

Granby cum Sutton Annual Parish Meeting

7:00 PM April 13th 2023

Due to the absence of Chair of the Parish Council, Vice-Chair Cllr Humphreys took the chair and welcomed those present at the meeting.

Apologies: Cllr Stevenson

Present: Cllr Humphreys, Daw, Preece, Mrs Beecroft (minute taker), seven members of the public. Cllrs March & Fewell joined after the meeting had started.

Approval of Minutes from last Annual Parish Meeting 12th May 2022: Approved as a true record.

Report from the Parish Council:

Welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) which the Parish Council (PC) is legally required to hold each year. This allows the Parish Council and the various groups and societies in our community to report on their activities over the past year.

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, excluding August, from 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Residents are invited and encouraged to raise any issues or concerns at an open session held at the start of each meeting. The agendas and minutes of meetings are publicly displayed and available for all residents to read on the Council noticeboards in both villages and on the PC website. Information regarding up-and-coming events is also publicised on the Granby and Sutton Facebook pages.

The past twelve months have seen a return to business as usual following the lifting of COVID restrictions. Regrettably, the precept – the Parish Council's share of the council tax – will be increasing by 10%, about 14 pence per week, for the coming year. There was much discussion and debate regarding whether or not we should be raising the precept, particularly with the rise in the cost of living. It was agreed that due to rising costs across the board we had no option.

The Council's major expenses are the running costs and maintenance of the Village Hall and playground – which is part funded by lettings which have, unfortunately, not returned to pre-COVID levels. It also includes the maintenance of the village greens, trees, cemetery and churchyard and the salaries of the Parish Clerk and Caretaker. Also, the PC has a duty to ensure that there are contingency funds in place to cover any unexpected expenditure.

In this context, the Council has also discussed low-carbon energy use in light of potential environmental and financial benefits.

A fire safety review of the Village Hall was undertaken earlier in the year, resulting in changes to our signage, and doors and locks being upgraded following recommendations in the review.

The challenges for the Parish Council for the coming year is the ongoing maintenance and repair costs for the Village Hall and its grounds.

The Parish Council review and comment on a number of planning applications throughout the year. Fortunately the majority of planning proposals we see are sensitive to our local community and, therefore, are not controversial. Those that have been controversial have gone to appeal.

June saw The Late Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a number of activities being held, including a photographic exhibition in the Village Hall with a new gallery hanging system, paid for by the PC, which provides flexibility for future exhibitions. A number of Granby and Sutton gardens were open for residents to enjoy and, despite the weather, street parties and gatherings took place along with professional photographs being taken to mark the occasion, not forgetting the COVID-delayed concert by the Granby & Sutton Singers.

The Council will be supporting community activities for the forthcoming Coronation in May.

In December we were delighted to welcome John Perring as Caretaker to the team. I'm sure all of those using the Village Hall will have noted the improvement.

Christmas trees were provided for the churchyard and Sutton green and the Granby & Sutton Singers gave us Christmas Cheer.

The possibility of allotments is back on the agenda with a pocket of land being available for use. Meetings with potential allotment holders have been held to see how the PC can facilitate the provision of allotments. Quotations have been obtained for the various costs such as legal fees and the provision of fencing.

Ongoing issues raised by residents include an increase in the amount of dog fouling and litter in both villages and along Sutton Lane.

Finally, our Chair, Mike Stevenson, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank our fellow Parish Councillors for their continued commitment and enthusiasm over the past year. Special thanks goes to Claire our Parish Clerk for keeping us on track. Thanks also go to Cllr Bailey, Rushcliffe Borough Council, and Cllr Purdue-Horan, Notts County Council, for their continued support and funding contributions over the past year.

In May John Daw and I will be standing down after serving 28 years between us. We will see the arrival of three new Parish Councillors bringing us up to full quota of seven. I personally would like to thank John for all his enthusiasm and support over the years.

Erika Humphreys

Vice Chair

13 April 2023

Group reports – Reports from All Saints Church, the Walking Group, Wine Club, Singing Group and the Woman's Institute were read by group representatives. Group reports from

the Bellringers, Garden Club and the Royal British Legion were available for reading and will be put onto the Parish Council website.

