



Whatton-in-the-Vale
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**Notice of the
Statutory Annual Parish Meeting**

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR
WHATTON IN THE VALE WILL TAKE PLACE ON
TUESDAY MAY 24, 2016
IN THE JUBILEE HALL
AT 7:00 PM
ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME.**

AGENDA

- 1] Welcome by the chairman
- 2] Apologies
- 3] Minutes from the annual parish meeting 2015
- 4] Chairman's annual report
- 5] Financial report
- 6] Matters raised by the public

Signed

Gregg Redford

Chairman of the Council

Community Tree Planting

Parish Councillors were joined by students from the Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Primary Academy to plant 200 shrubs and 30 trees on the former playground on Azimghur Road, Whatton-in-the-Vale.

The project which was funded by Whatton-in-the-Vale Parish Council was organized by Councillor Gwyn Owen and Councillor Chris Grocock liaised with the school. The project was part of the 'Clean for the Queen' initiative to celebrate the year of her Majesty's 90th Birthday.

Councillors Owen, Grocock, Evans, Morris and Redford joined the children in the days 'planting'.

A 'naming' competition was organized by the school and the name '**Queens Wood**' was chosen as the best name for the area.

This Community Woodland and Nature Conservation area will form part of an ongoing project for the School and an area the whole community can enjoy.

This once unused piece of land will now provide a lasting legacy both to her Majesty's 90th year and to the School and Community as a whole.

A further planting will be organized in the autumn

Parish Council now at full strength

The co-option of Gwyn Owen at the September Meeting increased the number of Council Members to six. At the meeting of the 24th November 2015, Mrs. Suzy Sagoo was co-opted, the Parish Council now has its' full complement of seven members.

Dog fouling problems on the increase

The majority of dog owners in the parish are responsible owners and 'pick-up' after their dogs. There are minority, however who do not act responsibly and leave their dogs faeces on paths, verges and roads. **IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND IT IS ALSO UNLAWFUL.** Not only is it disrespectful to fellow residents it is also a health hazard.

The Parish Council have provided dog waste bins throughout the Parish and it is the dog owners responsibly to clear up after their animal and to use the bins to dispose of the waste, ordinary litter bins can also be used.

The Parish Council will work with Rushcliffe Borough Council to identify and take the appropriate action against the culprits.

We need your help because it is impossible to monitor everywhere at once. If you witness an offence, please phone Rushcliffe Borough Council on 0115 981 9911 with as much of the following information as possible:

- The exact location
- The date and time of the offence
- The offenders' type of dog
- Description of the person in charge of the dog
- If possible, the vehicle registration number
- If possible, the address of the person committing the offence

It would be useful if you could also e-mail the details to the Parish Council at info@whatton.org, so that the Parish Council can monitor both the number of incidents and Rushcliffe's' response.

If you are one of the majority of the Parish's responsible dog owners, **THANK YOU.**

If not, join the **RESPONSIBLE OWNERS** and **PICK-UP** after your dog. **The alternative is a possible on the spot £50 fine or on prosecution and conviction £1,000 for each and every offence.**

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE A CLEAN AND HEALTHY PLACE TO LIVE.

Neighbourhood Plan

Rushcliffe need to ensure that a minimum of 13,150 houses are built between 2011 and 2028 in Rushcliffe. In their Local Plan – Part 1 they identify 7,650 within the Greater Nottingham area (South of Clifton, Edwalton and Gamston/North of Tollerton). Of the remaining 5,500, 3,520 have been ‘allocated’ to Bingham, the former RAF Newton, Cotgrave, East Leake, Keyworth, Radcliffe on Trent and Ruddington. The balance 1,980 would need to come from other villages in the Borough. The actual source of those 1,980 at the moment is unknown but may be clarified in the Local Plan – Part 2 which is expected to be available for consultation now), but is unlikely to be adopted until 2017.

Whilst we have not had any development proposals for Whatton (unlike our neighbour Aslockton), we do believe it is only a matter of time. Central Government has made it clear that every community is expected to contribute to the national (and local) housing shortfall. The likelihood is that the pressure on Planning Authorities to achieve and even exceed their target number of developments is going to increase.

The Localism Act of 2011 provided Parish Councils with the opportunity to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is NOT a method of stopping development, but rather shaping its location, style, type etc. Neighbourhood Plans must conform to National and Local Planning Policies and in essence will be approved by the Planning Authority.

The process does require Community involvement and approval (by way of a referendum on the Plan to be submitted for approval).

The production of a Neighbourhood Plan involves cost (part of which may be met by a Central Government grant) and a substantial amount of time and effort by Parish Councillors and others involved in the process.

Your Parish Council believes that the production of a Neighbourhood Plan is essential for the future development of our Parish. But the Parish Council cannot proceed with the plan in a vacuum, Community support is necessary. In order for us to gauge the appetite for the proposal we will be writing to every household, explaining the aims, objective and process, together with a short questionnaire. We would ask every household to complete and return the questionnaire. We would expect the letter to be sent out in the first half of 2016.

