

And a Big Brother Diary Room will be set up on the day to invite young people to be filmed, while answering questions about their views and ideas.

If you work with young people and are interested in getting involved in the Grassmoor Youth Project, please contact Susan Brighthouse on 01246 857900 or her mobile 07956010189

Parish Council News

WELCOME NEWS ON GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Parish Council has campaigned for 13 years to have the Grassmoor Lagoons cleaned up. The Lagoons are contaminated with waste chemicals from the former Avenue Coking Plant. Local residents have often complained about the odours from the site and of a stinging sensation to the throat and eyes.

The Government has at last announced that action is to be taken to clean up the contamination. The Department of Trade and Industry has now admitted responsibility for the site and has allocated £4m for the works to reclaim the Lagoons. The works will only commence however, when a detailed study in to the reclamation options currently being undertaken by the County Council, has been completed.

Councillor Betty Hill, Chairman of the Parish Council has been at the forefront of the campaign to clean up the Lagoons. " It has been a long battle but at least now we are beginning to see some welcome progress. The final completion of the reclamation work may still be some way off but at the end of the process, Grassmoor will be a healthier and better place to live. I would like to thank all those who have supported our campaign over the years"

Parish Council meetings

Meetings of the Council are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except August) at 6.30pm at the Community Centre. There is an agenda item for matters raised by the public. For details contact the Parish Clerk.

Ever thought of having an allotment?

Believe it or not, it is fashionable to have an allotment! It gives you exercise and at the same time provides you with fresh healthy vegetables.

Mill Lane Allotments has spare plots for rent. For further details contact Mick Arnold: 01246 854537



Keep in touch

The Parish Council is committed to keeping the local community aware of events in the Parish. Other than this Newsletter, there are a number of ways you can keep in touch with events:

- ?? Parish Council noticeboards at the Boot & Shoe and in the Methodist Chapel Grounds
- ?? The Grassmoor Community Website—www.grassmoor.org.uk
- ?? The new information board in the entrance to the Community Centre
- ?? Coming soon—a community noticeboard managed jointly with the County Council to be situated next to the bus shelter on North Wingfield Road opposite Chapel Road.

TV Licence Scheme

The Parish Council operates a TV Licence allowance for pensioners in the Parish. Changes have been introduced to make the Scheme more equitable. Now any household with a member over the age of 60 will be eligible to be reimbursed £10 towards the cost of their licence. For further details, please obtain an application form from the Grassmoor Post Office or the Community Centre.

Quality Parish Council Status

The Parish Council is looking to achieve Quality Parish Council status during 2005. To qualify the Council has to satisfy a series of tests of the quality of the service it provides to local residents.

Parish Council News

Freedom of Information

The Parish Council has adopted the model publication scheme under the Freedom of Information Act. The purpose of the scheme is to set out the means by which the Council can make the information at its disposal available routinely.

For further details contact the Parish Clerk on 01246 236878 or by Email at: roy.ackrill@ntlworld.com

What do you think?

Any views on the Newsletter? If so, contact the Parish Clerk.

Your Parish Councillors

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Mr CJ Clarke	01246 851533
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Mrs B Greenall	01246 853509
Mrs B Hall	
Mr R W Marriott	01246 854587
Mr D Rowland	

Police contact telephone number - 07985937709

The Parish Council receives many complaints about the difficulties of contacting the Police. To try to make this easier, the Council has purchased a mobile phone for the local PC, Kerry-Gough McMillan.

Kerry will have the phone with her whilst she is on duty. When she is off duty the phone will be switched off. Messages can still be left however, on the answer phone which Kerry will read when she returns to duty.

Please use the phone to report any information you have which may be useful to the Police. Alternatively you can leave messages in the Police box in the Community Centre or to the Police direct on 0845 1233333. Any crimes in progress should be reported to the Police immediately on this number or, if serious, by dialing 999.

Parish Council Precept

The Parish Council has set a precept for 2005/2006 of £82,000 which represents an increase of 4.46% over last year. The Increase will be used to maintain and improve existing services. facilities.

Responsible Financial Officer

The Council has recently appointed Carolyn Winnard as its Responsible Financial Officer. Carolyn will have responsibility for all the financial matters of the Parish Council. If you wish to discuss any financial matters, Carolyn can be contacted on 01246 856995 or by email cazandwinnie@tesco.net. Her address is 99 North Wingfield Road, Grassmoor S42 5EB.

New Village Signs

The Parish Council has purchased two new village name signs with a mining theme which are situated at both ends of the village. We hope you like them.

Contact us

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