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It's good to see that the community spirit in the village is alive and well. Many thanks to the "diamond" efforts made by Trowell Festival Village Committee. We are pleased to give feedback in this issue on events and activities they organised this summer to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The formation of a group to fight the proposed opencasting is also to be applauded. However, we need more people to become involved in the bodies organizing and fighting for the benefit of all the villagers. Volunteer now, and help your community to organize events, fight the open casting, or both! There are more details in the following articles.

Graham Lockwood, Editor

It's the pits!

Following a series of meetings facilitated by the Parish Council, a new action group has been set up to fight the proposed opencast-

ing at Shortwood Farm. The group goes under the name of 'Shortwood Farm open cast opposition', or SOCO for short. A good acronym, for surely this is a crime against the green belt!

Donna Butler, the secretary of the group, says that she wants to involve

operations at Shortwood, and people in these communities need to be mobilized.

The communities of Awsworth, Cossall, Kimberley and Nuthall have also expressed alarm at



Kate Carter, Noelien Potts, Sue Williams, Donna Butler

the whole of the village in this fight as it will affect everyone if it goes ahead. She is also concerned that surrounding communities, including Ilkeston and Stapleford, may also suffer from any

the proposals, and it is hoped that these communities will also become active members of the group.

Noelien Potts, joint chair of the group along with

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Kate Carter, said the damage to the environment, and the uncertainty of how long any workings would continue were very worrying, and these and other issues made her more determined than ever to fight these proposals.

However, as Sue Williams, the treasurer, remarked, the greatest concern is that of the possible health hazards associated with opencasting, especially for children. A local GP and County Councillor for Chilwell, who lives in Trowell, Dr. Doddy, is taking a leading role in emphasizing the possible health implications. He intends to visit local schools to inform people of his concerns, starting with our school in Trowell in September. To this end he will be putting the case for refusing planning permission to Nottinghamshire County Council, based on the health issues. Trowell County Councillor Ken Rigby will also be fighting against accepting the proposals.

To raise awareness, and hopefully recruit more members, the group is proposing to leaflet the

village and surrounding areas. They would like to recruit volunteers to deliver these leaflets. A website is seen as a must have tool, but as the group at present has very little cash, they would be very grateful if someone with expertise in web design could offer their services for free of charge? Facebook and Twitter accounts are also being set up.

As mentioned previously, there is a desperate need to raise funds, and quickly. Various ideas are being discussed, but if you have any thoughts on how to raise money, please let the group know.

Kate Carter said that over the coming weeks the group aims to motivate people, and build and sustain momentum.

However, the most pressing matter at the moment is to respond to the planning application presently lodged with NCC.

To contact the group, please email: soco.opencast@gmail.com

Jubilee gifts

Just before the summer term ended, members of the Parish Council and the Festival Committee were very pleased to visit Trowell School, to deliver jubilee mugs for each pupil. We do have some left for Trowell children who attend primary schools elsewhere, on a first come first served basis. Please get in touch with the Parish Council if your child attends a primary school out of the village and would like a mug. We are very grateful for a donation of £300 from Councillor Ken Rigby's County Council divisional fund.



Jubilee mug given to the children of Trowell courtesy of Trowell Parish Council and the Festival Committee.



Nottingham Forest star Lewis McGugan a big hit at Trowell FC Presentation

Trowell FC Presentation night was a huge success, a big thankyou to Lewis McGugan for giving up his time to hand out the trophies on the night and stop to have pictures taken afterwards

The evening was capped with an England victory over Sweden shown on the big screen for our boys to watch and plenty of hot food and drink finished the night off. Trowell FC would like to thank Trowell Parish Council for there continued support as they continue to build a Club the local community can be proud of.



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At Trowell WI we are now starting our 50th year and will be doing some celebrating ourselves. We have a new programme from July which shows all our monthly speakers and activities through to July 2013. Copies are 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, so on 17th July Karen Attwood will tell us how Cup Cakes changed her life. We do not meet in August so our next meeting is on 18th September when we have a Patchwork Demonstration. On 16th October we hear about Denman WI College, which is open to all, and on 20th November we do Christmas Table Decorations.

Our outing to Stamford and Barnsdale Gardens is now full, but we have plenty of space on our Charity Walk on 31 July starting at 6.30pm from the Gardeners Inn at Awsworth in aid of the Ear Foundation and Breathe Easy. If you need more information, please contact Pat Wilson – see below.

