

TICKNALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our 9th newsletter

Date of next meetings: All held in the Village Hall, Ingleby Lane, Ticknall.

27th February 2007 at 7.30pm preceded by a Councillor Surgery at 7.00pm.

3rd April 2007 at 7.30pm preceded by a Councillor surgery at 7.00pm.

15th May 2007 which will be the Annual General Meeting, at 6.30pm. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm, which is the meeting where the public and organisations come to let the Parish Council and public know what their activities have been in the previous year.

Parish Council Elections

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU

On May 3rd 2007 District Council elections and Parish Council elections will take place. There will be more information about elections in the District Council newspaper, out soon and on the District Council website

www.south-derbys.gov.uk

In the December newsletter we explained at length the importance of ensuring that all Parish Councillors holding office from May 2007 are actually nominated in time for the elections.

There will be six seats available and current councillors, who want to stand again and anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor can apply using a form available from South Derbyshire District Council, contact the Returning Officer on 01283 221000. If you are over 21 years of age and live in or within 3 miles of Ticknall you are eligible to stand as a councillor. If you think you would make a good councillor, or if you know someone who you feel would make a good councillor perhaps you could persuade him or her to stand.

Election - Key Dates

Notice of election (This will be displayed locally by this date) - **5pm, Tuesday, 27th March 2007**

Close of nominations (District Council Elections Office can then let you know who is standing in your parish) - **Noon, Wednesday, 4th April 2007**

Nominated - **Noon, Tuesday, 10th April 2007**

Close of Withdrawals - **Noon, Wednesday, 11th April 2007**

Notice of Poll - **5pm, Wednesday, 25th April 2007**

Absent Votes Anyone who is on the register can have a postal vote for no reason, either for an indefinite period, just for this election (helpful if you are on holiday) or away for a period of time (useful for students in temporary accommodation). For details of how to secure Absent Voting forms, please contact your District Council Election Office (01283 221000).

Election Expenses (These must be signed and

Returned to District Council Elections Office by this

date, even if the balance is nil. - **Thursday, 7th June, 2007**

Nomination process and informal checking

Candidates must ensure that they are on the Register of Electors. The last date the District Council can receive registration forms to add a person to the Register, to be eligible to stand for election, is:- **Friday, 9th March 2007**

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Such Register will then come into effect on:-

Monday, 2nd April 2007

More information about standing as a Parish Councillor can be found on the National Association of Local Councils website, www.nalc.gov.uk

Maintenance Work – Main Street

The contracting work currently being done on Main Street is to upgrade the electricity supply. This is deemed necessary to reduce the incidence of low voltage, which we all experience from time to time. One of the remarkable things about fundamental construction type maintenance is that it is only needed say every 30, 40 or 50 years – but when it is needed it always a big upheaval and a nuisance. The contractors are extremely conscious of this and are doing everything they can to be helpful. This was the reason for the recent work on a Sunday when they were trying to reduce the impact on the shop.

Clearly everyone who lives on Main Street is going to be adversely affected at some

time or another, and eventually High Street/Ashby Road will also have similar treatment. However we would ask you to take the long-term view that we as a community will benefit; it is not as though we are being disrupted by something, which merely passes through the village. Clearly it is unsafe to switch the traffic lights off and therefore the noise from the generator is a significant nuisance at night. The contractor has told us that it is usual practice to give out ear-plugs to near neighbours who are affected by the disturbance. If you find that the noise of the generator is disturbing your sleep please go to the workmen and they will provide you with the earplugs.

Plant Sale

Dame Catherine Harpur School will be holding their annual plant sale on the Monday 7th May between 11.00am and 3.00pm.

Amenity Waste Collection

South Derbyshire District Council will be placing a refuse removal truck on Ticknall Village Hall Car Park on 12th May 2007 and 27th October 2007 between the hours of 7.30am and 11.00 am. The truck will receive rubbish and when full will take it away to be disposed of then will return to Village Hall as many times as it takes until 11.00 am. This service is usually only offered once per year and is charged to the Parish Council, which previously has not been taken up because of the cost. This is an opportunity not to be missed so take advantage of the service so that SDDC can see that Ticknall does use and wants to continue with it. **Mark the two dates on your calendar.** There is a long list of items that cannot be accepted including: Metal items, Builders rubbish, bathroom fixtures, fridges, freezers, cookers, washing machines, dryers, wardrobes, beds, 3 piece suites, car parts, kitchen units (unless dismantled), asbestos, gas heaters and bottles, paint, any inflammable substances, televisions & fluorescent tubes. There does seem such a long list that cannot be received, there is little left that you can bring but believe me you will have items that can be brought.

