

# Trowell Times

Christmas 2012

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The Official Newsletter of Trowell Parish Council

We hope that you find this latest edition of Trowell Times informative and entertaining. Speaking of entertainment there are some enjoyable events coming up which are detailed in this edition, and we hope that you will be able to attend as many as possible during the run up to the festive season.

On a more serious note, we have articles on the current housing proposals and the opencast threat. Please let us have your thoughts on these matters; replies to the Clerk at tpc@gotadsl.co.uk, or send to the Parish Hall, Stapleford Road. Please use these contact points for any articles or advertisements. \*\*graham fockwood\*\*, Editor\*\*



The Trowell Festival Village Committee looks forward to seeing residents at this year's Christmas Event. The theme is the celebration of Great Britain in 2012,incorporating the Queen's jubilee, the Olympics and the Paralympics. Patriotic dress would be most welcome. Proceeds will be donated this year to Trowell Pre-School.

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The following is a brief outline as to how Broxtowe Borough Council has progressed with the aligned core strategy (proposed new housing), so far:

Aligned core strategy (proposed new housing)
Background

The government requires local councils (excluding parish and town councils), to produce a strategy which will be sound for fifteen years and bevond in terms of safeguarding such items as the green belt. However, as part of this policy councils must also identify housing needs, and working with neighbouring authorities, identify sites where housing can be accommodated. Using an agreed formula, the total number of houses needed for Greater Nottingham was found to be 52,050, of which Broxtowe's allocation is 6,250, or 12% of the total. This is the smallest allocation of any of the Greater Nottingham councils, because we are the most densely populated borough.

# What's happening to the Green Belt?

Broxtowe's previous local plan has now expired,

so technically there is now no green belt. However, Broxtowe has been told by the Government that it will still consider the previous plan, providing that the council continues working towards the new plan.



#### Where are we now?

**Broxtowe Council has** voted to progress with the core strategy and named two specific sites, namely Field Farm Trowell, and the Boots' site. Other sites are being considered in other parts of the borough, but no specific sites have been decided upon as yet. The consultations which have taken place on the two named sites will be presented to the relevant council committee in November. After this, a vote will be taken on whether to continue with the policy, and if passed, further site specific consultations will take place.

## When will it be decided?

It is hoped that the public examination process will

be completed by next summer (2013). If accepted after the examination, it is hoped that the plan will be adopted by autumn 2013, and run until 2028. The government requires a supply of housing for the periods 2013 to 2018, 2018 to 2023 and 2023 to 2028, plus a percentage overrun. Finding sufficient land for the first period is challenging, as the industrial land at Boots is unlikely to be ready in time. Following on from the public enquiry in 2000 regarding Field Farm, and the subsequent inspector's report, it makes it very difficult to justify retaining this land as green belt. This is made more difficult still as 1.5% of the green belt will need to be redesignated to meet the housing targets. Field Farm is now subject to a live planning application, and any objections still to be made will be considered

It should be noted, yet again, that Trowell Parish Council has objected to any new housing on our green belt land.

# 1st Trowell Uniformed Groups



1 st Trowell Scouts is an active group, with members aged between 10 and 14 ½. We meet weekly (term time only) on a Friday evening 7.30 to 9.00pm at St. Helen's Church Hall, Nottingham Road, Trowell.

Scouts work together in small groups or 'patrols', and with the support of an adult leader, choose and run some of the activities themselves.

Members can take part in a wide range of exciting activities from adventure sports, zooming down zip wires to playing fun games, from taking part in community projects, to the performing arts. They have been camping, and spent holidays in Britain and further afield, most recently in Switzerland (2011).

If you would like to join us, whether as a Scout or leader, or just want to know a little more, please contact Jeremy Prentice on 0115 9490298 for further details.

1st Trowell Cubs are aged fun! between 8 and 10. They meet weekly (term time only) on a Monday evening 6.00 to 7.30pm at Pinfold Lane, Stapleford. Cubs can become a member of a Six and follow a programme of activities. Cubs can participate in a wide range of activities at our meetings, and at special events, day trips, sleepovers, camps and holidays. They can find themselves trying out arts r and crafts or recipes, playing energetic games or taking part in community action projects. For further details please contact Jeremy Prentice on 0115 9490298 for further details Beavers, the youngest section of Scouting UK, is for children aged between six and eight. 1st Trowell Beavers meet weekly (term time only) on a Friday evening 6.00 to 7.15pm at St Helen's Church Hall, Nottingham Road, Trowell. They follow a programme which involves a

developing self-confidence, building friendships and, of course, having lots of fun!
For further details please contact Jeremy Prentice on 0115 9490298.

### Foul smells from the Borough of Erewash



hese smells continue to be of concern to our local residents. The **Environment Agency is** being fully informed of the problems. One idea that was proposed by the EA to Councillor Ken Rigby was a suggestion that residents complained directly to the companies who were thought to be to blame for the smells. The company would then either accept the complaint or indicate who the culprit(s) might be. Councillor Rigby politely rejected this idea, reminding the Environment Agency that this was part of their job.

