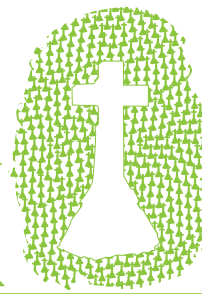




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Crowds gather for festival week

## *Introducing Your New Chairman*

I would like to begin this piece by thanking each and every one of you and my council colleagues who supported and voted for me to become the new Mayor of Princes Risborough. I cannot express how proud and honoured I feel to represent this lovely town in which I was born and bred, and love so very much. I would like to assure you all that in my new capacity as your town Mayor, I will always be willing to listen and take on board any concerns or feedback you may have about the town, and be open to any suggestions of change that you may like to offer. On that note and to re-iterate my views, of which many of you will be familiar, I am a great believer in the voice of the people always being heard. So I would hope to see many more of you at our annual town meeting and on any other meetings of importance about our town. Moans and groans will never be heard from your armchairs! Risborough Town Council is here to listen and to try our level best to improve and achieve positive outcomes. We need your opinions!



We, the council, do understand your concerns about, for instance, Molins, the Legion and the one-way system in the town. The one-way system is no longer under our control and is now led by Bucks County Council. All I can tell you at the present time is that you will know the outcome as soon as we do. Molins sports ground is a waiting game at the present time. The Town Council will continue to lobby to try to turn this wasted ground into something beneficial for the town. However, when it comes to purchasing the land, our resources are, of course, limited and, at the present time, its fate lies in the hands of the company's Directors.

**To summarise** – if you, the people of Princes Risborough, want to keep these facilities then

we must all pull together and come up with some serious proposals and fundraising. The clock is ticking here. For those of you who are muttering out loud and under the misconception that we, the council, must have money left in the pot after 'all that you pay via the council tax', then may I draw to your attention the huge amount that your household utility bills have risen in the last year. Well, Risborough parish is one massive household to run and we have been affected hugely by the increases in lighting, repairs and maintenance. The pot is not endless and hence, we are always looking for funding. So, as a community, let's think about pulling together and the different fun ways that the whole town can benefit from, and raise, much needed funds.

The turnout of the town's folk on the first

Saturday of the festival week was absolutely fantastic. The evening on King George V was really super. It was lovely to see whole families out with their picnics enjoying a lovely summers evening of entertainment and fun. Dads enjoying a pint (or three!), Mums enjoying a glass of wine, kids on the new play equipment in the park. It really was a great evening.

Lastly, I would like to thank Alan Turner, our previous Chairman and Mayor for the last four years, for his dedication and unstinting service. His never ending enthusiasm will be a hard act to follow. Alan loves our town as much as I do. So come on folks, let's set to it and show what can be done!

**Clr Eunie Clifford**  
Mayor & Chairman  
Princes Risborough Town Council

# Introducing your Town Councillors!

Following the local elections in May, please meet your new Town Council members who have been elected to represent the interests of the local community.

## Cllr Wally Woolf

Firstly, may I thank the people who gave their support at the last election, not only for myself, but for my colleagues who, I know, gave of their best during the past term of office.

It was a difficult time, but standing firm and not lowering our standards, you, saw fit to re-elect us. There are a few things on the move at the moment, which we hope will benefit the town, so please watch this space!

Having run my own business for many years in Princes Risborough, I find it very encouraging to see the way the town is taking shape, especially in the current economic climate. Empty shops are bucking the trend and filling. Take a look at other towns and see the empty shops.



## Cllr Pamela Williams

I was born in Buckinghamshire many years ago, at RAF Halton, married a RAF serviceman and subsequently travelled quite a lot round the world, so I have come back to as near to my roots as possible. I have lived in Princes Risborough for a long time and been a member of the Town Council for nine years, I was chairman of the Stratton Memorial Garden committee, now part of Parks and Gardens, and still very interested in its development. I have three children and seven grandchildren. I hope to carry on working in the Council to do what I can for the people of this lovely town.



## Cllr Bill Bendyshe-Brown

I am 63 years old and have lived in Buckinghamshire for 21 years. I am married to a retired theatre sister and they have 2 sons. Since leaving the RAF as a Wing Commander I have set up my own Company in Princes Risborough in 1994 which specialises in Management Consultancy and IT. I have been an active local District Council Member for The Risboroughs for the last 12 years and was Chairman of Wycombe District Council during 2010/2011. I have also been a member of Princes Risborough Town Council for the last 4 years and bring strong communication skills and motivation to all my roles.



