

## “NO! NOT THIS TIME IN GRASSMOOR CAMPAIGN”

**Protest March a Great Success** On Saturday 16 September over 300 people turned out with banners, bins, whistles, drums, and sheer determination to march from Barnes Park to the proposed site, Bennett Fergusson Coal Yard, to protest against Derbyshire County Council's intention to build a large In-Vessel Composting Plant and to relocate the Highways Depot in Grassmoor.

Councillor Betty Hill, along with other Parish Councillors and local MP Natascha Engels led the demonstration carrying a brilliantly designed banner (*thanks to Sue Hill from Corbriggs*). Everyone, from the very young in pushchairs, to the teenagers on their scooters, children, parents, grandparents and great grandparents helped to make the Protest March an overwhelming success. As many of us marched down towards the Coal Yard, it was a welcoming sight to be greeted by Churchside residents led by Doris Harris with rats on her shoulders to show what we may have to contend with, if the site is built. There were people from other surrounding villages, such as Hasland, Corbriggs, Wingerworth and Winsick, as well as Grassmoor people. Many people said it was the first demonstration they had attended. They marched because they felt so strongly about not wanting another dirty, dusty plant in Grassmoor, bringing more Lorries, odious smells and disruption to their lives.

**North East Derbyshire District Council Objects To The Proposals** On Tuesday 12 September, the NEDDC Planning Committee met to discuss the DCC proposal. Their original motion was to object to the large building and to the increased amount of traffic. Grassmoor Councillor, Betty Hill, owing to her involvement in the campaign, had to declare an interest in the campaign and then leave the meeting. But after the presentations by Grassmoor residents, Carol Wither and James Browne and impassioned speeches by councillors such as Terry Fisher and Frank Taylor, the Planning Committee members voted unanimously to object to the whole proposal. This was a heartening success for the campaign.

**Formation of the 'No! Not This Time in Grassmoor' Campaign Group** After the public meeting in Grassmoor Community Centre in July when over 200 Grassmoor people attended to listen to representatives from Derbyshire County Council present the details of the plans for the proposed site at Bennett Fergusson coal yard, 16 people volunteered to form the 'No! Not This Time In Grassmoor' Campaign Group. The Campaign Group has been busy meeting since that day to organise people writing letters to Councillors, delivering campaign leaflets and mainly to prepare for the Protest March in September.

**Your Support is Still Vital** The Campaign Group led by Councillor Betty Hill, wants to thank everybody who had written to Councillors, signed the petition and attended the Protest March. But there is still lots of hard work to carry on the Campaign. We now need to target the Derbyshire County Council Councillors.

If you are willing to:

- write letters of objection to Councillors
- erect a sign in your front garden, particularly if you live on North Wingfield Road
- distribute leaflets
- put up a campaign poster in your window
- join the Campaign Group in visiting other similar composting sites in the UK

then please contact **Councillor Betty Hill** on 01246 852216, or **Susan Brighouse** on 07956010189 or **James Browne** on 01246 857188.

## Parish Council News



### PARISH COUNCIL GAIN QUALITY STATUS

The Parish Council has been successful in its application for the Quality Parish Council Award. The Award was presented to the Parish Council on 12 July by Councillor A Cooke, Vice –Chair of the Derbyshire Association of Local Council’s Accreditation Panel and Mr B Wood, DALC Secretary.

Achieving the Award means that the Parish Council:-

- Is representative of the local community
- Is properly managed
- Works well in partnership with other bodies for the benefit of the community
- Keeps the local community informed of matters that affect them
- Can take on additional local functions if it so wishes



**Councillor Betty Hill, Chairman of the Parish Council** on receiving the Quality Award, expressed her thanks to all those who had worked hard to get the Award and said "I am very proud that the Council has achieved this Award, even more so as we are only the third Council in North East Derbyshire to do so. The Award demonstrates that the Parish Council is well run and that local residents get value for money in the services and facilities we provide"

### TV LICENCE SUBSIDY SCHEME TO CONTINUE

The Parish Council has over the last few years operated a TV Licence subsidy scheme. The scheme which is available to all residents of the Parish including those from Winsick, offers a £10 refund on the licence fee where at least one resident of the household is aged 60 or over.

