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# Trowell Times

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The Official Newsletter of  
Trowell Parish Council

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you readers and contributors who have helped to sustain this publication over the last few years. I have decided to stand down as editor of this esteemed journal, and this will be my last edition. I feel that now is the time to hand over the reins to someone else. I will of course carry on as a parish councillor, and possibly as a contributor. I wish my successor all the best, and I'm sure that the newsletter will go from strength to strength.

*Graham Lockwood*, Editor

### Pit of despair!?

The threat of opencast mining still lingers over the village. After taking advice, and a request from S.O.C.O., the Parish Council supported a petition asking the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles, to 'call in' the application for review. Led by Mrs Potts, local volunteers, including several members of the Parish Council, and the Chair of S.O.C.O., visited every house in the village for signatures.

An estimated total of over 1,200 signatures was obtained, and the petition was delivered to our local M.P., Anna Soubry, for submission to the Secretary of State.

At the time of writing this article, no decision has yet been made.

On behalf of Mrs Potts and the Parish Council, I wish to thank everyone for their efforts, especially volunteers from outside of Trowell.





At Trowell WI we are looking forward to several events during the coming few months. The first is our Members' 51<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party on 15<sup>th</sup> April when we welcome the WI County Chairman, Jane Jefferson and several local WIs, then in May we have our Annual Meeting, so our next normal monthly meeting, when visitors are very welcome, is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, when we have a "Talk with a Difference" which involves Pottery.

We have also arranged a **Coach Outing to Southport**, which is open to all, on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Southport has something for everyone, with parks, gardens, a lake, pier, excellent shops, model railway and even a lawnmower museum. The cost is £12 and if you would like to book a place telephone our member Brenda Macdonald on 0115 9289761.

We all had a great evening at our Ladies' Beetle Drive on 4<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone had a lot of fun and the hot sausage and onion cobs were very welcome. We also had a most interesting open evening on 18 March when David Coleman came to tell us tales of being in the local pits. There were several men in the audience who also enjoyed his talk. We are planning another open evening on 15<sup>th</sup> July when there will be some entertainment.

Members are also taking part in many events organised by Notts County WI which include lunches, speakers, walks, golf, Scrabble, bridge, craft days, a visit to Staythorpe Power Station, and a short break in London looking at gardens. So there is a great deal going on in the WI. Ladies – come along to our events and see what is happening. Don't forget our monthly Darts evenings also in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> July. Everyone pays £1.50 and there is a cuppa, biscuits, a chat and some fun.

More information from Pat Wilson 0115 9287051 and our full programme and more information is also on the Trowell website.

#### School Sale

**Table Top**  
**SALE**

'Friends of Trowell School' are having a table-top sale on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 9am-12 mid-day at Trowell Parish Hall. Come along grab a bargain. Cost per table is £5 in advance, £10 on the door subject to availability. Contact Nerys on 07403708664.

#### Keep in 'Shape'

A 'shape' charity keep-fit event in aid of Parkinson's is to be held at Trowell Parish Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> May 10am-2pm. Contact Teresa on 07854 967043 to get your ticket. Cost is £5.



### Saving Lives in Trowell.



Following on from a suggestion made by a current Parish Councillor, & feedback received from a First Aid course held at the Parish Hall last year, a Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) has been installed at Trowell Parish Hall. The unit is mounted on the front wall of the building, to the left of the main doors, & was supplied & fitted, at no cost to the Parish Council by the East Midlands Ambulance Service. The Parish Council is extremely grateful for this act of generosity.

In order to access the CPAD, an access code is required. This code will be provided after dialling 999 in the event of an emergency which is related to a cardiac arrest, chest pain or breathing difficulties report.

The Parish Council sincerely hopes that the equipment is never needed, but is happy in the knowledge that it is available to the residents of Trowell, 24 hours a day, in case of an emergency.