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and games. Being a Bea-

ver is all about learning,

#### **Autumn Footprints Walk September** A leaflet was produced last year detail-15<sup>th</sup> 2012

cils organise a walking festival clerk to the council. each year entitled "Autumn Footprints" and this year a walk around Trowell, detailing some of our history, was one of the included walks.

The walk leaders were Beverley Kilby and Danny Corns, both members of Ilkeston and District Local History Society.

The walk commenced in Erewash at the Gallows Inn car park and proceeded along the Erewash Canal, through the Boards, through the centre of the village, along the "top canal" and down to the railway bridge to the Forge area. It then went back to the car park. Some of the stories the walkers were told about were the drowning of a little boy who fell off an unsafe bridge at the Forge, the mugging of a man from Little Hallam who stopped off in Trowell for refreshment on his way home from Nottingham, and the death of a tramp from Manchester who was walking to Loughborough from Ilkeston!

The walkers explored the area where Goodacre's mill was sited, and heard how on a map drawn for the Duke of Rutland, there was evidence of a mill on the site as far back as 1598. Exploration of the Forge area revealed workings from the time the site was a working forge, and also from the Second World War when anti-aircraft guns were positioned there to defend Stanton.

ing the walk. If any groups are interested in booking the walk, please conrewash and Amber Valley coun-tact Danny or Beverley through the



### Planning for the Future A Neighbourhood **Plan for Trowell?**

n October, members and the Clerk of the Parish Council attended a Council has completed seminar at the Town Hall in Beeston on Neighbourhood Plans, an initiative supported by the Government, resulting from the introduction of the Localism Act earlier in the vear. Neighbourhood Plans can be formulated by Town & Parish Councils or where there is no

Town or Parish Council. a Neighbourhood Forum. allow communities to have input into getting their area, and once adopted, a Neighbourhood Plan would take precedence over existing non-strategic policies in the Local Plan/Aligned Core Strategy. A Neighbourhood Plan is subject to independent examination and cannot therefore be used to block strategic policies like the Aligned Core Strategy (proposed new housing).

The production of a Neighbourhood Plan is an issue that will be debated at forthcoming Parish Council meetings, but Further information can until Broxtowe Borough its new Local Plan/ Aligned Core Strategy it would be difficult to consider undertaking one. As residents will already

would be a long term project through to its conclusion, SO WATCH THIS SPACE..... be obtained at: http:// www.planningportal.gov. uk/inyourarea/ neighbourhood/



be aware, Trowell is the only parish in Broxtowe The plans are designed to to have an existing Parish Plan & Parish Design Statement. These two the right development for existing documents need to be considered by a suitable expert as they may form the basis of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council will therefore be keeping this matter under review and should it decide that there may be merit in trying to produce such a plan, residents will be canvassed and volunteers sought to join a Steering Committee. This committee would coordinate what

Stamford and Barnsdale Gardens was enjoyed by all, so we have now arranged a Christmas coach outing to Melton Mowbray on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, leaving Trowell Parish Hall at 12.30pm, returning via the Golden Fleece at Upper Broughton for a meal. Melton will have its Christmas lights shining, a market and Christmas Tree festival in the Parish Church. Cost is £20 and there are a few places left at the time of writing. Contact Pat Wilson (see below) if you would like to join us. All welcome.

INSPIRING WOMEN

Everyone is also welcome at our Christmas Concert in Trowell Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 8th December £6, when Ilkeston Brass will be treating us to their usual variety of seasonal music and jokes, light refreshments included. This is always a most enjoyable evening, so don't miss it. Tickets available now, or you can pay on the door, but it does help if we have an idea how many are coming. (Please see poster in this issue.)

t Trowell WI we continue to cele- Our regular monthly meetings are on brate our 50<sup>th</sup> year. Our outing to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. In November we are doing Christmas Table Decorations, and December is our members Christmas Party. Then on 15<sup>th</sup> January we hear about Joyce Grenfell and on 19th February St Pancras Station. Our full programme is available at all our monthly meetings and visitors are very welcome to come along to see what we do. Meetings are on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Trowell Parish Hall.

> We continue with our popular Ladies' Darts Social evenings. The next ones are on Wednesdays 14th November, 9th January and 13<sup>th</sup> February 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!

Tickets and more information from Pat Wilson on 0115 9301337. Our full programme and more information are also on the Trowell website.

### Time to stock up your winter medicine chest

n the year 1160, St. Hildegard of Bingen suggested that sitting out of doors looking at green objects, such as grass, for hours each day was a cure for eye diseases.

While it might be wiser not to put your trust in that particular 'cure' there is a lot to be said for treating minor ailments out of your home medicine cupboard, instead of heading down to your GP or A&E department at the first hint of a sniffle or cough.

Last year, more than two million unnecessary visits to Accident and Emergency departments were made in the UK, many of them for conditions or symptoms that could very easily have been treated at home or by popping down for advice from a pharmacist.

