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Although we always seem to be fighting various developments that could have a negative impact on our village, we should also celebrate those of a much more positive nature. This edition contains articles on two of the events that have taken place to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Festival of Britain. Both were highly successful, thanks in no small part to your participation. The third event to complete the trilogy will be the Christmas event in November, which should be a fitting climax to such a tremendous year.

Graham Lockwood, Editor

A 'DIAMOND' EVENT

Over 300 people visited the Festival of Britain 60th anniversary celebration event and exhibition on 18th June, held at the Parish Hall. Approximately 250 people signed the visitors' book. Most of the visitors were local residents, or from just outside the village; however, we had visitors from as far afield as Yorkshire, Manchester and Middlesex. A sample of the comments are as follows:



"Fascinating. Well done all of you."

"A fabulous day with lots of great mementos of Trowell."

"Thanks to all concerned – a marvellous effort."

"A great community spirit, the Church beautiful and Parish Hall. Just what we need." Special congratulations are due to St Helen's Church for the wonderful arts, crafts and

flower event. All who visited it were very impressed with the exhibition and the beautiful flower displays. A particular highlight was the superb mosaic picture of the Festival of Britain logo, de-

signed by pupils of Trowell C of E School, and the beautiful accompanying flower display by Dora Attenborrow. It was also wonderful to view the Festival Queen sash of 1976, and a special thank you-letter has been forwarded to Amanda Valenzuela (née Jeffs) who now lives in Spain. Both events demonstrated the strong sense of community spirit and excellent co-operation between local groups, the Historical Society and individual people. The decision to select Trowell in 1951 as the Festival of Britain village

was the correct one. A memory folder is being put together as a permanent reminder about the event, and for the benefit of future celebration events.

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MUSIC NIGHT

On Saturday August 13th the Trowell Festival Committee, on behalf of Trowell Parish Council, held a music



event for the residents of Trowell and their guests. This was another event in the continuing celebrations of the Festival of Britain.

71 people attended to hear, sing along with and dance to Paul James, a tribute singer specialising in music of the 50s and 60s.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and the evening was over much too quickly. Committee members were particularly delighted to see residents from Church Close in attendance.

A raffle was held, the proceeds of which will go to Trowell C of E primary School, together with monies raised from the sale of tickets to non-

residents. Funds raised at the summer event and any potential fund-raising at the forthcoming Christmas event will also be donated to our school in the New Year. The money raised will be used to purchase some items for the pupils to remember the Festival of Britain by.

The Festival Committee would like to thank all those who attended, and who made it such an enjoyable evening. We look forward to seeing you in November for the Christmas event. Details will be published nearer the time.

IT'S IN THE BAG

Every household by now should have received a special commemorative shopping bag through their letter-box, with the compliments of Trowell Parish Council and the Festival Village Committee. If you have not received one, please let us know and we will make sure that one is sent to you.

Under-Fives' Play Equipment Update – August 2011.

Progress is being made towards in-



stalling new under-fives' play equipment in the parish hall play park. Parish councillors have agreed a design with their contractors, Proludic, for a pre-school scheme. The entire project will cost in excess of £8,000 & will include a slide, cradle swings & a "springer", along with all the necessary safety surfacing.

The Clerk is currently seeking funding towards this project, which the Parish Council has agreed will be funded through the Parish Hall Long Term Projects Fund, external grants & grants provided by Cllr. Rigby in his capacity as County Councillor.

It is hoped that this project will be completed by late 2011/early 2012.



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COME AND JOIN US!

After the May council elections the parish council found itself with three vacant posts. We were fortunate in being able to co-opt three people to fill these vacancies. However, subsequent to the co-opting two more councillors have decided that due to various circumstances, they felt it necessary to resign from the council.

We therefore need two more volunteers to enable the council to be at its maximum strength of eleven members.

The duties of a parish councillor are basically to represent the views of parishioners, and to make decisions that will hopefully improve the lot of Trowell parishioners.

We meet ten times a year in full council; the months of August and December do not have a full council meeting.

Councillors also serve on the four main committees, which convene three times a year. There may also be ad hoc working parties and committees that are convened from time to time.

The positions are unpaid, but mileage allowances are paid for journeys out

side of the parish.

The job of councillor is what you make of it, but it can be very fulfilling and satisfying. Giving something back to the community you live in is very satisfying. We all have skills and experience that we can use to enhance the lot of our village.

If you would like to join the parish council, please contact the Clerk, whose details are on the parish council website at www.trowell.org.uk, or on the parish council notice boards.

Parish councils have existed for more than 111 years. Please consider being part of this grass roots organisation, no other local government institution gets so close to the people it serves.

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS EVENT

The date for the 2011 Christmas Event



will be Friday 25th November and the theme will continue with the Festival of Britain

celebrations. Local

groups and organisations who wish to run a stall can make an early booking by calling Brenda Cobon on 0115 9171621. The number of tables and space in the parish hall is limited, therefore early booking is recommended.

