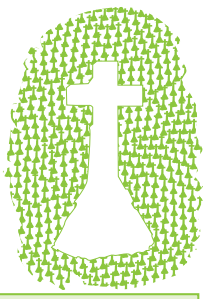




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Burton Lane, Monks Risborough

Chairman's View

When asked "What is the main objective of Crosstalk?" the answer is quite straightforward: the Town Council has a statutory duty to convey a newsletter to the residents of the Parish (the recommendation is four issues per year) in order to inform them of what the Town Council has been doing, is doing and will be doing on their behalf. In other words, how we are spending your money from the precept. That said, as we are now approaching the end of our current four year term of office, I thought it would be appropriate to outline some of the Town Council's activities throughout this period. So here goes!



Achieved

Large scale improvements to our parks, including:

WADES

the very popular multi-use games area.

KING GEORGE V

large, new play area for older children and a new, enlarged skate park facility. In all instances children from local schools played a big part in choosing the equipment design, with a significant portion of the funding obtained through grants. New wrought iron entrance gates were also installed in this park.

ST DUNSTAN'S

new play area/equipment for toddlers.

EARLE MITCHELL

improved grassed areas, after requests from nearby residents.

CRESCENT

new perimeter fencing to aid children's safety.

The completion of our wonderful new Stratton Memorial Garden, after many years of struggle, is a credit to the town. The installation of CCTV in the Town Centre, again after years of dogged persistence. A new zebra crossing on the Longwick Road, mostly funded by a grant from the County Council. The replacement of outside contractors with the introduction of our own Maintenance Team, which has led to large financial savings. An enhanced Town Council website, upgraded IT system and longer office opening hours to the public. Our Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk have helped us to achieve a level of competence which has allowed us to take on certain devolved services from Bucks County Council. The re-wiring of the Market House. Contracting the services of "Action for Market Towns" and "Retail Revival" as part of the Town Council's strategy for the regeneration of the Town Centre. Whilst this project is ongoing it has already been extremely successful in bringing together the

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1-Way System Consultation Form enclosed - Have Your Say!

Town Council, local groups and the Town's retailers, all working towards the creation of a vibrant and viable Town Centre (as evidenced by the fantastically successful Christmas events program through December).

During the last few years the current recession has made for very difficult trading conditions, the Book Shop, which was part of a chain that went into administration in its entirety, was a clear example. This is why the Town Centre Project is so important. The good news is that there are early signs that we are succeeding - in 2009 we had hit a lamentable all time high of 13 vacant retail outlets in the Town. During 2010 that figure had fallen to eight empty shops and currently with new businesses poised to start up it's hoped that figure will fall even further during 2011. After considerable consultation, spread over six years, the introduction of the trial one-way system in the Town Centre. The final consultation on this is currently underway and will result in BCC making a decision as to whether it is made permanent or reverts to the old two-way system.

Of course, this is all over and above the day-to-day maintenance of the parks, flower beds, lighting stock, bus shelters, other Town Council property, etc, etc...

Ongoing

The creation of a wildlife meadow in the half of the memorial garden which will not be needed (we hope!) for interments for many years to come. The search for suitable sites to locate a new park at the Station end of Town and a sports field for rugby matches. Lobbying for small business rates relief and an element of free parking in the Wycombe District Council run car parks in Horns Lane and the Mount. We continue to seek ways to fund the purchase of the Molins Sports Ground, should WDC discontinue their interest in co-funding it with the Town Council. Along with virtually the whole community, the Town Council has argued strongly against the closure of the Day Centres in Clifford Road and after meeting with Bucks County Council the Town Council proposed that a "Social Enterprise" (led by the Town Council, Risborough Cares Charity and other local groups) should be allowed to operate the Centres along with greater community use. At the time of writing this article the future is uncertain as to Bucks County Council's decision.

Well, that's it. I hope you found this article informative and that you are convinced that we have been spending your money wisely!

Alan Turner

Mayor & Chairman Princes Risborough Town Council

Town & Lighting



Some drivers just don't realise in -5C weather conditions with compacted ice on the ground that they have to adjust their driving accordingly. The lady who hacked it down the hill outside my house one afternoon with kids in the back braked hard but kept on going right into the lamppost! As well as the car needing a complete new front end, her insurance has now picked up the council's expenses in reinstating the lamp post. With emergency call-out fees, disconnection and reconnection charges, removal of the old lamp and installation of the new £1200 post and lantern there won't be much change from £3000.00. Had I not been there and had the driver not been honest, that charge would have come out of all our pockets. Please be vigilant with any damages such as this - costs can mount up alarmingly so we need to claim against the person causing the damage every time if possible.

