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The Official Newsletter of Trowell  
Parish Council

Is there any time when this village of ours is not under attack? In the last issue we reported on the proposed housing. This has now gone away, although I suspect only temporarily, but we now have the dreaded open casting rearing its ugly head again. Everyone and his dog appears to want to destroy our green belt land. Their maxim seems to be: see a green field, build on it or dig it up; in fact, why not do both! The fight begins yet again. *Graham Lockwood, Editor*

## IT'S THE PITS!

### **O**pencast site: UK Coal proposals for Shortwood Farm:



(This area is wholly within the confines of north-east Trowell, Cossall and the M1 motorway.)

UK Coal are proposing to surface mine (opencast to us lesser mortals with long memories) approximately 1.25 millions tons of coal and 250,000 tons of fire clay from the ground around Shortwood Farm (Cossall Road) comprising 130.6 hectares. This is proposed to take place over a total period of just over five and a half years, although coal will only be extracted for around four and a half years.

Make no mistake; this is a huge undertaking by UK Coal for an area as small as Trowell and Cossall, and there appears to be no direct benefit for our area by way of jobs or infrastructure. The proposal suggests a new temporary access road being

built from the site, under the M1, and accessing the A609 on Pinfold Hill (Nottingham Road) in the same place where the M1 contractors lorries recently accessed their work site.

For those of us in Trowell who experienced the problems during the M1 works, this proposal is not acceptable, as UK Coal expect to have eight lorry movements per hour at this point for five and a half days per week for the whole of the four and a half years of the project. (4 in empty, 4 out loaded). On top of this we will have from time to time entry for contractor's plant vehicles,

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plus other movements, which will make Nottingham Road even more congested than it is already. UK Coal has stated that there will be no traffic movements and extraction works on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

We all know how busy the A609 Nottingham Road is for the 2 to 3 hours during the rush hour periods now, so how much more disruption is this proposal going to cause us in Trowell and others who pass through our village? UK coal state that there will be no mud spread

onto the road, as vehicle wheels will be washed. Remember the recent M1 works? Those vehicles also had washed wheels before leaving the site. Remember the mess on the road? It didn't work then, why should it now?

Suffice it to say, Trowell Parish Council is unlikely to be in favour of this proposal, but we still have to discuss it at full council (as of 17th October 2010 when this article was written).

All three political parties, and their representatives locally, appear to be opposed to this proposal, so we need to join together as a community to fight this latest attack on our village. We already have issues with proposed new housing, which will disturb our watercourses, never mind physically digging them up!

You can contact UK Coal via their website via <http://www.ukcoal.com/> to find out what is being proposed.

There is an existing pressure group which you can contact via Email [cossallnocoal@gmail.com](mailto:cossallnocoal@gmail.com) to share your views.

Suffice it to say, Trowell Parish Council will endeavour to keep you as informed as possible, as no doubt will your elected County Councillor, Ken Rigby, through his own publications.



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## **BRIDGING THE GAP**

(BOUNDARY BROOK – TROWELL FOOTPATH NO. 28 / STAPLEFORD FOOTPATH NO. 81)

The legal order to add the above footpaths over the Boundary Brook to the definitive map and statements of rights of way was confirmed by an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 30th March 2006. Although they are described as two footpaths, it is a continuous route over the brook which has been split into two for administrative purposes to reflect the parish boundary.



As the Highway Authority, Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) has a duty in law to ensure that all highways (including footpaths, bridleways and byways) are suitable for their intended use. The current arrangement of stepping stones does not form an acceptable surface for a public footpath. It excludes many people from using the route who are not steady on their feet and in high water conditions the route is unusable. In addition to this, the Disability Discrimination Act 2005 (as amended) requires NCC as a service provider to take all reasonable steps to enable disabled users to use public rights of way.

Given the above legislation, NCC initially planned to install a bridge with ramps at either end to ensure that mobility scooter, wheelchair and pushchair users would be able to use the footpath.

