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This year marks yet another major milestone in the history of our village. This summer we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the 'Festival of Britain'. In this edition you will find further information about the events taking place. The Annual Parish Meeting is also upon us. Please come along and ask any questions you like!

Graham Lockwood, Editor

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN CELEBRATIONS - LATEST NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

As previously mentioned in earlier editions, this year Trowell is celebrating 60 years since being chosen as the Festival of Britain village in 1951. The Trowell Village Festival Committee is pleased to inform readers of provisional celebration plans, which have been put together in partnership with the Church, the WI, Trowell C of E School, the History Society and local residents.

Provisional plans are as follows:

Various events at school including a '50s themed Sports Day.

Morning blessing at the Parish Hall from Church on Friday 17th 10.30 to 4.30 including June followed by the an exhibition about opening of a Festival Trowell through the Arts & Flowers Gallery years, and children's crafts. Refreshments will be supplied by the WI.



Residents are invited to bring along their own memorabilia of Trowell and dress in 1950's style (if you haven't thrown out the clothes!). There will be evening songs of praise at Church on Sunday 19th June. Final plans will be advertised near the celebrations. If anyone would like to contribute to the celebrations and/or would like to help out at the Parish Hall on 18th June, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact Lyn Harley (0115 9171392) or Julie Bryant (0115 9491760).

Church. The Gallery will be an opportunity for local people to display art of all kinds, e.g. flower displays, paintings, drawings, craft work, photography, poetry and writing. To register a contribution e-mail: ennis@googlemail.com

On Saturday 18th June, there will be activities at

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An issue which won't go away?

Like most places in the world, the people of Trowell love their dogs, and what lovable animals they are. In keeping dogs, the owners have an obligation, not only to love their pets, and take them on regular walks, but also to clean up after them. With the vast majority of pet owners this is not a problem, albeit a not very nice activity, but the owners do it dutifully.

BUT!! There are a few dog walkers who seem to think that it's not something they can be bothered to do. There are public areas around Trowell, mostly footpaths, near Boundary Brook next to the Trowell Park estate, Pit Lane Playing Fields, around the School and the footpath to Trowell Boards, where residents and other dog owners have made complaints about the mess left by these selfish people.

There are penalties which can be, and are imposed on dog owners who are caught not cleaning up after their pets and, in persistent

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF DOGS CLEARED UP AFTER THEMSELVES ?



But it's up to you
Please clean up after your dog

cases, the dogs can be taken away. This requires other residents to report the problem to Broxtowe Borough Council for their dog wardens to investigate. In this day and age, "whistle blowers" are encouraged to report people breaking the law, and this is happening around Trowell, with a few people being fined for not cleaning up after their dogs.

To make the identification of offending dogs and owners easier, modern forensic science can

be used on the deposited substance, and by DNA screening the dog can be identified. When the dog owner is identified in this way it is possible for the cost of the expensive scientific analysis to be added to their fine. OK, this may seem extreme but dog mess is a genuine health hazard, especially to children, and sometimes extreme measures are needed to deter offenders.

Please let Broxtowe BC know of dog owners who don't believe it's their duty to clean up and keep Trowell clear

of this hazard. The Email address is Paul.Wolverson@broxtowe.gov.uk.



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Boundary Brook Bridge

As a resident and parish councillor who lives a short walk from the new Boundary Brook Bridge, I was asked to write a short piece concerning the reaction of residents within its vicinity. I posted a short note through 40 local parishioners' homes and received four replies. I can only assume the majority of people are happy with the bridge. A resident living close to the bridge is unhappy with its size and lack of privacy to his home, and he has directed his concerns to the relevant authority. Comments are varied from "personally really good as it cuts my walking time to Stapleford" to "I have to lug the pushchair over". It certainly cuts the walking time to Stapleford and to Albany School, but it is very muddy either side at the moment, and of course the access is denied to disabled people and to mothers who are unable to lug the

pushchair over. The type of design is controversial and quite high, with the reasoning that if the brook floods the bridge could be deemed as an obstacle. If the water reaches that high then the whole of Trowell Park will be under water!!!!.

