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2023 ended on a particularly turbulent note, gale force winds broke the brackets holding the vehicle speed sign and blew it off its mounting pole, the resultant damage was considerable. The cost of repair amounting to close on £1000 and has become an insurance claim. There was also another incident where a carport was blown onto the roof of the adjoining property. The winds were replaced by several days of severe frost which in turn were followed by massive flooding throughout the area. Ditches and dykes were over topped and many septic tanks were overfilled causing toilet blockages. Agricultural areas remained under water for several weeks. The dyke adjacent to the Old Chapel was filled to overflowing for some considerable time, and eventually the blockage was cleared and jetted out by Ronnie Haines. Well done Ronnie.



Carport on Roof



Flooding on Chapel Lane



A meeting was held with representatives of the Woodland Trust in order to discuss the clearing of silt and debris from the dyke which borders the Carr Wood and takes much of the water from the village and surrounding area. The meeting was attended by Parish Council, County Council and local farmers. The outcome was that The Woodland Trust maintained that the area was Ancient Wet Woodland and refused to do anything. Several very long time residents are adamant that the woods were never wet before. However some research into the word Carr reveals that it means wet and swampy and related specifically to woodland.

Several meetings have been held at the Blue Bell to decide on future strategy for the village flower areas, as the present workforce is probably well past its prime. A new regime has been agreed upon, and we will have to see how well it performs, as we have again entered the East Midlands in Bloom Competition.

Every year the Parish Council award the Manning Trophy to a person who has served the Parish well during the past year. This year it was presented to Martin Foster our District Councillor. Martin was, with Stan Avison, instrumental in granting us money from the District Council towards our speed device and the painting of the North Road Mural.

Our Annual Parish Meeting was held on 21st May. This year we had a speaker from Archaeological Project Services based at Heckington to talk about recent ecological exploration at North Road Farm and other local gravel extraction sites. It is quite extraordinary how items in use even a thousand or more years ago can be dug up and identified. The talk was extremely interesting and informative. The Annual Meeting which followed covered a wide range of subjects. The quality of work carried out by the Parish grass cutters was one of the most evocative, with many residents expressing concern. There were around 30 residents in attendance. Tea, coffee and biscuits were served prior to the meeting.

The 80th anniversary of D Day was remembered by decorating the War Memorial with patriotic bunting and the placing of a wreath, although the area is always kept in good order.



Parish Meeting



80th anniversary of D Day

A village fair similar to last year's Coronation event was held on the Blue Bell field on 8th June. Some of the small snags that had become apparent last year were addressed and it ran very smoothly. Entertainment was provided all afternoon and evening along with a number of stalls, dog agility demonstration and a very popular dog show. There was also a large display of vintage cars. Food and drink, alcoholic and refreshments were provided by the Blue Bell. It is not possible to know how many people attended, but suffice to say everybody agrees it was a resounding success. Thanks to all who contributed to making that possible.



Village Fair

Our annual clean-up was arranged for the end of June and this year it proved that the village community spirit is as strong as ever, with a very good contingent of residents joining us to maintain the area in as good a condition as possible. The bus shelter near the Blue Bell was repainted. The effort was much appreciated and the village certainly looked good afterwards and ready for the annual EMIB judging that took place on July 1st. We have to wait until late September to see how well we have fared.



Village Fair



EMIB Awards

The Camp celebrated their 40s Weekend without any competition from Woodhall, who were not taking part this year. Unfortunately the weather was not particularly kind, wet and windy at times. This year they had the use of the Blue Bell field, which certainly helped with their inherent parking problems. Considering the weather, attendance was good on both days and most activities took place as planned.

The County Council carried an overhaul of the roadside drainage on Chapel Lane during September. All individual drains were checked and the pipes cleared. Hopefully this will prevent a repeat of the flooding experienced last year.

The EMIB award presentation event took place in Melton Mowbray this year, and we again managed to gain a silver gilt certificate, although this year we did not win. Each year when the judging takes place, the judges make a discretionary award on some feature they notice. This year it went to the Blue Bell in recognition of their commitment to the community.

We again had a full house for the Meet the Neighbours night. An excellent meal was provided, with seconds for anyone who could manage it. Richard and Stella Sivil brought a selection of old photos and newspaper articles relating to the village. Glen our postman for the last 15 years, who has just retired, was a guest at the event. A number of residents had wished to record their thanks to him for his long service and a collection was made. A sum of £170 was presented to him after the meal. He was quite astounded and thanked everyone for their generosity.



Meet the Neighbours

This year it appears that the church forgot us for our Remembrance Service. On enquiry we were offered 11am Monday 11th. This was not ideal as working folk would not be able to attend, therefore we arranged an extra gathering of our own on Sunday 11th. However 3 days before Remembrance the church cancelled the Monday and our service became the main event, with John Smith playing the Last Post. Nearly 50 people attended, with coffee and cake available at the Blue Bell afterwards, which was much appreciated.



Remembrance Day

Norman Leggate passed away at the start of November aged 87. He was a true gentleman and always a supporter and benefactor to the village and served as one of our Parish Councillors for over 40 years. Anyone who would wish to represent the village as Councillor would be welcome as the village is under represented at the moment. Just contact the Parish Clerk.

The year ended with the usual decorated Christmas Tree, adjacent to the old Chapel. We wish everybody a Happy New Year for 2025.



Christmas Tree



The new gardening gang

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