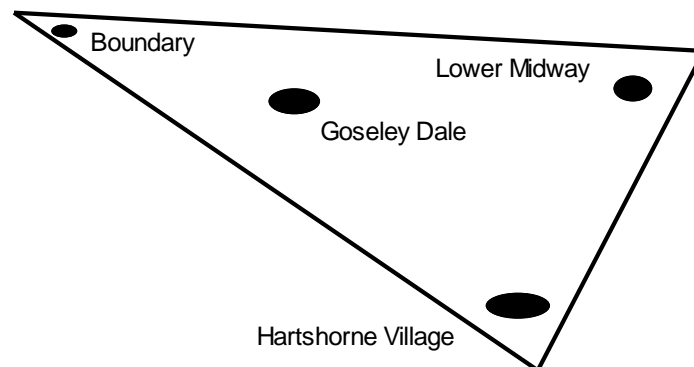


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At the last annual general meeting of the Parish Council Councillor Mrs Pam Worthington announced that she would not be seeking re-election as Chair of the Council. She had chaired the Council for 14 years with several more years as a councillor. The Council elected Cllr Roy Bell, the previous Vice-Chair, to the position of Chair with Cllr Alan Jones taking the role of Vice-Chair.



Roy's first action was to pay tribute to Pam for her many years of voluntary service to the Parish, acknowledging the time she has spent dealing with Parish matters outside Council meetings also her fortitude in chairing the meetings for so long.

The Council co-opted Mr John Bridgeland onto the Council to fill the vacancy left by the death of Derek Adams. However, John will shortly be leaving the Parish and notice of a vacancy will be posted on the Parish notice boards in due course.

******* PARISH MEETING, TUESDAY 27th APRIL *******

PARISH FINANCE

Each year the Parish Council prepares a budget for the next financial year beginning in April. The Parish receives income from three main sources; the District Council, interest on investments and the parish precept (from parish council tax payers). Interest rates are now at an all-time low and with very little likelihood of improvement in the near future income from investments is anticipated to be minimal, if any at all. However the Parish Council has decided that expenditure for 2010-2011 is likely to be less than the current year and that an increase in the precept need only be £100, i.e. to £9600. This is now the lowest precept of all the parishes in South Derbyshire and means that the contribution paid by each Band D property will be £8.03 per year.

The Parish accounts will be presented at the annual Parish Meeting at the Dethick Hall on the 27th April.

THE RODNEY JUNCTION

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) unilaterally and without prior notice to the Parish Council, or anyone else, decided to change the road layout outside the Admiral Rodney. The existing arrangement had posed no problems and there had been only one very minor traffic accident in the vicinity of the junction since it was originally changed many years ago.

The Parish Council became aware of the change when the work had actually started and promptly wrote to the Highways Department at DCC to request a site meeting and the reasoning behind the change. This letter was ignored as were two further letters which suggested a roundabout would be a better option. Even a letter of protest from the primary school governors and a petition from parents of children at the school met the same fate as the letters from the Parish Council. When the Highways Department finally responded ***they agreed to a site meeting when the work was 90% complete.*** The meeting was attended by Parish and District councillors and the school was also represented. When asked why the junction had been changed the only reason given by a DCC official was 'we know best'.

Additionally when asked why the work proceeded when objections were raised it was stated that 'it was in the programme and couldn't be changed'!! As expected a site meeting at that stage was a waste of time and merely served to demonstrate the arrogance of the so-called public servants at DCC. Clearly this work had been 'programmed' early in 2009 and no one at the Highways Department thought it necessary to seek the views of local people who use the junction daily.

The DCC seem to have a programme locally of making unnecessary and expensive alterations at junctions (Midway Rd/Newhall Rd mini roundabout, Springfield Rd/Burton Rd right turn lane), in addition to the Rodney junction. (Recession? What recession?)

In the few weeks the new arrangement has been in place in Hartshorne there have already been two accidents at the junction! The Parish Council has been informed that the full cost of the works will be approximately £40000 and awaits with interest to see how the newly created plot of land in front of the Admiral Rodney will be landscaped.



The new Rodney Junction - Vital improvement or waste of money??

END OF FREE RIDE

For the last 3 years the Parish Council has sponsored a Community Transport minibus to transport any parishioner to the mobile post office at the Dethick Hall on Tuesday mornings. The number of people using this service has now declined and the continued funding of this service can no longer be justified. The bus service will therefore not be available after the end of March 2010.

