

**WOODHALL SPA PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER Issue 4 2007**  
**Community Website: [www.woodhallspa.org](http://www.woodhallspa.org)**

**This issue includes the end-of-season report by the Friends of Jubilee Park and a short questionnaire which will be used to help decide on opening times etc for 2008.**

**CAN WE HELP YOU?** Every year the Parish Council is asked to make grants to local projects. To help our budgeting, and make sure all organisations, however small, have an equal chance to benefit, we have revived an earlier practice of collating and considering all grant applications together before the annual precept is set. As you may have already seen in the local press, our Finance Working Group has devised a simple application form and will discuss each claim face to face with applicants before making its recommendations to the full council. Please note that applications should be returned **by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November and the meeting to discuss the applications will be held on Tuesday 27 November. Please ring the clerk for an appointment (352955).** There will be some provision for unexpected and emergency situations that occur after this deadline.

**LOW COST HOUSING:** Low cost housing for **local** people has been one of the Parish Council's concerns for some time. Nationally various new initiatives are being tried to tackle this issue, and we are keeping abreast of developments. In the meantime we are delighted to report a small development is planned for the former Balcan Engineering site on Witham Road. The homes are being built by the East Shires Housing Association in conjunction with East Lindsey District Council and will be offered on a shared equity basis. Although *current* rules don't allow Housing Associations to restrict applications entirely to local people as we would like, we hope that as many as possible will go to Woodhall Spa families. However, only those who have registered an interest will be considered, so if this could be you, please act NOW.

The village plan revealed that many who wanted this type of property were not registered with either the council or any housing association. Unless people register, we cannot prove we need low cost homes. Anyone interested should therefore register both with the housing association and the council. This does not commit you to anything but does show that there is a need. You can obtain the forms from the Parish Clerk and it is also possible to register with the Association via their website on [homebuy@eshagroup.co.uk](mailto:homebuy@eshagroup.co.uk).

**DRAINAGE SUMMIT UPDATE:** We are amassing an impressive collection of evidence to present to the various drainage authorities, thanks to your excellent response with details of drainage issues. We shall be collating these and presenting them to the relevant bodies before Christmas, giving them time to research the questions and prepare their answers before we meet around the table in the new year, possibly some time in February. Problems raised range from queries on the capacity of some of the pumping stations and Victorian sewers to problems encountered on specific properties. It's not too late to submit information to us – remember this will be a closed meeting, so you will not be compromising the value of your property by publicising any problems. Contact the Clerk or any councillor.

**CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW:** The Parish Council is currently working with the relevant authorities to review our conservation area. This has to some extent helped to preserve the character of central Woodhall Spa for the last 20 years, while still allowing sympathetic development. However, we want to be sure we are making the most of this aspect of planning legislation in the face of national changes to the planning system. Watch this space.

We have been fortunate in the past in our calls for volunteers to help us keep Woodhall Spa special. So if you have a little time to spare, here's how you can help this time:

1. Become a **Coronation Hall Trustee**. Following its long-awaited refurbishment, we need some enthusiastic support to take the building forward. Contact the PC Vice Chairman, Councillor Daphne Robinson, to find out more - 354385.
2. **Sign spotter**. We need someone to tour Woodhall Spa and list any signs that need cleaning, repairing or replacing. We'll take it from there. Contact: PC Clerk
3. We still need more members for the **Woodhall Spa Tree Committee** to help ensure our trees and woods are protected and that we have a plan for replanting and replacing. The group will also have an input into the future management plan for the Woodland Trust woods in the centre of Woodhall Spa. Contact: Coun Daphne Robinson, PC Vice-Chairman.
4. The Cottage Museum has some fascinating photographs taken in 1911 at a **pageant** to mark Woodhall Spa's centenary. The Heritage Committee would like to stage a similar event in 2011 and are looking for volunteers to take the idea forward. Contact: Michael Czajkowski 352895.
5. We are working on an **Emergency Plan** for Woodhall Spa to cover any extreme event from terrorism to flooding. We also need some volunteer Flood Wardens. If you are have an interest or expertise in this area and would like to help, please contact the Parish Clerk - 352955
6. Please report details of any instances of dog fouling to the dog warden on 0795 8805047.

