

# *Great & Little Gidding Parish Council Clarion – Autumn 2010*

## Update from the office

A new pedestrian access to the village hall is currently under construction. This is following a successful Small Scale Environmental Improvement Bid the Parish Council applied for in Nov 09. The District Council runs the scheme and the plans agreed in consultation with the Parish Council and the County Council to provide a separate pedestrian and vehicular access.

Plans are underway to connect water to the allotments, which will be funded by the Great Gidding Charity and more allotments will be available to meet the waiting list in April 2011. If you would like your name added to the waiting list please contact the Parish Council Office, plots will be allocated on first come first served basis. Plots are just £15 per year and subject to a tenancy agreement.

Our application to the Big Lottery Fund to restore the village pond in Main Street has not been successful but they have forwarded it to the Awards for All Funding and the result of this will be known in January. If successful the work will include dredging the pond, pollarding the willows and installing a viewing platform. The Wildlife Trust has been advising on this work and will be working with the Parish Council on this project

There are many rights of way in the village and in partnership with the County Council work continues to improve these. Footpath No 6 and 1/14 have already been improved (see village website for walk details) A Seasonal Traffic Restriction Order has been placed on Byway 17 to prevent access by motor vehicles with more than two wheels between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> April. Maintenance work to Byway 17 to grade and level the ruts was also planned.

We will be taking part in the Parish Planting Scheme run by the District Council and our Tree Warden, Michael Trolove will be planting 50 trees within the parish. Rose Foster and Michael have organised the planting of bulbs around the village, thank you to all who donated and helped.

Due to pressure of work Julie Byard resigned as a councillor in June and was thanked for her work especially with the school and in producing the Clarion. We welcomed Rachel Giddens on to the council in July.

The Main Street (B660) has been surface dressed and the road markings are being reinstated. Extensive discussions were held between the Parish Council and County Council to try and improve the layout of the markings but no solution was found.

Christmas Waste Collections – HDC refuse and recycling collections will be collected on their normal collection day 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7th January will slip by one day.