## Cllr Alan Turner

I have lived in Princes Risborough for 23 years, served as a Town Councillor for the last eight years (four of those as chairman and mayor) and have been recently elected to serve The Risboroughs as a District Councillor. I have been proud to lead on a number of important issues for the Town Council, eg CCTV, Molins Sports Ground, various restoration projects, the Legion Memorial Hall, Day Centre, revitalisation of the Town Centre, etc. and will continue to fight for the very best for our town, our community.



## Cllr Pam Summerbell

I am a housewife and mother with three children, ten grandchildren and one great grandson. I live in Princes Risborough for 50 years and I am a mid-day supervisor at Princes Risborough Primary School. I have been involved with the Youth Town Council and the Youth Club. My hobbies are swimming and walking. I have been a councillor for over 10 years.



## Cllr John Coombs

I have lived in Princes Risborough for nearly 40 years and have served on the Town Council for about 20 of those years. I have been retired from my job as Communications Manager of the Bucks Fire and Rescue for the last 12 years, following 31 years service, and now do voluntary work for the British Red Cross. I was involved for 12 years in the organising of the annual town festival and was chairman a number of times. During my time on the council I have served 2 terms as the council chairman and served on numerous committees.



## Cllr Spencer Swanson

I have been lucky enough to live and work in this lovely town for over nine years now, I am the landlord at the Whiteleaf Cross Public House. In my time here I have met some truly wonderful and amazing people and have been fortunate enough to have had the luck to have been involved with the formation of the, so far, very successful Risborough Rugby Club, this is something that has provided me with some of the proudest moments of my life to date. I very much look forward to my time in Council and look forward to helping this great town continue being just that, great!



## Cllr Reg Orsler

I have lived in Risborough for 48 years. When I retired from full-time work in 2000, after a career as a government research scientist, I thought it time to give something back to the town in which I had brought up my family, so I joined the Town Council and have now served the town in this way for over ten years. Through membership of the Town Council, I also became a member of RACA (currently treasurer), a member of the Festival committee, a trustee of the Community Centre and for some time past a governor of Princes Risborough Primary School.



## Cllr Adrian Rolfe

As I am a life-long resident of Princes Risborough you might not be surprised that I feel passionately about the Town. This is why I am so delighted and honoured to have been elected to serve on the



Town Council. Over the years I have seen many changes in the Town, some good, some bad, and in recent years, as with most small town and villages, our High Street has really struggled and as I work in retail I am so pleased to see the current successful revitalisation of the Town Centre with so many of the previously empty units opening as new business. I will do everything I can to help build on this success.

## Cllr Dennis Green

I was born and raised in Monks Risborough, educated in Princes Risborough and High Wycombe entered into industry called up for National Service with the Army.

I am married and have two daughters and 4 grandchildren. I have been involved with local politics for many years. I was a Wycombe District Councillor for 32 years and Chairman of the Council for two years. 12 years with BCC and 12 years with the Fire Authority.

I was a Special Constable for 14 years and now a member of Risborough Town Council.



## Cllr Gary Hall

I am a life-long PR resident, went to Berryfield, Princes Risborough Middle and Secondary schools and currently work as a Business Development Manager for CEVA Logistics in Birmingham. I have watched Risborough change over the decades, sometimes for the better, sometimes not, it is addressing the latter that is of highest importance to me. We need to revive the social aspect of our town in terms of leisure and shopping, I believe we are well on the way to doing this with some interesting names coming into the town. I also care passionately about keeping the younger generations housed in the town, with some of the developments recently completed and planned for we should be able to accommodate a good number of suitable homes for our young.



## Cllr Will Streule

Having been born and brought up in Bucks I moved back, and in to Princes Risborough, 10 years ago. I am a furniture designer/maker by trade and now teach Carpentry and Construction. What has always impressed me about our rural market town is its incredibly strong community spirit; a rare thing these days. I have now served 7 years as a Town Councillor and am passionate that the essential, and inevitable, growth and development of the town reflects the special character that the town has, retains the strong community spirit and positions the town well for the future. I am also closely involved with Risborough Youth Club and keen to see this grow and develop.



