

GRASSMOOR, HASLAND & WINSICK PARISH NEWSLETTER



CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN: COUNCILLOR PAM HEMSLEY



It is with great pleasure that I present the re-designed Community Newsletter, I hope it meets with your approval. The idea of the Newsletter is to provide you with information relating to the Parish and there are currently some very important issues affecting the Parish which I would like to draw your attention to.

First of all, Dr Ahmed has retired after 30 years service as the local GP. The practice is being taken over by the Blue Dykes Surgery which is based in Clay Cross. The Parish Council has received assurances from Blue Dyke that it will provide an improved range of services although there may well be a reduced number of surgeries per week. In order that the local Surgery remains viable, it is important that you support the surgery. A statement from Blue Dyke is set out below.

The second issue which affects you is proposed changes to the local government boundaries which will effectively divide Grassmoor in two. There is an article below which explains the changes in more detail. Please join the Parish Council in vigorously objecting to the proposals.

Those of you who have followed the activities of the Parish Council will know that over the last few years, we have devoted a lot of time and energy in pushing the need to clean up the Lagoons. It is pleasing to report that all the necessary funding is now in place and all planning permissions have been obtained and preparation work is commencing on-site. The Parish Council would like to thank the County Council and Remedex, the company undertaking the clean-up works, for their commitment to the project and in particular, Peter Storey from the Council who has worked tirelessly to make the project a reality.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is the latest information on the Lagoons which has been County Council and Remedex which aims to tell you all you need to know about the works to clean up the Lagoons.

On a lighter note, the Parish Council has set its own Facebook page as a means of keeping in touch with the local community. You will find details of what to do later in the Newsletter.

Pam Hemsley, Chairman of the Parish Council

New Beginnings at Grassmoor Surgery

As from 1 April, Grassmoor Surgery has come under the management of Blue Dykes Surgery in Clay Cross. Dr Ahmed has retired after more than 30 years' service to the people of Grassmoor and at Blue Dykes we wish him every happiness in a well-earned retirement.

Contrary to rumour, the surgery in Grassmoor will remain open and indeed, the team at Blue Dykes look forward to improving the range of services available to the people of Grassmoor over the next few years. One advantage of being a larger practice is that the various doctors at Blue Dykes have between them many different skills. We have lady doctors who are experienced in women's health and family planning issues. We have nurses who have been specially trained in asthma and COPD, and doctors involved with diabetes, eye conditions and even acupuncture. We hope with these skills to bring new life to the surgery, and though there will be some changes, we ask that you will give us time to improve things.

Dr J R Mann

Blue Dykes Surgery, Clay Cross

Local Government Boundary Changes

The Local Government Boundary Commission is in the process of reviewing the County Council electoral division boundaries in order to achieve a more equitable distribution of voters across the County electoral divisions. The Boundary Commission's proposals, if approved, would result in Grassmoor effectively being split into two divisions. The proposed new boundaries would mean that part of the village would be in the newly formed Clay Cross North Division (the School and Barnes Park for instance) and the northern end would remain in the Sutton Division (the Community Centre and the Doctor's Surgery).

The Parish Council will also be affected. Whilst the number of councillors (11) will remain unchanged, 7 will represent the electorate in the Sutton Division and 4 will represent the Parish Council in the Clay Cross North Division. Again the Parish Council is opposed to this change.

The Parish Council is concerned that this threatens to split Grassmoor as a community and that it will not receive the representation at County level that its residents deserve. The Commission is currently consulting on the proposals. Details of the proposals and how to comment can be found via the link below or you can write to the Commission: The Review Officer (Derbyshire), Local Government Boundary Commission for England, Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London, EC1M 5LG. You have until 8 June to submit your comments on the proposals.

<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/east-midlands/derbyshire/derbyshire-electoral-review>

The Parish Council would urge you to object to the proposals.