During the last four years we have introduced many efficiency savings and improvements to the way we do things. The new lighting contract with Southern Electric is set to save £000s and give an improved service. The flower planting and watering will this year be undertaken by our own newly-trained maintenance crew, we expect this also to save many £000s compared to using contractors. An agreement with BCC sees works around the town such as tree trimming and graffiti removal carried out quickly and efficiently by our own workers, and BCC pay the Town Council for this service. Mowing of the town's garden areas was taken over last year by the maintenance team and the quality of work is excellent, and we don't have to pay contractors to undertake this work at a hefty price. All-in-all we should enjoy a good quality service at lower cost in future years. My previous article on the one-way system seems to have been misunderstood by a small number of people. I was asked to write the piece on behalf of all 13 councillors, who approved it for publishing collectively. Despite what you might be told elsewhere, the one-way system was introduced following public demand and consultation, and all councillors voted in favour without any objections. The trial scheme has had a fair chance to prove itself or otherwise; despite one lady writing to me recently saying it is obviously a done deal. That has never been the case. We have always said that after the one-way trial is completed consultation would take place. Some love it, others don't, but rather than the 'he who shouts loudest wins' scenario which we have seen in recent times. Included in this issue is a consultation form from BCC for you to fill it and return. The outcome of this consultation will heavily influence the future of the town centre, and you are given the chance to have your say, I urge you to use this opportunity whatever your views.

It has been my pleasure to work on your behalf as chairman of this committee for the last four years; thanks for your support.

Gary Hall

Chairman of Town & Lighting

Trying Our Best To Keep Costs Down

The annual meeting of the Town Council to agree budget estimates and a precept figure for 2011-2012 was held on November 18th 2010. Acknowledging the current economic vicissitudes that we all have to address, the meeting was intent on keeping a firm grip on expenditure and ruling out any hint of profligacy.

As you may be aware, a major change to our individual committee budgets took place during 2010- 2011 in that we established a maintenance team to take care of many of the tasks previously carried out by contractors. Detailed examination of our finances revealed that we could save significant sums of money by taking these tasks in-house rather than contracting out. This has been so successful that we are currently looking to expand this initiative to include planting of flowers and grass-cutting of our parks, thus increasing even more the savings for the town. It should be noted that with the establishment of the maintenance team and a Maintenance Committee the budgets for the spending committees were redistributed so as to reflect better the change in their responsibilities. In this presentation of the proposed expenditure for the various committees in the coming year and comparing them with 2010-2011 budgets, the original assigned budgets are quoted.

The budget for the Administration and Human Resources Committee (A&HR) is the only one to increase for the coming year. This is principally due to staff salaries and there two reasons for this. First, we have to abide by current county agreements on pay scales and salaries for our office staff and, secondly, this heading now includes salaries of our maintenance team and an allowance for its enlargement. By contrast the running costs of the office remain relatively stable even though insurance costs have risen by 22% and the office is now open 5 days per week. The budget for A&HR rises from £83420 to £143120.

The Memorial Garden is now maintained wholly by our own staff. The principal expenditure for the committee is the repayment of the loan taken out to establish the garden and burial ground (£19220 per annum). Capital expenditure proposals include a timer system to open and close the gates (£3000) and a mains water connection (£3500), the latter because our hopes that a bore-hole would provide all our water has proved unworkable. The total budget is reduced from £42960 to £30270.

The Parks Committee has been able to reduce its budget significantly because all general maintenance and, in particular, all glass and litter-picking is now done by the maintenance team. This has led to a saving on expenditure of £40000. Capital expenditure is again low at £3000 for the improvement of park furniture (eg seats and litter bins). The last two years have seen major improvements in play equipment funded by the town with a significant injection of external funding. The budget for the Parks Committee is reduced from £69292 to £26415.

The Public Relations Committee (PR) has the smallest budget of the spending committees, but, nevertheless has an important role in that it funds all the communication systems that we employ to inform the public of our actions. Clearly this

mainly concerns maintenance of the website and publication of 'Crosstalk', both of which we hope you find useful and informative. The budget for PR is reduced from £11550 to £10100.

The Town and Lighting (T&L) budget is made up of two major elements. First, as Princes Risborough is its own lighting authority, the responsibility for maintaining our lighting stock and any improvements rests with the Town Council who have necessarily to employ contractors for this work. However, we have managed to reduce this expenditure slightly – from £54700 to £50000. Secondly, the committee has responsibility for general town maintenance, most of which has been passed to the maintenance team. Those items remaining with the committee include the maintenance of the CCTV system (£17500) and the Market House (£5000). This part of the T&L budget falls from £51653 to £27875. Overall, the T&L budget falls from £106353 to £77875.

