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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As the neighbourhood watch schemes have increased we have been put into Area and areas have been split into Support groups. CODDINGTON is now part of the NEWARK NORTH Support Group in the NEWARK & SOUTHWELL Area.

In the latest newsletter there was a message from Inspector Robin Newcombe:

"I suppose most of us have asked ourselves this question at sometime in the past - "but what did we do about it?"

Imagine the situation where you see someone who in your view is acting suspiciously. You know what I mean. Obviously a stranger to the area. Not obviously doing anything wrong but somehow it doesn't seem right.

### SHALL I - SHALLN'T I TELL THE POLICE/

Well, the answer has to be YES. Don't delay and don't be put off by doubts Make a note of what you see and a registration number. We will check it out. This is often the piece that completes the jigsaw. Maybe it can be linked to other information and can be the key to an arrest.

Recently my local shopkeeper, knowing I was interested in this sort of information took details of three men and their vehicle. They were doing nothing wrong but were parked in one spot for three quarters of an hour looking at the shop and other nearby property. A check revealed other sightings of that vehicle close to where burglaries had taken place. Not enough in itself, but sufficient to cause further enquiries which will lead to an arrest. So remember, if it looks strange to you, report it. Don't be put off"



Bearing this in mind please note information car numbers, strangers, etc. and pass it on to your Neighbourhood watch coordinator. We have regular contacts with the Police so that any pieces of information will be taken seriously. If you are not sure who your coordinator is contact Wendy Parrett on 0636 72687

## **RECYCLING?**

DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION? SHOULD THE PARISH COUNCIL PROMOTE A RECYCLING SCHEME FOR BOTTLES, CANS, PAPER AND CLOTHING? IF, YES, WHERE MIGHT WE LOCATE THE "BANKS"? IF, NO, WHY NOT?

YOUR VIEWS WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THE P.C. c/o The Clerk, 2 Randall Close, Newark, Notts

ALL SAGNTS' CHURCH Sunday 11th Lecember 3.00 p.m.

CHILLREN'S CAROL SERVICE

An informal get logether to celebrate Christmas with children taking part. Refreshments. Everyone Welcome

Lunday 8th January 6.00 p.m.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Led by Brian Secghan – Local organiser for the Children's Lociety. Collection to the Children's Lociety

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# ALL SAINTS CHURCH CODDINGTON CHRISTMAS SERVICES

"CHRISTIANS, AWAKE, SALUTE THE HAPPY MORN WHEREON THE SAVIOUR OT THE WORLT WAS BORN."

With this list of Christmas Services comes our very best wishes to you for the Festive Season.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ.

Sunday December 11th

9.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

3.00 p.m. Family Service for ADVENT

6.00 p.m. Even song and Sermon

Sunday December 18th

9.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

6.00 p.m. Traditional Service of Carols and Lessons

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS (Please note: this service begins at 11.45 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY (Sunday) 9.00 a.m. FAMILY COMMUNION

We wish you joy and every happiness this Christmas

#### CODDINGTON VILLAGE SIGN

The three main figures are a mother receiving a Mothering Sunday card and gifts from her children. This represents Coddington's only probable claim to fame - that the Mothering Sunday Movement was revived here by Constance Penswick Smith, who is buried in the Village Church yard.

The Windmill in the background is how the windmill on Balderton Lane looked before the removal of its sails - note the "onion" shaped top.

In the sky is a Lancaster bomber representing the relationship of Coddington RAF camp with RAF Winthorpe Airfield during the Second World War, when airmen were billeted at Coddington Camp.

The tractor represents the strong farming association in and around the village.

All Saints Church, Coddington is the oldest building in the village.

The Fox and Badger in the fore ground represent the wild life seen in and around the village.

N.B. The scenes represented above derive from ideas suggested by children at Coddington, C of E Primary School and from Parishioners who volunteered suggestions.

#### CODDINGTON W. I.

We had the sad experience of losing our President, Mrs Marjorie Wilkinson, who died on November 2nd, after a short illness. She was a very popular President, with a warm, sincere and honest personality whose presence has been very much missed Fortunately we have an able acting President in Mrs Karen Marsh, so the business of the institute goes on as usual.

Our Christmas party which is always a happy occasion will be held on Tuesday, Dec 13th. The speaker at our January meeting is Mr Rose, who will be giving an interesting insight into local history with a video illustrated talk on Laxton. The February meeting breaks new ground as our AGM month, when a new President & committee will be elected for 1995/6. This will provide a wonderful chance for Coddington ladies to become part of a really great organisation for women. We need new members to help maintain the influence that the W.I. has on current affairs. It is an unseen but potent force, putting over the point of view of women in the day to day running of the country, and we do need more support in the form of new members to lend more strength to our elbow. Need more be said?!



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## "TRAFFIC CALMING - A ROUTE TO SAFER ROADS" \*

The Parish Council are increasingly concerned about the amounts of unnecessary traffic and the speeds of vehicles within the parish. We have been told that there is little that the Highway authority (Notts County Council) can do unless there is a genuine upsurge of local opinion and reasonable complaint. The County Council officer - the Highways Manager would then list the requests for action and place them in order of priority -

"Because of limited resources only the schemes with the highest priority can be carried out......eg. if there are more than 3 injury accidents in 3 years...." !!!

The Parish Council feel that the arbitrariness and casual manner of prioritising is unreasonable and insensitive - How many "near misses"? How many deaths?