Village 'Walk'

In December's newsletter, we announced that we are going to hold a village 'walk' to view the village to find out:

a) what people like,
b) what people dislike,
c) what would make Ticknall better,
d) what is the relative priority of the proposed improvement, and we asked you to register your interest by giving your name and address to either the Clerk or Councillors Holt or Wolsey by the end of January 2007. Now that the nights are getting lighter and thoughts are turning to the end of winter you may want to join us on what could be a very social occasion. Please contact us, this does not commit you to anything – it merely ensures that when we have decided on a date and time you will receive the details of those arrangements. Clearly we cannot guarantee fine weather but we will do our best!

Christmas Carols

We are delighted to inform you that £120 was collected on Christmas Eve and the Parish Council contributed a further £30. The proceeds have been shared equally between St. George's Church and Ticknall Methodist Chapel. We want to say a big thank you to those who attended this delightful occasion.

Dog Fouling

We have received complaints that there is an increase of dog mess in the village, especially High Street. Please try to avoid the highway and if your dog fouls the pavement then try to pick it up. There are dog bins in the village but any bin will do for placing it in. We have also asked SDDC to provide free poop scoop bags to be available at the village shop.

South Derbyshire CVS – Social Car Scheme

We have been asked by the CVS to appeal for Social Car Scheme drivers. The scheme transports 2000 passengers each year to such places as Hospitals, Doctors, Clinics/Opticians, Day Centres, and Shops etc. The requirements to become a drivers are: over 18 years of

age, Use of a car, Valid Car Insurance, Current M.O.T., Able to work within a Code of Practice, provide 2 References. The benefits are that you meet people; the hours are flexible and being a valued member of a team. Volunteer drivers use their own private vehicles to provide this service and receive a mileage allowance to cover expenses. If you are interested please contact Alyson Key on 01283 219761 or email office@southderbyscvs.org.uk

Calke Park Events

Lambing Time – 11am-4pm, Mid March to Mid April.

Mothering Sunday Lunches 18th March –12noon, treat mum to a lunch with a special menu and a present.

Kite Flying 1st April – 11am-4pm. Midland Kite flyers thrill you with their skill. Bring your own kite, buy one or make one in our workshop.

Calke Alive – 1-4pm. Meet some of the characters from Calke's past. 3rd April, 11th April, 26th May, 30th May, 23rd June, 2007.

Easter Trail 6th & 7th April 11am-3.30pm. £1.50

Amazing Auriculas, Mid April to Mid May – 11am-5pm. See the stunning display in our unique theatre.

Bluebell Walk, 28th & 29th April, 2pm. A one-hour walk amidst the beautiful bluebells in the park in association with the Walking for Health Scheme. Takes place over mixed terrain with steps and stiles. Meet in car park. £1.

Craft Show, Sat 5th – Mon 7th May, 10am-5pm. Adults £3, Child £1.

Dawn Chorus Walk, 12th and 13th May, 4.30am. Guided walk with Head Warden, followed by full cooked breakfast £12.

Scarecrow, Trails and Tales, 29th May, 11am-3.30pm. Half term fun seeking out hidden scarecrows and making your own pocket sized scarer.

Brewhouse Tipple, 17th June, 12noon-2.30pm. Hear about beer making in the past and taste the end product. Then treat Dad to a meal in the restaurant.

Wizard of Oz, 7th August. Open air theatre production by Heartbreak Productions. Bring along a picnic and chair and be ready to follow the yellow brick road. Adult £10, child £8, family £40.

Party Night, 10th August. Open air concert. Gates open 5pm. Bring along a picnic and a chair/rug.

Classical Spectacular 11th August. Open air concert. Gates open 5pm. Bring along a picnic and a chair/rug.

Romeo and Juliet, 17th August. Join us for this classic Shakespeare in our outdoor theatre performance by The Lord Chamberlain's Men. Adult £12, Child £6.

Some of the above events require early booking. Contact 01332 863822.

Parish Council Website

The Parish Council website is in the process of being built up and is now available to view. The address is: www.ticknall.org.uk/tpc

Contact information for District and Council Councils

South Derbyshire District Council can be contacted on 01283 221000, www.south-derbys.gov.uk for any of the following:

Planning Permission (plans can be inspected at the Clerk to the Parish Council's home: details below.)

Clean Team
Building Regulations, SDDC
Bus Shelters, SDDC
Council Tax collection
Concessionary fares
Environmental Health
Housing
Refuse collections
Register of electors
Street Cleaning
Public Footpaths

Derbyshire County Council can be contacted on 01629 580000. www.derbyshire.gov.uk for any of the following:

Education
Libraries
Social Services
Street Lighting

Police – If you see any suspicious behaviour do not hesitate to telephone the police on **0845 123 333**. If you feel threatened in any way do not hesitate to dial **999**.

Parish Councillors' details are as follows:

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