

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Granby-cum-Sutton Parish Council

# PARISH NEWS

Winter 2008

## VILLAGE PLAN

### given green light at Public Meeting



Almost 50 villagers attended a public meeting in Granby village hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2007 and gave their overwhelming support for the development of a village plan for Granby and Sutton.

A village (or parish) plan is a document which brings together the views, needs and opinions of the whole community, covering the social, economic and environmental issues of relevance to you and your local community. The process involves consultation with all residents, giving them the chance to have a say in the future of their village. The completed plan gives substantial weight to any future applications for funding to improve village life.

Andy Betts, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, chaired the meeting. Philip Straw (parish councillor) outlined the background to the initiative and explained why the parish council is in favour of the

idea. Carola Jones, Senior Rural Officer of Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire, described a village plan and identified the possible benefits for our villages. She gave some working examples of the kinds of initiatives undertaken by other Nottinghamshire villages and explained what type of support is available.

After refreshments residents were asked whether we should go ahead and prepare a plan and they voted unanimously in favour. To get the ball rolling, people were divided into small groups to discuss "What they like about Granby cum Sutton" and "What would make Granby cum Sutton a better place" The enthusiastic debate had to be broken up or it would have gone on all night!

The long list of diverse suggestions will be fed into the planning process. Martin Suthers, Nottinghamshire County Councillor for the ward, was present and

spoke briefly at the end of the meeting. He was clearly impressed with the enthusiasm and interest shown by everyone and has kindly agreed to help with funding the planning process.

Seventeen people volunteered to form a Steering Group that will be responsible for co-ordinating the development of the plan. All of these volunteers are Granby residents and it is essential that we have representation from Sutton on this group. So come on you Suttonites; please contact Philip Straw (see contact details overleaf) if you live in Sutton and are willing to join the steering group. Several others volunteered for general help such as leaflet distribution.

The first meeting took place on 10th January and was used to clarify the process and decide how the group will function. For more detailed information about village/parish plans generally, visit the web site: <http://www.parishplanning.co.uk/>



## Best Kept Village Competition 2008



At this time of year it may be difficult to recall Granby at its most picturesque but the judging of this competition in the summer will be upon us before we know it. The village has an enviable track record in the competition, winning both its own category and the overall 'Best in Notts.' competition in 2002 and 2003. To continue our success this year, the whole village needs to be involved in making

Granby look its best. Judges look at houses, gardens, hedges, verges as well as commercial enterprises such as pubs and farms. Especially important are our community facilities such as the village hall, church, play area, bus shelter, village greens, noticeboards and telephone box.

A number of residents meet up for a couple of hours on Saturday mornings

every few weeks for village clean up duties. The work is varied and includes tree pruning, hedge cutting and litter picking. If you have the time, our next two volunteer dates are 16<sup>th</sup> February and the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We meet at 10.00am at the village hall. More details of the Best Kept Village competition will appear in subsequent newsletters.

## Update on Cemetery Plans

In the October newsletter we asked for your responses to the suggestion of using the cemetery extension as allotments until the area is required for burials. There has been a mixed response to the idea. A number of residents are strongly opposed to the proposal, commenting that it would be an inappropriate use of this space. Others were in favour and keen to hire the allotments. It was agreed at the December Parish Council meeting not to proceed with this initiative at this time. It was suggested that the provision of allotments could be considered as a part of the village plan (see main story).

### Candlelit Carol Service



Robert Hunton

## Summer Event

The summer event committee meets for the first time on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The group consists of individuals who represent all age groups in the community. Its brief is to design an event with something for everyone. More details will follow in the next newsletter but if you have any ideas for the day contact Anna Betts on 01949 851874.

## Best Real Ale Pub in the Vale

Congratulations to the Marquis of Granby for being awarded the Best Real Ale pub in the Vale for 2008.

## All Saints' Church News

Fifteen people turned out for carol singing on a fine December evening before Christmas. The sum of £176 was raised for church funds. Hugh and Angela Sinclair kindly provided mulled wine and mince pies at their home after the carol singing.

A congregation of over sixty people enjoyed a wonderful atmosphere at the candlelit carol service. Members of the congregation, including a number of children, gave readings.

Our spring lunch will take place on 9th March at the village hall. Members of All Saints will prepare a hot roast lunch. Everyone is welcome, including children of all ages and those new to the village. Further details will be advertised at a later date. Peter Singleton will lead a family service on Mothering Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Brenda Preece

### Carol Singing

(l-r)  
Isabel Daw  
Carol & Mike Headland  
Gill Culley  
David Preece



## Village Hall hire

At the January Parish Council meeting it was decided to retain the current hire rates for the village hall. This means there has been no increase since 2004 and the recent improvements make the hall an attractive venue for all kinds of events. Contact the Parish Clerk for bookings.

## Editor's Request

I hope that you find the newsletter enjoyable and informative. We are committed to publishing four newsletters a year in January, April, July and October. To achieve this we need your help. If you have local interest stories, features, news, letters, notification of events or advertisements that you wish to see included, either drop them in to me at Keeper's Cottage or send them by email to

[andybetts629@btinternet.com](mailto:andybetts629@btinternet.com).

Thanks for your support.

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