# What's Happening With . . .

## ... Molins Sports Ground

Unfortunately, progress in obtaining ownership of this site has been painfully slow. The Town Council has maintained contact with Molins Plc over the last 4 years and recently held talks with their officials in an attempt to negotiate a way through the current impasse, to no avail. Likewise, lengthy discussions with WDC regarding a potential compulsory purchase order on the site floundered on their "guesstimated" legal costs for the action, and who should be responsible for them. However, the Town Council working group delegated to find a way forward on this issue continues to look for possible funding solutions which might solve the problem.



## ... Town Centre Market

As I am sure many of you have noticed our expanded market is much improved these days. The town centre is absolutely buzzing on market day. With the increased footfall



this brings to the town the market is really playing a big part in our efforts to revitalise the town centre. The market is managed by a group of volunteers comprising town councillors, a RACA representative, retailers, market traders and local residents, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved for their hard work and dedication in helping to make the market so successful.

We are now embarking on a trial run of Sunday food and craft markets, to be held in the large car park at the rear of the George & Dragon. So keep an eye out for the posters, etc advertising these events!

**Cllr Alan Turner**

## ... The Royal British Legion Memorial Hall

The Town Council continue to support the RBL Princes Risborough Branch in their efforts to purchase the site and operate it as a facility available to the wider community. The RBL Headquarters are expected to make a decision during the next couple of months.



## ... The Day Care Centre

As you will be aware, late last year the Town Council in conjunction with Risborough Cares Charity submitted a letter of intent to Bucks County Council indicating that, along with other local community groups, we wished to establish a Social



Enterprise that would take over the running of the facility in order to maintain provision of its current services. At the time of writing this article it is still unclear as to whether or not the County Council will accede to our proposal. We also asked that they consider a simple "transfer of assets" to the proposed Social Enterprise, for a nominal fee of £1 (something which other county councils around the country are offering to community groups who take over local services and in line with the "Big Society" ideals). However, indications are that this would be an unlikely outcome. Once we have a clear picture of what is to happen we will call a public meeting.

**Peter Robinson, Chairman of Risborough Cares Charity says**

*"On the 27 June the full meeting of Bucks County Council postponed their decision on the continued existence of the Day Care Centre and the Red Cross Centre. Their future is still far from certain but Risborough Cares Charity will keep up the spirited fight against closure. We hope there is still a chance of success and that we will be able to form a Social Enterprise Group to maintain help to our disadvantaged friends."*

## ... Closure of the sorting/delivery office

The Town Council, District Councillors and our MP, John Bercow are all working together with the aim of retaining the current delivery service in Princes Risborough. We fully realise how important it is for residents and local businesses to have the current excellent service we receive. By the time you read this article, meetings with Royal Mail will have taken place and we hope these will have been successful. However, should the need arise, we will organise public protests against the loss of the service.



## Volunteers needed

## ... Youth Club

Bucks County Council have leased the youth centre building to the Management Committee at a peppercorn rent. The committee have decided to form a company limited by guarantee followed later by becoming a charity. This means the Club will need to be self-funding and will have to pay for the services of a youth leader. The leader will need help so the more volunteers that come forward to assist the more success the club can achieve. Please contact the Town Council office for more details.

**Peter Robinson** – Chairman of Youth Club Management

# Planning News

Elections or not, the steady stream of planning applications for Risborough has continued unabated. The Town Councils planning committee have struggled on despite the retirement of its former chairman, Ben Benifer, from the Council and the wealth of planning and geographical knowledge that Ben brought to the table. He is sorely missed and the committee is often having to check maps and plans to determine exactly where some of the properties under scrutiny are located. Ben would have nearly always known the property and current resident and, in fact the previous five residents!

The planning committee of the Town Council is a non-spending committee for which there is no budget. We do, however, view all applications that fall within the parish boundary with the same scrutiny. Whilst we do not have any power to determine the outcome of these applications we still think it essential that the comments and representations that Wycombe District Council request of us are thoroughly considered and appropriate. WDC consult us on all applications and local knowledge is important to them in determining the outcomes. We welcome views of residents who may have opinions on applications that may affect them and frequently have visitors at our meetings airing their views and helping to inform us before compiling our response. We would always urge residents to send their comments into WDC as well, and this is easily done through the WDC 'public access' website service. In fact WDC have recently launched a new 'My Wycombe' service that makes it even easier to find out planning information for any specific area. This is to be found on the WDC websites homepage where you can just type in an address or postcode and quickly unearth all the relevant planning information (even as far back as the 1940's) – also useful for local historians. If you are thinking of submitting an application yourself, the 'planning portal' on the direct.gov website is also a very useful source of information.