Planning Appeal Permission granted for Abbey Lane, Aslockton.

The result of the Planning Inquiry held on the 7th - 9th October 2015 into the refusal by Rushcliffe Borough Council to approve the outline planning permission for 75 dwellings on Abbey Lane was announced on the 15th December 2015.

The Inspector found the refusal by Rushcliffe Borough Council to be flawed and granted Outline Planning Permission with suggested conditions.

The full text of the decision can be found on the Planning Inspectorates web site using the appeal reference 2227522.

**FOR THE LATEST NEWS ON ISSUES AFFECTING THE
PARISH – PLEASE VISIT**

<http://www.whatton.org>

**INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF WHATTON AND
SURROUNDING AREA – PLEASE VISIT**

<http://www.cranmerlhg.org.uk>

The Cranmer Local History Group Website

Playing Field News

The plans for a new facility are quite well advanced and the criteria for its' design are shown below:

- To provide a facility that meets the Trusts principle object of providing Recreational and Sporting facilities for the benefit of the residents of the parishes of Aslockton and Whatton-in-the-Vale.
- To provide a facility with wide Community appeal and potential use.
- To design the facility to provide the potential for additional revenue income, not only to ensure that the facility is self-financing, but also to provide surpluses for the future development of the Playing Field facilities as a whole.
- To ensure that any changing facilities incorporated into the facility meet at least the minimum standards advised by the English Cricket Board, the Football Association and Sports England.
- To ensure that the design and location of the facility creates minimum impact on neighbouring residents.
- To create a facility management structure that reflects the Community requirements for both the management and use of the facility.
- To design the project to meet the requirements of the potential major funding organizations.
- To undertake a comprehensive consultation process to establish the needs, appeal, potential use and approval level of the proposed project.

The Committee will be undertaking a survey of the Community opinion over the next two or three months.

THE COMMUNITIES OPINION ON THE PROPOSAL IS CENTRAL TO THE DECISION ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAYING FIELD. WE URGE ALL RESIDENTS TO RESPOND TO THE SURVEY WHEN IT IS PUBLISHED

History of Whatton - The Norman Heritage

This short history follows on from 'The History of Whatton – Early Settlement' published in Whatton Village News in 2014. It is also available on the website <http://www.whatton.org>.

In 1066, the Manor of Whatton was granted by William I (*The Conqueror*) to Gilbert de Ghent who in turn placed 'his man' Robert as Lord of the Manor. Robert and his family took their surname from the Manor and became *de Watone*, later changing to *de Whatton* and then just *Whatton*.

The Manor of Whatton not only held what is now the parish of Whatton, but also had jurisdiction one of the five Manors in Aslockton and one of the two Manors in Hawksworth. In all the Lord of Whatton held in the region of three thousand arable acres and a population of 40 villagers, smallholders or cottagers, 29 freeman spread over the entire holding. The largest population being in Whatton itself numbering about 28 villagers and 12 smallholders. The numbers quoted refer to able-bodied adults so the actual population would be in the range of three to four times the actual number quoted

From Robert, the Manor passed to his son William and from him to his eldest son Robert. It is interesting to note that his younger son Walter was a Knight of the Second Crusade and lived at the Manor House in Whatton. Walters' daughter Isabella married Reginald of Aslockton and was the great-grandmother of (Archbishop) Thomas Cranmer. Walters' eldest son Richard was also 'seated' at Whatton Manor and was also a Knight of the Crusades.

Robert (son of William) had no surviving male heir and the Lordship of the Manor passed to his daughter Adelina who had married William Lord Heriz. However, it appears that William died before Robert and so the Manor did not pass to the Heriz family. Adelina is listed as the 'Dame' of Whatton in 1205 and therefore held the Manor in her own right. In about 1190, Adelina give land in Aslockton to Lenton Abbey and the Church in Whatton (and associated land) to Welbeck Abbey in memory of her later, mother, father and husband (William Lord Heriz). She also paid a 'fine' to the King of 100 silver marks to allow her to marry whoever she may wish.

Sometime after 1205 Adelina married Adam de Novo Mercarto (later

anglicized to Newmarch). Adam was Lord of the Manor of Bentley (Yorkshire) and continued to live there. The extended Whatton family continued to live at Whatton Manor. The Manor passed to Adams' eldest son Henry and from him to his eldest son Adam. For reasons that are not clear the Manor passed from Adam to his younger son, another Adam, effectively separating the Bentley (which passed to Adams' eldest son) and Whatton. The Lord of the Manor of Whatton was again living in Whatton.

Adams' eldest son Henry inherited the Manor from his father and in 1275 was granted a charter of free fishing from Edward 1st. His son, Thomas was summoned by Edward II in 1315 to 'attend him at Newcastle-upon-Tyne to repel the Scots'. It was also during his Lordship that in 1344 that a 'Charter of Market and Fair' was granted by Richard II. Thomas's son, another Thomas became the 10th Lord of Whatton.

