

Gunthorpe Newsletter

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Demands made for action following A6097 fatality

It was tragic that Gunthorpe suffered three road accidents within a 36 hour period culminating in the fatal accident on the evening of Tuesday 15th April.

Residents had highlighted the A6097 road as a road safety concern in the Village Plan questionnaire but none could have foreseen the tragic deaths of Paul Drury and Judy Phillips.

The accident occurred on the A6097, Lowdham Road, Gunthorpe between the junction with Cottage Pasture Lane and the start of the dual carriageway which crosses over the railway bridge.

The couple, from Dunham on Trent, Notts, were travelling in their Porsche when it left the road colliding with a wall and cars on a private driveway on Lowdham Road.

I'm sure all Gunthorpians will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to their family and friends.

The accident prompted quite a frenzy of activity. The Parish council at their meeting following the accident had Steve and Hillary Hunt attend, they live at the site of the accident and not only became involved in the initial emergency response but also have had visits from family and friends of Paul and Judy. Their bravery and compassion is an example to us all.

Steve and Hillary talked about their ideas of what could be done to improve the safety situation on the road.

Steve and Hillary also held a special meeting in the Village Hall on 30th April where the public, and councillors from the Parish, District and County were present.

A written petition and one 'on line', was organised and County Councillor, Andy Stewart was to present this to the monthly Council meeting on 15th May.

A letter has also been sent to our MP Paddy Tipping.

The recommendations that have been put forward are for a reduction in the speed limit from 50 to 40, Speed Cameras, and speed limit signs that flash when people exceed the limit.

An Appeal to all the Women of Gunthorpe

Gunthorpe Women's Institute will be 90 years old in 2009, and at present our membership is only 19.

Current members are getting older and finding it increasingly more difficult to continue with so few of us. We feel that if we don't attract some new members we will be unable to be viable much longer. With a larger membership we could attract a better quality speaker for our monthly meeting. Speakers of good quality come at a high price. With our present membership we can ill afford them.

Today's women have a very different lifestyle from previous generations often juggling children and families with careers and jobs. So whether you are a mother with children, a grandmother, career woman, a single parent, retired or a mixture of all of these WE NEED YOU. In return we can offer you Friendship, Fun and Education. So if any of you out there can come and swell our numbers, we feel we could have a good interesting group and continue for many years to come.

We are not all Jam and Jerusalem and are very open to change; in fact present members would welcome it. So get together come and join us, Bring your ideas and enthusiasm we will be delighted to see you all.

We meet in the village hall on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm, who knows you may even enjoy it. They did it in Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight and now claim to be the largest institute in England! So come on pick up the challenge can we do the same in Gunthorpe?

Members of Gunthorpe Women's Institute

Elsie Reed - Secretary 9665090

14th June 2008

10am to 12 noon
at the Village Hall

Car Wash

Have a coffee whilst having your car washed by Gunthorpe Girlguides also homemade cakes / biscuits

Support the guides in raising funds

News from the Girlguides

We are raising funds to send 3 of our guides on international trips. They have been chosen to represent girlguiding Midland Region. They were chosen from guides throughout the

county on a weekend to test their initiative (rather like the apprentice). Two 14 year olds have a dash to Paris and then are going on to the international Jamboree in Essex . The 16 year old guide is part of the exclusive 'jailbreak team' 6 members have certain tasks to do around Europe - one of which is to step foot inside the arctic circle! They begin in Edinburgh and finish in Tallin , Estonia. As they are 'on the run' from 'jail' they must not be seen/caught.

All the girls must fund raise their own funds; they will be holding a coffee morning and car wash at the Gunthorpe village hall on **Saturday 14th June**, starting at 10am.

Come along and support the girlguides.

We are looking for help / adults to train for guiding leadership-if you feel you could help with Brownies or guides in Gunthorpe, please come and see us on Saturday. If you would like to sponsor any of the girls please contact-Pip on 01949 839926 for more information.

Mobile Library Service

Did you know that Gunthorpe has a Mobile Library Service that calls in the village fortnightly on a Wednesday?

It stocks a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books, paperbacks, Large Print, Children's books and spoken word, all of which are changed regularly and free.

You can use any Nottinghamshire Library ticket, return books from other libraries, request books from other libraries in fact most services you get at the library on the High St you can get from the Mobile Library.

Next time you see the Mobile Library in the village pop on and see what it has to offer, you might be pleasantly surprised.