Comments from the floor - Thanks were given to Cllr Humphreys for all her efforts for the Parish Council – often going above & beyond.

Meeting Closed: 7.28pm

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting of the Singing Group – April 2023

Last year started with more hope and optimism than the previous years.

Rehearsals started early for a concert to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All was going well until the day before the concert when so many of the group went down with covid that the concert had to be postponed. It was held later in July, before school holidays. We once again had a packed village hall who joined in enthusiastically with many of the songs, especially "the proms" section at the end. This was particularly enhanced this year with Amanda playing Sailor's Hornpipe on the violin, at ever increasing speed.

In the autumn rehearsals began for our ever popular Christmas Cheer concert. The audience was almost back to pre-covid levels and enjoyed an hour Christmas songs, joining in with many of them. This was followed by coffee and mince pies in the Village Hall. The concert raised £410 for Church funds.

Sadly we lost three dear friends. Maurice Ashton, our accordion player, passed away suddenly a week after our Christmas Cheer concert. John Simpson, our former pianist passed away after suffering from Motor Neurone Disease for the last couple of years. June Pedge, one of our very early members, passed away this year. They will be very much missed.

Rehearsals have now started for a concert to celebrate the King's Coronation at the beginning of May.

We are still an enthusiastic amateur group and are always pleased to welcome new members. Anyone interested should contact Isabel Daw 01949 851212 or email johndaw6@aol.com .

Isabel Daw

GRANBY LADIES THURSDAY CLUB REPORT FOR 2022/23

The success of our Ladies Club continued throughout the 2022/23 programme with membership numbers rising to 36, the most we have had for several years.

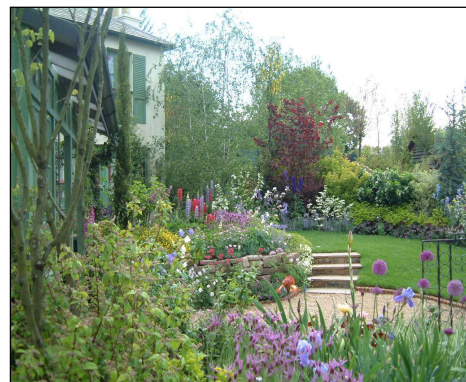
Some events have become annual favourites, namely AGM/cheese and wine meeting, the now famous sausage and skittles night and our annual Summer Supper in the village hall. These events were part of a varied programme which saw us paint our own pottery, make beautiful flower arrangements and learning to line dancing. Later in the year we had a fashion show, in time to purchase those much needed Christmas gifts and outfits, some of which were worn at our Christmas meal outing to Paul's in Bottesford

We welcome all new members to our fun, informal club and invite anyone interested to join us for a free trial evening. We guarantee you will not be disappointed.

The annual subscription fee is £8 and there is a modest monthly entry fee which varies depending on the evening's expenses.

Elaine Walsh
Chairperson, Granby Ladies Thursday Club

Granby and Sutton Garden and allotment Club



Report to Annual Parish Meeting 2023

During the past year the Granby and Sutton Garden and Allotment Club has continued to meet on the First Tuesday of the month. Membership of the Club has been maintained at around 30.

A programme of local Garden visits arranged for the summer months but due to COVID infections and the summer drought only 3 visits were completed.

Our first Summer session in May 22 was a visit to Ashfield House at Branston near Lincoln. A large garden with a major collection of over 150 cherry trees.

Six Gardens in Granby and Sutton were opened on the 4th June as part of the Queens Jubilee Celebrations.

Later in June we visited the Plant Lovers Garden in Bourne a beautifully kept and planted garden in a small new housing development.

Our visit to a Garden in Market Overton in July was cancelled as the Garden owners returned from holiday testing positive for COVID.

In August we were due to visit a garden in Southwell but due to the lengthy drought the garden was in poor shape so an impromptu visit to a couple of nurseries was arranged instead.

