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This edition contains the details of the annual parish meeting. There are quite a few serious developments affecting this village at the moment, and this is your chance to ask questions of your parish council on these or any other issues. Also, in light of the proposed HS2 route, we have invited representatives from both the pro and anti groups to come and speak to us. The opencast action group (S.O.C.O.) is also very active, and don't forget that the planning application will probably be considered in May or June. Of course, the proposed housing developments are still ongoing, so find out the latest on all of these issues at the APM.

Graham Lockwood, Editor

S.O.C.O. Opencast action group.

Shortwood Farm Opencast Opposition will be door-knocking between 22nd April – 6th May with a short questionnaire, in order to try to find out local views about the potential opencasting.

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Trowell my village 1944 to 1965
By David Thompson

How quickly places and ways of life change, and how just as quickly they are lost or forgotten. For this reason I decided to put down my memories of Trowell purely as I remember it. It is not intended to be an accurate history of Trowell and its residents, just a few of my memories from my time in the village of Trowell, the place that I will always call home. I am sure there is much that I have missed as I never kept any record or pictures, just used my old memory that in itself could lead to inaccuracy due to a fading memory.



Just a reminder that the Parish Clerk can only be contacted in office hours, 9am to 2pm.
If you should need to meet the Clerk, an appointment must be made.



A brief description of Trowell

This is a brief description of Trowell as I remember it circa 1950s, starting at the River Erewash Bridge near to Furnace Road, the border with Ilkeston and Derbyshire, walking east towards Nottingham.

Immediately on the left of Ilkeston Road, adjacent to the footpath leading towards the railway footbridge was the Flour Mill, then known as Eagle Mill, previously known as Victoria Mill, and later to become a furniture manufacturing business, and finally storage for tyres. Nothing remains today as it was virtually destroyed by fire in 2010. The remains were finally cleared away in 2011.

Back in the 1950s it was a working flour mill and it was always covered in a fine dusting of white flour. This flour also covered the surrounding hedges, road and trees near to the mill. The footpath alongside still remains leading to the footbridge over the railway lines of the Erewash Valley Line and leads to Stoney Lane and up to the former Wollaton Canal.



Eagle Mill destroyed by fire 2010

Not many trains pass now, but in the 1950s there would be train after train in both directions, mainly freight trains carrying coal in one direction and empty wagons in the other direction, from the many East Midlands coalfields and other coalfields further north. Also there were many express London bound passenger trains and their returns, all hauled by steam engines. None of these express trains stopped at Trowell.

At the south side of Eagle Mill were the railway station and station yard. Here coal wagons were marshalled and unloaded by local coal merchants. Coal was loaded into bags that when full, weighed one hundredweight. These were and then loaded onto their lorries for delivery to households in the area. Other freight for local delivery was also in the yard, and a crane was fixed in the station yard to help with loading and unloading of other goods.

Later on this line was extended into a new factory built on Furnace Road, a distribution warehouse for Cadburys Chocolate, so that chocolate all came in by rail before redistribution by road to the shops. This factory has changed occupiers a number of times from Cadburys to Boots the chemist and then again to upholstery manufacturing.

To be continued.....



A friendly welcome to Trowell Post Office from Lisa and Jim

We'd like to thank everyone for our warm welcome to the village that we received at the beginning of the year. We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the plans we have for the Post Office.

We have found the village to be very friendly, with a community that is very self supportive, yet still maintains the rural village philosophy. With this in mind we will be updating the interior of the post office in line with the old-fashioned frontage, creating a local store / Post Office that has character as well as a friendly welcoming feel. We recognise the value the Post Office has within the village, and we will be working with the Parish Council to ensure Trowell Post Office sits within the heart of the community.

Our opening hours have been extended

Monday to Friday	8.30 – 5.30pm
Saturdays	8.30 – 12.30pm

The Post Office offers a wide range of services including:

Free cash withdrawals, bill paying facility,
Mobile phone Top-Ups and Foreign Currency.

A large selection of greetings cards is available, as well as gift cards to suit all occasions.

**Very Large
Farm Eggs
£1.30
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Vacancy for Secretary

Due to ill

health a vacancy has arisen for the

position of Secretary to The Trowell Festival Village Committee. This position is purely voluntary.

The committee is made up of local residents and two Parish Councillors. The Parish Council contributes financially and offers support from the Clerk of the Council.

The successful applicant would need to have good administration skill, the ability to use a computer, be proactive and enjoy assisting with community events.

The committee meets normally 3/4 times per year and organises two local events, one in the summer and the other at Christmas, both in the local parish hall.

The post would involve taking minutes, producing agendas, liaising with the public and entertainers, and generally bringing the committee together.

If you are interested, it would be great to hear from you, either by e-mail or telephone, please see below for contact details.

Come and join us: we are a lively committee who enjoy producing community events.

Sue Williams

Chairperson

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The Trowell Festival Village Committee

The Festival Committee has not finalised any plans for a summer event yet. However, if there is to be an event, this will be publicised on the Web, council notice boards, and in the local shops. It is anticipated any such event will be in July. The Committee looks forward to seeing you there.

