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As I write this the sky is a brilliant blue, and the temperatures are way above normal for the time of year. Hopefully the summer will be just as nice, especially on the day we celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee at the Parish Hall. Further details are on page 5. Also, don't forget the annual parish meeting, your chance to ask any questions of your parish, borough, and county councillors. *Graham Lockwood*, Editor

Trowell Community Celebrations

Last year there was a series of successful events to mark 60 years since Trowell was chosen as the Festival of Britain village, in 1951. These events included an exhibition event at the Parish Hall, a 50s & 60s music night at the Parish Hall



and a Festival of Britain party and activities at the theme for the Christmas Parish Hall, on Saturday Event. Proceeds from these events have enabled us to award £500 to Trowell School, as a donation towards one of their projects. The cheque will be presented at the end of March.

This year, to celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee, the Trowell Village Festival Committee is organising:

★ A jubilee exhibition at the Parish Hall, organised by the History Society, where people can share their own royal memorabilia.

★ A "50s to present" disco on Saturday 14th July at the Parish Hall, which will be free for Trowell residents.

Table places for children party can be booked via Brenda Cobon (9171621) or Sue Williams (8750797). Food is on a "bring your own & share" basis, however drinks, cakes, paper plates and cups will be provided. See the poster on page 5 for more details.

Tickets for the disco can be booked via Julie Bryant (9491760) or Lyn Harley (9171392),

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Housing Latest

The latest situation as we go to press is as follows: the planning application for houses to be built on the Stapleford side of Boundary Brook, with about seventy to

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be built in Trowell, is with Broxtowe Borough Council. Trowell Parish Council has put in a formal objection to this, based on the fact that we have always objected to any housing in Trowell which uses green belt land, and this application does include such land in our parish.

However, you may have heard that the proposed developer has offered the bulk of his land on our side of Boundary Brook to either the Parish Council or Broxtowe Borough Council, should the proposed development go ahead.

To this end the Parish Council has told the developer that if that was indeed the case then we would be interested in his offer. We have also decided that if this should come about, we will consult with the people of this village to hear what you would like this land to be used for.

Parish Hall Play Park Update

The parish council is pleased to report that the new play equipment for pre-schoolers has been installed at the parish hall play park in good time for the better weather.



This completes the third phase of the project which has seen the installation of a ball court for the teens, senior equipment for the tweens, benches for parents and carers and now new equipment for our youngest residents. The site now hopefully caters for a wide range of users in the village.

The entire project has been completed with the help of the Big Lottery Fund, Broxtowe Borough Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Cllr. Ken Rigby & of course, the parish council itself.

New Parish Hall Office

We are pleased to announce that from 19th March our Parish Clerk will be working from her new office at the Parish Hall (formerly the store room). This decision has been made to improve the clerk's working life and to enable us to be more efficient. However this does not mean that access to the clerk is unlimited and the visits by appointment system will remain in place, to minimise disruption to her working day. Office hours and contact details are below. Information on the many ways in which the clerk and the Parish Council can be contacted will be circulated at the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th April.

Office

Monday to Thursday – 9am to 2pm

Phone number –
0115 998 9774

Emergency mobile number –
07557119665

WI News

We have had a busy winter with several successful events. Everyone enjoyed our Christmas Concert by Ilkeston Brass, our Welcome New Year Dance and our Ladies Beetle Drive. Colin and Margaret Tristram will be back on 7th July as we are helping them to have their final retirement dance in Trowell Parish Hall – they are at last giving up their barn dance career and having a proper retirement.

The April meeting is our members' 49th Birthday Party plus invited members from neighbouring WIs, then we have our Annual Meeting on 15th May followed by Judy Coleby on Tuesday 19th June telling us about "Rags to Riches" or the art of making stage costumes out of almost nothing, and on 17th July Karen Attwood will tell us of the Life Changing Effect of Cup Cakes. Visitors are very welcome at the May, June and July meetings.

We are also delighted to welcome any ladies who would like a fun evening at our regular monthly Darts Social Evenings in the Trowell Parish Hall on Wednesdays from 7.45pm. The emphasis is on fun not skill, everyone pays £1 and tea/coffee/biscuits are included. Dates are 11th April, 23rd May, 27th June, 25th July and 15th August. We are also planning a summer Coach Outing and a Charity Walk.

Our full programme and more information is on the parish website, or contact Pat Wilson tel 0115 9301337.

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In celebration of
The Queen's Diamond
Jubilee



A FREE Children's Party
at Trowell Parish Hall
Saturday, 9th June,
1.00-4.00pm



Games



Have lots of fun
with Jolly Jingles -
music, magic and
mayhem, Punch &
Judy and balloon
modelling

Bouncy
Castle



Mum's and Dad's
Jubilee Cupcake
Competition!

Royal Memorabilia
display



Sunshine on a rainy day?

By now, both parishioners & users of the parish hall will have noticed that solar panels have been installed on the annexe roof. The parish council was lucky enough to receive a grant from Broxtowe Borough Council, with the help of Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCANN), to fund the entire project. The hall was chosen for the initiative as it is ideally suited to maximise electricity production from the photovoltaic cells. It is hoped that the panels will help the council to reduce its energy bills & its carbon footprint in the village. Consumption will be monitored over the coming months, & we will report back on performance later in the year.

Unfortunately, to facilitate the installation of the panels a number of trees within the parish hall grounds had to be felled in order to maximise the sunlight hitting the panels. This was not an easy decision for members but was reached for two reasons:

1. The trees would need to be heavily pruned on a regular basis, thus incurring costs which would significantly diminish the returns from the panels.
2. On inspection prior to the decision being made, it was noticed that some of the trees were not in good health, & would have to be removed as a matter of good maintenance anyway.

It is hoped that now these trees have been removed, the hedge line along that side of the parish hall will continue to thicken, thus softening the outline of the premises as seen from adjacent properties.

TROWELL PARISH COUNCIL

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

will be held at the Parish Hall on

TUESDAY, 24th APRIL, 2012, AT 7.30p.m.

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.

Due to printing deadlines the following figures are for the period 1-4-11 to 29-3-12 & were correct at the time of going to press.

Parish Hall & Grounds Committee – a total expenditure of £34,618 included the following costs:
Running expenses, repairs & maintenance - £12,821 Play equipment repair & maintenance - £10,734

Caretaking - £10,791

Planning & Environment Committee – a total expenditure of £2,606 included the following costs:

Grounds maintenance – £2,206

Boundary Sign Maintenance - £400

Finance & General Purposes Committee – a total expenditure of £37,556 included the following costs:

Administration - £21,551

Business Rates on Parish Hall - £533

Insurance - £3,444

Christmas lights - £4,688

Security Patrols - £3,168

Newsletters - £1,444

CCTV Improvements - £554

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.

Flooring works at the Parish Hall in both the main hall & lounge.

Installation of solar panels at the Parish Hall.

Commencement of new Christmas lighting scheme.

Plans for 2012/13 include:

Further improvements to the Christmas lighting scheme.

Some internal redecoration at the Parish Hall.

Continuation of the Parish Council Newsletter.

Working with Trowell Football Club to improve facilities at Pit Lane.

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