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Improved Rail Service from Aslockton Station

East Midlands Trains have published the new timetable which will operate from the 13th December 2009.

The timetable shows an improved service from Aslockton Station. The improvement follows an intensive campaign by Whatton and Aslockton Parish Councils, Nottinghamshire County Council and individual residents, in particular Matthew Flint of Whatton.

The full timetable is available for download on the Whatton-in-the-Vale Parish Council web site (www.whatton.org)

An extract of the timetable showing the times of trains to and from Aslockton Station is provided on pages 2 and 3.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 8 pm on the 17th of May 2010.

THIS IS YOUR MEETING, all registered voters of the parish are entitled to attend, speak and vote of issues affecting the parish.

By convention, the Chairman of the Parish Council (if present) chairs the meeting, but it is NOT a Parish Council Meeting (although Parish Councillors will be present) it is a meeting at which you can raise any issue that you believe will affect or is affecting the parish.

Train Times

Grantham to Aslockton to Nottingham - Monday to Friday

06:10 arrives Aslockton 06:29 arrives Nottingham 06:54
07:10 arrives Aslockton 07:27 arrives Nottingham 07:53
07:58 arrives Aslockton 08:17 arrives Nottingham 08:38
08:45 arrives Aslockton 09:00 arrives Nottingham 09:23
10:36 arrives Aslockton 10:52 arrives Nottingham 11:14
12:45 arrives Aslockton 13:00 arrives Nottingham 13:23
14:45 arrives Aslockton 15:00 arrives Nottingham 15:23
17:45 arrives Aslockton 18:02 arrives Nottingham 18:25
19:45 arrives Aslockton 20:02 arrives Nottingham 20:28
21:47 arrives Aslockton 22:04 arrives Nottingham 22:25

All the above trains also stop at Bingham.

Grantham to Aslockton to Nottingham - Saturday

06:10 arrives Aslockton 06:29 arrives Nottingham 06:54
07:10 arrives Aslockton 07:27 arrives Nottingham 07:53
07:58 arrives Aslockton 08:17 arrives Nottingham 08:38
08:45 arrives Aslockton 09:00 arrives Nottingham 09:23
10:45 arrives Aslockton 11:01 arrives Nottingham 11:24
12:45 arrives Aslockton 13:00 arrives Nottingham 13:23
14:45 arrives Aslockton 15:00 arrives Nottingham 15:23
17:45 arrives Aslockton 18:02 arrives Nottingham 18:25
19:45 arrives Aslockton 20:02 arrives Nottingham 20:28
21:47 arrives Aslockton 20:04 arrives Nottingham 22:25

All the above trains also stop at Bingham.

Grantham to Aslockton to Nottingham - Sunday

12:47 arrives Aslockton 13:04 arrives Nottingham 13:26

Nottingham to Aslockton to Grantham - Monday to Friday

05:10 arrives Aslockton 05:28 arrives Grantham 05:49
07:34 arrives Aslockton 07:52 arrives Grantham 08:12
08:45 arrives Aslockton 09:06 arrives Grantham 09:26
10:45 arrives Aslockton 11:03 arrives Grantham 11:23
13:45 arrives Aslockton 14:03 arrives Grantham 14:21
15:45 arrives Aslockton 16:06 arrives Grantham 16:25
16:45 arrives Aslockton 17:06 arrives Grantham 17:28
17:34 arrives Aslockton 17:52 arrives Grantham 18:09
17:45 arrives Aslockton 18:05 arrives Grantham 18:25
18:45 arrives Aslockton 19:03 arrives Grantham 19:23
20:51 arrives Aslockton 21:11 arrives Grantham 21:32

Nottingham to Aslockton to Grantham - Saturday

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18:45 arrives Aslockton 19:03 arrives Grantham 19:23
20:51 arrives Aslockton 21:11 arrives Grantham 21:32

Nottingham to Aslockton to Grantham - Sunday

16:21 arrives Aslockton 16:42 arrives Grantham 17:30
17:36 arrives Aslockton 17:56 arrives Grantham 18:16

Action with Communities in Rural England

Use of England's rural community-owned buildings has trebled since 1988, according to the research undertaken in ACRE's 2009 national survey of rural community buildings. The key findings celebrate the success of volunteers and the buildings they manage in supporting local action and service delivery.