The Mobile Library calls Wednesday mornings fortnightly at:-

Laburnum Villas 11.10am - 11.20am

David's Lane 11.25am - 11.30am

The Village Hall 11.35am - 11.50am

If you have any questions about the Mobile Library Service contact them through Southwell Library 01636 812148.

Sid's Seasonal Snippets

In the garden in June.

This month the garden is at the peak of perfection, isn't it?

All that hard work you put in earlier in the year now pays off. So apart from a bit of weeding and watering you can stretch out on the old deck chair, glass of Pimms in hand and admire your handiwork.

Sid

GUNTHORPE VILLAGE ACTIVE FUN DAY

For Everyone – Friends and Families Welcome

- **WHEN:** - SATURDAY 23rd August 2008 Noon until 4. 30pm
- **WHERE:** - THE VILLAGE HALL AND FIELD
- **WHY:** - TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A NEW CHILDREN'S PLAY PARK
- **WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING:** -
 - A Fun Cricket Knock Out Competition (See details below)
 - Traditional Village Sports (egg and spoon race, sack race, etc)
 - Bar - B – Que
 - Beer Tent
 - Soft Drinks and Snacks
 - Bouncy Castle
 - Lots of Other Activities for Everyone

CRICKET COMPETITION DETAILS

- Teams will be of 7 people, which must include adults and children (We are hoping for at least 8 teams)
- Underarm bowling with a soft ball
- Each team member will bat for 1 six ball over, unless out!
- Each team member will bowl for 1 over
- The team with the greatest number of runs will be declared the winner.
- In the event of a draw the number of wickets lost will be taken into consideration

A registration fee of £5.00 per team is payable at least 2 weeks prior to the competition. Cheques should be made payable to "Gunthorpe Village Hall" and forwarded to Andy and Linda Robinson, "Cherrytrees", Peck Lane. E-mail a.l.robinson@btinternet.com. If you would like more information please telephone 9669421.



Is anyone willing to help to run an excess Garden Produce Stall on a bring and buy basis please?

If you have produce from your garden which is surplus to your requirements please bring it along on the day.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH RUNNING ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES please contact Trish Greggs, The Haybarn, Riverlands Close. Tel. 9663317 or e-mail trishgreggs@tinyworld.co.uk

For those wishing to view the activities in comfort please bring along your own outdoor chairs.

Letters

Villagers will have seen Steve Hunt of Lowdham Road in the news following the terrible crash that occurred outside his house on Tuesday 15th April. As his next door neighbours we witnessed first hand Steve's bravery and do not want his efforts to go unrecognised.

On impact the car instantly burst into a ball of fire. By the time we could dash out of our house Steve was already there without thought for his own life trying desperately to save whoever may have been in the car. Sadly beaten back by the heat and the flames Steve's tremendous efforts were in vain. However, with the fire spreading to other vehicles Steve, fighting the flames with a hose pipe managed to prevent this already horrific situation getting even worse by containing the fire and preventing any further risk to life.

All at the scene suffered the immediate huge shock of the devastating impact of the crash, yet Steve managed to keep calm enough to try to do something to help.

In the days following the crash Steve also helped keep the highest level of media involvement in order to highlight the urgent need for something to be done to improve the safety of this stretch of the A6097 so that no one else dies such an appalling death.

We would like to publicly thank Steve for his unquestionably brave actions that night and to express our deepest sympathy to the families of Paul Drury and Judy Phillips.

Rod and Sue Martin
Lowdham Road

Kim's London Marathon 13th April 2008

Please could you thank everyone who has sponsored me, and given so generously. Together we have all raised, a massive, £2,384 for the St Johns Ambulance. It just makes me realise how lucky we all are to live in such a friendly and kind spirited place.

Kim

Gunthorpe Church Patronal Festival

Please join us on **Saturday 21st June** at Gunthorpe Church for an exhibition of 'Hymns through the ages'

A number of Gunthorpians and others are using their creative talents to depict their favourite hymns.

Church is open from 10 - 4 . Stalls and refreshments .

Sunday, Church open 10 - 5 followed by a 'Songs of Praise' at 5pm.

Everyone is very welcome!

200 Club Winners

June

1 st	Jan Smith
2 nd	Alan and Elsie Reed
3 rd	Stuart Vietti
4 th	Roland Dawes

200 Club News

Well we managed to get around as many people in the village as we could to collect their 200 club membership fees. Thanks to all those who supported the club this year.