I know many residents are keen to hear news of the Pictsmede housing development by the station. WDC are still discussing details with the developer and we are still awaiting news of the final outcome, but this site has

been derelict for some time now and it will be good to see work start. We have requested an update and will hopefully have more information by the next Crosstalk. This development will provide much needed housing for the town and in fact will satisfy the allocation that WDC have suggested for this part of the district. Park Mill Farm continues to bubble away in the background but the Town Council (supported by feedback from yourselves) remains opposed to this as it sees the site as good quality valuable food producing land cut off from the town by the railway.

Inevitably the town will have to identify parcels of land that are appropriate for future development, and that satisfy the allocations that WDC have for Princes Risborough: we will shortly be launching a consultation to do such. The Town Council have registered their intent to produce a 'Neighbourhood Development Plan' that will help inform WDC when compiling their district-wide planning strategy. This consultation will involve all the local groups and organisations in the area such as RACA, the countryside group, the historical society, residents associations, other parish councils etc. When completed, a plan will be produced that has to be approved, by referendum, by all the residents. This forms part of the current governments 'Localism Bill' and is a great opportunity for local people to have vital input into the medium and long-term planning policy for our area. I shall keep you updated as this develops.

After several attempts planning permission has finally been granted for a small housing development at Longfield, Aylesbury Road. It is, perhaps a shame, that one of the town's larger and more prestigious properties is to be transformed forever. The Planning Committee hopes that this will not set a precedent. Some of the properties here are set in fine gardens and once gone cannot be replaced. Planning permission has also been granted for the conversion of The Old British School on the Wycombe Road into 3 flats. We are keen that as much of the character of this building is retained but happy that work is to start here to save the building as it is rapidly deteriorating. We are always concerned that new developments provide sufficient parking as this is a major issue across the

whole town. Government guidelines for parking allocation are usually adhered to by planning applicants but still seem inadequate for our area and an ever increasing amount of on-street parking seems to be the result. This is an issue that we know (by the contents of our post bag) affects many residents. Hopefully this is something that can be addressed during the 'Neighbourhood Development Plan' consultation and something that we, as a town, can influence.

There have been a number of applications for properties in The High Street over the last few months with No. 1 being converted upstairs into flats and the ground floor a new retail/office space. There has been a recent application for Nos. 53-57 (what was Birtchnells) to be converted into quite a large restaurant, which many feel to be a great opportunity for the town (and a much better solution to the recently refused attempt to build flats at the rear). This involves a change of use and is yet to be determined by WDC but we remain hopeful. Apart from the above the committee has also commented on numerous applications for tree-works and many uncontentious extensions and conservatories as well as one or two more contentious attempts to squeeze new properties into inappropriate spaces. We remain, as ever, proud and protective of the town's trees, many of which have been standing long before the houses around them were built. The town's tree stock is a great asset but many of them are getting old and there seem to be few young specimens that will grow and take their place. Where tree-work is needed we are always keen to see young replacements planted.

Details of all planning applications in the area can be found on the Town Council's website, which is linked to the relevant WDC web pages where our comments and others can also be found.

Maybe by the next Crosstalk we could also have seen applications to develop the Legion building and the Post Office building on Bell Street, both of which are now for sale. Nothing has been forthcoming as yet and we look forward to this with some trepidation.

**Cllr Will Streule**  
*Chairman Planning Committee*

## Town Update

Please continue to report promptly to us any lighting problems so that we can effect repairs. Summerleys Road and Mill Lane have recently benefited from additional lights where there were historically some very dark areas, and a number of concrete lighting columns, which finally perished due to the cold winter have been replaced. We hope you appreciate the new additions.

We are in a transitional period of gradually transferring the planting and maintenance of the flower beds and baskets to our maintenance team from contractors. We are on a learning curve at the moment with some work done by contractors and some by our maintenance team. Please let us know if you have any thoughts.