If there is anyone who wishes to become a member of the committee please contact the Chairperson on the number listed later.

The committee would also like to thank Mrs Brenda Cobon for her wonderful contribution to the committee as Secretary, and wish her all the best for the future.

We also look forward to seeing her at future meetings and events. Contact details as per the previous article.

Local Parish Councillor Weds

The Council is delighted to announce that Councillor Helen Baxter married Mr Paul Cumberpatch at St. Helen's Church on Saturday, February 23rd 2013. The council wishes to extend its warmest congratulations and best wishes for the future.



DOG FOULING

Yet again the area around Trowell School is being affected by at least one irresponsible dog owner who is allowing their dog to foul the pavements of Derbyshire Ave & Smithfield Ave.

This is a great concern as young children are walking through the mess, taking it into school on their shoes and transferring it on to the carpets. As I am sure most people are aware, this could lead to children contracting toxocariasis, which can be the cause of serious illness and possible loss of vision. If you are this person be aware that the dog warden has been informed and that local residents are being very watchful.

Please clean up your



dog's mess.

How you can help prevent unwanted telephone sales calls

Nottinghamshire Police Pre-Crime Unit would like to make residents aware of the Telephone Preference Service. We appreciate that some of you may already be aware of this service, however, for those who aren't, please read the information below regarding the service.

The Telephone Preference Service (TPS) helps you to make sure your telephone number is no longer available to organisations who may telephone you with offers and information you do not wish to receive. Registration with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS) is free.

Under Government legislation introduced on 1 May 1999 it is unlawful to make direct marketing calls to individuals who have indicated that they do not want to receive such calls. You can either do this by contacting companies directly and asking them not to phone you or you can register with a central service such as the Telephone Preference Service to stop all such calls.

Before you apply however, you may want to consider that registering could prevent you from receiving information which you would really like to have about relevant and worthwhile opportunities. Registration will prevent or-

ganisations who regard you as a customer from contacting you again, unless you have previously told them that you have no objection to them calling you.

Registering with the Telephone Preference Service will not stop calls from market research organisations. If you also wish to stop these calls or any other non-direct marketing calls, you will need to contact each company directly.

There are three ways to register with the Telephone Preference Service.

The quickest way you can register is on the TPS website at www.tpsonline.org.uk and by clicking on the link to register.

Alternatively you can call the registration line 0845 070 0707 (local call rate). You will be asked to record the telephone number you wish to register and the system will then confirm the registration. It will take up to 28 days for your registration to take effect.

You will remain registered on file unless you change your telephone number.

Information sent on behalf of the Pre-Crime Unit.

Search & Rescue

Nottingham Search And Rescue Team (NSART) is a new charity based right here in Trowell, made up of volunteers who give up their free time to assist the police in searching for the 4,500+ people who are reported missing off the streets of Nottinghamshire each year.



We will be on call 24hrs a day 7 days a week and can be called out in all weather conditions to search for missing people of all ages.

We currently have a team of 27 volunteers in our unit from a wide range of backgrounds including paramedics, fire-fighters, teachers and construction workers.

We also have the full backing and support of Nottinghamshire police.

For further information please visit the website:

www.nottinghamshire-sar.org.uk

Damage to Grass Verges.

A number of Trowell residents have raised the subject of the destruction of the grass verges on Ilkeston Road and Nottingham Road as residents use them for off-road car parking. The extremely wet weather we have had recently has not helped the situation much either, reducing some areas on Ilkeston Road to a mud bath. Broxtowe Borough Council has advised the Parish Council that the car drivers concerned could be liable for the cost of reinstating the verges to their former glory should photographic evidence prove the case. Now, having got the heavy handed bit out of the way, let me say that we all live in Trowell village, and let us remind ourselves that we were Calor Village of The Year County Winner 2009. A lot of the Trowell residents give their time free and pick up rubbish and litter, tend flower beds, and plant spring bulbs to make our immediate open air space and public areas enjoyable to live in and walk through.



Philip and Carole Singer of The Church Farm Guest House have kindly donated 5 shrubs (Kerria Japonica "Pleniflora") and flowers (Lychnis Chalcedonica "Maltese Cross"). These plants, together with several fruit trees that were purchased by the Parish Council, and some donated by Philip and Carole, have been planted in the children's play area at the Parish Hall. The area that was planted was where the large trees were removed when the solar panels for the Parish Hall were installed. It would be wonderful if all Trowell residents contributed in their own way to keep our village clean and tidy and stop parking on the grass verges. We will be looking to have the affected areas reseeded in April/May. Thank you.
A Trowell resident.



Using the Bible verse below, you are invited to interpret the words in any way, through your creative talents.

But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control. There is no law against such things as these.
(Galatians 5:22-23 GNB)

If you paint, draw or sculpt, sew, weave or knit, decorate cakes, arrange flowers, write stories, lyrics or poetry, compose or play music, take photographs or make short films or presentations, or have any other creative ideas, then you will be able to display your project in the church as we take part in Open Churches Weekend.