We gained a few new members along the way but sadly we missed a few people who were perhaps, away or at work when we called. Sorry if that was you.

If we haven't seen you and you want to renew your membership give me a call and I'll pop around. Although you have missed the first draw you can still join at a pro-rata rate of £10 or for full membership fee of £12 we'll put two membership numbers in the next draw.

Thanks once again

Paul Jeffery

Appeal for photos of Gunthorpe for the Parish Plan

The Parish Plan process is nearing completion. The Committee have completed their drafting of the text

of the plan, and are now in discussion with designers and printers. The aim is for the final 'glossy' plan to be produced and supplied to each and every household. The document will be used for a variety of purposes for a number of years into the future.

We would like to offer residents and visitors the opportunity to have their photographs within this historic document. All you have to do is click on the 'Flickr' link on the Village Website's Riverside page, (www.gunthorpe.org.uk) and use this to submit your photos to the www.gunthorpe.org.uk group.

Good luck, get involved, and get snapping!

For further information contact Cam Pearson on 07917 058070 or email cam@cpearson.plus.com

Annual Parish Meeting
7pm Wednesday 7th May 2008.

The annual Parish meeting took place at the Village Hall. First on the agenda was the Village Hall Committee AGM.

The Chair, Trish Greggs, Secretary, Trish Ellis and Treasurer, Paul Jeffery were all re-elected. Two members stepped down, Gill Shorer, WI representative, who is to emigrate to New Zealand later in the year and Beryl Hanslip, Church representative, who is moving aside to allow someone else to become a member. The WI had sent Aileen Thornton as a representative and the Church had yet

to decide their representative. Trish Greggs thanked Gill and Beryl for their hard work and commitment in support of the Village Hall.

Two new members were also welcomed onto the committee, Sarah Paling and Clair Pears.

The Annual Parish meeting then took place, Parish, District and County Councillors were present and a disappointingly small number of parishioners. Representatives from the Environment Agency and Newark and Sherwood District Council were also at the meeting. The main theme of the evening was to do with environmental issues and also emergency planning. Full details of the meeting will be circulated later in the year.

Newsletter Advertising and Sponsorship

The newsletter will no longer accept offers of sponsorship. The idea of sponsoring the newsletter has proven difficult to manage and could challenge the perception of it being fair and impartial. We have decided to continue offering an opportunity for advertising, primarily as a public service.

The cost of commercial advertising in the newsletter is £4 for a quarter page, £8 for a half page and £16 for a full page. Charities and organisations offering the community a chance to participate in sports, the arts, educational, cultural or recreational

activities can advertise for free. (Subject to editorial approval)

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

HELD ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 26TH 2008 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs.
Mrs Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)
Roy Thornhill
Mick Bowles
Peter Platten
Tony Everington
Mrs Jennifer Williamson
Mrs Helen Sutton

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham, Notts County Councillor Andy Stewart, Newark and Sherwood District Councillor Roger Jackson

Apologies

No apologies were received

Declarations of Interest

There were none

Minutes From Previous Meeting

Held on February 27th 2008 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

Environmental Matters

Three complaints have been received about the ongoing problem of dog mess in the village. It has been suggested that notices should be displayed in the main problem areas. The Clerk will contact the Environment to arrange a meeting - of particular concern are the Playing Field between 3 and 3:30 when parents are collecting children from school and Main Street. The disgusting habit of dog-owners placing

dog-waste in plastic bags and hanging on trees was also noted! It was reported that signs and waste bins removed from old lampposts had not been replaced on new.

The electricity substation was discussed - the Clerk was asked to present the documentation at next meeting.

Members were informed of the Festival proposed to be held on June 21st. If no objections are raised the event will run from about 10am to Midnight. Whilst no-one wished to be a 'kill-joy', concerns were raised in several areas, primarily music and noise from 10:30 to midnight and the number of people expected (500 - 1000) with the resultant traffic movements and parking. The Clerk was asked to write to the Brewery and N&S Licensing stating not objections but reservations.

Members had a very successful on site meeting with Cathy Gillespie of NCC regarding the Riverside Project. Ms Gillespie is to be invited to further meetings to progress the project. A meeting with Nick Pogson of British Waterways was also very fruitful. Cllr Stewart confirmed that Council would receive full support from Notts. County Council on this initiative.

Discussion was held regarding the ownership of the A612 layby between Lowdham and Bulcote. It was agreed that GPC did not own this land.