**CLlr Gary Hall**



## The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Town Council with the assistance of other experienced organisations within the town hopes to organise a 'Risborough's Got Talent' competition on Saturday 2nd June 2012, the holiday weekend which will mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

We envisage this to take place at the King George V park along the lines of the very successful festival Caribbean musical event last month where around 700 people attended. We are in the process of gathering all the organisational experts in the town to help us put this on. Anyone who thinks they can add to this event please get in contact with the town office. More information will be available in future Crosstalks. We intend there to be three categories for entrants; adults, under 18's and under 10's plus groups. Perhaps any budding talents should start practicing now!

**CLlr Gary Hall**



## Parks and Gardens Report

This is the first report from the new committee, which, effectively, is an amalgamation of the Parks and Memorial Garden committees while transferring some of their routine responsibilities to the Maintenance committee.

The Stratton Memorial garden is a credit to the town and, indeed, to our maintenance team who tend it so well. In full sunlight it looks wonderful and even on dull days can lift the heart. The entrance gates have been reset (now opening outwards) so that the ugly gap between road surface and the gates has been eliminated. These will be further improved shortly by an automatic, timed system to open and close them. An improved mains water supply will also be established in the near future.

A programme of work to establish and maintain a wild flower garden on the unused half of the site has now been agreed between the Town Council and the Risborough Countryside Group. It is hoped that this initiative will provide another option for tranquil and quiet contemplation when visiting the site while experiencing the beauty and wonders of untamed meadowland.

Our parks are recreational oases in the town and need to be treasured and cared-for by everyone. Unfortunately and inevitably, it seems, there are always those that see them as an opportunity for mischief (lighting fires seems to be the latest craze). Mindless actions, no doubt thought funny at the time, only lead to expensive repairs (paid by you through the council tax) and much time spent re-establishing the status quo. When your children are out and about unsupervised, are you confident that they are not amongst the mischief-makers?

We still receive complaints on a regular basis concerning dog mess in your parks. Although most dog owners behave responsibly there are still those who selfishly ignore all entreaties. The Council accepts that townsfolk like to exercise their dogs in the parks and provide bins for any mishaps that might occur. So, please, please use them. Did you know that you can get dog-poo plastic bags FREE from the Information Centre?

Having said that, your parks are generally in good condition, well-maintained and well-used, not only on a daily basis, but also for special events. On the first day of the annual festival the King George V Park was heaving with people and, in the evening, the play equipment was smothered with children while their parents enjoyed the evening concert. To help parents who bring their children to play in KGV, a new picnic table has been installed near the swings, etc. Another one will shortly be in place in St Dunstan's.

Should any of our readers have new ideas or thoughts on improving the parks, please let us know through the Town Office. We are always happy to consider any suggestions.

**CLlr Reg Orsler**



## Ben Benifer

Ben Benifer has decided to step down from public office as a councillor after 32 years service. When I first met with Ben in the late 1980's to discuss joining the then council, I felt that I already knew him as I, like everyone else, had read many newspaper reports of his activities in the preceding years. At that time Ben was working as an air traffic controller at West Drayton, a demanding job in itself, as well as chairing the council. Our meetings in those days were held in the upper Market House, a cold and unwelcoming place in winter and very hot and uncomfortable in summer. Ben was a steady pair of hands at the helm of the council; he was diligent, efficient, polite and helpful. Ben worked very hard on behalf of the town over all those long 32 years and many things that we enjoy and take for granted in Risborough today are as a result of things which Ben initiated. Risborough has much to thank this quiet pleasant individual for. We hope that he enjoys his 'second' retirement with his wife Sylvia and that he will look back proudly on his long career serving the town.



**Cllr Gary Hall**

## Update from your Local Police



Princes Risborough Police Office is covered by a number of Police officers based in the town and supplemented by patrol officers from the High Wycombe area. The role of local officers is neighbourhood policing and dealing with local issues.

The team takes time to write an update to inform residents what has been happening in the area on a monthly basis. In the article you can find out information such as what crimes have happened in the area, what the neighbourhood team has been up to, along with what they have planned for upcoming months. Have your say meeting are also advertised here. If you are interested in viewing this update please go the website listed at the bottom of the article.

We have recently changed our opening hours they are 2pm to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday.