Credit Union

The Parish Council has recently agreed to help support the Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Credit Union. A Credit Union is a co-operative financial non-profit-making organisation, owned and controlled by a group of members. The members collectively pool their savings and make loans to each other at low rates of interest and they offer a unique and flexible way of saving and borrowing and an annual dividend will be paid to members if profits allow. This is paid at the same rate for all savers. Unlike banks, each member of the Credit Union has an equal say in the running of the Credit Union, regardless of how much they have saved. Credit Unions are dedicated to providing excellent member service as well as to ensuring the financial welfare of members, rather than to merely making a profit. As such, Credit Unions strive to provide a personal, fair and safe place for members to save and borrow. The Council would encourage people who may be experiencing financial difficulties to get in touch with the Union rather than taking out loans from elsewhere which may often have extortionate interest rates that will only lead to further debt.

If you would like further details of the Union, contact them by telephone on 01246 278 833, by email at info@cnedcu.co.uk or in writing at 10 Theatre Yard, Low Pavement, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 1PF.

Roadside Seat

The Parish Council has agreed to replace the roadside seat at the junction of North Wingfield Road and Birkin Lane East. The seat was broken several years ago and never replaced. However, the lack of seating was an issue which was raised as an issue in the Parish Plan, so the Parish Council decided to replace it. Replacing other seating in the village will be considered as funds permit.

The Parish Council is aware that some of the seats in Barnes Park are in need of replacement owing to recent vandalism. This is in hand and the new seats should be in place in the near future.

Precept

The Parish Council at its meeting in December 2011, agreed to set a precept of £102,811. This represents a 1% increase on the previous year's precept.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month except August, when there is no meeting. Meetings start at 6.30pm and are held in the Community Centre.

Dog Fouling



Dog fouling is a problem that not only looks horrible and makes a mess on the bottom of your shoes, but is also a serious health hazard, particularly for children. For a start, all faeces contains bacteria that can cause stomach upsets if ingested. However, the greatest risk to public health from dog faeces is toxocariasis. Toxocariasis is an infection of the round worm which leads to disease that is spread via dog faeces and affects the liver and eyes. Young children in particular are at risk due to their weaker immune systems and because they are more likely to inadvertently expose themselves to ingesting the eggs. Dog owners can also ensure that their dogs are wormed regularly as this also prevents toxocariasis.

Please ensure that you clear up after your dog to prevent the spread of disease and to make Grassmoor a better place to live. If you see any one not clearing up after their dogs, please inform the District Council immediately in order that they can take action where appropriate. Contact North East Derbyshire District Council on 01246 231111 or report it on-line via the following link

<http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/environment--planning/environmental-health/dog-control/barking-dog-complaint-form>

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Parish Council will give a commemorative coin to every child in the Parish born on or after 1 September 2001 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. If your child lives in the Parish and attends Grassmoor Primary School, Hasland Infant School, Hasland Junior School, the Parish Council will arrange for your child to receive the coin. If your child is not of school age or attends another school outside the Parish, please contact the Parish Clerk in order to receive the coin.

There will also be a party at the Grassmoor Primary School, most probably on Friday 1 June. The party will be open to all ages. Details have not yet been finalised but please keep a look out for information about the arrangements.

Barnes Park

The Parish Council, backed up by the findings of the Parish Plan, has agreed to look at developing the facilities in Barnes Park. The proposals are at the very early stages of planning and no decisions have been taken and any developments will be subject to the availability of funding. We will be looking to provide new play equipment, disabled access, new paths and a new Pavilion. A major part of the development process will be to listen to what you as local residents feel about the Park and the facilities and activities you would like to see taking place there. So if you have any ideas let us know. We will also be consulting with young people through the School and with others through the various community groups operating in the village. Hopefully in the near future, we will be asking you for your views on the matter so please keep a look out for information about how you can be involved.



Barnes Park – let us know what you want!

The Parish Council on Facebook



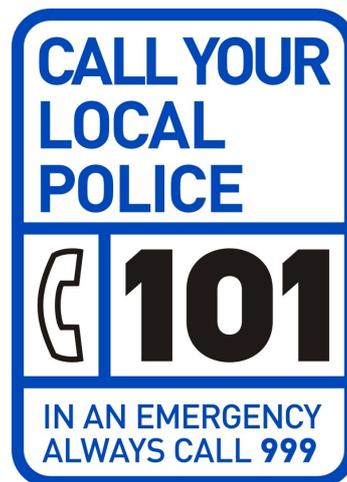
Parish Council now has its own Facebook Page where you will be able to keep an eye on our activities. The aim is to communicate more effectively with local residents by providing you with information electronically. By joining the Parish Council on Facebook you will automatically receive notifications on matters of interest including links to the website which provides a wealth of information on local matters, including this Newsletter. In the longer-term it will save the Parish Council money when communicating with the community.