## DO YOU THINK WE HAVE A PROBLEM?

Do many drivers use our roads although there are better alternatives? Do drivers speed along your street, road or lane? Do you know of accidents, or near misses, on your street due to high speeds? Do you have any concerns about highway safety? PLEASE PLEASE LET THE PARISH COUNCIL KNOW SO WE CAN ACT If you feel strongly about the subject contact the local Highway manager on 73625 (\* A free brochure on Traffic Calming is obtainable on the same number - 73625)

#### CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW

To celebrate the Centenary of Parish Councils, the Parish council agreed to sponsor Mr B. King, of Main Street, to design and construct a village sign. This is to placed on the grass verge on the corner of Newark Road/Old A 17.

It was decided to place a "time capsule" under the sign and all local organisations and community groups were asked if they wished to contribute any items or information considered to be of interest to future generations which could be placed in this container.

The sign has now been completed and will be ceremonially unveiled on Saturday, 10 December at 11.00 a.m.

A display of all the items received, which are to be placed in the "time capsule" will be on show at Coddington Village Hall from 11.15 a.m. onwards.

Stapleford Woods - proposed sand and gravel extraction

The Parish Council are steadfast in their objection to the scheme and continue to campaign against the proposal.

Bollards ... have been placed on the grass verge opposite the Primary school to deter cars from mounting the kerb and damaging the surface. The local quagmire! Please keep off the grass! C.P.C. are considering locations in the village to be used as a future Recycling site. Any suggestions or opinions please contact the Clerk, Mrs Pam Hemphill - Newark 72173

A seat has recently been placed near to the school by the P.C It is hoped that another seat will be purchased and placed in a suitable location at a later date.

Village Handyman - Mr Hessey has resigned from the position of Village Handyman. The Council would like to convey their thanks and appreciation to Mr Hessey for all his dedication and hardwork.

A Grit/salt bin has been placed along Main Street for the use of the public when roads become icy in winter weather.

Allotments - Water is in the process of being connected to the allotments. There are still allotments available for rent.

#### ALLOTMENTS - CONTACT BERNARD ALLEN NEWARK 703360

The Parish Council would like to thank everybody who participated in the bulb planting efforts over the last few weeks (and last year!)

BEST KEPT VILLAGE 1995? The Chairman and Council wish all parishioners a merry Christmas and a Happy New ::-

# NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL



## CLEAN IT UP!

#### The Children's Society

£770 has been raised in Coddington this year for the Children's Society through boxes, envelopes, the sale of plants and cakes and from the collection at the Christingle Service.

Anyone else wishing to have a collection box at home should contact the local representative - Peggy Harwood on 0636 707213

#### CODDINGTON MOTHER and TODDLER GROUP

Coddington Mother and Toddler group meets every Monday morning during school term time between 10.30 and 11.45 am in Coddington Village Hall. There is a wide range of toys for young children to play with and at the end of the session there is a singsong. The charge is £1.00 per adult irrespective of the number of children accompanying you. This includes coffee/tea for the mums (or dads) and a drink and biscuit for the children. Anyone with pre-school children is welcome. Please come and join us.

#### 1st CODDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

1994 has been a very successful year for us. With the help of friends in the Newark area &, more particularly in Coddington, we have purchased our H.Q. and are now installing central heating.

Our numbers are up and we have a new section for 15 to 20 year olds. This the Rosevale Venture Unit and is named after the site of the beginning of scouting in Coddington some 50 years ago. It is open to boys and girls and is already thriving.

At the end of the year we lose our Beaver Colony leaders. Sue Shaw and Jean Gardner have given 18 years service between them and they will be sadly missed. As a result we are looking for replacements for this, our youngest section (5 - 8 year olds). If you are interested in helping and are over 20 years of age, please contact me - DAVE HEDGE - 73663 The group are saving aluminium drinks cans and they can be left at H.Q. or given to one of our members.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

WHIST DRIVES - 17th Jan. 21st Feb., 21st March

CUB REPORT: The Cub pack has gone from strength to strength. We now have 30 members and a small waiting list. This year we won the Athletics Shield for the Under 11's. We camped at Walesby during the summer and 28 boys survived a tremendous thunder storm on the Friday night only to dry out in the sun

"Scout Troop: 1994 began with a joint Winter Camp at Walesby with Tuxford Scouts and was enjoyed by all.

In June we entered the District Athletics competition and won the Under 16's trophy. We also entertained a group of Czech Scouts, visiting the area, with songs around the campfire.

Our summer Camp took place at Forest Row, in East Sussex. we participated in activities including hiking orienteering, pioneering and visits to local places of interest.

We have also entered Football and swimming competitions during the year. In October 6 scouts entered and won the Bob Herbert Competition. They were assessed on their leadership, teamwork and scouting skills. Congratulations to M.Phillips, A.Appleby, G.Wells, P.Robinson, L.Baseford and G.anderson. (A. Parrett)

"1st CODDINGTON ROSEDALE VENTURES: Began 8th September. Venture Leader: John Collier. A.L.'s: Barbara Rawlin and Kate Fuller. Excellent Response. 14 members both male and female. Already we have been to Blackpool on a trip, hiked in Stapleford Woods (Team night manoevres), experienced off road car driving, entered District swimming and football competitions. The group are busy planning Wednesday and weekend activities.

If you are between 15 & 20 years of age and would like to come and see what we get up to on a Wednesday night between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. then telephone John Collier on Newark 700345.



