

## Quality Parish Council Status

In May 2010 the Parish Council will have to seek re-accreditation for Quality Parish Council Status, a prestigious title which was gained in 2006. One of the many requirements to achieve this is that at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the members must have been elected or stood for election. It is important therefore that sufficient people come forward at election time.

Come along to any Parish Council meeting to see what a Parish Councillor and the Parish Council does. All meeting dates are published on the website, in the Beacon and on the Notice Boards.

**We don't bite!**

## The last word:

As well as this newsletter, published 4 times each year, we use the Beacon magazine to keep you up to date with significant matters. Agendas and minutes are on the village notice boards and the website too. [www.gringleyvillage.org.uk](http://www.gringleyvillage.org.uk).

**The Chairman and Members of the Parish Council wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year**

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## Website

**W**e are trying to encourage local businesses to advertise on the Parish Council's website, [www.gringleyvillage.org.uk](http://www.gringleyvillage.org.uk). The rates are a very reasonable £10 per year. If you would like to advertise, please contact the Clerk.

## Crime in the Village

**W**e are pleased to report that again there were no reported crimes in Gringley during October. The Beat Manager Nathan Thomas, who started his duties in August has introduced himself to the Parish Council and asked that residents report any suspicious activity, especially in the run up to Christmas. The Police believe that there may be an increase in attempted burglaries during the dark winter nights. Nathan or Stephanie may be contacted through the Worksoy Police on 01909 500999 and ask for their extension number.

## Detention Centre

**T**he latest news on the detention centre is that Miller Homes are to apply for Government funding under a Homes and Communities Agency for Kickstart Housing Delivery (KHD) Scheme. If they are successful this should provide some impetus to get started on the site.

## Highways Matters

**T**he Parish Council are continually reporting highways problems, such as potholes and damaged kerbs and footpaths to Nottinghamshire County Council. Re-

grettably they do not usually respond to repairs with lightning speed, however we will continue to press them to get jobs done.

## Please Consider Our Handyman

**V**illagers may not be aware but it is our own village handyman who regularly empties the litterbins around the village and replaces the bin liners, not Bassetlaw District Council or Nottinghamshire County Council. Please spare a thought for him therefore and don't use the street litterbins to dispose of your fallen fruit. It makes the bags too heavy to lift and rotting fruit is not pleasant to handle.

The Village Hall wheelie bins are intended for use by the village hall. The Parish Council would be very grateful if the persons who keep filling them with leaves would desist.

Also please keep a watch out for our very own potential arsonists who have set fire to at least four litter bins recently. Advise any Councillor or PCSO Stephanie Jones if you know who is responsible.

## Parish Council Elections

**M**ay 2010 will see the local Parish Council elections and this may seem a long way off. The time will soon be upon us however and we would like to ask residents to consider if they are the sort of person who would benefit the community by standing as a Parish Councillor.

There are nine seats on Gringley on the Hill Parish Council and you must comply with one of the following requirements:

- Be a local government elector for Gringley on the Hill.
- Have during the whole of the preceding 12

months occupied as tenant or owner any land or other premises in Gringley on the Hill

- Have your principal or only place of work in the preceding 12 months in Gringley on the Hill
- Have resided either in the Parish of Gringley on the Hill or within 3 miles of it during the whole of the preceding 12 months

There are also certain disqualifications, of which the main ones are:

- Holding a paid job at Gringley on the Hill Parish Council
- Bankruptcy
- Having been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than three months during the preceding five years
- Being disqualified under any enactment relating to corrupt or illegal practices