When the Maintenance Committee was formed, all budgets from other committees covering litter and glass collecting, and general maintenance were transferred to it. This totalled £39770. For the coming year the committee has a much-reduced budget, largely because the initial costs for tools and equipment, etc (£18051) will not be repeated. Current outgoings include £9200 to lease our vehicle. The budget for 2011-2012 falls to £15914.

Grants to charitable and well-meaning organizations total £10855, a drop from £12205 in 2010-2011. Principal beneficiaries are the churches (£2155) for maintenance of their burial grounds and the Town Festival (£6000, reduced from £8000). Subscriptions rise slightly from £1745 to £1900, the principal expenditure being membership of the Bucks Association of Local Councils (£1300).

Our anticipated income, excluding the precept itself, has dropped from £20057 in 2010-2011 to £14628 in 2011-2012. We have estimated that our income from burial fees will drop by £12000. However, Bucks County Council is paying us £7500 for certain routine tasks to be undertaken by our staff.

Taking account of all the above and possible future loan repayments, totalling £33348 should expenditure on major capital projects go forward in the coming year (eg payment for the one-way system, possible purchase of Molins Sports Ground) our total expenditure will be £349797. Setting our reserves at £122026 (a realistic figure for a town of our size) leads to a precept for 2011-2012 of £348450 – no change from the previous year. We hope that the town accepts this is a fair and responsible figure, and that all are satisfied that the Town Council is handling its finances wisely.

Reg Orsler
Chairman of Finance



Stratton Memorial Garden

When we first started to plant out the Stratton Memorial Garden, the weather was hot and the new trees that were planted had to be watered every day. This took a lot of time and much effort but all turned out well and nearly all the trees survived.

Since then we have had two very hard winters. Last winter we lost a number of plants. These have been replaced following advice from a local nursery. Again this winter we have had really cold weather and with the weather forecast of more very cold times to come, it makes me wonder how these plants survive.

There needs to be a hedge planted down one side of the Garden to help protect the plants. Walking round the Garden the other day I noticed bulbs were beginning to show and shrubs with just small signs of life. We have a very good maintenance team who look after everything making sure it is well kept. Many people visit the Memorial Garden and I hope many more of you will visit as soon as the weather improves.

Part of the Garden beyond the line of large trees is to be turned into a wildlife meadow. Last year a couple of people in the office (who no longer with us) worked very hard to find grants for this project; it is to be self funding and they have been successful in receiving a grant from Awards for All (£2067.00) and Buckinghamshire Community Foundation (£500.00). Well done to Nikki Bedwin and Mark Whiteman.

Making a wildlife haven is not just a question of throwing a lifeline to some endangered species, it's about encouraging all wildlife which add to the colour. We also need to plant wild flowers for bees and other insects, and we have already planted bluebells around the large trees. Paths will be made so it will be easy to walk around. This all takes time to mature. Gardeners must be patient.

Pamela Williams

Chairman of Memorial Garden Committee



Eunice's Blog

Compliments of the season to you all!! No – I haven't lost the plot as yet, but my kids might say otherwise, but I do feel a bit of a spring in my step these days because it looks as though spring has sprung after such a cold, hard winter. So nice to see the crocuses and snowdrops peeping through and I have just come back from a few days away in Cornwall, where the daffodils are already in bloom. Before we know it, it will be that time of the year for 'Best Kept Village'.



Now on to the parks:

Not much to report except to say that the past four years has seen a lot of action and improvement within all of our parks in Princes Risborough. Plans are in place to resurface the old skate park base in the King George V Park and upon completion a couple of picnic tables will be installed for your convenience. We have received so many compliments from different organisations with regard to the furnishings and presentation of all of our parks. Thanks to our Maintenance Team, Lee and Dan, who are very diligent and work so hard. Also, our office team who do so much toward the legalities and the mountains of paperwork (Health and Safety etc) which is involved in the running of these beautiful facilities we have. Oh..blimey...I am getting really serious here but praise where praise is due.

Myself and 'im indoors' are about to set off on a three week cruise to celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary. Hopefully I shall come back with batteries fully charged and ready for the annual fight against the vandals coming out of hibernation and the lazy dog-walkers who never scoop the poop! So on that note, I wish you well – and enjoy watching spring unfold in this beautiful environment we are lucky enough to live in.