Before installing a bridge at this location, Environment Agency (EA) consent must be sought to ensure that the structure does not increase the risk of

flooding. The initial application to the EA based on a ramped bridge was refused. The EA require soffits to be 2.2 metres above the bed of the brook to allow for a 1 in 100 year flood, and require the structure to be of an open tubular and mesh design to allow water to flow through. This means that it is not possible to install ramps, and so steps with tubular supports and mesh treads were the only options.

Confirmation has been received from the EA that the latest application for consent has been approved. The design of the bridge is entirely dependent on what the EA considers to be acceptable. Unfortunately residents have been unable to have a say in the choice of design due to restrictions by the EA.

## **CHRISTMAS FOR MERRY MEN AND WOMEN (NOT FORGETTING THE CHILDREN)!**



Hear Ye Hear Ye, the Festival Committee is pleased to announce their annual Christmas Fair at the Trowell Parish Hall on Friday 26th November, at 6.30pm.

Come along and enjoy the various stalls, entertainment, raffle and refreshments. The theme this year is all about Robin Hood and his Merry Men. Prizes will be given to any child in fancy dress who reflects this year's theme.

The chosen good cause this year is the Trowell Football Club. So come along, enjoy yourselves, and help support the local football team.

## **60th Anniversary of Festival of Britain Village Award**

Next year sees the 60th anniversary of the Festival of Britain award given to Trowell. As well as special celebrations, it is hoped to compile a 'Book of Memories'.

The Festival committee would like anyone with memories and memora-



bilia of this special time in Trowell's history to contact, in the first instance, Councillor Lyn Harley on 0115 9171392. Any information supplied will be forwarded to the relevant people, who, in turn, will contact you directly to discuss your contribution further.

# TROWELL PARISH COUNCIL IS LAUNCHING ITS NEW WEBSITE!

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**TUESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2010 AT 8PM.**

*[www.trowell.org](http://www.trowell.org)*

All Trowell residents are cordially invited to join Members of the Parish Council at the launch of the new look Trowell Parish Council website.

The launch will take place on Tuesday 30th November 2010 at 8pm, at the Trowell Parish Hall, Stapleford Road, Trowell.

The new site will include an events diary, local information, parish council documents, details of local groups and much, much more.

If you would like to attend please let the Parish Clerk know in advance to assist with catering arrangements.



**TROWELL PARISH CLERK—MRS. ALISON MITCHELL**

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**TEL—0115 973 0713**

## **OBNOXIOUS ODOURS**

The Parish council have received complaints from residents about the foul smell coming from the direction of Erewash borough. We have been inundated with these smells for some time, but we believe that there is now yet another cause. Please don't hesitate to call the Environment Agency on their free phone number **0800 807060** to report any incidents regarding these smells. The more calls logged the better!



## **NEW PRESENCE IN CYBERSPACE**

After years of stalwart service, your Parish Council decided it was time to retire the current web site. The design had become a little old fashioned, and the software is very old and not very flexible.

The original site was constructed in-house by Councillor Graham Lockwood, and has been maintained by him ever since. Thus the cost to the council has been very small, in fact, only the original software and a small sum towards the ISP charges have been paid. The new site has been funded with help from the 'Village of the Year' award, which we feel is particularly apt, as 'Communications' was one of our strongest points!

The new site construction was awarded to Helen Foster Design, who, incidentally, also designed the Trowell School website. As this village is known for its superb communication skills, your council wanted a professionally designed site. We therefore set up a small sub-committee which liaised with the designer on all aspects of the site. One outcome of this is that there are some new facilities on the site, such as an events diary and



FAQs. Please be patient with us on these new facilities, as it may take a little time before all of them are fully functional, as we are all having to learn how best to use them!

One major difference between the new and the old site is that because the new site is available for administration purposes via the internet, there can be more than one webmaster. Thus the burden is spread more evenly, and updates etc. are not reliant on just one person.

We hope that you will all take some time to look at the new site, and your queries, questions and comments would be most welcome.

There will be a special launch event in November, further details are available on page four.



