

CODDINGTON COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNE 2003

Dear Readers

If you have just moved into the village and are reading our COMMUNITY NEWS for the first time WELCOME TO CODDINGTON

This newsletter is sponsored by CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL and we would welcome any information, suggestions or literary contributions you may have for our next edition

I can be contacted on 01636 671424 or by e mail frank@elliott10.freemove.co.uk. You can also send your contributions to Frank Elliott, Rest and be Thankful, Parklands

CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's report for 2002 to 2003

The ideas for a new community centre stimulated considerable interest with a public meeting attended by over 100 people. As a result of that meeting and a subsequent Parish Council meeting, another approach has been made to the owners of the land near the school-everyone's favourite site for the centre. I'm afraid I have nothing to report on the approach but as soon as there is an outcome, and the future is clearer, the Parish Council will hold a meeting for the village

Work on securing existing footpaths and a new circular path is ongoing and we hope to have a positive result this summer. We continue to pressure the County Council for a weight restriction on the C208 and a reduction and extension of the speed limit. Although the County are singularly unhelpful, we will continue to fight this battle. Associated with these issues is the school travel plan from which again we hope to see positive results this year.

Work on the Millennium Garden should start in the autumn and the renovated village sign should be installed shortly. We

The Over 55 Leisure Group

At this moment in time we have a membership of 21

We meet every Friday in the Village Hall from 2.30pm to 4pm

New members are always welcome to join us at our weekly get together when we play Short Mat Bowls, Scrabble, Triominos, Darts etc.

So come along and join us
Tea and biscuits provided

also will be providing a Parish notice board at the corner of Lancaster Road and Newark Road in the next few months
The Christmas tree at the school was a great success as was the Christmas celebration focused on the tree. Councillor Hedges is to be thanked for the hard work he put in on this project.

We've commented on a number of planning applications throughout the year and whilst the Newark and Sherwood District Council has not always gone along with us in the majority of cases they have supported the Parish Councils views.

Next year looks like being equally busy. There was no election as only 8 nominations were received, leaving two vacancies. Hopefully, there will be a response to the advertisement for two people to be coopted onto the council. In view of the attendance at the public meetings about the Community Centre, there are clearly many people in the village interested in its future.

Mary Molloson (retired Chairman)

Coddington Parish Council

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have recently taken the Chair on the Council and Wendy Parrett is the new Vice-chair. I would like to thank Mary Molloson for the good work that she has done during her term in office as Chairperson. I hope that I can do half as well as her. I am looking forward to the coming year.

We welcome a new councillor, Mr. Glynn Jones, who has already shown his interests in conservation and history. He is a member of the Coddington Historical Society and will be looking for photos and old documents that relate to our village's past. Anyone that can help, please contact him. We will continue to try to keep this village a decent and safe place to live.

D C Hedge Chairman

CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chairman:

Mr David Hedge 11 Lancaster Road, Coddington Tel: 673663

Vice Chairman

Mrs Wendy Parrett 'Enfin', Newark Road, Coddington Tel: 672687

Members:

Mrs Mary Molloson The Gables, Main Street, Coddington Tel: 678150

Mr Bernard Allen Drove Cottage, Drove Lane, Coddington Tel: 703360

Mr James Bell 78 Beckingham Road, Coddington Tel: 674574

Mrs Isobel Turner Brownlow's Cottage, Brownlow's Hill, Coddington Tel: 707909

Mr Frank Elliott 'Rest and be Thankful', Parklands Close, Coddington Tel: 671424

Mr Glynn Jones 4 Beaconsfield Drive, Coddington Tel: 705929

Clerk:

MEETINGS DATES FOR 2003

DATE:

Thursday, 5 June 2003

VENUE:

Coddington Village Hall

Thursday, 3 July 2003 Coddington Village Hall

Thursday, 4 Sept. 2003 Coddington Village Hall

Thursday, 2 Oct. 2003 Coddington Village Hall

Thursday, 6 Nov. 2003 Coddington Village Hall.

Please note all meetings to commence at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated.