MEMORIES FOR THE FUTURE

On the 4th July all pupils at Trowell C of E School



were presented with a set of commemorative gifts by the chair of

Trowell Parish Council, Mrs Julie Bryant, to enable them to build up their own memories of Trowell and their time at the school. The gift bags included a pencil, ruler and bookmark, all of which included the Festival of Britain logo. The gifts were given by Trowell Parish Council and the Festival Village Committee to complement the hard work undertaken by the pupils in their study of the Festival of Britain, and the design of the mosaic.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2011



Plans for the 2011 Christmas lighting scheme continue to move forward. Suggested locations for lighting displays have been submitted to Nottinghamshire County Council for consideration and advice. It is hoped to replace the previously used pearlites with more up to date, eco-friendly uplighters in trees at various points around the village. Consideration is also being given to how to tackle the issue of the village Christmas tree, which sadly was vandalised in 2010. The parish council wishes to acknowledge the help & support of Nottinghamshire County Council, Cllr. McGann, Cllr. Mrs. McGann & Cllr. Rigby with this project. The parish council also intends to light the parish hall & the car park as in previous years. The parish clerk is currently liaising with local contractors in this regard.



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A new club has been set up in Bramcote on Thursday evenings to enable people to have a

it's up to you where you begin. Some people choose a slow amble around the course, enjoying the scenery and taking time over the map, while others prefer to

ing the countryside and it is a sport that can be done individually, or with the rest of the family at a relatively low cost. It will improve your mental agility, so would

Praise from recent newcomers to orienteering:

"The activities are exceptionally well organised and enjoyable! You forget you are exercising."

"It's more interesting than going for a run."

"It lets me spend time with my parents doing something fun"

"It was good exercise and fun finding the clues and using the dither." (computerised gadget that logs results)

"With some very basic training from really friendly people it was much easier than I expected. In fact on the very first day I actually did two courses because I had such fun on the first one."

"It's the perfect combination of brain training and gentle exercise. More fun than the Wii any day!"

go at the fun activity of 'Orienteering'. So if you're feeling a bit sluggish, or just want to improve your map reading skills, why not give orienteering a go?

What does orienteering make you think of?

Muddled army officers on manoeuvres? Something that is done by other people who are fitter, younger and sportier than you?

The reality of orienteering is very different to these stereotypes. All orienteering courses are graded in difficulty so

race against the clock!

Most events are open to beginners, with helpful marshals on hand with advice and support.

The basic idea is that you are given a map to follow, and you need to find certain key points (called controls) in order along the way. Courses vary in length and technical difficulty, and are organised year round at various scenic locations in Nottinghamshire and beyond.

All levels of fitness are catered for. It's a fun way to get fitter whilst enjoy-

even suit those who prefer a good crossword to a cross country run!

The club meets in Bramcote Park at around 6.30pm on Thursday 8th and 15th September, then the same time at the University Sports centre for the winter.

The prices are £3 for adults and £1 for children.

For more information see www.noc-uk.org or contact Catherine Hughes on 07940 575758 or club@noc-uk.org.



WI

At Trowell WI we have now started our 49th year and have a new President who is Carol Nisbet. Pat Wilson continues as Secretary. We also have a new programme which started in July and shows all our monthly speakers and activities through to July 2012. Copies are available at all our monthly meetings for anyone who comes along to see what we do. These are on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Trowell Parish Hall, so on 20th September we have a "Name the Object" sort of quiz. On 18th October we learn about Eating on a Budget and on 15th November we do Tai'Chi. We are also having a Fashion Show by SOS Fashions on Tuesday 1st November at 7.30pm in the Trowell Parish Hall; tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine and light refresh-

ments. Clothes can be bought on the night, and there will also be some stalls.

We are having our usual Christmas Concert by Ilkeston Brass on Saturday 5th December; tickets are £5 including light refreshments and a 'Welcome to the New Year Barn Dance' on 7th January 2012. We had a great Skegness outing in July and are now planning a Christmas visit to Shugborough Hall.

We continue with our popular Ladies' Darts Social evenings. The next one is on Wednesday 7th September at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall. Come and have a cuppa and a chat, see what we do and if you can hit the board! More will be arranged during the autumn. Tickets and more information from Pat Wilson on 0115 9301337, and our full programme is on the Trowell website.

TROWELL LADIES CHOIR

Trowell Ladies' Choir meet again after our summer break on Monday 5th September in the Church Hall Extension

on Nottingham Road, Trowell from 7.30 to 9pm. We are a very friendly, lively group of about 18 ladies who enjoy singing light well-known songs, and are available to entertain at local care homes and some other events. We also do the odd comedy sketch and/or reading. We meet every Monday evening as above and would welcome any ladies who might like to come along and see what we do. There are no auditions and it is not necessary to read music as if you enjoy singing, you will probably know the songs anyway! You will be provided with the music and there will be help if you are not used to it. Do come and see us, or contact Pat Wilson on 0115 9301337, if you would like more information, either to sing or to be entertained.