Gillian will have the front door open for you to come along and answer your queries, from producing your documents to crime prevention advice or to security mark your property. Please pop in.

We are always looking for ways to improve our service. If you have any concerns or comments on how we can improve your neighbourhood, or want to find out more about the team, please contact us at Princes Risborough police station or via the non-emergency number on 0845 8 505 505 or visit [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)



## Theatre in the Villages



Once more it is hoped to have a performance in the town from a Theatre in the Villages ensemble.

Last year we had 'Movies and Musicals', which was very well received and attracted a wide audience. This year we will seek to have entertainers who are equally as special.

We may also be able to move to a larger venue this year so as to ensure that even more people can be entertained.

Theatre in the Villages is a joint project involving not just your town council, but also Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe District Councils, who provide the financial backing for the scheme. However, we do require your backing to ensure that the performance is a success – we need you to buy the tickets!

The performance will be in late October or early November and as soon as the final details are known we will advertise the event around the town and on the town council website.

The town council is committed to bringing the arts into the town and so this is only the start, but we do need your continued support.

Should you wish to help the council in the administration of this event or would like to assist in any other way please contact me through the normal council contacts, as shown at the end of this publication.

**Cllr. John Coombs**



**The Risborough Area Community Bus has now been operating for over a year and has carried more than 12,000 passengers.**

The Bus celebrated the start of its second year with two new routes; Bledlow and Bledlow Ridge on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and Speen on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. The Speen service incorporates part of the existing service to Loosley Row. Both services reach Princes Risborough via the Railway Station offering convenient links to London and Birmingham.

The Bus has received several accolades - South East Winner (Social and Community category) of the Action for Market Towns Award, Runner-Up of the Bucks Ambassadors' Enterprise Award, and an Empowerment Champion award from Community Impact Bucks.

Bus Chairman Malcolm Maultby received a personal award from the retiring Wycombe District Council Chairman, Bill Bendyshe Brown, for his outstanding contribution to community life within Wycombe District. For information about the bus and its availability for local groups - clubs, families and friends - call the Coordinator on 07941 963097



**The Fourth Annual Walking Festival was another success with over 200 participants joining the guided walks from Tuesday through to Sunday, some coming from afar afield as Wolverhampton and South London!**

The extension of the Festival into the preceding week and a number of new topics proved very popular. The latter included a geological time walk, a ramble looking

at the 1930s Whiteleaf connection with famous artists including the Nash brothers and Clare Leighton, plus an introduction to Nordic walking. The feedback from participants has been extremely complimentary and 100% positive.

The new Risborough Countryside Group website significantly raised the national profile of the event and the publicity this creates for the town itself is obviously a significant component of the event and hopefully will attract visitors to our local countryside, and consequently the town itself, throughout the year.

Next year's Walking Festival runs from 5th - 10th June 2012! Put it in your diary now! Full details will appear at <http://risboroughcountrysidegroup.blogspot.com/>

**Francis Gomme**  
*Risborough Countryside Group*

### **Record entry for Rotary's Chess Competition for Youngsters**

Nine primary and junior schools from Aylesbury to High Wycombe fielded 26 entrants in this year's Rotary Club of Princes Risborough's chess competition held



at St Teresa's Primary School in Princes Risborough. More entries were received from a wider area than ever before.

The joint winners were Karan Elangovan from Turnfurlong Junior School in Aylesbury and Michael Preston-Whyte, a local pupil at St Teresa's. David Troup, president, presented the prizes to the winners.

The annual chess competition is organised jointly by Rotary Club of Princes Risborough and the Bucks Chess Federation. Commenting on the standard of this year's competition, Tom Winkworth, RCPR's incoming Vice President, described the performance as "awesome". "To have both boys and girls aged 7 to 12 competing at this standard is something to behold. And doing so with such enthusiasm and enjoyment is truly wonderful.