Cheerio for now me hearties – it's 'Love Boat' here we come for me and 'im indoors'!!

Eunice Clifford

Chairman of Parks Committee

On The Verge of Despair



In our town, most of the residential roads are bordered by grass verges. If they are respected by the local inhabitants and regularly cut by Bucks County Council, they provide a pleasing aspect to the town, brightening the dark aspect of asphalt pavements and roads. Unfortunately, many residents regard them as additional free parking areas where regular use converts them to deep-rutted, muddy areas devoid of grass; an eye-sore to all who live in the locality. Worse still, so much development is going on and so many large commercial vehicles are visiting our town that our grass verges are being mutilated by huge tyres from extremely heavy vehicles. The grass verges are destroyed by a single visit. The situation is intolerable and one would hope that those involved would think again about the damage they do to our town by their selfish actions. Who is responsible for restitution? Who restores them to their original appearance? Complaints should be directed to Bucks County Council on 0845 2302882 or your local County Councillors. And while we are at it, what about the pot holes in our roads . . .

You Win Some - You Lose Some!

As was explained in a previous Crosstalk the Town Council sought to encourage an expansion of the arts through the establishment of a Community Cinema and a visit from performers through the Theatre in the Villages project.

Well as the title of this article suggests there were successes and failures along the way.

First the success:

In November we had a visit from a musical trio under the auspices of the Theatre in the Villages. This was deemed a great success by all those who came to the show, and indeed it turned a slight profit, not to be sneezed at in these austere times. The evening was given over to songs from Movies and Musicals, and an audience of over 90 persons enjoyed a great evening and asked for more events of this type to be held. As a result the Town Council will aim to increase the number of 'theatrical' events in the town over the coming year, with the hope that this will satisfy the requirements of the populace. It must be said that in this instance we would not have been able to provide the evening's entertainment if it were not for the initial financial help of the local district councils who backed this service to a large degree. However watch this space for announcements of future events.

Now the failure:

During the autumn the council initiated a monthly Community Cinema, whereby family-orientated films were shown at the Community Centre.

Despite, what we thought were, very, reasonable ticket prices the Cinema failed to take off and so it is with some regret that we have to announce that this project is being postponed, with the rest of this season's films cancelled.

It is hoped that, at some time in the future, we may be able to resurrect this project, should a suitable venue present itself and we receive a commitment from the public to give it support.

We would like to thank U3A Princes Risborough, Princes Risborough Festival Group and the trustees of the Community Centre for their assistance in the loan of equipment and expertise during the time that the cinema was up and running.

We feel it was a brave effort, but ran up against a number of favourite TV shows, which kept the patron numbers low and we decided that it would be futile to allow substantial losses to accrue.

Princes Risborough Town Council is committed to the encouragement of the Arts in the town and so any of you, dear readers, who may have suggestions to make as to events that might benefit from Council involvement then you asked to contact the Town Office in the usual ways.

John Coombs

Chairman Public Relations Committee

CAR BOOT SALES

The car boot sales are due to start up again on the 16th April 2011.

As many of you are aware these car boot sales are run in order to raise funds to meet local needs. Sometimes these funds have been able to pay for things that would otherwise have to be funded by the local precept. We have been able to place benches in memory of those people who gave their lives in service for our country, donations to breast cancer charities and Risborough School.

The group that runs the car boot sale happens to consist of town councillors and members of their families but it is totally independent of the town council, and we do this voluntarily.

Please show your support by using our car boot sales, not only can it be profitable; it can be good fun as well.



Cheque presentation to Risborough Cares.

Wally Woolf, Eunice Clifford, Alan Turner, Peter Robinson,
Pam Summerbell & Gary Hall

Dates of sales:

April 16th, May 7th, May 21st, June 4th, June 18th, July 2nd, July 16th, August 13th, August 27th,
September 10th, September 24th, October 8th.

Further details can be found by visiting our website www.risboroughcarbooters.co.uk

Princes Risborough Annual Town Festival 2011

Carnival Themed Annual Town Festival - 2nd to 10th July inclusive



This year's Carnival Themed Festival commences at 1.30pm on Saturday 2nd July with a street parade from the town centre to the King George V Recreational Ground where a number of arena events, side attractions and stalls provide an afternoon of entertainment and fun. The day concludes with an evening musical performance.

Sunday 3rd July sees the 10km run, an event which continues to become bigger and better each year.

During the week many local organisations and businesses will open their doors to host musical concerts, exhibitions, lectures and tours.