The 9,000 halls represent the largest network of community-owned facilities in the country with a total asset value of over £3 billion. They are a crucial but largely hidden aspect of community empowerment, and many have proved 'hard to reach' in efforts to support their sustainability. Although there are significant success stories to tell, the future for most is quite fragile.

The survey responses from 2,355 rural community buildings shows that volunteers contributed 18.5 hours per week on average to run their halls and that this volunteer support was the most significant factor in whether the halls were able to sustain themselves financially. Only 3% of halls received regular funding from their local authority. The remainder generating their income through hire charges, services and fundraising support from the local community and parish councils.

The survey also includes feedback on the valuable support service provided by the Rural Community Action Network to volunteers managing the halls; 83% of hall committees seeking their advice had rated it good or excellent.

ACRE's Chief Executive, Sylvia Brown said *"We need national and local policy makers and funders to appreciate that the work of managing and financing this vast network of community facilities falls almost entirely to local volunteers, not to local authorities. The traditional village hall still underpins much of community life"*

in rural areas. The research demonstrates its role in supporting local democratic participation and in helping those most in need because of lack of transport with which to access more distant services”.

“The Rural Community Action Network already recognises the incremental burden of increasing regulation and taxation that falls on local volunteers when few halls have any paid management staff to support their work. The data from the survey shows just how many of the 9,000 halls need appropriate external advice and support if they are to remain viable. Whilst public policy is focused on transferring new assets to communities, we are now very concerned to raise awareness of existing community owned assets that perform such a crucial role for local people”.

ACRE’s Village Hall Information Officer, Deborah Clarke concluded: *“As a result of this survey, we have made 10 recommendations, which we believe could make a huge difference to volunteers and the future of these community assets which have significant value in both financial terms and the outcomes they produce for communities.”*

Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) is the national body for the Rural Community Action Network, providing a strategic view of rural community issues to government and its agencies, based on grass roots experience. ACRE also works with a range of national third sector organisations to reflect a rural perspective in policy and practice. For more information on ACRE go to www.acre.org.uk

Persistence pays off for Residents of Conery Lane

Imagine if your street surface hadn't had any major maintenance for over 30 years. What do you think it might look like?

Well residents of Conery Lane and surrounding streets can tell you exactly what the implications of neglect are because until recently, they had been living with it for decades.

Their road surface was ridged and continually breaking down causing pot holes to form. Adding to their woes was a lack of footpaths for much of Conery Lane necessitating residents to walk on unsuitable and dangerous road surfaces. Several residents actually had accidents as a result.

Since 2006, residents have been issuing council with requests for something to be done to their road and they were continually frustrated with responses that no funds were available. To add salt to their wounds, other roads in Whatton have been resurfaced several times despite no apparent need.

Well thanks to one persistent resident and Parish Councillor, Ernest Parsons, justice was finally done in January of this year when crews of council workers arrived to undertake a complete refurbishing of the roads in Conery Lane, Conery Gardens, part of the Old Grantham Road and Orston Lane.

Residents of those streets were obviously delighted with this sudden turn of events. It would appear that the failure of another major project in the north of the county to commence was super news for Whatton residents.

Conery Lane continued

In fact such was the delight of local residents that a party of them attended the last Parish Council meeting to personally thank Ernest and the Parish Council for their dogged persistence and to express their absolute delight at the safe, smooth road surfaces they now thoroughly enjoy walking and driving on.



The new police NON Emergency number.

0300 300 99 99 is the new number to call for all non-emergency enquiries to Nottinghamshire police. This is replacing 12 numbers that have been used across the county.

