

Barton in Fabis Parish Council

Newsletter May 2004

Broadband

The following is taken direct from BT's site at www.bt.com/broadband

Sorry - ADSL broadband is not yet available in your area [Gotham] but there is good news. We are currently finalising the details of a rollout programme to bring broadband to every remaining exchange which previously had a broadband registration trigger. All such exchanges will be enabled for ADSL by summer 2005, including this exchange. Details of the rollout programme including the date when broadband will be available from your exchange will be published on www.bt.com/broadband at the beginning of July.

Our initial test on your line suggests that you should be able to have an ADSL broadband service that provides up to 512Kbps download speed, but the upstream bandwidth will vary according to the length of your telephone line. It will not be possible to provide the 1Mbps or 2Mbps ADSL broadband services.

If you decide to place an order, a further test will be performed to confirm that your line is suitable, and if so for what speed of service.

Exchange	Reg	Trigger	Percentage
Gotham	68	250	27.2%

River Trent strategy

A453

The Parish Council recently met with the Highways Agency to discuss improvements to the junction of New Road with the A453. A plan showing the proposed lay out of the new junction is on display in the village hall and the Council welcomes comments which we will forward to the Highways Agency

Essentially the proposal is to construct a third centre lane to provide a refuge for traffic both turning right into the village approaching from Nottingham and turning right into Barton Lane. We believe there is a good chance that the work will be undertaken next year

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The website for the "Stop the Tram" Campaign has now moved, and can be found at <http://www.environmentnottrams.co.uk>

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was attended by all councillors and 15 local local residents. It is unfortunate that more do not attend particularly this year when there were some interesting old photographs of the village on display.

The mood of the meeting was very positive and the Parish Council has some firm ideas on what it should be focussing on in the coming year

Parish Plan

We now believe we have sufficient volunteers to move forward on the Parish Plan project and we will be contacting everyone who has offered their service in the near future but there is still time to volunteer if you would like to get involved.

Chairman's Report

Mobile Library

The mobile library is in the village between 3:35 and 4:10 alternate Wednesdays; the next few dates are 26th May: 9th & 23rd June, 7th & 21st July and 4th & 18th August

Cllr Trevor Vennett-Smith's Borough Report

DEFRA Awards Countryside Agency £95 million for 2004/05

The Countryside Agency, which works to improve the quality of the countryside and the quality of life for people in rural communities, has been allocated £95 m for 2004/05 enabling the agency to deliver on key objectives including supporting Rural Transport Partnership Officers and funding Rural Transport projects

With this newsletter you should receive a questionnaire on your use of public transport. The Parish Council would very much appreciate your response to this **Transport Needs Survey** even if you do not use public transport, the greater the response the more accurate our assessment of public transport needs. Questionnaires can be delivered to any Parish councillor or the Clerk (addresses on the back page).

At the Annual Meeting earlier this month a suggestion was made that the 65 bus after leaving Barton should go to Gotham and terminate rather than go to Nottingham. There are already a number of buses going to Nottingham and a frequent 65 service could connect with these and give the option of going to Loughborough.. We could provide a good shelter/waiting room in Gotham and such a service would be more flexible, offer a greater choice of destination and the added benefit that residents could get to the surgery, library, shops etc in Gotham. The youth of the villages could also get to the sports facilities in Gotham and nobody would have to walk along Barton Lane which has become too dangerous for pedestrians

Recognise this place?

All people	273
Males	132
Females	141
People living in households	273
People living in communal establishments	0
People aged 0 - 4	11
People aged 5 - 15	49
People aged 16 - 24	21
People aged 25 - 44	74
People aged 45 - 64	76
People aged 65 - 74	20
People aged 75 and over	22
Mean age of population in the area	40
Median age of population in the area	41
All people aged 16 and over	
in households	213
in households living in a couple	148
Single	38

Married	142
Divorced or widowed	33
All people with a limiting long-term illness	33
All people whose health was good	206
All people providing unpaid care	24

This is a summary of the statistics for our Parish

Parish Census information now out

Information on parishes from the 2001 Census is now available. A report with Key Statistics and profiles for civil parishes in England and communities in Wales was published on 16 March. The printed part of the report is downloadable free from the National Statistics website (<http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/>).

Linger Longer in Nottinghamshire Libraries

Due to popular public demand, Nottinghamshire libraries are continuing with a programme to increase the number of hours during which libraries are open for business. The first two phases resulted in Saturday afternoon opening in nine main libraries and 57 hours of opening every week at the County's 8 largest libraries.