This year, the NHS is waging a campaign to remind everyone that simple illnesses, such as coughs and colds, stomach upsets, flu and period ise that, in the UK, phar-

pains, or self-inflicted conditions such as hangovers, don't need a visit to a GP or a prescription to sort them out. In most cases, you can treat yourself by using over the counter medicines or



remedies freely available in supermarkets and chemists.

Now that winter is at our heels it's a good idea to top up your home medicine cupboard with some basics – paracetamol or ibuprofen, a good cough medicine, your favourite cold remedy, throat pastilles and over the counter remedies for sim- web-link is available at ple stomach upsets. If you're not sure what you need, your local pharmacist will advise you.

Many people don't real-

macists are highly trained health professionals who are well placed to recommend remedies and offer advice on how to treat symptoms. Pharmacists can not only provide on the spot advice and guidance, they can also recognise urgent symptoms that need your GP's attention.

If you have access to a computer you can find advice and information about a range of common winter health complaints, including how long symptoms can last and how to relieve them. from NHS Choices at www.nhs.uk.

NHS Choices also has an easy to use symptom checker and you can search for local services or use the interactive First Aid toolkit.

If you're on the move, a mobile-phone-friendly http://bit.lv/nhsnwOR or you can also speak with a health professional at NHS Direct on: 0845 46 47.

#### Open cast fight back!

Pollowing our first appearance in the Autumn Trowell Times, we have been working particularly hard behind the scenes, collating and deciphering a vast amount of information opposing UK Coal's application for Trowell.

Trowell's riectory geology, geology, geology, geology, geology all of which both ignores glected in coning applications.

We are delighted to tell you that in response to our last article we are currently working with BBG Designs of Trowell, who has kindly offered to set up our website and host it free of charge. Please keep an eye out for its launch, which we hope to be soon. A huge thank you to Graham of BBG Designs, for all of his help.

In support of the website, it is the group's wish to set up Facebook and Twitter accounts, and we would love someone to step forward to help run these.

By the time this article is published, the group will have submitted its second objection document to Nottingham County Council planning department.

We have so far identified huge holes in the application process, and have highlighted previously unexplored areas around Trowell's rich heritage, ecology, geology and archaeological importance, all of which have been both ignored and neglected in current planning applications and are statutory planning considerations.

PLEASE COME AND SHOW YOUR SUP-PORT AND OFFER YOUR IDEAS, IN-VOLVE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBOURS.

The information which we have gathered and are continuing to gather will benefit our neighbourhood plan, and help protect our ancient rural village from current and future development, including this existing mining application. We can work with Trowell Parish Council to produce this new tool, provision for which is in the current government planning policy. If you can help us further with this, please get in touch.

We are also pleased to inform you that SOCO has joined up with a fellow local community group forum, which includes, Green Squeeze, STRAG, and Bramcote Conservation Society to name but a few. The aim is to work closely together, share information, and to agree common points of our agendas.

Our next step is to call a further group meeting. This will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm at Trowell Parish Hall. Here we hope to be able to show you the following:-

- The new website
- The launch of SOCO's new logo and planned advertising material
- Details of the returns made to date, and the applications current status
- Information of Trowell's historical, and archaeological heritage, including maps
- Information collated on UK Coal
- Details of our next steps and how you can help
- Fundraising help

"YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU"

#### Writing Competition Awards Day

Trowell Writers Trust held their annual writing competition awards day on Sunday 7 October, at the Trowell Parish Hall. Entrants came from all over the country. The popular 'Stand and Deliver' poetry contest held on the day was won by Thomas Hosker from Kirk Hallam.

They awarded 9 section winners, with a trophy and monetary prize:

Junior Poetry, Ruby Dunn

Poetry for Children, Hannah Roger

Open poem, Pamela Mann

Members' Poem, Arthur Walters

Article, Peter Graves

Junior Story, Hannah Roger Story for Children, Josephine Eaton Open story, Peter Graves Members' Story, Harold Loseby



Trowell writers with their awards

Five overall trophies were also awarded:-Advertiser Story Trophy, Harold Loseby Trowell Parish Council Poetry Trophy, Arthur Walters Lillian Jones Article Trophy, Peter Graves Trowell Writers Children's Trophy, Hannah Roger The Vambria Memorial Trophy, Peter Pitman

The judge for all the poetry sections was Nora Waite (who kindly awarded all the prizes) with the poetry appreciation group. The short stories and article sections were judged by Sheila Gallagher, a literature and reading development officer with the library services. All runners up and other entrants received certificates for their entries, containing comments from the judges.

The competition is held every year with the deadline of June 30". Anyone wishing to enter next year, please contact us on 0115 9329568. The group welcomes new members who meet at 26, Derbyshire Avenue Trowell, NG16 3BY fortnightly on a Monday night from 7.30pm-9.30pm. The Group also runs an associate membership scheme for those who are unable to attend regularly. Our Competition Magazine 'Chapter and Verse' containing a selection of winning and runner- up entries is now available; if you wish to purchase one please forward £4.50 plus £1 .50pp, or collection from Derbyshire Avenue can be arranged.



### **ILKESTON BRASS**

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