The introduction of a single number will allow the organisation to become more accessible and making it easier for the public to contact the police.

This number does NOT replace the emergency **999** number, which should still be used:

- When a life is in danger
- When a serious crime or incident is taking place.
- To report a road traffic collision, where people are trapped or hurt
- To report a vulnerable missing person

If you wish to contact a member of your Neighbourhood Policing Team please contact:

PC. 869 John Kneale.

Bingham Police Station. Grantham Road, Bingham, Nottingham.

Telephone: 0300 300 99 99 x 6261.

Mobile: 07753 309746

Email: john.kneale@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

or

PCSO 9170 Sally Charles

Bingham Police Station. Grantham Road, Bingham, Nottingham.

Telephone: 0300 300 99 99 x 6261

Mobile: 07595 074 150

Email: sally.charles@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

The Village Gala

The Whatton and Aslockton Playing Field Committee is currently organising the successor to the annual 'Fun Day'. The event, now called the Village Gala is aimed at the residents of Aslockton and Whatton-in-the-Vale parishes, although it is hoped that it will attract visitors from surrounding parishes.

The event is scheduled for Saturday 10th July 2010, 2 pm – 9 pm.

Cinema is coming to Whatton!

The Jubilee Hall will host its first film night on Saturday 13th March.

This event is being sponsored by the Parish Council to enable the management committee of the hall to establish how much interest there would be in having films at the hall. If there is enough interest it is hoped that films could be shown there on a regular basis.

The film chosen is a comedy, Julie & Julia starring Meryl Streep as Julia Child, America's version of Fanny Craddock, and Amy Adams as Julie.

Karen Krizanovich in Filmstar magazine describes the film as "The Hours meets Ready Steady Cook". She says it "is a heartfelt, deliciously shot, and beautifully designed romp, studded with fine performances that are endearingly cheery, inspirational and funny. It's a must-see for anyone who loves to eat." The film is Certificate 12A and it will start at 7.30 with a bar before the film from 7pm and during the interval.

Admission is £3.50.

Please support this latest venture at the Jubilee Hall.

Bits & Bobs

Parish Councillor, Ernest Parsons, has been warmly thanked by residents in the Conery Lane area of the village for his efforts in getting action from Notts County Council to have road resurfacing work carried out in their part of the village. Coun. Parsons took on the challenge to get the work done after previous efforts had been unsuccessful. And Coun. Parsons has written a letter of thanks himself, to Tarmac, complimenting them on the standard of their work in resurfacing the road and the obliging manner of their workforce.

Notts County Council highways department has been asked by the Parish Council to carry out work to improve the condition of the pavement leading from the Smite Bridge to the village alongside the old Grantham Road.

Notices have been issued by Notts County Council on a number of residents with regard to the need for them to cut back trees in the front of their properties and land on Church Street. The move followed complaints received by the Parish Council.

A decision was made by the Parish to support a move to bring a film night to the village, the event being held to raise funds for the Jubilee Hall. The council agreed to meet the cost of £260 for the showing of the film.

A precept in the sum of £11,035 has been issued by the Parish Council for the 2010 /2011 financial year. The precept for current 2009/2010 year was £10,705.00.

The annual parish meeting will be taking place on Monday May 17, starting at 8.00pm. All residents in the parish are encouraged to attend and take part.

Notts County Council has advised the Parish Council of changes to its Concessionary Travel scheme. One of the new stipulations will be that from April 1, travel discounts will no longer be available for pre 9.30 am or post 11 pm bus or tram travel, local rail travel, social car scheme travel or companions travel.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Residents who have access to the internet are reminded that the Parish Council now has its own website <<http://www.whatton.org>>.

The website is intended to complement *Whatton News* and is updated on a regular basis.

Minutes and agendas are available for download starting from the October 2008 meeting.

The site also includes a simple ‘contact us’ form where residents can bring matters of concern to the attention of the Parish Council.

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