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

1. The annual Civic Remembrance Day Service will be held at St Peter's Church on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9.45 am. Please be seated by 9.30 am. The rehearsal for local organisations will be held on Friday 9 November at 6.30 pm. Organisations should let the church know how many seats they wish to reserve – tel: 351358.
2. The Cottage Museum's next annual presentation will be held on Saturday 10 November at 2.30 pm at the English Golf Union. The talk on "The Life and Times of Group Captain Lord Leonard Cheshire of Woodhall" will be given by Jill Roberts MCLIP, Archivist from the Leonard Cheshire Centre. For tickets ring 352881 or 352112.
3. The open air Carol Service, Christmas Fair and Late Night Shopping event, organised by the Parish Council and the Rotary Club, will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December this year. This popular annual event is an occasion for all the family.
4. The Twinning Association have organised a coach trip to France in August 08. New members are welcome. Please ring Jack Baker on 352997.

**JUBILEE PARK 2007 A LOOK BACK AT 2007 AND FORWARD TO 2008:  
annual report by the Friends of Jubilee Park**

The Friends of Jubilee Park committee have had a period of consolidation. During this time the various options to progress the refurbishment have been identified and progressed by East Lindsey District Council (ELDC).

The 1.54 million pounds commitment from ELDC to Jubilee Park is intact and will be spent either directly on the pool refurbishment or will be part of a wider package to attract funding for a more comprehensive redevelopment of the Park as possibly outlined in the FOJP 3 options appraisal and the Studio Egret West concept plan.

ELDC officers involved in this project have until November to receive expressions of interest. Ventures that might be run by the private sector include the caravan site, the management of the café and a possible fitness suite. The Friends of Jubilee Park are mindful of community concerns relating to the quality of provision and the overall ambience of our Park. ELDC is committed to the successful running and management of the Park and refurbishment of the Swimming Pool is scheduled for the 2008/2009. If no expressions of interest are forthcoming, the committed monies will be spent on the Pool and its associated facilities.

Community ventures within the Park will be supported by the FOJP and we will be keeping Woodhall Spa well informed as and when we can. As we progress to the actual work being done we will seek the views of residents in open consultation.

This season has obviously been seriously affected by the poor summer. This has not however deterred the Pool Staff who have made every effort to welcome visitors and tend to any operational niggles as needed.

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#### **SEASON AND IDEAS TO HELP SET POLICIES FOR 2008!**

It will also be an excellent chance to hear the latest news on the planned investment for the Park. Whether or not you can be there, please take the time to record your views on the questionnaire below. You can also do this online via the Woodhall Spa website.

#### **QUESTIONNAIRE: SWIMMING POOL**

1. In 2007 we had 115 extra hours for the SWIMMING POOL which were used to extend the season. As a trial, this ran from early May to the end of September, with part-time opening in May, June and the last two weeks of September. Did it work for you and if not, why not?
  - a) May (weekends only apart from Bank Holidays)
  - b) June- full weekends and half days in the week – mornings three days, afternoon (3-6) on two.
  - c) September- as June for the first 2 weeks, then weekends only
2. Opening times. General swimming was from 10am to 6pm weekdays, 10-7pm weekends. Is this about right?
3. Special sessions. Did you use any of the following? Were the times convenient?

- a) Breakfast swims (adult only) Mon, Weds, Fri 7-8.30am
  - b) Adult only swims- as above and Friday evenings from 1<sup>st</sup> July 6-7pm, changing to 7-8pm during the holidays.
  - c) Aquacise
  - d) Swimming lessons
  - e) Other –please specify
4. Discounted swimming was available with season and discounted tickets. Any comments on these or admission prices?
5. Publicity. Did you find the pre-season publicity on the new opening times helpful?
6. Weather apart, did you use this facility, more or less than in previous seasons – please explain why.
7. Other comments on the swimming pool and associated facilities?

**QUESTIONNAIRE: OTHER PARK FACILITIES**

**Please use this space and continuation sheets if needed to comment on any of the other park facilities. Remember, you can also comment in person at the feedback meeting or via the community website: [www.woodhallspa.org](http://www.woodhallspa.org)**

Please return this questionnaire and any continuation sheets to the council office, 17 Stanhope Ave (next to Russell Green nursing home) **before 10<sup>th</sup> November**. Your views count!

**COUNCILLOR DETAILS:** Chairman Cllr Audrey Pestell 354898  
Vice Chairman Cllr Daphne Robinson 354385

**OFFICE TIMES:** Monday and Tuesday 5.15 pm – 7.15 pm and at other times by appointment with the clerk 352955.

**AND FINALLY CONGRATULATIONS** to Cllr Joanna Nelstrop and her husband Will on the birth of their second son Freddy on 4<sup>th</sup> October. As far as we know, this is the first time in Woodhall Spa's history that a serving councillor has had a baby! **Also to the Cottage Museum** for winning the Inspiration Award in the first ever Lincolnshire Renaissance Heritage Awards 2007, for its School Archive project **and** to St Andrew's C.E. Primary School, staff and pupils, for their excellent Open Day