It's been great to welcome several visitors to our recent meetings and we hope many more will come and see what we do. On Tuesday 16th November we will be finding out how to be Creative at Christmas, then our Christmas Party (members only) is on 14th December. We help at the Trowell Christmas Event on 26th November and meet again on Tuesday January 18th when we hear about "Unforgettable Places". We have a Ladies Beetle Drive on 1st February, on 15th February our speaker will take us to the musical world of Rogers and Hammerstein and on 15th March we hear Tales of a Farmer's Wife. Our full programme and more information is on the parish website. Visitors are very welcome and we hope everyone will come to our Christmas Concert on Saturday 4 December and our New Year's Eve Barn Dance on Friday 31st December. All meetings and events are held in the Trowell Parish Hall.

The Christmas Concert is by Ilkeston Brass starting at 7.30pm, tickets are £4 and include light refreshments. The New Year's Eve Barn Dance is from 8.15pm to 12.15am, music is provided by the ever popular Colin and Margaret Tris-

tram, tickets are £6.50 and you bring your own refreshments. Both these events are most enjoyable evenings and very popular so don't delay getting your tickets from Pat Wilson tel. **0115 930 1337**.

## **STRICTLY FOR FUN!**

Dance for children aged 8 - 14yrs @ Trowell Parish Hall, every Wednesday 5.30 - 6.15pm.

- Street Dance
  - Cheerleading
  - Hula hooping
  - Bollywood and many more.
- £3.00 per class



Aerobics / Body Conditioning - for all levels!

Every Wednesday @ Trowell Parish Hall, 6.30 - 7.30pm.

Easy to follow Aerobic routine followed by all-over body sculpting by use of resistant bands and sometimes hula hoops!

Have fun and get fit for Christmas!

Only £3.50 per class. (Bring a towel and a bottle of water - I have plenty of mats)

Just turn up or call Amy on **07985 620 212** for more info. Or visit [www.godsmark.co.uk/fitness](http://www.godsmark.co.uk/fitness) to check out my website, cheers!



## **LET'S DANCE!**

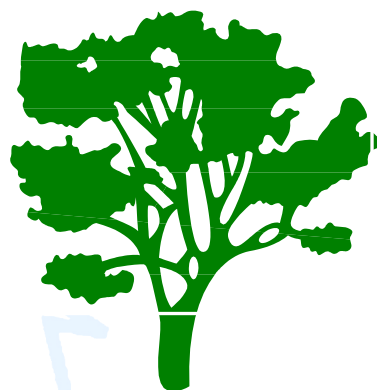
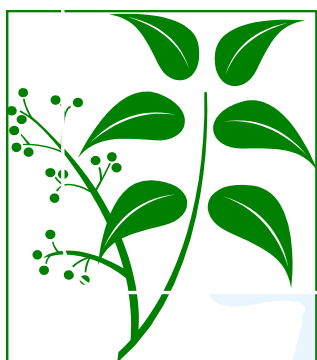
Ballroom, Latin & Easy Sequence at Trowell Parish hall every Friday from 7.45pm until 10.30pm.

For further details contact Carol on **0115 926 7876**

# FREE TREE GIVEAWAY 2010

**TROWELL PARISH COUNCIL/BROXTOWE  
BOROUGH COUNCIL JOINT EVENT**

**CONTACT—MRS. ALISON MITCHELL 0115 9730713**



The Parish Council will have up to 250 trees to give away. Up to 3 trees per resident, allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis.

The trees are funded by the Broxtowe Borough Partnership.

The Tree Giveaway is part of the Borough Council's campaign to plant 100,000 new trees over a 5 year period.

For further information contact the Parish Clerk—Alison Mitchell on 0115 9730713 or email [tpc@gotadsl.co.uk](mailto:tpc@gotadsl.co.uk).

**MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER & SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER  
2010 BETWEEN 11 AM & 1PM**

**At TROWELL PARISH HALL, Stapleford  
Road, Trowell.**



# TAAC

Trowell Adult Activities Club



Come and play badminton for fun in a friendly and social atmosphere.