Changes have been introduced recently by the Government meaning that TV Licences can no longer be purchased at Post Offices. They can now be purchased by phone, post, on line or at pay point outlets.

**Despite the changes, the Parish Council will continue to offer the refund to local residents regardless of how or where the Licence was purchased, provided they meet the terms and conditions of the Scheme. The refund however, can only be claimed from Grassmoor Post Office. Application forms can be obtained from Grassmoor Post Office or the Community Centre.**

### Streetlighting Improvements

The Parish Council has recently approved the funding of new and improved streetlighting on Birkin Lane West and Mansfield Road Winsick to help combat anti-social behaviour problems.

### Remembrance Sunday



This years Remembrance Sunday service will be held on 12 November. The Service is held at the War Memorial, Barnes Park commencing at 10.45am. A procession will leave Grassmoor Methodist Church at around 10.35am and will walk to the War Memorial.



## Your Parish Councillors

Mrs EA Hill (C)	51 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor ,S42 5BA	01246 852216
Mrs PJ Hemsley (VC)	211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5ER	01246 851385
Mr IF Barlow	4 Oak Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5YB	01246 854050
Mr AH Booker	21 MacDonald Close, Grassmoor S42 5EH	01246 856073
Mr CJ Clarke	54 Mansfield Rd, Temple Normanton S42 5DQ	01246 851533
Mrs M Dovinson	41 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor ,S42 5BA	01246 855991
Mr B Garbutt	127 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5EB	01246 850322
Mrs B Greenall	Mile Hill House, Winsick, S41 0JN	01246 274716
Mr K Hemsley	211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5ER	01246 851385
Mr R W Marriott	59 Chapel Road, Grassmoor, S42 5EL	01246 854587

## Information and Help - Useful Contacts

For information and help on the following services contact the appropriate authority as detailed below;

<u>Service</u>	<u>Authority</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Authority</u>
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	NEDDC/GPC
Housing	NEDDC	Street lighting	DCC
Libraries	DCC	War Memorials	GPC

**GPC** Grassmoor, Hasland & Winsick Parish Council c/o Mr R Ackrill, Parish Clerk, 3 Collishaw Close, Hasland, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 0ES. Telephone: 01246 236878.  
 Email: grassmoorpc@ntlworld.com Website: www.grassmoor.org.uk

**NEDDC** North East Derbyshire District Council, Council House, Saltergate, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S40 1LF. Telephone: 01246 231111.  
 Website: www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

**DCC** Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG.  
 Telephone: 08456 058058. Website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk

# Grassmoor Community Centre

## Community Centre Facilities and Activities

### HALLOWEEN DISCO

**FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2006**  
**7.00 PM – 10.00 PM**

Come and enjoy dancing with hobgoblins, monsters and witches.

Fancy Dress competition for children

Lots of fun and games and a raffle  
 Licensed Bar

Entry by Ticket only (limited number)  
 For booking your **FREE** tickets please contact the Community Centre asap  
 On 01246 857900 or call in.

### PILATES CLASSES

Coming soon to Grassmoor Community Centre

7 week course commencing  
 Monday 30 October 2006

**6.00pm: Beginner & Therapeutic Level 1**  
**7.00pm: Intermediate & Fitness Levels 2 & 3**

Please contact Lizzie on 01246 291139 or 07785 923923 for further information/booking form.

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

### New Street Tots

**Every Thursday 9-11am**  
**at the Community Centre**

### Tai Chi Group

**Mondays 2-3pm**

The courses are aimed at the over 50's although all age groups are welcome.

Contact: Susan Gudjonsson  
 0114 2553516

### YOGA CLASSES

Claire Youatt offers a unique teaching style and her classes are in great demand. She is a trained therapist and is able to provide pupils to understand the relationship between a healthy body and mind. It is lucky that she is able to teach at the Centre.

**Tuesdays 6-7.30pm**  
**Grassmoor Community Centre**  
**£4.00**

Comfortable clothing and mat required.  
 For further information contact  
**Claire on 01246 203727**

## Grassmoor Luncheon Club - Mondays and Wednesdays

In the last issue of the Newsletter, it was announced that the Luncheon Club would meet on Wednesdays in addition to the usual Monday lunchtime. Unfortunately staffing difficulties meant that it has not been possible to open on Wednesdays. The appointment of Clare Fagan however, will mean that we will shortly be able to commence opening on Wednesdays. The Club offers an excellent three course meal for only £2.50. For further information contact the Centre on 01246 857900.