ARE YOU AWARE

There are Bottle, Newspaper, and Can Banks situated in the car park at THE INN ON THE GREEN
There is also a Paper Bank at the SCHOOL

CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

2001/2002		2002/2003
£	INCOME:	£
8000.00	Precepts 2002/3	8196.00
36.01	Gross Interest 2002/3	9.76
450.70	VAT	-
86.00	Allotment Rent	105.50
-	Donations – Xmas Celebes	88.50
-	Income Advert – CCN	10.00
1660.66	NCC - grasscutting allowance	1848.69
	Statement Voucher refund	71.50
10233.37	TOTAL INCOME:	10329.95
 EXPENDITURE:		
2006.59	Clerk's Salary + Expenses	2118.34
609.20	Village Handy Person's Salary	454.15
102.65	Office Expenses	167.50
1346.83	General Expenses	1645.60
1452.66	Environment Expenses	1647.68
304.80	Allotment & Open Space Exps.	307.37
410.00	S137 Payments	308.50
432.00	CCN Expenses	391.00
464.64	VAT	669.26
-	Project/Grants Expenses	1236.30
3000.00	Burial Fund account	2000.00
10129.37	TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	10945.70
 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FUNDS:		
	Balance at 1 April 2002	4296.55
	Add Total Income	10329.95
	Less Total Expenditure	10945.70
	 Balance at 31 March 2003	 3680.80

Coddington United Charity

AN ELECTRIC PAVEMENT SCOOTER IS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN ON A PERMANENT BASIS TO A CODDINGTON RESIDENT WHO HAS MOBILITY PROBLEMS.

ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT JOHN BARTLEY ON 01636 703512

**CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
NOTES TO ACCOUNTS - 31 MARCH 2003**

1. Assets

At 31 March 2003, the following assets were held by the Parish Council:

Gravel Pit, Balderton Lane, Coddington	£1.00
(valued at nominal Value)	
Village Seat, Brownlow's Hill, Coddington	£500.00
(Replacement value)	
Village Sign, corner Newark Road, Sleaford Road, Coddington	
	£2000.00
(Replacement value)	
Escom Computer	
(valued at cost)	£1133.00
Notice Board – Coddington Village Hall	£500.00
(Replacement value)	

2. Tenancies:

During the year the following tenancies were held

Council as Landlord -

Allotments: 13 allotments of which 11½ are let at various rents.

Council as Tenant -

Newark & Sherwood District Council £80.00 per annum

3. S137 Payments:

The limited of spending under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for this Council in the year of account was £2936.50 and the payments made were:

Coddington CE Primary and Nursery School (Environment Project)

£100.00

Royal British Legion

£20.00

Winthorpe and Coddington Tigers FC £100.00

1st Coddington Scout Group £29.50

1st Coddington Brownies and Rainbows £29.50

Coddington Parent and Toddler Group £29.50

4. Debts Outstanding:

At the year-end debts of £464.64 Vat were outstanding for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 and £669.26 for the period 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003

5. Advertising and Publicity:

The following costs for advertising and publicity were incurred during the year
Newark Advertiser

£60.84

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority at
31 March 2003 and reflects its income and expenditure during the year.

CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2003 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

31 March 2002		31 March 2003	
£			£
	LONG TERM ASSETS		
-	Investments	-	
	CURRENT ASSETS		
464.64	Debtors	1133.90	
-	Prepayments	-	
4296.55	Cash at Bank	3680.80	
3000.00	Burial Fund Acc	5054.25	
7764.44	TOTAL ASSETS	9868.95	
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
-	Creditors	-	
-	Receipts in advance	-	
-	Temporary borrowing	-	
	NET ASSETS		9868.95
	REPRESENTED BY:		
-	General Fund Balance	9868.95	
-	Long Term borrowing	-	
-	Capital Reserve	-	
-	Earmarked Reserves:	-	
			9868.95

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Village Garden Competition

It was generally thought that last year's Golden Garden Competition was a success - this was obviously a mistake on my part as I have been asked to organise a repeat! As before, no entry form will be required as all gardens visible from the public path will be considered. For further information or to enter your hidden garden please phone me. The exact Judging Date has yet to be confirmed but will be around the end of June/beginning of July - posters will be displayed on the village notice boards as soon as possible.

Isobel Turner

Tel. 708781.

Best Kept Village Competition

I seem to be the Horticultural Attaché on the Parish Council.....

The Parish Council has decided that Coddington will enter the Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition this year. It is organized by the Council for the Protection of Rural England and is sponsored by the Wilkinson Group of Companies.

We will be in the 700 - 2000 population class which was won by Sutton Bonington last year so will be facing stiff opposition. Judging will be performed without notice in "early summer". Which ought to be near to our own garden competition so no excuses!

Each village is allocated marks in three basic categories:

Domestic e.g. Houses, gardens, outhouses, hedges, verges, allotments

Community Facilities e.g. bus shelters and stops, village green, village hall, church and churchyard, notices, school.

