

## **A LOOK BACK TO EVENTS OF 2008**

**When Wendy and I started the Manthorpe Resident's Association last February, we little dreamt how successful this would turn out to be. We elected our first executive Committee and they have had nearly a year working together mostly very amicably.**

**We have organised a lottery with a lot of help from Anthony Hardy and other members of the committee. A quiz night was organised by Graham Mitchell and Elaine Seymour. Over a 100 people attended and valuable funds were raised for MANTRA and Cliffedale School. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr Robert Young head of the School for all the help he has given us.**

**We have been told by our two ward Councillors Graham Wheat and Ray Wootten that there will be negotiations taking place between Mantra and other interested parties with a view to building a play area for young children in Queen Elizabeth Park. The Council are prepared to put up some £60,000 for this purpose.**

**It is the Committee's intention to organise a race night, before the politically correct brigade get upset, this is to do with horses not the race relations industry.**

**It is also our intention to have a summer fête, this would be on the land near St.John's church. We have had some discussions with Mr Tony Snarey who owns the land. We do not see a problem here.**

**We would like to have held this event in Buttercup meadows. It would appear that the developer has not complied with the original agreement and the Council are either unwilling or unable to enforce this agreement.**

**The Council have released a schedule of land that could be available for redevelopment when the economic times are right maybe in 10 years time. Now this may seem of academic importance now, but time has a habit of slipping away so do look at the Council website.**

**So what does 2009 appear to hold, not much by all accounts. A slump some pundits reckon will last ten years. Rising street crime burglary and robbery and this is only the beginning. Our police simply do not have the time or the money to stop this surge in crime. Most of the money has moved from rural police forces to the protection of Whitehall.**

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