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### Community Centre Facilities and Activities

#### Citizen Advice Bureau

**Get FREE advice on everything you need to know!**

**North East Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau – every Monday morning 10am – 2pm in the Grassmoor Community Centre. No queues, just walk in and get qualified advice on welfare benefits, debt advice, consumer rights, employment and housing problems and find out how to complain.**

Here are some recent success stories....

#### **Elderly Person in Fear of Debt**

An elderly person came visited the Citizen Advice Bureau concerned that she and her husband could not meet all their day to day expenses. They did not have debts, but were afraid they would have, particularly when the colder weather arrived.

We identified that the husband, who suffered from Parkinson's disease, had considerable care need which were being met by his wife. They were not claiming any benefits for him other than state pension and occupational pension.

We helped him claim attendance allowance. We also discussed with the wife her health. She admitted that it was a struggle to care for her husband but she had no choice. We helped her to claim attendance allowance for herself.

The couple were very pleased with their increased income but it did not stop there. We explained that they were now entitled to premiums which meant they could claim pension credit on top of their existing pensions and have all their council tax paid.

We also referred them to Social Services and a home help and meals on wheels was organised.

It became apparent that the husband had served in the army and so via our contacts with Royal British Legion we were able to get a grant for a stair lift and a new cooker.

They could now afford taxis to get them out of the house and adequately heat their home.

#### **Young Person's Mental Health Problem**

A young girl and her mother came to ask for advice. The girl had left school but did not feel able to get a job or go to college because of mental health problems. Her mother was concerned because she had lost all the benefits she used to get for her daughter.

We encouraged the girl to go to her GP and obtain a sick note saying that she was unfit for work. We then helped her to claim incapacity benefit and subsequently disability living allowance. She was also able to get an income support top up. This meant that her mother did not have a deduction made to her housing and council tax benefit. We also helped the mother to claim carers allowance for looking after her daughter which increased her own income support payment.

**Through a visit to the CAB office, these clients were able to bring about significant and positive changes in their circumstances which undoubtedly helped change their lives for the better. CAB can help you achieve such changes too—please come and along and let us help you.**

**\*The CAB Advice sessions are funded by Grassmoor, Hasland & Winsick Parish Council.**

# Grassmoor Community Centre

## Community Centre News and Information

### Members of the Community Centre Management Committee

Details of the current membership of the Management Committee along with the contact details for the Secretary are set out below:-

Member	Representing	Telephone
Mrs EA Hill (Chairman)	Parish Council	01246 852216
Mr A Saxton (V. Chairman)	Events Committee	01246 231482
Mrs J Bedford	Luncheon Club	01246 856306
Mr AH Booker	Parish Council	01246 856073
Mrs A Browne	New Street Tots Group	01246 857188
Mr CJ Clarke	Parish Council	01246 851533
Mrs C Fairburn	Tai Chi	01246 853199
Mr R W Marriott	Parish Council	01246 854587
Ms J Langley	Sure Start	01246 852228

**Secretary:** Mr R Ackrill

3 Collishaw Close

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### Centre Staff Coming and Going

**Marie Dovinson**, who has worked at the Community Centre for nearly two years, has left to go to a new job. Staff and the Management Committee wish her well and thank her for all her hard work in ensuring the smooth running of the Centre.

**Tony Holmes** is the new Caretaker and started work at the beginning of October. He is already tidying up and weeding the front borders of the Centre entrance to create a more welcoming approach.

**Clare Fagan** has also started working as the new Café Co-ordinator, which means we will be able to open up the Centre more regularly in the daytime for meals.

With the employment of new staff we look forward to continue to develop the Community Centre to provide more services and leisure pursuits for Grassmoor.

### Jumble Sale

Thanks to Janice Bedford for organising the Centre jumble sale. All proceeds went to Community Centre.

**Want to be a volunteer at the Centre?**

Telephone: 01246 857900.

### Thanks

The Management Committee would like to pass on their sincere thanks to **Janice Bedford** and **Angela Booker** for their continued voluntary work at the Centre. It is greatly appreciated.