Commercial Enterprise and Services e.g. Shops, pubs and parking areas, farm buildings and farmyards.

The winning village will receive a cheque for £125 to be spent on a project or facility for the benefit of the community, a framed certificate and a commemorative sign to be erected in the village for one year.

I hope everyone will make an effort to ensure that our village looks even better than usual this year.

Isobel Turner

CODDINGTON W.I.

Coddington W.I. have had an interesting half-year, starting with organizing and cooking a hot Christmas meal for 60 senior citizens in January.

In addition to our regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday each month, we have been to see Holiday on Ice in Nottingham, been for bi-monthly walks followed by a pub lunch, competed in whist drives and quizzes, watched a most amusing play by our Drama group and improved our French at weekly classes.

We have a new president, Mrs. Gill Southgate, who has lots of plans for the rest of the year, and anyone who would like to join us would be most welcome. They should contact her, or the secretary, Mrs. Sylvia Aslin

Mrs. P. Mumby. (Press Secretary)

Report from Mrs Powell Coddington School Governor

Once again this has been a very successful year for Coddington School

Pupil numbers are continuing to rise, with 260 in the main school and it is anticipated 280 by next Easter

The Nursery is full and demand is so high that some children in the catchment area will have to wait until their 4th birthday before being offered a place, out of catchment are no longer offered a place

With so many pupils we have exceeded our official capacity of 235. With numbers still rising we have had to create new classes. Unfortunately the Local Education Authority decided that, as there are still places available at some Newark Primary Schools they wouldn't make a bid for government funding for new classrooms. This would have meant some children being taught in the dining room and school hall. However we have now received confirmation that we are able to have two mobile classrooms on site ready for use in September, although we are still unsure about toilets etc.

Work has been carried out on the outside of many of the school buildings and redecoration has been completed in some of the classrooms. The school grounds. Are still changing. Thanks to the metamorphous project a willow tunnel has been erected and pupils are presently working on a mosaic for the buddy bench area Discipline is excellent, visiting people being greatly impressed by standards of teaching and the behaviour of our children. I am accompanying 65 year 5 and 6 children on a four-day residential visit to Malton in June. Last year the Youth hostel complemented us on the behaviour of all our children.

Last year was our best ever in key stage results, with a record number of children reaching the higher levels in both key stage 1 and 2

Out of school activities range from gardening through to sign language and a first aid course for years 2 and 3 is currently in progress

Friends of Coddington continue to hold many events and the school also hosted a carol singing celebration at Christmas in which over 200 people took part. The tree being provided by the Parish Council. Newark And Sherwood college

run child care, I .C. T. and drawing and painting class at the school

This has been another excellent year for the school, but the teaching staff and the governors are disappointed in the lack of progress regarding new classrooms and teaching areas. Unfortunately these areas are out our control, but we will continue to make the most of our opportunities and make this coming year another good one for the school and community

Mrs Powell School Governor

History Group

We had a very successful Coffee Morning on 26th April. Well over 100 people came to see us in the Village Hall, Derek Kirton's farming bygones were keenly examined, old photos were pored over - and people identified, documents from the Hall sale were inspected and of course coffee and cakes were devoured! Such a lot of people came both village residents and those who have moved out from the village some time ago, one lady came from Norwich - and deservedly won the raffle! Derek Kirton was kept very busy talking to former school friends some of whom he had not seen for too many years to recount!

Thanks to everyone who came especially those who came with photos to be copied for the collection, money raised on the day is going to this worthwhile task - already we have spent most of it.

There were pleas for the event to be repeated and we hope we will be able to in the future.

The group is very much in its infancy and new members will be most welcome. There are many projects we could take on but we hope one of the initial ones will be a Village Trail leaflet.

SOUVENIR PHOTOGRAPHS

There were such a lot of former pupils who came on the day that we had two school group photographs taken outside. It is hoped that copies of these and others, which were taken on the day, will be available soon - look out on the village notice boards for information.

Isobel Turner (Tel. 708781)

Music for Mid Summer

An evening of varied music and readings by young and talented musicians

On Saturday 19th July 2003 at 7.30pm

At St Giles Church, Holme by Newark

Tickets £5 to include wine and light refreshments

Proceeds for the church restoration fund

Tickets available from:

Joyce Allen 01636 703360 (Coddington)

Nigel Priestley 01636 892020 (Holme, Langford & Winthorpe)

Geraldine Luke 01636 892346 Collingham) or at the door

Do come and enjoy a wonderful musical evening in this beautiful building.