During this whole period the Gilbert de Ghent and his descendants were the 'Tenants-in-chief' of Whatton Manor it was Thomas's son, Hugh who in 1377 purchased the 'Fee' of Whatton Manor for himself and his descendants.

Hugh did not have a male heir so he was succeeded by his daughter Elizabeth who married her distant cousin Ralph, Lord of the Manor of Bentley. Thus the Manors of Whatton and Bentley were reunited. The Manor then passed to Robert, their son. If the intention was to recreate the Newmarch 'dynasty', if regrettably didn't work as Robert had no male heir and the Manor passed to his daughter Elizabeth. Elizabeth married the younger son of the Earl of Westmoreland, John Nevil. They too had no male heir and the Manor passed to their daughter Joan who married Sir William Gascoigne in about 1458.

A later Sir William Gascoigne (there were sixteen Williams in succession) sold the Manor to Sir Thomas Stanhope (grandfather of Philip the 1st Earl Chesterfield) in 1516 thus severing Whatton Manors' 450year connection with the 1st Norman Lord of the Manor Robert.

The Manor House which was located between what is now Whatton Grange and the Gables was not occupied probably from the early 1400s and almost certainly fell into disrepair. Certainly by the late 18th century no trace of the Norman Manor could be seen.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th May 2016 at the Jubilee Hall, Church Street, Whatton-in-the-Vale at 7 pm.

THIS IS YOUR MEETING where you can raise issues of concern relating to the Parish,

All Registered Electors of the Parish are entitled to speak and vote at the meeting.

Parish Councillors will be in attendance and the meeting will be chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE, DISCUSS AND PROPOSE ACTION IF APPROPRIATE ON ANY ISSUE OF CONCERN RELATING TO THE PARISH.

Whatton-in-the-Vale is your parish and your community please get involved!

The Clerks bits ‘n bobs

Rushcliffe Borough Council dog warden section have acknowledged the council request in regard to attention to dog fouling on the old Grantham Road and have been out to the area. They will maintain a check as best they can but are requesting more help in regard to being informed of the type of dog involved in the continuing problem and a fairly exact time when the animal is being exercised along the road.

At a request of the chairman Coun. Greg Redford the parish clerk Mike Elliott has contacted Rushcliffe Borough Council Streetwise in regard to a complaint that they were not cleaning Main Street between its junction with Sunbeam Street and Manor Farm and was awaiting a reply.

More Clerks bits ‘n bobs

Whatton Jubilee Hall will be the polling station to be used on Thursday May 5 for the election for a new Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner. Residents are being urged to turn out to cast their vote for what is an important appointment.

In 2012, Paddy Tipping was elected as Nottinghamshire’s first Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for a four-year term. And that is now coming to an end.

The PCC is responsible for setting the priorities for the police force in Nottinghamshire, responding to the needs of local communities, setting the policing budget, and monitoring how well the police are performing.

Although the election is for a PCC to represent the whole of Nottinghamshire on polling day – Thursday 5 May – you will be able to vote at your usual polling station at the Jubilee Hall with voting from 7am until 10pm. Polling cards have been issued and these tell you how to cast your vote.

There are five candidates for the position. They are: Tony Bates – Independent, Tony Harper – The Conservative Party Candidate, Fran Loi – UK Independence Party (UKIP), Paddy Tipping – Labour Party and Jason Bernard Zadrozny - Independent

Votes will be counted and results announced on Friday May 6. Those wanting to find out who was elected, will be able to go to www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/pcelection for the result, as well as on social media.

Electors will have the opportunity to put two crosses on their voting paper, for their first choice candidate and their second choice candidate.

The parish council have expressed an interest in producing a Community Neighbourhood Plan for the parish.

Even more Clerks bits ‘n bobs

The chairman said it had been suggested that a joint meeting be arranged for both parish councils at Whatton and Aslockton to allow members to be made aware of the current proposals in respect of the new pavilion on the playing field. This has been held and was voted a useful event which allowed members of each council to be updated with the plans for the project.

A letter from Mr G Smith of Cottage Avenue was received by the parish council in which he complained of parking congestion on Dark Lane, Cottage Avenue and Azimghur Road when the playing fields were in use. The chairman said the matter would be put to the Playing Fields committee.

Most of the articles in this Newsletter appear first on the Parish Council’s website <http://www.whatton.org>.

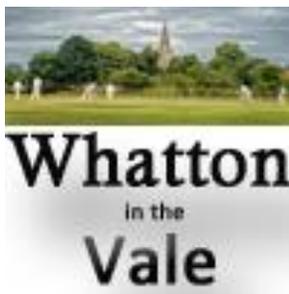
The website enables the Parish Council to pass information to residents in a very timely fashion.

The information on the website is updated at least weekly, but also immediately that information relevant to the Parish becomes available.

Residents are urged to visit the website at least once a week.

<http://www.whatton.org.uk>

The Whatton-in-the-Vale Parish website



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