It was noted that the Public Convenience sign was still there! With regard to Grange Farm, Cllrs Bowles and Platten and the Clerk agreed to pursue the planning application issue. At this point some uncertainty was expressed over Planning Policy Statement 25 (PPS25) - the Clerk agreed to obtaining a copy of this important document

Reports From County And District Councillors

Cllr Stewart informed Members that there were to be some changes to the Notts. Bike Ride this year. The previous route will change slightly and a further course of 50 miles introduced. These changes would however have no effect on Gunthorpe. Members enquired of Cllr Stewart how far the new A6097 lighting was to extend. Cllr Stewart agreed to determine this.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that development of the document library was well under way and it was agreed that a meeting would be held to discuss the project.

Correspondence

Correspondence was received as follows

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
Redundant Road Signs
Training Programme for Certificate in Local Council Administration
Standards Committee - 19th March!
Burial Sites
NS DC Housing Forum

NALC - the Council as Employer
Griegs Limited re land nr Bulcote
Parks & Play Seminars & Exhibition

Gravel Extraction & Flooding

With regard to the Pitt Review, Members agreed that whilst the contents were sound, there was some doubt as to the feasibility of implantation of many of the recommendations.

Planning

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

Village Hall, Playfield & Playpark

It is understood that a neighbouring parish was able to obtain funding from the Lottery for their village hall - the Clerk to investigate. We still await a valuation from estate agents - the Clerk is to contact. The Clerk was given literature from the firm that originally supplied and installed the skate park. He is to contact them to obtain a quote for a new quarter-pipe

Finance

To authorise payment of accounts as per the schedule:

Chq No.		Net Total	VAT	Total
140	N & S DC - Dog Bin Contract	265.79		265.79
141	T6 Systems - Clerk's Salary	153.28		153.28
142	T6 Systems - Clerk's Expenses	28.00		28.00
	Total expenditure for meeting	447.07		447.07
	Total expenditure to date	9,091.56	278.06	9,369.62

Date Of Next Meeting

HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL
23RD 2008 IN THE VILLAGE
HALL

Cllrs. Mrs Jennifer Williamson
(Chairperson)
Roy Thornhill
Mick Bowles
Peter Platten
Tony Everington
Mrs Helen Sutton.

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham, Notts County Councillor Andy Stewart, Newark and Sherwood District Councillor Roger Jackson.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Lesley Jeffery.

Declarations of Interest

There was none.

Minutes From Previous Meeting

Held on March 26th 2008 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson. The Clerk was asked to pursue the matters of the A612 Lay-by and the Electricity Sub-Station.

Highways

Following the fatal road traffic accident outside 'Bramber Cottage', Lowdham Road on April 15th, the residents Steve & Hillary Hunt were welcomed and joined discussion. It was reiterated that parishioners and the Parish Council have been campaigning for years to have various road safety measures introduced and /

or improved. It was clearly stated that there has never been a better and more appropriate time to step up the campaign with 3 accidents in a period of 36 hours. Cllr Thornhill asked of Mr & Mrs Hunt what they felt were the most effective measures that could be implemented. They gave the following measures, which were agreed unanimously by Members:

The current speed limit of 50mph was too fast and this must be changed to 40mph

There should be interactive signs (indicating vehicle speed)

There should be (average) speed cameras which are 'rear-facing' to enable reading of motorbike rear number plates.

Hilary & Steve have arranged a public meeting on 30th April - the Clerk was asked to invite Paddy Tipping and others. Cllr Thornhill asked Cllr Stewart what measures are to be taken as a result of this accident - the latter responded saying that it was early days - generally speaking an RTA investigation takes a long time and is extremely expensive (up to £1M) and no conclusions could be made until the findings of the investigation were made public.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Constable, with copies to Chief Inspector Andy Charlton and Suzanne Haynes asking when the last 50mph check had been done.

Cllr Thornhill stated that a traffic mirror was needed at the junction of

The Avenue and the A6097. There was one there in the past.