The Swadlincote Community Transport Service is available to people who are not able to access public transport either through mobility problems or the lack of public transport in their area. The Service does operate regular services through villages travelling to Derby, Burton, and various supermarkets. More information is available by telephoning 01283 550764.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Speed humps have been installed within the 30 mph section of Manchester Lane. Residents had been consulted and in spite of some concerns the proposals were supported overwhelmingly. Since the installation of the road humps residents have reported a noticeable reduction in the excessive speed of traffic within the 30 mph zone and an apparent reduction in the number of vehicles using the lane.

NEW SCOUT GROUP

A new Scout Group, the 1st Hartshorne, has recently been established at Goseley Community Centre. At present the Cubs (8 yrs to 10½yrs) meet from 6.00pm to 7.30pm and the Scouts (10½yrs to 14yrs) from 7.45 to 9.30pm every Friday. Currently there are 25 youngsters attending the two groups. Cubs are split evenly between girls and boys and the Scouts have 3 girls in the troop. There are plans for a Beaver Colony (6yrs to 8yrs) but setting it up will depend on recruiting more Leaders. If anyone is interested in lending a hand please contact Carole Johnson on 01283 552362 or District Commissioner Andy Austen on 01283 702448. Training is given to all helpers. Any youngster interested in joining should call at the Community Centre on a Friday evening and see what happens for themselves.

So far there have been a number of outdoor activities, night hike with a sleepover in Repton, cooking on open fires and the cubs were runners up in the District Cooking Competition at Rosliston. Plans have been made for a Spring Bank Holiday camp for the cubs and scouts at Drum Hill, and, with assistance from Newhall Scout Group, for the Cubs at a District Camp at Willesley.

The Parish Council and Hartshorne Charities were pleased to support this new Scout Group and wish them well in this worthwhile venture.

HARTSHORNE ON THE WEB

The Parish Council sponsors an excellent website which can be found at www.hartshorne.org.uk. On the site you will find many items covering the history of Hartshorne, local organisations, photographs old and new and really interesting things such as the minutes of Parish Council meetings! The Webmaster is Neil Jenkinson who will be regularly updating the site. Should you have any items of interest which you would like to see on the site or wish to publicise events in the Parish contact Neil via email at webmaster@hartshorne.org

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish meeting will take place on Tuesday the 27th April 2010 at the Dethick Hall.

Tea and biscuits will be available from 7.00p.m. and the meeting will commence at 7.30p.m. Reports will be received from the Chair of the Council and from clubs and organisations operating within the Parish. It will also be an opportunity for parishioners to raise issues.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Dethick Hall

The Dethick Hall is a community hall situated in Manchester Lane opposite the Church Hall and adjoining The Bull's Head. The hall has been completely redecorated and new floors laid in the toilets and kitchen. Hire rates are from only £6.00/hr.

Current activities in the hall are as follows :-

Monday 14.00 - 16.00 **Indoor Bowls** 17.30 - 21.00 **Rosemary Conley Diet and fitness Club**

Tuesday 9.30am – 12 noon - **Post Office** 13.30 - 15.00 **NCT Ducks and Ducklings** 19.00 - 20.00 **Karate**

Wednesday 09.30 - 11.30 **Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness Club**

Thursday 10.00 - 11.00 **Tiny Talk baby sign class** Alternate Thursday evenings - **Ladies Club**

Friday 9.30am – 12 noon - **Post Office**

Calling all **TABLE TENNIS** players. The Hall has acquired 2 table tennis tables and equipment for community use. Room hire charges only apply and the use of the tables is free.

For bookings or further details of the activities contact the caretaker Mrs. Sarah Weaver on 229608.

Goseley Community Centre

The Goseley Community Centre is situated in the centre of the Goseley estate on Hartshill Road. It is a modern facility with its own car park and is an excellent venue for many types of functions.

Hire of the hall is only £7.50 per hour + £2.00 for the use of the kitchen.

Activities at the centre

Monday 7-30p.m **Goseley Evergreen Club Bingo**

First Tuesday of the Month the **Goseley Neighbourhood Watch** hold a **Bingo** 7-30p.m.

Wednesday 9-45 am - 11-15 am **Yoga**. Wednesday 2p.m - 4 p.m. **Short Mat Bowls**. Room for more players.

Wednesday 7p.m. - 9p.m. **Yoga**.

Thursday 2 - 4p.m. **Goseley Neighbourhood Watch Tea Dance** Thursday evening 7p.m. -8-30p.m. **Yoga**.

Friday 1p.m.- 3p.m. **Goseley Evergreen Club** over 50s, cup of tea, chat, cards, dominoes, outings.

Friday 6p.m. **Cubs**, 7-45p.m. **Scouts**

Anyone wishing to know more about any of the above sessions or to enquire about booking the hall can contact Mr Dennis Hartwell on 214357 or Mrs Jenny Burley on 213447.

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