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**The Official Newsletter of**  
**Trowell Parish Council**

I am sure that Trowell residents would like to thank Graham Lockwood for his hard work with the introduction and editing of the Newsletter over the past few years. I only hope that I can continue as well. Although we had to cancel the Summer Event due to lack of local interest, we hope that you will support this year's Christmas Event (see last page) Proceeds will be donated to St Helen's Luncheon Club, to help with ongoing transport costs.

Letters to the Editor are always welcome—please make contact via the Parish Council e-mail address ([tpc@gotadsl.co.uk](mailto:tpc@gotadsl.co.uk)). Julie Bryant, Editor

## **GOOD NEWS SPOT**

Thanks to donations from Trowell Parish Council and Cllr Ken Rigby, St Helen's Luncheon Club can continue for now with transport arrangements to collect residents and deliver them home. Luncheon Clubs are vital to reducing isolation amongst the elderly.

## **ONGOING ISSUES FOR TROWELL (as known at time of publication)**

### Open Cast Mining

Secretary of State, Eric Pickles, has refused to 'call in' the application for review. Notts County Council, local councillors and Anna Soubry MP have asked the Highways Agency to re-consider allowing the coal lorries to access the M1 via Trowell Services, reducing the need for lorries to use the A609 and the A6002. The Parish Council has written a letter in support of this. We have learned that UK Coal are planning to "sell off" their open cast mining concerns however Notts County Council have promised to ensure that financial obligations will be met, including a site regeneration bond, before final permission is granted.

### Field Farm Planning Application

The Planning Inspector has finished her investigations and the outcome is that the inner boundary of the greenbelt has been recast to accommodate the Field Farm development, although it is understood that the campaign to fight this continues. The report can be found at [www.broxtowe.gov.uk/corestrategy](http://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/corestrategy).

### HS2 update

Also in July the Parish Council received some news about the HS2 proposal. Following the end of the consultation period, responses are being looked at and a report will be published sometime in the Autumn. We were told that many respondents, including the Parish Council, had suggested the Erewash Valley route which we are told is being considered. Final decisions are due in Autumn 2015, although there is apparently a rumour that Toton may not be the "Hub" after all.

## **Persistent Parking Problems**

**P**arking, or rather selfish parking, is one of those things that the parish council has to deal with on a regular basis.

Following on from residents' complaints about parking on Hill Rise caused by users of the church hall, letters were sent to the owners and users of the hall. This has resulted in less cars being parked, but there are still some persistent offenders. However, just as many problems are being caused by people picking up and dropping off children who attend Trowell School. The blocking of the road is not uncommon, as cars can be parked opposite each other, and at least one door will be open on the road side. Please use the designated parking areas at the parish hall and the Festival Inn. Unfortunately, these problems with school children being dropped off are still present on Smithfield Avenue and Derbyshire Avenue as well.

Damage to the verges in the village is also being caused by vehicle parking. This is probably being done thinking this is considerate parking. In reality, this damage ages both the grass and

the soil underneath making it harder for the grass cutters. These verges are the responsibility of Broxtowe Borough Council, and vehicles should not be parked on them. Inconsiderate parking by neighbours is also present in parts of the village. Please have consid-

eration for others when you, or your visitors, wish to park at your home.

If you park on the pavements, please be considerate of pushchair and wheelchair users. Sometimes they have to use the road to pass parked cars which puts them in danger

Please be aware that just because you have taxed your car, this does not give you the right to park where you like! Please consult the current Highway Code for more guidance on this matter. We are all aware that there are more cars on the roads, and those cars are larger than in the past, so road space is at a premium. But, with a little bit of thought and consideration, many of the problems being caused can be eliminated.

## LET THERE BE LIGHTS!

Once again the Parish Council is looking to bring some festive cheer to the village this Christmas by lighting a number of trees at sites around the parish. The four sites lit last year will again feature in the displays & it is hoped to increase the number of lights used at the multiple tree locations to give a better effect.

As usual the Parish Hall will be lit in time for the village Christmas Event & this year the Parish Council is arranging for the village Christmas Tree to be lit at Church Corner too. The Parish Council would like to thank the contractors who do such a sterling job, Leisure Lites for lighting the highway trees, AMP Electrical for decorating the Parish Hall & car park & Nottinghamshire County Council for installing the necessary power supplies to enable all this to happen. Thanks also go to Borough & County Councillor Ken Rigby for his £500 donation to this project.