Call **Dora Attenborrow** on **0115 8499744** or email **Mel Ennis** on **ennis1208@googlemail.com** to register your contribution.



At Trowell WI we are ending our 50th year with a lovely Birthday Party for members and invited guests on 16th April. There will be a buffet supper and musical entertainment from a local group "Well Versed". We then have our Annual Meeting on 21st May and a "Pimms and Fun" evening on Tuesday 18th June at 7.30pm. This will include Kurling and some other not too energetic activities helped along with Pimms and nibbles. This is a fun evening and we hope many friends will come along and enjoy themselves with us. We are also planning at least one coach outing for the summer. It may be a mystery trip – watch this space! Non-members will be welcome.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our Beetle Drive at the beginning of March and many of our friends are coming to add to the fun. We have just had a most interesting talk from Nigel Lowey on the history and regeneration of St Pancras Station and Hotel. Members are also going to a number of other events arranged by our County organisation, such as lunch at Newark with the head housekeeper at

Chatsworth House, Heritage walks at Newark, Craft workshops, Beginners Golf, Scrabble, Bridge, Nordic walking, and a big meeting in April at the Royal Centre when author and teacher Jack Sheffield will be giving us a talk.

Our next "ordinary" monthly meeting is on Tuesday 16th July at 7.30pm when Paddy Laban will be telling us about Life on the Road and we continue with our popular Ladies Darts Social evenings. The next ones are on Wednesdays 10th April, 8th May, 12th June and 10th July 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!

Visitors are very welcome at our meetings, so ladies do come and see us. More information from Pat Wilson on 0115 9301337. Our full programme and more information are also on the Trowell website.

Christmas Lights

The Parish Council has recently received a petition and letters asking for the reinstatement of the Christmas lights.

As previously reported we had hoped to have had installed by now uplighters to illuminate various trees around the village. Unfortunately this proved to be impossible, as the lights could not be installed close enough to the trees to have the de-

sired effect. We were not allowed to install as close to the tree trunk as we wished, because of objections from the County Council tree officer. Also, of those few uplighters that were installed on Stapleford Road one was damaged but had already been vandalised. On the three remaining ones we are hoping to fit tilting lenses.

We were offered a deal by Nottinghamshire County Council to light a tree at Christmas 2012, but the date given for installation was far too late to be practical, and the cost for a few days' illumination was excessive.

A proposal for re-lighting certain trees in the village is about to be put to the Parish Council, and this will be considered in due course.



Over the last ten years (up to and including 2012), £31,191 has been spent on lights, and this does not include the considerable time the Clerk has spent in dealing with all the bureaucracy involved in getting permission to erect the lights.

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

TUESDAY, 30th APRIL, 2013, AT 7.30p.m.

**This year's "Hot Topic" will be HS2 & speakers from both sides have been invited to attend.
At the conclusion of business refreshments will be served in the lounge.**

Residents are cordially invited to meet Parish Councillors and Parish, 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.

Due to printing deadlines, the following figures are for the period 1-4-12 to 31-3-13 & were correct at the time of going to press, but of course are subject to audit.

Parish Hall & Grounds Committee – a total expenditure of £25,326.41 included the following costs:
Running expenses, repairs & maintenance - £11,660.59 Play equipment repair & maintenance - £649.89
Caretaking - £10,125.93 Annexe ceiling works - £2,040 Internal redecoration - £850

Planning & Environment Committee – a total expenditure of £2,870.13 included the following costs:
Pit Lane football pitch maintenance – £2,793.00

Finance & General Purposes Committee – a total expenditure of £43,967.72 included the following costs:
Administration – £25,663 Insurance - £3,592.07 Christmas lights - £1,635
Security Patrols - £3,456 Newsletters - £938.95 Christmas event - £430.69
CCTV maintenance - £445.98 New office - £5,563.26 Summer event - £1,422.77

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 new grit bins in the village.
Supply of additional salt for roads & footpaths during poor weather.
Ceiling works at the Parish Hall in the annexe.
Redecoration works at the Parish Hall.
Establishment of a Parish Office at the Parish Hall.
Co-ordination of public meetings & information distribution on issues such as open casting, development etc.

Plans for 2013/14 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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FOR INFORMATION

Why the 1.36% increase in the parish precept? In cash terms the Parish Council has increased its spending by £689 or 1.17% in 2013/2014 compared to 2012/2013. This is mainly to cover increased running costs e.g. gas, printing, insurance, refuse collection etc, whilst still being able to move forward with planned improvements such as a new Christmas lighting display. However, due to the new changes to the Council Tax system, introduced by central Government, Trowell's "Council Tax Base" for this year has been reduced by 49 properties, & although the Parish Council has received a grant from Government because of this reduction, it does not quite cover the shortfall created, hence the increase. It should also be noted that the grant is only guaranteed for this year & may not be available next year, & so the Parish Council thought it prudent to have a small increase this year to try & lessen the impact next year, should the grant not be forthcoming in future years.