We continue with our popular Ladies Darts Social evenings. The next ones are on Wednesdays 25th July, 15th August, 12th September, 10th October and 14th November 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! .

A date for your diary is Saturday 8th December when Ilkeston Brass will be doing their very popular Christmas Concert in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from September from Pat Wilson on 0115 9301337 who can give you more information about our meetings and events. Our full programme and more information are also on the Trowell website.

Trowell Ladies Choir

Trowell Ladies Choir meets again after our summer break on Monday 3rd September in the Church Hall Extension on Nottingham Road, Trowell from 7.30 to 9pm. We are a very friendly, lively group of about 16 ladies who enjoy singing light, well-known songs, and are available to entertain at local care homes and some other events. We also do the odd comedy sketch and/or readings.

We meet every Monday evening as above, and would welcome any ladies who might like to come along and see what we do. There are no auditions and it is not necessary to read music as, if you enjoy singing, you will probably know the songs anyway! You will be provided with the music and there will be help if you are not used to it.

Jubilee Children's Party

Seventy children plus parents (and even some grandparents) attended our children's party on the 9th June, at the Parish Hall. Thankfully the weather was kind enough to allow use of the play park and also the bouncy castle out of doors. Everyone had a thoroughly good time and Jolly Jingles' entertainment was excellent as usual. The cup cake competition was won by the Turnbull family from Trowell Park and Danny Corns (as one of the judges) was very pleased to hand over the award.



**Having fun
on the bouncy
castle**

**So hard to choose a
winner from such a
large selection of
excellent cakes!**



Tribute to our volunteer deliverers

Over the past few weeks we have had to increase delivery of flyers and leaflets to your homes in a short space of time due to the need to keep you informed about the open cast mining proposal and the core aligned strategy (housing development). We could not have done this effectively without the stalwart commitment and efforts of our volunteer deliverers. The Parish Council would like to thank sincerely our volunteers without whom this communication route would have been difficult. If anyone else would like to help out, please let us know and we would be pleased to add you to our volunteer list. Generally, deliveries are 3 times per year for Trowell Times with additional leaflets or flyers as and when required. Even if you could just deliver on your own road, avenue, drive or street this would be most appreciated.

Jubilee Diamond Disco



A disco was held on Saturday 14th July for Trowell residents and their friends as part of the ongoing Jubilee celebrations. It was a lively evening with a quiz and raffle. Over £77.50 was raised and this will be added to any monies made at this year's Christmas event. The recipients this year are Trowell pre-school. The disco was excellent, and celebrated sixty years of music. Many thanks to the organizers and everyone who attended: you all made it a great evening.



Disappointing?

A View of Trowell Parish Hall at the height of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

The Flower Bed on Church Corner had no flowers until a week after the event!

Any Comments Councillors?

Please email the Editor
(They will be printed.)

The picture and caption shown left were printed in the August 2012 edition of the 'ACT Together' Church magazine. Despite the promise to print replies from Parish Councillors, the edi-

tor of the ACT has declined to do so, and insists that only replies that meet his own criteria will be considered for publication. The Parish council has therefore decided to publish the following statement by the Chair of the PC, which you may read below:

Were you disappointed?

Some residents may have seen an article in the August edition of the Church Magazine which implies that the people of Trowell were "disappointed" that the flowerbeds were empty and the Parish Hall was not decorated, for the early June bank holiday weekend. The Parish Council is pleased to inform Trowell residents of the reasons for this, via this newsletter. Firstly, flowerbeds are the remit of Broxtowe Borough Council and we have to take our turn on the rota with other villages and towns, therefore this was out of our hands. Secondly, the Parish Hall was not decorated that weekend because a) we held our children's jubilee party the following weekend. The reason for this was that we didn't want to clash with other local jubilee celebrations, and also with families' holiday plans. (The hall was decorated for this event.) b) decorations left up could easily have been torn down and none of us can be on duty 24/7 to monitor this; c) the hirers of the Parish Hall during that period would probably not have wanted jubilee decorations being up for their own events. (This is exactly what happened last Christmas when a hirer tore down the decorations in the Parish Hall for their own event and we had to put them back up again!). So, were you disappointed? Was the Parish Council being "unpatriotic"? Is this the view of many residents or just a few? We would very much welcome views from all residents. Please contact the Parish Council either by phone, e-mail or the website.

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