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I received comments regarding the state of the local footpaths, which I have passed on to our Borough Councillor, who pointed out that the bridge itself is a pedestrian right of way, not deemed as a pavement, and will remain in its current state, but he will try to have it improved. Our local beat officer has confirmed that there have been no reported incidents of crime except for some unfortunate theft of Christmas decorations. Love it or hate it the Boundary Brook Bridge is here to stay. *Since this article was written, the footpath surface has now been improved.*

Memories are made of this

This 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 memorabilia of this special time in Trowell's history to contact, in the first instance, Councillor Lyn Harley on 0115 9171392, email: lyn.harley@ntlworld.com

Memories

Any information supplied will be forwarded on to the relevant people, who, in turn, will contact you directly to discuss your contribution further. Thank you in anticipation.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Spring is a busy time for WI as we are finalizing our members' Birthday Party on 19th April and our Annual meeting on 17th May. Also we have now arranged a coach outing to Salford Quays, Manchester on Friday 20th May. We leave Trowell Parish Hall at 9am and return from the Quays at 4pm. Everyone is free to visit the attractions such as the Lowry Gallery and shopping centre, the Imperial War Museum and experience the buzz of the Quays in their own time. And Central Manchester is only 15 minutes

away by tram. We are also going to Skegness by coach on Thursday 14th July leaving at 9.30am and returning at 4.30pm. Both coach fares are £10. Both these outings are open to friends and families. Anyone wishing to go, please contact Pat Wilson on 0115 9301337.

Our usual monthly meetings continue after May in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm (Tuesday evenings) – on 21st June Jim Slaney will talk about and show us his rescued Owls and on 19th July we hear about Bess of Hardwick Hall. Visitors are very welcome at our meetings. We don't meet in August but our full programme for 2011-12 will be available in June.

We continue with our Ladies Darts Social evenings, which are proving very popular. The next ones are on Wednesdays 13th April and 11th May at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall. Come and have a cuppa and a chat and see if you can hit the board! We hope to continue these evenings during the summer.

Our full programme and more information are on the Trowell website or contact Pat Wilson on 0115 9301337.



Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 20th May 2011.

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat fish and chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 20th May 2011 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA’s information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will

also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a

“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”

spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Donor Development Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and

Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

2009 was the first year that SIA ran the suppers, and we already envisage that this is one of our top fundraising initiatives in the SIA calendar.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

How much will it cost!!!!!!



A recent article in a daily paper suggests that the cost of submitting a planning application could rocket. Homeowners who wish to convert, build an extension or even seek to prune a protected tree, will need to find a lot more cash to pay for fees to the Local Authority to obtain consent to carry out these works. The article also suggests that the local authority may be granted the right to charge extra fees for retrospective planning applications.

So if you are thinking of seeking planning permission, it may be wise to research the costs early on. If you have already carried out any work without obtaining planning consent it may be prudent to check whether you should have. Your pocket could be considerably lighter if these government plans are put in force!

Parish Hall

As I'm sure you will all agree the parish hall is a valuable asset for the village. Over the last few years the popularity of the hall for various activities and functions has steadily increased. If you would like to book the hall, please be aware that as much notice as possible is required, otherwise you may be disappointed! Don't forget that available dates are shown on the parish council website at <http://www.trowell.org.uk/parish-hall-booking/>.

One reason that the hall is so popular is that it is kept very clean and in good order. This is largely due to the efforts of our caretaker Tom Dutton. Tom is about to take his well earned retirement, and I'm sure everyone would like to wish him well in his new endeavours, and thank him for his work over the years. We are pleased to announce that we have appointed a new caretaker Richard Green, who will be taking up his (new) duties in April. No doubt a lot of you will be meeting Richard over the coming months.

Planters and Baskets

Over the years many comments have been made about the provision of hanging baskets and the planters at the entrances to the village. Last year's display was well received by most, and the parish council was pleased with the new contractor appointed to supply and maintain them.



Unfortunately, this year there won't be any displays. In these straightened economic times the parish council has decided to keep the precept at 2010/11 levels. In order to do this, and maintain other services, the council reluctantly decided that the cost of providing baskets and planters was too great for this year.

We will reconsider providing them next year, when we know what other financial commitments we will have.