Correspondence

The Clerk was asked to circulate correspondence before meetings. Correspondence was received as follows:

Annual Health & Safety LCAS Seminars; Community Newsletter; Notts. Minerals Local Plan; Planning Portal; Parish/District Community Safety Liaison Group; NHS Consultation - April - June 2008; Countywise; Notts CC Review of Residential Care Homes for Older People; Harry Johnson Award - these items were placed in circulation folder; NCC Building Communities Annual Event
County Council Civic Service - Cllr Thornhill will attend
NCC - Flooding Select Committee - the Clerk will respond
Documentation re Hearing of Licensing for event by 'Fake Festivals' - Cllr Jackson was asked to attend Hearing on behalf of the Parish Council and to make three main points - that there should be parking restrictions in force; that these restrictions should be rigidly enforced and that the Parish Council would provide off-street parking
Best Kept Village - Gunthorpe will not participate
Zurich Insurance Manslaughter & Corporate Homicide Act - the Clerk was asked to find costs and seek advice from NSDC Insurance Section.

Environmental Matters

Cllr Platten asked the Clerk to write to various authorities emphasising either their lack of response or apparent lack of progress on agreed initiatives:

- British Waterways on the Riverside Survey
- The Environment Agency with regard to Marlock Cottage
- Newark & Sherwood DC Planning Department on Planning Applications with flood plain implications. The Clerk was asked to escalate this.
- W & DB Pubs - The Unicorn - Common Land. There has been no communication from The Unicorn or Newark & Sherwood
- NCC Highways - regarding the removal of redundant signs and posts
- Malcolm Smith regarding valuation on the Village Hall and land - this valuation has apparently been done, but no report has been received.

It was confirmed that a Dog Bin should be installed on lamp post number 4 on Peck Lane.

The Clerk was asked to report a hole in pavement, containing electric cables, on Main Street close to Hazelas Drive.

Cllr Stewart assured Members that bins removed from old lampposts, would be fitted to new lampposts.

Reports From County And District Councillors

Cllr Stewart informed Members that several, but not all, parish councils had been invited to meetings of the Flooding Select Committee. Gunthorpe would not be represented.

Gravel Extraction & Flooding

Following the work of Members, especially Cllrs Bowles and Thornhill, on 'Ditches & Drains', very satisfactory responses (both written and practical) had been received from both the NAIDB and the Environment Agency. The only outstanding issues are restrictions in the Hall Drain and Little Marlock Dyke.

Finance

Chq No.		Net Total	VAT	Total
143	Martin Wilson - Website	803.65		803.65
144	Zurich Insurance	249.64		249.64
145	TG Systems - Clerk's Salary	153.28		153.28
146	TG Systems - Clerk's Expenses	28.00		28.00
147	P Palmer - Grass Cutting / Maintenance	71.21		71.21
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>		1305.78		1305.78
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>		10,397.34	278.06	10,675.40

Planning

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

None

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

07/01594/FUL J & C Pears Alterations to Stables - Approved - the Clerk was asked to question this decision

Date of Next Meeting

The next ordinary PC meeting will take place on the 28th May 2008.

Gunthorpe FC

Gunthorpe FC managed a fantastic result on Sunday 23rd April 2008 to win the Sam Arnold Trophy. After an even first half against Barkestone-le-Vale (0-0 after 45 minutes), Gunthorpe put on an outstanding performance to make it 4-0. Two goals from Ben Tuxford and a goal each from Tom Willis and Adie Hill helped to wrap up a thoroughly deserved cup victory.

Gunthorpe narrowly missed out on promotion this season coming third in the Newark Football Alliance Division 1. Barkestone Le Vale and Holy Trinity were promoted.

On 29th May 2008 Gunthorpe FC's End of Season Awards 07/08 were presented with several awards handed out:

Players' Player: Chris Nash

Manager's Player: Adam Meakin

Fans' Player: Steve Hazard

100% Award: Chris Hazard

Young Player: Karl Frost

Goal of the Season: Chris Hazard's long range belter against Everton (October)

Congratulations to all those who picked up awards and well done to the rest of the squad who all played their part in a great season

League standings

	Team	P1	W	D	L	PTS
1	Barkestone L-V	20	17	1	2	52
2	Holy Trinity	20	14	3	3	45
3	Gunthorpe	20	14	2	4	44
4	Chesters	20	13	3	4	42
5	Balderton Ath	20	7	4	9	25
6	N Flowserve	20	7	1	12	22
7	Lowdham Utd Res	20	7	0	13	21
8	Kings Arms Res	20	6	3	11	21
9	Sutton On Trent	20	4	5	11	17
10	Farnsfield v	20	5	2	13	17
11	Hawtonville Res	20	3	2	15	11

The above comes from Gunthorpe FC's website www.webteams.co.uk/Home.aspx?team=gunthorpecf

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Letters, contributions, advertisements, and announcements are most welcome

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