### Trowell Christmas Event 2013

Once again, the Trowell Village Festival Committee is pleased to report that last November's Christmas Event was successful. Thanks to local generosity, we were able to donate £340 to the Hope Charity, along with 2 boxes of non-perishable food items. We have already written to Trowell School, thanking the pupils who took part in the lovely starlight carol singing. We hope they will come back again this year. Thanks, also, to our Santa, and Geoff Lamb, who brought along his steam organ, which played carols, and was situated in the car park.

These types of events, we feel, are vital to strengthening the community spirit within Trowell, especially as we are going through difficult times at the moment, most of which are out of our control. Therefore, we are planning a summer event in July to promote community spirit, and to "keep Trowell alive". Hopefully, this will take the form of a community tea party, an evening music event and a display about our local history over the past 100 years, along with details of current community activities. More details will be sent out when finalised, but if anyone feels they would like to help out on the day, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please call Sue Williams (8750797) or Julie Bryant (9491760) if you think you could help.

### Beaver away

Beavers colony at Trowell is currently being run by parents. We are looking for one or two people to take over. The parents and the scouting association will con-



tinue to help and guide. The guarantee is that you'll have so much fun in providing the kids with a variety of activities in a club they love. If you're interested please ring Jeremy on 07788184256 to find out more details.



40 years of rebuilding lives after spinal cord injury

# “Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury”

**Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work, or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper, but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and so we want to make the matter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives, by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury, and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email [fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk) or visit [www.siafishandchips.co.uk](http://www.siafishandchips.co.uk)



**TROWELL**  
**A LOOK BACK AT THE 1940/1950s**  
**BY David Leslie Thompson (Continued from the Christmas edition )**

I was born at Highbury Vale Hospital, Nottingham on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1944, and then lived at 106, Ilkeston Road Trowell, the first son of Mavis and George Thompson.

We lived with my mother's parents, at 106, Ilkeston Road until moving into our own new home sometime around 1949/50, at 23, Derbyshire Avenue, Trowell.

I don't remember anything about my early days, from birth in 1944 to 1949. I don't even remember my grandparents Samuel and Alice White, who we lived with, or even when they died, sadly. They also had a son, my uncle Jeff, who later on lived off Stapleford Road at Trowell Grove. He was a bus conductor for Bartons, and later on became a bus driver.

I also had what I thought was an older brother, who it turned out to be, was my stepbrother, but I never knew this until much later in my life. Just before moving house my parents had another son, my younger brother Colin. Some years later a sister, Alison, was born, but sadly died shortly after birth.

I do remember my few doors away at Edith Potter, both of worked full time at we spent many hours learned to help with huge garden with cultivated by my that I remember was

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two great-aunts who lived a 96, Ilkeston Road; May and them spinsters. They both Chilwell Depot, and as kids in their garden where we the gardening. It was a many fruit trees, entirely great- aunts. Another thing that they had a darts board

in the kitchen, and taught us to play darts, dominoes and many different types of card games. I think that we were sent to their house so that we would be out of the way of my grandparents..

They would continue to play a big part in our upbringing, taking us for trips out, joining us for Christmas, and lots of other treats. Sadly Auntie May died shortly after we moved to Derbyshire Avenue, but Auntie Edie (Edith) lived on, and I continued to visit her every week until her death in the 1980s. She moved to the sheltered accommodation on Church Close, where she still played cards with the other residents, gambling with matches rather than money!

She used to say that eating well was the secret of a long life, never, as far as I know, a smoker, but she was partial to a very small sherry occasionally, (Dale Abbey Cream). What happened to that brand?

On a Sunday morning, when I used to visit her, usually near to dinner time, the kitchen would be full of smoke and fumes as she grilled her Sunday meat, all quite normal to her and no such thing as meat cooked 'rare' in her time, and obviously no smoke alarm either!