## *Swifts*

Last year Reg Orsler wrote an article on swifts for Crosstalk saying how lucky Risborough was to have a flock of swifts visit the town every summer. Concern at the recent drastic fall in swift numbers prompted the RSPB to launch a nationwide project to discover more about this wonderful little creature. With our privileged position we can help. Do you have swifts nesting in your property or have you seen any swifts flying in to nesting sites? Please send any information on swift nest sites and include your contact details to: Helen Webb [hjwebb1@btinternet.com](mailto:hjwebb1@btinternet.com) or the Town Council at [prtowncouncil@btinternet.com](mailto:prtowncouncil@btinternet.com)

Nests in roof spaces or building crevices can be identified by spotting birds entering small holes around roof height on buildings. Birds "screaming" around buildings is a sure sign that nests are nearby. Swifts declined by 44% in the South East between 1995 and 2009 and finding out where existing nest sites are is an important step in trying to maintain populations for the future.

Did you know swifts have tiny legs - they can cling to an upright surface, but are unable to perch or walk. They are exclusively aerial except in the nest which they fly straight in to.

In a good year young swifts are ready to fly at about 6 weeks old (usually around the end of July) and then after leaving the nest where they hatched, they'll keep flying non-stop for three or more years, even sleeping in the air!

For more information see [www.swift-conservation.org](http://www.swift-conservation.org).



*Future market dates*

**21st August**

**18th September**

**16th October**

**20th November**

# Kop Hill Climb<sup>2011</sup>



## **Kop Hill Climb 24th and 25th of September 2011 at Kop Hill, Princes Risborough.**

Kop Hill Climb 2011 will see 350 veteran, vintage and classic cars and bikes ranging from 1904 to 1973 will tackle the hill. There will also be 500 historic cars and bikes on display in the paddock. This year sees Jaguars E Type celebrating its 50th anniversary to add to the cavalcade of motoring history, and to conclude a selection of modern day iconic machines will be invited to attend. Dick Skipworth's collection of Ecurie Ecosse racing Jaguars from the 1950's as well as the oldest surviving Aston Martin A3 prototype that was driven by the designer Lionel Martin on Kop Hill in 1924. To celebrate the breadth of motoring, alternative energy vehicles will provide an additional feature ranging from a 1901 Waverley Electric Automobile to today's models. Another memorable weekend is in store commemorating the glorious motoring history of Kop Hill. Kop Hill Climb is for all the family too. In the paddock there will be Stan and Ollie (Laurel and Hardy lookalikes), a Children's area with Bouncy Castle plus our sponsors stands, traders and refreshment outlets. The Society Jazz Band will entertain the crowds over the lunch break.

**On the day prices are:  
£10 for the first ticket,**  
including a Souvenir All-colour  
Programme for Kop Hill  
Climb2011.

**£5 each for other adults**  
in your party or car.  
**Under 12s are free.**

**NB. Discounted tickets will be  
available at local information  
centres or our on-line shop via  
our website.**

### **Times:**

Spectator Gates open at 09.00.  
Runs up Kop Hill from 10.00 to  
13.00 and 14.00 to 17.00.

### **Website:**

[www.kophillclimb.org.uk](http://www.kophillclimb.org.uk)

## **Princes Risborough Town Council**

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Mayor & Chairman of the Council:	Cllr. Eunice Clifford
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Chairman of Admin & HR:	Cllr. Eunice Clifford
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### **Councillors**

Cllr. Bill Bendyshe-Brown  
Cllr. Adrian Rolfe  
Cllr. Alan Turner

Cllr. Dennis Green  
Cllr. Pam Summerbell  
Cllr. Pamela Williams

Cllr. Gary Hall  
Cllr. Spencer Swanson  
Cllr. Wally Woolf

Clerk to the Council:	Mrs. Sue Griffiths
Deputy Clerk:	Mrs. Kirsty Pope
Clerical Assistant:	Mrs. Caroline Page

### **Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 10.00am – 3.00pm

The full Town Council meets at 7.15pm on the last Tuesday of each month at The Chapter House, St Mary's Church. There is a 10-minute slot at the beginning of each meeting when the public can express a view or concern relating to items on the agenda. Please check the website to confirm time and venue. The next meetings are:

**Tuesday 30th August**

**Tuesday 27th September**

**Tuesday 25th October**

The Town Council aims to be as accessible as possible, and welcomes the views, comments and concerns of the Princes Risborough electorate. Although the views of the whole Council are given wherever possible, for constitutional and legal reasons we must state that the views expressed here in Crosstalk, and in any personal correspondence received from individual Councillors, are those of the author concerned and do not necessarily express the opinions or policy of PRTC unless explicitly stated.

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