



Blooming marvellous! The Woodhall Spa in Bloom committee are planning to almost double the floral displays throughout the village in 2010 with more lamp-post baskets, new hanging baskets under the Victorian glass canopy and 4 large hardwood planters, paid for by an 02 Communities Grant and made by Build-a-Future. With displays improving year on year as the group learn what works best, they are looking for more helpers to give just an occasional hour or two on a Sunday morning when the team spruce up or change the displays. If you can help, please contact Graham Keegan on 01526 353672, M:0780 1661580 Email: keegan@telinco.com

Better By Design we are in the final stages of preparing a Village Design Statement- and we need you views. This goes with the parish plan in helping to define how our community develops, but unlike Village Plans, parts of it can be adopted as official planning policy and therefore have more teeth. The proposed plan will be on display at the Country Show for your views and you can hear more about it at the Annual Parish Meeting. In the meantime you can view the draft document on the community website: www.woodhallspa.org/council_vds or in the library. We are also planning to update the Parish Plan, which is five years old now, and we're looking for people to help prepare the update. As before, all the community will be consulted, so look out for that.

Protecting Our Heritage. The Parish Plan five years ago saw the birth of a number of invaluable groups dedicated to working with the Parish Council to take parts of the vision forward. One of the most active has been the Heritage Group. Some members have now moved on and this group is looking for others to replace them. The Group has an input into planning issues discussed by the council as well as doing the important work on Village Design Statement and many other projects. For more information contact the secretary of the Committee, Charles Hughes on 352809.

Dog waste. ELDC are not able to fund the purchase or emptying of any additional dog bins and are currently assessing the placement of existing bins. Residents are reminded that they can use their black bins at home and the general street bins for disposal of dog waste. We know that the majority of owners are responsible citizens and appeal for everyone to clean up after their dogs.

New Police Contact Number. As part of Lincolnshire Police's continuing programme to improve how they provide their services for the public they have introduced a Single Non Emergency Number to contact the force.

0300 111 0300

To call this number will cost about the same or less than a local call - wherever in the county you call from.

This number has been chosen because it is easy to remember and dial. It can also reduce the cost of a call to the police in a non-emergency situation.

999 must still be used for an emergency call.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

The annual 10k run, and its associated Fun Run takes place on **Sunday 6th June at 11am**. This has become established as one of the premier runs in the region with entrants from all over the country. The event benefits a number of local charities- £5,000 was raised for them in 2009 - and this year every person completing the run will be offered a free swim in the Jubilee Park pool. Runners of all levels or experience, and wheel chair entrants, are welcome. For more information and to download an entry form go to www.woodhallspa.org/10k or tel 01526 353672.



The 2010 **Woodhall Spa Country Show** on Sunday 23rd May is ready to take advantage of its new site on the north of Green Lane (entry from Stixwold Rd) to offer easier free parking, new attractions and more space for the old favourites. There's something for all the family from traditional agricultural attractions like heavy horses, cattle and sheep, to a chance to try your hand at Scalextric racing cars or mini go-carts. You can learn about the History of Transport in the area, how the Witham Valley was once much wider and wetter than it is now and Woodhall Spa's role in the airborne invasion of Arnhem. You can enjoy the popular Japanese drummers or the excitement of terrier racing. A full range of trade, craft and food stalls will also be there. For more information see the community website: www.woodhallspa.org or contact Sue Stennet on 01526 352703.

Drop in Health Centre On Wednesday mornings, from 9am til noon, healthcare specialists are available at the Coronation Hall to give advice and support on a range of issues. This includes the highly successful Leg Club, (for those with leg problems such a poor circulation, ulcers or varicose veins), confidential health checks for things like blood pressure, weight and blood sugar levels, private consultations on continence issues and help from social services with things such as equipment to help lifestyles. It's a social occasion too with light refreshments and a friendly smile to greet you! On the third Wednesday in the month specialists will be on hand- see the local doctors surgeries and local press for more details or ring 01507 525497.



If there are any police/anti-social behaviour problems, our PCSO holds a surgery at the Book Fayre on Tattershall Rd on a Wednesday afternoon once a fortnight- look out for the sign outside.