### Where have all the flowers gone?

This is a photo of the Boundary Sign on Nottingham Road, opposite Waterloo Lane. Eagle eyed residents may have noticed that it has been rather bare of flowers this year, compared to its companions in other parts of the village. The greenery that can be seen on the photo is actually weeds. We have spoken to our suppliers and they tell us that they have filled the planter twice this year. Their conclusion is that the plants have been stolen and regretfully we

have had to report this to the Police. If anyone has any information about this we would be very happy to receive it.

Sadly, when we are planning next year's border planters, we may have to seriously consider leaving out this particular location as it seems pointless wasting money if the same problem is going to happen again.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS

### Bonfires

Lots of people are having bonfires, especially as the Green Waste collections have recently changed. All we ask is please be considerate of neighbours regarding the time of day you have them. If washing is out, or it is a lovely sunny day, please leave the fire until later in the day.

### Hedge Cutting

Some of our hedges have not been cut for 2 years. Despite complaints and discussions from both The Parish Council, Parishioners and Local Councillors, this still remains a problem. We are aware of the problems this is causing for traffic and pedestrians and are doing all in our power to get this resolved.

## TROWELL BADMINTON CLUB

We are looking for new members (aged 16+) to play badminton for **FUN**.

Monday nights at **Trowell Parish Hall** from **7pm to 10pm**

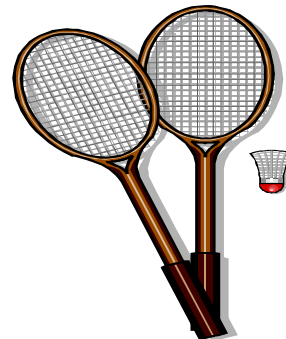
*Three hours of laughter sweat and tears for only £4 per night..—All abilities welcome. Come along and try it, we have spare racquets available (no charge) and your first night is **absolutely free**.*

Table tennis and darts are also available.

An excellent way to keep fit, and remember the emphasis is on **FUN**.

To find out more contact:- **Diane: 0115 8496377 or mob: 07989 875986.**

Or just drop in on a Monday night.



## DID YOU KNOW?

It is 5 years since Trowell won the Calor Village of the Year competition. Many people will remember how well residents and groups pulled together to support the market style event, which helped to make the application successful.



Look out in the next edition for news on how the Trowell Festival Village Committee is hoping to boost community spirit and plan ahead for future events in the village



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**A LOOK BACK AT THE 1940/1950s**

Families kept family secrets to themselves in them days; so much was kept from us ,as children by our close family and relations, in fact some things were never ever explained, and I was in my 50s, with both my mother and father dead before finding out that my elder brother who I thought was my elder brother was in fact my step brother. I was also kept in the dark about both my mothers and fathers families, and only knew more much later in life via the internet, and one remaining relative, Dad's youngest sister Joyce.

When we lived at Ilkeston Road, all the houses on our side of Ilkeston Road had huge back gardens that backed right up onto the Wollaton canal, which is now mostly drained, filled in and just a footpath or cycle path. If my memory is correct all these houses had a cess pit in the back garden, but cannot remember if they were still in use, when we lived there or when we were connected to the sewer system .In the kitchen was a brick built coal fired boiler, a cast iron open topped boiler that had a large wooden lid. The boiler would be filled with water the fire underneath lit up and the water brought up to boiling then soap flakes were added to the boiling water, followed by our dirty washing, and hopefully your clothes were boiled clean, no wonder things shrank ,removing the boiled clothes from boiler, using large wooden tongs they were then were passed through a hand operated mangle to remove excess water, before hanging out to dry. If they were still not clean when removed from the boiler they were put into a galvanised tub which was filled with hot water and then were agitated using a ponch or wash board, these ponches came in different types, some made all of wood and some had a metal base like an upturned colander fixed to the bottom of a stout wooden handle, this would be pushed and pulled against the washing in the tub. The wash boards later found fame with the skiffle groups. No washing machines and spin dryers then. When the weather was not good enough to dry the washing it would be hung around the kitchen, some people had a wooden frame attached to the ceiling by cords and hooks that could be lowered to load up with the wet washing, then pulling on the cord, so that it was near to the ceiling, the cord then tied off to hold it in place.

I was a teenager before we had our first washing machine, a second-hand huge thing that had a giant paddle inside and an electric set of rollers or mangle to remove excess water, the water draining back into the machine, these had to be filled with water by hand and had a tap fitted for draining when washing finished. Later about 1960 we had our first twin tub, a Rolls "Rapide" I think it was, they sold for about £60, and were the top selling machine at the time. After washing the clothes were transferred into the spin tub where they were spun, rinsed with a rubber hose connected to the tap then spun again. The mangle, ponch tub and ponch were finally redundant. At least in our house.

**David Leslie Thompson (continued from the last edition )**

**To be continued.....**