The 13th Home Produce Show was held in the Village Hall on 4th September and was well attended with the number of entrants and entries comparable with previous years. The Sam Lee Trophy presented to the overall winner was awarded to Mark Tubbs. Stan & Shirley Taylor announced that they would stand down as organizers of the Home Produce Show and thanked everybody for their support over the years.

From November our winter programme of talks commenced with our own Erika Humphries giving a talk about *Gardening with Nature in Mind*.

The December meeting was the traditional Christmas gathering with a quiz. The number of attendees was disappointing so we shall review this session for the future.

The January Meeting on Zoom had Karen Gimson showing how to arrange *365 Days of Colour in the Garden*.

A very interesting talk on *Plant Hunters* was given by Tracey Akehurst in February and Don Witton entertained us with his recollections of *Once Seen Never Forgotten* in March.

A talk on *Water Features in the Garden* was given by Stephen Lovell in April.

A full programme of *Garden visits* has been arranged for the coming summer.

A group of members have stepped forward to ensure the continuation of the Home Produce Show in September and details of the 14th Home Produce Show have been delivered to all homes in Granby and Sutton.

Stan Taylor
March 2023

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**Report of the Bellringers of All Saints' Church, Granby
to the Annual Parish Council Meeting, 13 April 2023**

After an extra delay due to the Tower Captain's health, the Band resumed regular ringing last autumn, following the Covid break. Practices have been shortened to half an hour from 18:00 on a Thursday evening, and we have been ringing for Services whenever held.

As part of the formal national mourning under Operation London Bridge, the Tenor bell was tolled following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II in September.

The Coronation brings an opportunity to recruit new ringers under the National Guild's campaign to "Ring for the King", and after widespread news coverage, two new learners were encouraged to start at Granby, joining the existing eight Diocesan Guild Members.

Mark Tubbs
Tower Captain



GRANBY, BARNSTONE & DISTRICT BRANCH

REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023

In May 2022 Branch members visited RAF Marham in Norfolk, the base for the current 207 Squadron. We were able to view the F35B fighter planes and were given a talk by a pilot about the experience of flying the plane.

In June Branch members supported an event at the Friendly Bench in Bottesford to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Branch Chairman and the Standard Bearer also attended a Service of Re-dedication at Southwell Minster and flag raising ceremonies at Rushcliffe Arena and County Hall to mark the 40th Anniversary of the commencement of the Falkland's War.

In September the Branch Chairman and the Standard Bearer attended a Memorial Service at Southwell Minster to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II

In October Branch members and the Standard Bearer attended the unveiling of a memorial to the US 82nd Airborne Division at Langar Airfield. The Branch also hosted a talk by the Branch President on the war in the Ukraine. Proceeds were donated to the Poppy Appeal.

In November Branch members and supporters took part in the Poppy Appeal, raising a very respectable total of £4147. The Remembrance Sunday Services took place at the 207 Squadron Memorial on Langar Airfield, followed by the main Service at All Saints, Granby. Refreshments were served in the Marquis of Granby. Branch members, the Chairman and the Standard Bearer also attended a Memorial Service for the crew of Lancaster bomber C for Charlie at the 207 Squadron Memorial on Langar Airfield.

The Branch wishes to thank all the Parishioners who actively support its activities and who are so generous with their donations to the Poppy Appeal. It is much appreciated.

Andrew Charlett

Branch Chairman

**GRANBY AND SUTTON WI ANNUAL REPORT TO
THE PARISH COUNCIL – 2022/23**

This year we have 28 full members, one being a dual member – of which nine have been serving on our Committee. During the year Carole Headland resigned as Treasurer and, subsequently, from the committee and, very sadly, Eve Corral - who was also one of the Programme Secretaries – died suddenly. We miss her very much. Janet Rea agreed to become our Treasurer and joined the committee and we are very grateful to her for taking on this post.

We have met, as always, here in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday each month and enjoyed a complete and varied programme. One or two of our speakers had originally been booked, and then had to be postponed, due to the pandemic and lock downs and we were particularly pleased to welcome them at last. We were entertained by the experiences of Alan Gray as a Wimbledon Umpire, fascinated by Hannah Sylvester on Medicinal Plants and their alternative uses and Angela Hall regaled us with tales of her time rescuing hedgehogs but also made us aware as to how serious is the decline in their numbers. And, of course, we had our annual Hyacinth growing competition – with varying results!