It was recognised that further phases of opening hour's developments should deal with the rest of the library network, and address local needs such as 'benefit days'. Accordingly, careful consideration has been given to a range of factors including customer comment, the provision of additional choices for users and potential library users, and patterns of local activity. The current phase of changes involve 50 libraries, and add 267 hours of opening per week throughout the county.

An extensive marketing promotion campaign including bus adverts and bill boards is coinciding with the launch in recognition that increased usage will not be automatic without making the public aware of the improved and more convenient service.

The new opening times are posted on the County Council website at: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries or can be obtained by calling 0115 977 4401

The mobile library visits the village every other week on a

Wheels to Work Update

The Nottinghamshire Wheels to Work Scheme has now been running for 2 years and in that time 55 clients have benefited from the scheme. The fleet of mopeds has expanded from the original 15 to its current 40 and funding is in place to take it up to 50 by 2006.

The scheme is aimed at young people aged 16-24 or anyone who has been unemployed for more than 6 months. Clients have the loan of a moped for up to a year to help them to access training, employment or education. When they join the scheme, clients undergo Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) which is organised and paid for by the scheme. They also receive basic safety equipment including helmet, reflective jacket, leather gloves and waterproof suit. Clients pay £3 per week towards the upkeep of the moped and they are visited regularly by the scheme's Co-ordinator.

Examples of clients who qualify for the scheme include those whose hours of work fall outside the hours of public transport provision **or whose home or work location is not adequately served by public transport.**

Although much work has been done to publicise the scheme across the County, there is still an imbalance in distribution across the various areas. Since the start of the scheme there have been a large number of clients in the North of the County, especially in Bassetlaw, but relatively few in Gedling, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe. The County is keen to ensure that the needs of these areas are met.

For further information, please contact:

Gina Brindley, Telephone: 01623 727620

Email: gbrindley@nottscc.org.uk Or visit our website: www.nottswheels2work.org.uk

Shopmobility launch

Shopmobility arrived in West Bridgford at the end of March. The new facility will initially be based at Bridgford Park Pavilion, Bridgford Road (next to the library). Shopmobility provides mobility aids (one manual wheelchair, one powered wheelchair and 6 scooters) to help people to shop and use local facilities.

People can register to become regular users by visiting the Shopmobility office, open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am until 2 pm.

For more information and details of how to register, please call the Shopmobility office on **0115 981 5451**.

Registration costs £5 but then using Shopmobility is free.

Burglar off

A staggering 69% of house burglaries in February were as a result of people failing to lock their doors and windows. If you don't want to be the next victim, remember to lock all doors and windows, remove keys from locks and make sure they are away from reach through cat flaps. Handbags should be out of sight. You should take similar precautions when you go to bed and when you are in the garden. But please remember where your keys are so you can find them and escape quickly in case of a fire. Fit smoke alarms and regularly check the batteries. Don't make it easy for burglars. Taking a few simple precautions can be very effective in reducing burglary. Burglar alarms and security lights are also very good deterrents.

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How high is your door step?

You may have seen a survey team working in the village recently. They have been employed by The Environment Agency to undertake a threshold level survey of every property in the village. This is in relation to the wider Trent Fluvial Strategy project underway at present and is in part about our flood defences.


The Parish Council is being asked by The Environment Agency to prepare a Flood Strategy for the village, if anyone has professional knowledge of preparing disaster plans the Parish Council would welcome their input.

Parish Council Meetings


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Further information on any of the items included in this Newsletter is available from any Councillor or the Clerk

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Village Meeting

Thursday 11th November

7:30 pm

Everyone is invited to this open meeting to discuss the way forward to produce a Parish Plan. A Parish Plan is a statement of how the community sees itself developing over the next few years. It should reflect the views of all sections of the community and identify which features and local characteristics people value, identify local problems and opportunities and generally spell out how residents want the community to develop in the future. Most Parish plans so far produced also include a plan of action to achieve this vision.

A number of local residents have in the past expressed a wish to become involved and from this group and other volunteers we would like to set up a steering group to oversee the Village Plan but also, and perhaps more importantly we would like to appoint chairmen to a number of committees.