**Venue:** Trowell Parish Hall

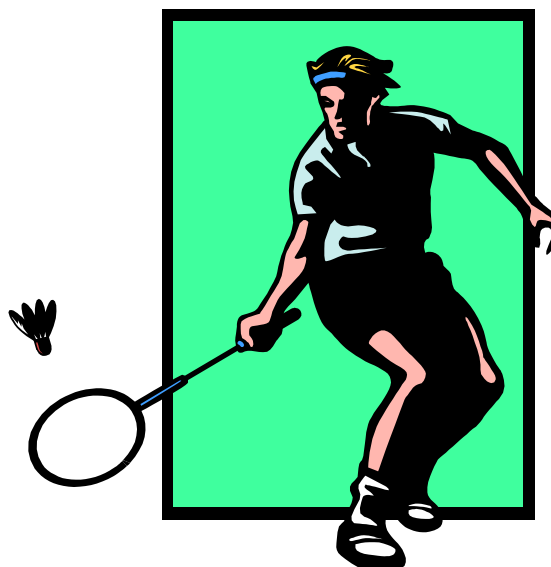
**Date:** Every Monday Evening (excluding Bank Holidays)

**Time:** 7.00pm to 10.00pm

**Cost:** £3.00 per night

Open to all over 18 years old.

**Contact:** Dianne 0115 8496377



# A Medieval Market with Robin Hood & his Merrie Men

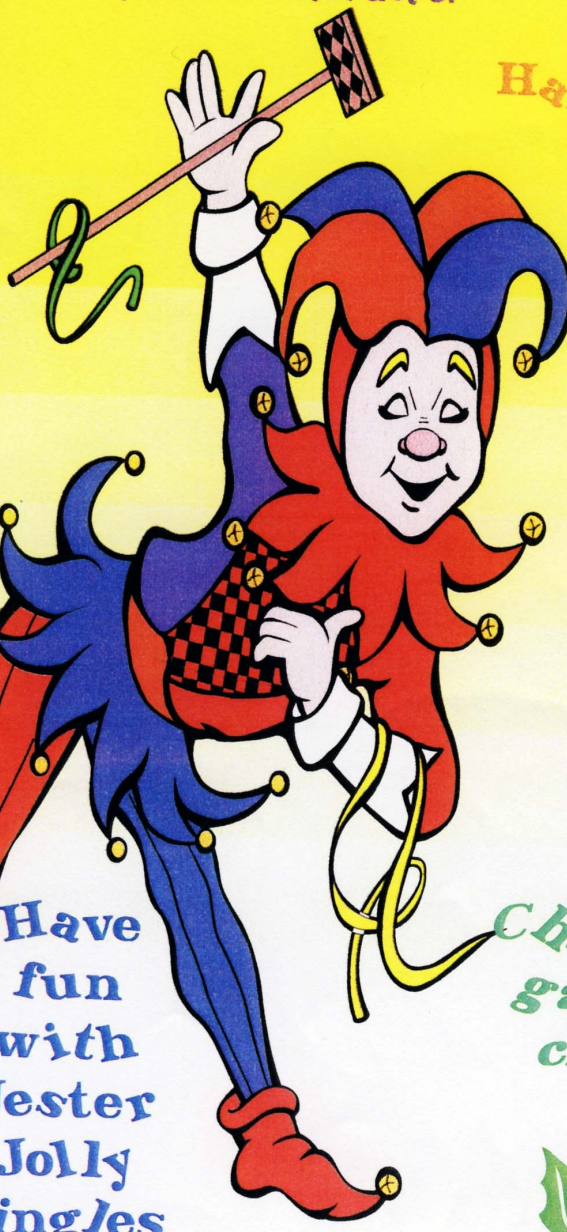
at Trowell Parish Hall - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - 6.30pm-8.30pm

to be opened by the Deputy Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr. Mrs. Jacky Williams

A gift for every child dressed up as Robin Hood, one of his Merrie Men or a Medieval character



Be there to see Santa arrive early at Trowell



Handcrafted gifts

Lots of Sta/s

Delicious confections for your delight



Raffle

Have fun with Jester Jolly Jingles

Children's games & crafts

Admission -  
Adults: 50p

Accompanied children: Free

Proceeds to Trowell Football Club