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# Trowell Times

## Spring 2015

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The Official Newsletter of  
Trowell Parish Council

In this edition we are inviting residents to 2 upcoming events which we hope will be useful and informative. Firstly the Annual Parish Meeting on 28th April (further details on the back page) where residents can find out what has been happening over the last year, what is coming up and ask questions about Parish Council business. Secondly we are hosting a Later Life Matters event on 11th May (further details below) which will offer information and advice about care and support, either for now or in the future. Julie Bryant, Editor

### GOOD NEWS SPOT

Thanks to a successful Christmas Event at the Parish Hall, St Helen's Luncheon Club has received a further donation to continue with transport arrangements for collecting residents and delivering them home. Also, the Parish Council were very pleased that Stan Partridge's family chose the Parish Hall to celebrate his 100th birthday. More details are inside.

### LATER LIFE MATTERS

What are the choices for people who need later life care and support in Trowell?

**A FREE EVENT FOR TROWELL RESIDENTS ON  
MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015, AT THE PARISH HALL**

An opportunity to hear presentations and visit stalls for information and advice from a variety of organisations

Session 1: 9.45 am to 12.00 **OR** Session 2: 12.45 pm to 3.00 pm  
*Refreshments will be available throughout both sessions*

**Early booking is essential as places are limited.  
Lifts may be available on request**

To book a place: E-mail: [trowelllaterlifeevent@outlook.com](mailto:trowelllaterlifeevent@outlook.com)  
OR Call: 0115 8751037

Confirmation of booking and a programme will be sent nearer the date.

*PLEASE NOTE: Trowell Parish Council does not endorse any of the organisations who will be present. The aim is to provide a forum where residents can access information and advice in order to make up their own minds.*

## TROWELL FESTIVAL VILLAGE COMMITTEE

After our success at the Christmas event last year, we are looking forward to making this year's event even better. We would like to thank the children from Trowell School for opening the event so beautifully, with their carol singing.

Having met twice this year so far, we have decided that we will not hold a summer event, as we found it hard not to clash with other groups. We have decided, instead, to look at having a Village Venture event, for the whole family, later in the year. We are waiting to see what is available, and will let you know via the notice boards and newsletter. Work is in progress to set up our own page on the Parish Council website which will improve our communication with everyone.

I do have a request, though. We are looking for new people to come onto the committee, to bring us new ideas and new energy. We hold 4 or 5 meetings a year, and they are held in the mornings and evenings, to fit in with us all. We are a friendly group, and look to keeping Trowell alive and growing into the future. It will cost you nothing but some of your time to support your village and keep the community spirit alive. **If you are interested in participating, please contact Susan Williams, on 0115 875 0797.**

### **St. Helens Luncheon Club**

We are a non profit making organisation, bringing older people together, on Fridays, for a group meal. This is a much enjoyed get together for local people over 55. Last year we lost the subsidised transport from Notts County Council, which collected our housebound guests. Having received some extra funding from the parish council, the Festival Committee Christmas charity money, Ken Rigby, and the Wednesday church meeting group, for which we are most grateful. This has enabled us to continue to support these guests. Thanks to Patrick, our local minibus driver, we have been able to transport them to and from their homes, so they can continue to enjoy meeting their friends for a chat over lunch.

The cooks and helpers all volunteer their time and enjoy getting together with our guests. However, we do now have a need for some new volunteers, as some of us deserve to take a seat and enjoy the day. We work on a 4/5 week rota and do not run through public holidays or school holidays, So if you feel that you can offer us some of your free time, and help save a long standing village group, you would be warmly welcomed.

**If you feel you could help, please call Susan Williams on 0115 875 0797, or Pauline Hughes on 0115 944 1977.** We would love you to come and join us and enjoy the company.