Ideas for committees so far are Environment, Roads & Footpaths, Youth Facilities, Transport, Village Development and finally New Activities

A453

We also intend to give some time at the meeting to a discussion on the new road junction on the A453 and the initial proposals for dualling the road and how they will impact on the village

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Village History

There is an interesting web site at www.picturethepast.org.uk with thousands of historic images of villages in the county, including Barton, mainly from public libraries and museums in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. There are few of this area and the organizers would welcome additional material, if anyone has interesting photographs of the village copies could be made available on this site. It is also possible to order high quality prints online. The village has a rich history and the Parish Council is keen to record personal memories particularly of the older residents who may wish to record their memories on tape. The Parish Council would also like to develop an archive of items of historical interest including images of the village. Anyone interested in participating please contact Pat Curtis

Broadband

The latest broadband news from BT –

High-speed broadband Internet access will be available for you to enjoy from 26/1/2005. Prices for Broadband from BT start from just £19.99 a month with free connection and free modem - Broadband from BT has never been better value. Minimum speed of 512kbps - that's ten times faster than a standard dial-up connection.*

*The power of Broadband from BT also gives you:
Music - download tracks and watch high quality movies and videos
Games - take on other players around the world in real time**
Video Telephony - enjoy international video conferencing
Cheap calls - get Broadband Voice from BT for a great rate on your calls*

For more information visit BT's site at www.bt.com/broadband

River Trent Strategy

The final report has been delayed until January “due to the significant number of comments received” if you did make representations, thank you. If you did not there may be an opportunity when the report is published. Flooding and flood prevention will become an important issue in the Trent Valley and in Barton as our defences have been down rated by The Environment Agency.

Flood Warden

The Environment Agency is encouraging all Parish councils where the threat of flooding exists to draw up an emergency flood protection plan.

The first stage of this is to appoint a Flood Warden who in times of potential flooding would be the main communication channel between the Parish and the agency. Training will be organised by the agency for anyone interested in volunteering. Further details from the Clerk.

A453 New junction

After much campaigning by the Parish Council we have a new junction on the A453. We are concerned about the way some drivers are disregarding the lane markings and creating potentially dangerous situations. A meeting has been held on site with AMScott and a safety audit is to be undertaken. If you would like to comment on any aspect of the junction see any

councillor or the Clerk; better still come along to the meeting advertised elsewhere in this newsletter.

A453 Dualling

There have been a number of presentations and exhibitions recently outlining proposals for the dualling of the A453, we seem to have moved little further than we were before but a contractor is to be appointed early in 2005 and the Parish Council is keen to make representations as early as possible.

If you would like to comment on the current proposals come along to the meeting on the 11th

NET

The City and the County appear to want to move forward on further developing the tram, for the latest news visit the website for the "Stop the Tram" Campaign which can be found at <http://www.environmentnottrams.co.uk>

Footpath Project

Allan Kerr has proposed a project to improve the footpath running below the woods. The Parish Council is very pleased to support this project and volunteers are needed to help with some of the clearing and planting. If you would like to help call Allan.

Vandalism

It's a strange world, not so long ago making or building something was the usual way to get some enjoyment in life, now it appears the opposite is true. The garden shed in the graveyard has now been broken into twice and there was nothing of real value in there the first time. And now some of the village road signs have been removed and we all have to pay one way or another to have them replaced. There is some good news though; the village has a high proportion of safe drivers, this must be so because so many drive at speed along our narrow roads using their mobile phones and they must feel safe!

New Police Strategy

The police are reorganising and perhaps you will not be surprised to hear that as a consequence there will be four less officers in Rushcliffe Borough. However, we are told the service for residents in East Leake, Soar Valley, Gotham (which included Barton) and Stamford will improve, as more officers will be based in East Leake.

The beat officer for our area is PC Nick Lowe who will be based in East Leake, telephone 0115 940 0999 ext

6370. (The Divisional Commander is Richard Johnson, based at Carlton police station, telephone 0115 844 6000). Inform the police if you see anything suspicious. It is only by reporting all crime but especially minor crime that we can build a case for more police officers in rural areas

New Support Service in Rushcliffe.

Rushcliffe Borough Council has launched a pilot project designed to remind people of the necessity of checking a callers' identity before allowing them into their home. The project will also support people who have recently been burgled, those suffering domestic violence and people in fear of intimidation or harassment.

The pilot project, known as REACT, provides additional equipment linked to the Home Office Service's standard telephone-based alarm. The alarm is monitored 24 hours a day to provide assistance with the touch of a single button. The package offers a choice of additional equipment including a panic button near the door, a special externally-released door chain, a motion-activated voice prompt and a wall-mounted key safe.