**To be continued.....**



LADIES HARMONY CHORUS AND GUESTS  
INVITE YOU TO  
AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC



WITH TEA AND SCONES



SUNDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014 3.00 - 5.00 p.m.  
IN TROWELL PARISH HALL  
Proceeds to

**Dementia** <sup>UK</sup>

Improving quality of life

Registered Charity No. 1039404

**Tickets: £5 each**

**For tickets and further information contact:-**

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## **Two step into the breach to give service to the community of Trowell**

Following on from the resignation of Councillors Kilby and Rigby, two new councillors have stepped into the breach.

Councillor Colleen Searle was co-opted by the council, and Councillor Sue Williams was returned unopposed in the recent by election. We wish Dave Kilby and Councillor Ken Rigby all the best in their future endeavours, and thank them for their contributions during their time as parish councillors. In particular, Councillor Rigby has served this council for many years, and at the time of standing down was by far and away the longest serving Councillor of those members currently sitting on the council.

Here are some brief potted biographies of our two new members:



Susan is a 58 year-old mother of two, with a seven year-old grandson. She is married to a retired IT specialist, and together, they run a mobile vegetarian catering business.

Having moved to Trowell in 2006, she has made herself at home in the village.

She regularly helps at St Helens Lunch Club, where her love of cooking has made her many friends in the village.

She joined the Festival Committee to give support to village activities, and when the chairperson retired, was asked if she would like to take the position. After a little persuasion, she accepted and has been delighted with the events that have been held.

Susan enjoys walking the Nottingham Canal, Erewash Canal, River Erewash, and the wonderful walks in the local woods and fields, something to be enjoyed at any time of the year. Nature is very important to her.

We live in a beautiful village, and Susan wants to put time and energy into helping keep Trowell a great place to live.

Having taken on an allotment last year, she will be staying around the village for a long time.



Colleen has lived in Trowell since 1989. She is married with a teenage daughter and a faithful but ageing dog.

She worked in financial services at the NAAFI for 20yrs prior to being made redundant in 1997, due to the business being relocated.

Her interests include the countryside and Trowell retaining its green-belt and village status.

**TROWELL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
will be held at the Parish Hall on

**TUESDAY, 29th APRIL, 2014, AT 7.30p.m.**

**This year's Guest Speaker will be Mr. Tony Richmond, Volunteer Community Fund-raiser of HOPE Nottingham, which was the Trowell Festival Village Committee's chosen charity in 2013.**

**At the conclusion of business refreshments will be served in the lounge.**

Residents are cordially invited to meet Parish Councillors and Borough & County Councillor, Cllr. Ken Rigby and ask questions on the following issues or any matters of concern. Questions can be submitted in writing or email prior to the meeting via the Parish Office too. Due to printing deadlines the following figures are for the period 1-4-13 to 31-3-14 & were correct at the time of going to press, but of course, are subject to audit.

**Parish Hall & Grounds Committee** – a total expenditure of £XXXXXX included the following costs:

Running expenses, repairs & maintenance - £XXX    Play equipment repair & maintenance - £XXXX

Caretaking - £XXXX Internal redecoration - £XXXX

**Planning & Environment Committee** – a total expenditure of £XXXXXX included the following costs:

Boundary Sign Planters – £XXXXXX

**Finance & General Purposes Committee** – a total expenditure of £XXXXXX included the following costs:

Administration – £XXXXXX                      Insurance - £XXXX                      Christmas lights - £XXXXXX

Security Patrols - £XXXX                      Newsletters - £XXXXXX                      Christmas event - £XXXXXX

CCTV maintenance - £XXXX                      Summer event - £XXXXXX

**Issues covered by your Parish Council over the last 12 months included:**

Co-ordination of the Charity Village Christmas Event.

Continuation of an "Open Forum" for residents prior to full council meetings.

Installation of a new grit bin in the village.

Redecoration works at the Parish Hall.

Reintroduction of the village Christmas lighting scheme.

**Plans for 2014/15 include:**

Ongoing additions to the Christmas lighting scheme.

Some further internal redecoration at the Parish Hall.

Continuation of the Parish Council Newsletter.

Continued support of groups such as S.O.C.O. etc.

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