We enjoyed outings to the Bromley House Library in Nottingham and, following a talk the year before from Lesley Taylor, a visit to the Veolia recycling centre.

This being the year of our 80th Birthday we joined the occasion with our late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and celebrated in July with an evening Garden Party, enjoying drinks and canapes in the sunshine. We were delighted to welcome on that occasion Helen Rose, our Federation Chairman and Sylvia Insley a fellow Trustee. Also to mark the year our tablecloth was updated with names of all current members, past presidents and a reference to the Jubilee. Our thanks to Janet Rea, Carole Rainbow and Brenda Straw for their skills.

Our Christmas Party was held again in the suitably decorated Village Hall and took on a slightly different format. A more informal buffet was followed by an excellent entertainment from a magician – this had been arranged as a complete surprise for members and was a great success.

We were contacted by the Mayor of Rushcliffe to knit poppies in order to make environmentally friendly wreaths for Remembrance Sunday and, of course, rose to the occasion - and were pleased to be able to support the Royal British Legion.

We attended the Federation Annual Meeting which was held on a snowy morning at Oxton Village Hall and, after the general business, enjoyed a fascinating talk by a representative from Trinity House.

Our fundraising took the form, as before, of a Plant and Produce Sale in May and our Christmas Coffee morning in November. Both were well attended and it was good to see so many from this and other villages who were not necessarily connected with the WI. The funds raised go towards paying for the hire of the hall and speaker fees.

We have a full programme booked for the next year and we are always working to welcome new members.

LOIS HAMSON AND ANGELA SINCLAIR – Joint Presidents. March 2022 – March 2023

**The Walking Group
Report for Annual Parish Meeting April 13th 2023**

The walking group meets each month for some healthy exercise and fresh air. Generally the weather has been kind to us although last month was the exception with hazardous mud slides and very wet feet. Our next walk is Sunday 16th April starting and finishing at Hose

The walks follow the same format i.e. a circular walk, between four and five miles with the option of Sunday lunch in one of the nearby pubs. They generally take place on the third Sunday of each month. Most walks are relatively local with many situated in the Vale of Belvoir. We meet for a 10.30am start and usually finish by 1.00pm.

We welcome new members to any of our walks; contact Andy Betts to be added to the circulation list.

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Granby Wine Group

Annual Report March 2023

The Group is now in its 13th year and currently has 40 members. The members mostly live in Granby and Sutton but 4 live in surrounding villages.

The first meeting of the year, in March 2022, was in the Village Hall and we tasted Own Brand wines. We followed this in April by tasting wines from wine boxes and it's fair to say that many of us were pleasantly surprised by the quality of the wines.

In May we were in the Village Hall to taste Italian wines brought to us by Charles Dall'Omo from San Martino wines.

We were again grateful to Keith & Sian for the use of their garden for the annual pic-nic in June when we tasted wines chosen by Keith and Simon. The weather was kind, and we all had an enjoyable evening.

In July we returned to the Village Hall to taste wines from the Americas. The August meeting was joint with the Gardening and Walking Clubs, and we walked around Burrough on the Hill Country Park and Fort, enjoyed the food and wine at the Stilton Cheese Inn at Somerby before visiting gardens.

In October we tasted wine to accompany spicey food together with Indian food produced by Kiran. The November tasting was planned by Andy, Anna, John and Linda and we tasted wines from the Loire Valley and Bordeaux Region that they had brought back with them after visiting their homes in France.

December was the Christmas party and we tasted Christmas wines with suggestions for Christmas day. January was in the Village Hall and organized by Keith tasting Majestic own brand wines.

The final meeting of the year was in the Village Hall when we tasted wines produces from a single grape variety presented by Stan, Shirley, John and Linda.

We have a full program going forward including tasting Italian and Portuguese wines, the pic-nic and the joint venture with the Walking and Gardening Clubs.

The subscription rate remains at £10, and we are always open to new members.