To assist in the evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot project, customers who furnish a police crime number when requesting a home demonstration will be offered the REACT package free of charge for up to three months. The normal charges - which all include 24 hour, 365 days, emergency alarm call monitoring - start from £2.61 a week depending on the types of equipment provided.

Anyone who is interested in obtaining more information, or having a free demonstration in their own home, should contact the Home Service directly, Pat Hall, Ann Burn or Annie Roberts, Rushcliffe Borough Council Home Service Alarm Tel: 0115 9813227. Email: homealarms@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Warning – Electric Blankets

Do you use an electric blanket? If so read on. A staggering 60% of electric blankets tested in Nottinghamshire last year were classed as unsafe?

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City Trading Standards recently joined forces to tackle the problem by launching a campaign warning of the dangers of faulty electric blankets. Anyone with an electric blanket could have it tested free of charge at Beeston Fire Station. Testing was by appointment only but if you are concerned about your blanket telephone 0115 9675923 for advice.

NEMA

Low flying aircraft appear to be on the increase, particularly around 4:00 am If you are being disturbed you should write complaining to

Mr Neil A Robinson
Divisional Standards Manager - Environment
East Midlands Airport
Castle Donington
Derby
DE74 2SA

Pot Holes

Pot holes can now be reported to Nottinghamshire CC via the web, go to www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Village Flower Show and Horticultural Show

A video was made of the arrangements in the Church and this has been copied onto DVD, anyone who would like a copy please contact the Clerk, there will be a small charge. Digital images of the arrangements and open gardens are also available together with images of the horticultural show and some of the "monster" vegetables

Crime & Disorder

Premium rate and international dial-up scams

There are two types of potential Internet scams that dial-up Internet users in the UK ought to be aware of which can result in large telephone bills. These scams change the way your computer connects to the internet.

Scam 1

The first "scam" happens when you access websites that are providing premium content. These sites can be pornographic or copyright sites, such as music and films. When the website is accessed, a large number of pop-up windows will appear and you will be asked to install some software, to facilitate the downloading of that content. This process will install a dialler that will replace your default internet connection with one that dials a premium rate telephone number.

Scam 2

The second "scam" works in exactly the same way as the first one, however the number that is dialled is an international number, which can cost up to 60p per minute.

Broadband users

If you are a Broadband user you will not be affected, as long as you have disabled or removed the internal dial-up modem from your PC.

Trees Across Rushcliffe

Rushcliffe's environmental action group is launching a project to protect and enhance the tree population of the area and is looking to introduce tree wardens in each Parish. Tree wardens will assist in the work of tree protection by providing a watching eye on trees, warn the authorities of any problems, and generally highlight the importance of trees.

REACT21 will provide training and anyone who is interested in volunteering should speak to the Clerk. Also, there is an introductory event at 10:00 am on 20th November

RUSHCLIFFE CRIME CRACKER

The Rushcliffe Crime Cracker campaign was launched on the 14th October 2004 to cover the whole of the Rushcliffe area. It is a joint campaign between the Police and the community.

WHY DO WE NEED THE CAMPAIGN?

To reduce the level of autocrime and burglary offences in order to concentrate more on anti-social behaviour. In the last 3 months the Police have found 741 vehicles with valuables on show! The Lock-Up campaign has seen the number of burglaries through insecurity drop from 69% to 33%.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

Reduction in crime.
Reduction in the opportunities for crime.
Better partnership working.
Enhanced community spirit.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Promote crime prevention every second of the day. If your neighbour leaves valuables in their car - advise them that they could be the next crime on the street (or report it through to the Police and we will tell them).

If you or someone else sees a person or vehicle acting suspiciously make sure that information, no matter how small or insignificant gets through to the Police. Let the Police decide if it of use - it may be the third time that person/vehicle has been reported. Let the Police get a better picture who is out committing crime in Rushcliffe.

HOW TO PASS INFORMATION ON

These ways are not to replace the 999 system - if you see a crime being committed you should still dial 999. The Police want to capture all other missed information if you cannot get through on the telephone or feel it isn't worth it.

E-MAIL

rushcliffecrimecracker@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk or
rushcliffecommunitywatch@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk or
rushcliffecommunitywatch@crime-prevention.co.uk

Drop off a completed reporting form (available at Police Station reception) at West Bridgford Police Station or Rushcliffe Civic Centre.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

Falling crime rates and a safer place to live, work and visit.

Telephone Crimestoppers on: 0800 555 111

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