## Stanley Partridge – a grand old man of Trowell

By Jane Farmer



My father, Stanley Partridge, celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in January this year. His celebrations began with a wonderful party with many of his friends and family at Trowell Parish Hall. It was a fantastic event, the deputy mayor of Broxtowe attended and Dad was amazed when he saw so many people wishing him well. During his thank you speech he said, 'even the Queen couldn't have had better!' His actual birthday was 2 days later and one of the highlights was the much prized card from the Queen herself. The opening of all the cards and gifts took most of that day but there was a trip to The Wollaton for lunch, surrounded by balloons and banners and great staff who made a big fuss of him. The following day there was yet another party held in the Community Room at the bungalows on Church Close, organised by the residents there and generously funded by Broxtowe Council. Dad couldn't have asked for a better end to his first century.

Dad was born in 1915 in Ilkeston during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War and lived there until about 1936 when he moved over the border into Trowell. He knows this area very well and of course is well known himself. His only time away from the area was for 6 years during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War when he was called up and became an anti-aircraft gunner in the army. He was posted out to Africa and Italy and has happy memories of this time of his life. He met my mother whilst stationed in Leicester and they married before he was sent abroad.

They were happily married for just short of 68 years when sadly Mum passed away on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, a sad time for everyone but Dad was determined to carry on, with the help from his family and reach his long-term goal of reaching 100.

Obviously the world has changed dramatically in those 100 years, some things for the better, some for the worse but in Dad's eyes his fondest memories are of his carefree days as a boy, singing in the church choir, playing on his roller skates, helping out in the local butcher's shop before going to school and spending time with his uncle, the Stationmaster, at the Ilkeston Train Station in the days of steam.

Like so many people in this area he spent most of his working life at Stanton Ironworks, in a heavy manual job in concrete. In later life, once retired, he spent many happy hours gardening for others (often heard to say he did gardening for old people even though he was in his late 80s at that time). He helped out at the local newsagents/off-licence on Sundays, with heavy lifting, after delivering the Sunday morning papers throughout Trowell. He never learned to drive but has always ridden a bicycle until about 3 years ago. No weakling and certainly not a shirker, we all put his longevity and excellent health partially down to his hard work.

His full and happy life has certainly given him much to talk about and one of his favourite phrases is, 'shall I reminisce?' He loves to tell a tale or two and see people smile and laugh with him. When he reached his century goal I wondered what his next dream would be. His immediate response when I asked him was, 'I want to beat that woman who reached 114'

Watch this space!



## DOG FOULING—HELP TO ELIMINATE POTENTIAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

Residents in Trowell have raised a concern regarding dog fouling in many areas around the village, including Nottingham Road, Ilkeston Road and the grassed areas. Whilst most dog owners are responsible about cleaning up their dog's mess, there is a minority who seem to have no respect for the implications and the consequences of dog mess that is left on the pavement and grassed areas in the village.

Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard. Dog fouling in public places, e.g. on grass or play areas where children may play, can cause Human Toxocariasis if they should get dog mess on their hands or face. Humans can become infected by the ingestion of eggs in soil contaminated by dog faeces. In extreme cases infection can be devastating. Eye disorders are the most commonly reported complaint associated with Toxocariasis from dog fouling. This happens by the transportation of larvae via the retinal artery and tear duct, potentially causing blindness through the growth of non-malignant tumours. Other flu like symptoms are not so obvious and can include aches, dizziness, nausea, wheezing and epilepsy in some cases. Measures to prevent cross infection include hand washing and washing vegetables to be eaten raw. ([www.patient.co.uk/doctor/toxocariasis](http://www.patient.co.uk/doctor/toxocariasis))

Remember that this could be on your carpet if you have trodden in dog mess where children may be playing. Broxtowe Borough Council's policy is to require dog owners to carry a poop scoop and disposable bags when they take their dogs out in public places including footpaths and open spaces. They will issue a fixed penalty notice of £50 to owners who are witnessed failing to clean up after their dog and failure to pay will result in the council pursuing a case through the Magistrates court which carries a penalty of £1000. Incidents can now be reported either on line or via a mobile phone app. See Broxtowe's Ten Point Code for Dog Owners for more information, available on its website, [www.broxtowe.gov.uk](http://www.broxtowe.gov.uk)

All we would like is for every dog owner to be more responsible and take their dog droppings home or deposit them in the bins provided, rather than them end up on other people's carpets.