Simply login to Facebook and search for Grassmoor Parish Council to view our page.



It's that time of the year again when we all want to be outdoors making the best of it, but the summer months can mean more opportunities for crimes to take place. In the Grassmoor area we have recently seen an increase in theft and burglaries from garages, gardens and sheds. By following some simple steps you can help to protect your home and belongings and still make the most of the summer.

- Gates, fencing, walls or hedges should not be more than one metre high so that the front of your property can be seen by passers-by.
- Rear gardens should have fencing at least six feet high. Trellis work on top of fencing panels is not only decorative; it is also difficult to climb over as it breaks easily and noisily.
- Garden gates should be at least the same height and strength as your fencing with hinges securely attached to the gateposts. Locks/padlocks should be of good quality with concealed screws.
- Garden sheds should be kept locked - with a padlock or mortise deadlock as they often contain tools suitable for breaking into your home and valuable equipment such as lawnmowers.
- Secure garden furniture and wheelie bins so that they cannot be used to climb on to gain access to upstairs windows.
- Install security lights to illuminate your garden - they can help deter thieves.
- Mark your metal items with weatherproof marking kits, etching or engraving.
- Make sure any metals are not left in an easily-accessible location.



Did you know that the Police offer free crime prevention advice and security equipment for your home? We currently have a limited supply of free shed alarms and locks. If you are interested please get in touch. Further safety advice can be found at www.derbyshire.police.uk/Safety-advice

A GENERAL REMINDER! If you see any suspicious activity don't worry about 'disturbing the police', your efforts can make a real difference.

Please feel free to contact us for any issues or further information in the following ways:

phone: mobile contact 07790763131 this number is not for reporting crimes or incidents please use 101 the non-emergency number. Always use 999 in an emergency.

email: james.land.4513@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk or sarah.allcock.2303@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

visit: the Police office at Grassmoor Community Centre or complete a 'community contact form' and leave it there for us.

PCSO 4513 LAND & PC 2303 ALLCOCK.

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
Wednesday

1pm – 4pm
7pm – 10pm

Tuesday
Friday

7pm – 10pm
7pm – 10pm



Tired of watching television? 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 **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

Working Communities Project

Wednesday 10am – 1.30pm

(partly funded by Grassmoor Parish Council)

Are you unemployed or facing redundancy and looking for work? You don't have to go it alone! Free information, advice and support is available in your community.

For more information contact North East Derbyshire District Council's Community Employment Officer, Mark Szadura on 01246 217534 or 07973343383

New Street Tots

Thursday **9.00am – 11am**



Mother and Toddler Drop-In for under fives.

For further details contact Janice Bedford on 01246 857900

Zumba Dance Exercise

Thursday **7pm - 8pm**

For more information contact Sue McGregor 07958 673891

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

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Mr IF Barlow	4 Oak Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5YB	01246 854050
Mrs J Bedford	7 Vernon Rise, Grassmoor, S42 5HD	
Mr AH Booker	21 MacDonald Close, Grassmoor, S42 5EH	01246 856073
Mrs A Browne	2 Durham Avenue, Grassmoor, S42 5DL	01246 857188
Mr B Garbutt	127 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5EB	01246 850322
Mr E Grant	Croft House Farm, 1 Gill Lane, Grassmoor S42 5AN	01246 850419
Mr K Hemsley	211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5ER	01246 851385
Mrs EA Hill	51 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor, S42 5BA	01246 852216
Mrs L Thomas	95 North Wingfield Road, Grassmoor, S42 5EB	01246 857787

Officers of the Parish Council

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Responsible Financial Officer: Gary Huckerby	134 Moorland View Road, Walton, Chesterfield S40 3DF	01246 270258

Useful Information and Help - Contacts

<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	GPC/NEDDC
Housing	NEDDC	Street lighting	DCC
Libraries	DCC	War Memorials	GPC
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