

PARISH NEWS

Spring 2008

BUSY YEAR FOR GRANBY AND SUTTON

2008 is proving to be a busy year for the villages of Granby and Sutton. We have the Parish Plan, the Summer Event and entry in the Best Kept Village competition.

Each of these exciting initiatives requires a great deal of goodwill and time but local people are rising magnificently to the challenge. This is clear from the attendance at public meetings, the number of local people volunteering to help and the high response rate to the Parish Plan questionnaire. The spin off from all this is a growing sense of community.

All this activity means that we have a bumper addition of the newsletter. Communication is vital for all of these ventures and we can only give an overview in this publication. If you require more information, or want to volunteer to help, you will find the contact details of the identified individuals throughout the articles that follow. We also have two new websites in addition to the Parish Council website; the Parish Plan website can be found at <http://granbysuttonparish.wordpress.com> and the summer event website at www.GranbySummerSolstice.com

The inserts in this newsletter outline our progress with the Parish Plan, including a summary of the results of the questionnaire and advertise our Summer Event competitions. Over the next few weeks you will be receiving updates through your letter boxes on the programme for the Summer Event that takes place on 21st and 22nd June

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th May starting at 7pm. All members of the community are welcome to attend, ask questions and have their say. We look forward to seeing you at this important annual community event. Every English parish must have a parish meeting between 1st March and 1st June each year.

This is not a Parish Council meeting, it is a meeting of the community and all registered electors are entitled to attend, speak and vote. Decisions made at this meeting are not binding on the Parish Council but Councillors will need to consider community feelings if they have a desire to be re-elected.

Another important aspect of the meeting is to round up events in the community and representatives of various community groups, committees and clubs are invited to give a short report of the past year for their respective groups. These reports will be available soon on the Parish Council website and you can read previous years' reports there <http://www.parish.council.freeuk.com/granby-apm.htm>

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

We can confirm that Granby has been entered into the Best Kept Village competition for the category of villages with fewer than 300 residents. If we are to repeat our previous successes in the competition then everybody must make an effort to show Granby at its best. The judges take into account the appearance of the village and also aspects of village enterprise and community life. The fact that we have so much happening in the village this year, including the summer event and the parish plan, should strengthen our entry. The judging takes place throughout the summer. Our entry this year is being co-ordinated by Erika Humphreys 01949 850239 and Christine Lineker 01949 850322.

The recent village clean up Saturdays have been well supported. Future clean up dates are: May 24th and June 7th. Just turn up at the village hall at 10.00am (till 12.00) with any tools that you think may be useful.



Alistair Stutt (right) puts his back into the job on a village clean up Saturday

GRANBY CROSSROADS SIGNPOST



The Parish Council recently made an application to English Heritage to list the distinctive signpost opposite the church in Granby. This traditional style 'finger' post makes a very positive contribution to the village and the Parish Council is keen to protect it. The application to English Heritage was rejected on the grounds that 'in both architectural and historical terms it does not possess the special interest required in a national context to merit listing'. It was stated that the signpost is afforded the appropriate level of protection by its inclusion in the Conservation Area.

A banner with a dark background and a silhouette of a church spire. The text is in white and yellow. It reads: "Granby & Sutton Summer Solstice Weekend 21st & 22nd June 2008 Two Days of Events, Competitions and Fun For more information call 079 0000 1957 See page three".

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