Happy dog walking and poop scooping!!



## **TROWELL**

### **A LOOK BACK AT THE 1940/1950s**

Many neighbours in the late 1940s in Ilkeston Road kept chickens, and cultivated their gardens producing lots of their own fruit and vegetables, a continuation from the War years when everyone was encouraged to cultivate their land, and grow your own crops. But the Pigs and pig sties was what I remember most, as quite a few people on Ilkeston Road reared their own pigs, boiling up the food for their feeding times, many pig breeders used the old boilers rebuilt outside near to the pig sty's to boil the pig food. I presume later on the pigs went for slaughter, but I have no idea where that took place, but do remember them being transported away.

The houses on the opposite side also had large rear gardens that backed onto the Railway, and still do. Just up the Road from us Flints on Ilkeston road bred and raced pigeons very successfully as I remember, later on in our teens quite a few youths raised pigeons in their back gardens, but not with the success of the Flints. Pigeon racing was very popular and most days pigeons could be seen released at Trowell Railway station, after being sent there by train in wicker baskets. These baskets were then returned empty to their starting point by train. Releasing the pigeons would be the station porter's job, and usually took place on the station bridge, outside the main entrance to the railway station opposite Trowell Forge.

The pigeons on release would circle the station always three times before setting off to find their home loft. The time of release would be recorded and when they arrived home a ring from their legs would be entered into a machine that stopped the clock and recorded the time. The quickest time recorded winning the race. Many a teenager in Trowell kept a few pigeons but few actually raced them.

We were allocated a new home being built on Derbyshire Avenue, and moved in as soon as it was finished, which I think was in 1949/50. Being relatively poor we had to find things to do to keep ourselves occupied, as toys were rather thin on the ground, for most families, so helping out in the garden, going on expedition with Dad collecting pea sticks and Bean poles from Short wood, after the walk up Cossall Lane (Whites Lane), Dad telling both us and other children, that he had recruited to the expedition, that he would show us how Robin Hood lived and made Bows and Arrows in the woods. A great story but in truth we were really there to help him gather and carry his Pea and Bean poles home. Funny how the best type of saplings for our Bows made even better Runner bean sticks. I wonder if Robin Hood did visit Shortwood, maybe collecting saplings for his long bow or his bean sticks.

**David Leslie Thompson (continued from the last edition )**

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

# TROWELL PARISH COUNCIL THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

will be held at the Parish Hall on

**TUESDAY, 28th APRIL, 2015, AT 7.30p.m.**

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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 1-4-14 to 28-2-15 & were correct at the time of going to press but of course are subject to audit.

**Parish Hall & Grounds Committee** – a total expenditure of £22,221.21 included the following costs:  
Running expenses, repairs & maintenance - £8,293.48    Play equipment repair & maintenance - £571.00  
Caretaking - £12,581.85    Grounds Maintenance - £774.88

**Planning & Environment Committee** – a total expenditure of £1,651.98 included the following costs:  
Boundary Sign Planters – £1180.00    Field Farm Meadow - £439.00    Grit storage bin - £28.99

**Finance & General Purposes Committee** – a total expenditure of £41,578.65 included the following costs:  
Administration – £26,032.48    Insurance - £2,418.97    Christmas lights - £6,283.15  
Security Patrols - £3,454.66    Newsletters - £790.53    Christmas event - £545.66  
CCTV maintenance - £540.84    Annual Subscriptions - £1,004.60    Summer event - £129.05

**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.  
Further development of the village Christmas lighting scheme.  
Staff training.  
Boundary sign floral displays.  
Policy & procedures improvements.  
Review of banking arrangements.  
HS2.  
Greenbelt Review.  
Various planning issues.

**Plans for 2015/16 include:**

Ongoing additions to the Christmas lighting scheme.  
Continuation of the Parish Council Newsletter.  
Continued support of local groups.  
Support of a Later Life information event.

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