The Festival week culminates over the weekend of 9th /10th July with a Street Fayre on Saturday 9th in the Market Square from 2- 5pm with an array of stalls, rides, music and entertainment for all ages. The final event on the 10th July is a children's chocolate hunt at Whiteleaf Cross.

Stalls are available for both the 2nd and 9th July. For more information please contact Anne Phillips on dphillips371@tiscali.co.uk

For any other enquiries or further information please contact Richard Stevenson on richlin7@hotmail.com



ROTARY CLUB

Congratulations go to Sixth Formers at Princes Risborough School who have joined the World Wide family of Rotary. On Monday 13th December President David Troup of Princes Risborough Rotary Club proudly presented a special Certificate of Membership from Rotary International HQ to 16 students who have formed their own school-based Interact Club, the first of its kind in this part of Buckinghamshire.

Similar to the aims of Rotary, Interact is designed to serve, help and support local and international communities. It provides youngsters with opportunities to develop leadership skills, connect with people from a wide variety of backgrounds, cultures and countries, and give service to others in the community. It is also sociable and fun. According to Pete Rowe, headteacher at the School, "The whole idea of Interact fits well with the teaching of citizenship and students' independent learning of life skills, personal effectiveness and responsibility". The Interact meetings take place in school every Wednesday lunch time.

The Interactors thoroughly enjoyed their evening as honoured guests of the Rotarians at Princes Risborough Golf Club. Their President Jordan Taylor explained to Rotarians that leading up to Christmas the Interactors had raised over a hundred pounds for the charity "Help the Heroes". Other distinguished guests at the event included the two Headteachers of Princes Risborough School, the Deputy District Governor of Rotary and the after dinner speaker who gave a very interesting talk on 'Catching Drug Smugglers'.

As sponsor of the Interact Club, Rotary Club of Princes Risborough greatly values this new partnership with young people.



For further information about the Rotary Club of Princes Risborough see www.rcpr.org.uk

Princes Risborough Youth Centre

There are big changes afoot at Princes Risborough Youth Centre

Bucks County Council Youth Services, that have been running the centre behind Risborough School, at the top of Hawthorn Road, on Monday and Wednesday evenings, for 12-18 year olds, are withdrawing funding and youth worker support across much of the county with the hope that these centres will continue as 'Community Run Youth Centres'.

This is part of the major cost savings being forced upon Bucks County Council, along with library closures and cuts in adult day care. BCC however, feel that youth centres are deemed so vital that they are well placed to be successfully run by volunteers, and that community-run centres should fall easily into David Cameron's 'Big Society'.



Fortunately, BCC are very keen for centres to stay open. For Princes Risborough this means that BCC are happy for the Youth Club building on Hawthorn Road to be leased from them and are also offering handover support and introductions to agencies that support youth work. This is a great start as the building already has all the equipment needed: kitchen, computers and games etc.. Also BCC are helping the management committee to build a group of local volunteers and youth workers and they are very optimistic that the centre can continue to work well and indeed become more and more successful as it becomes freer to respond to local needs.

Action 4 Youth have been (and are being) very helpful in the preparations for this handover stage and with their help Princes Risborough Youth Club Management Committee are keen that the centre will seamlessly switchover in July with a new head of steam in readiness for the start of the new academic year in September.

What is needed however is, possibly, you!

In order for this important facility to continue and grow, volunteers and youth workers are needed. This work can be very rewarding, not only working with Princes Risborough's young people but also by being a part of something that will be truly community run. With enough volunteers signed up it does not have to be too great a commitment either. The more volunteers the more varied and diverse the centre can become. The management committee are keen to support all youth workers and volunteers with courses and CRB checking etc. You don't have to have any experience of youth work, although if you do, great too.

Should you be interested in being part of Princes Risborough's new Youth Centre, please contact us. Either let us know by contacting Peter Robinson on 01844 342599 or myself via the Clerk to the Town Council (details on the back page) or visit www.princesrisborough.com where your details will be passed on to PRYCMC.

CLlr Will Streule

THE CENSUS IS COMING! THE CENSUS IS COMING! THE CENSUS IS COMING!

2011 CENSUS DAY – SUNDAY 27 MARCH 2011



2011 is Census year. The questionnaires are being delivered to every household by Royal Mail from 7 March. The householder is responsible for completing the form and posting it back in the envelope provided. However, for internet users, it will also be possible to complete the questionnaire on line. Individual members of a household, over the age of 16, may request an individual form for privacy. Please complete and return your census form, as soon as possible, giving the information required as at Census Day, 27 March 2011.

In Princes Risborough there will be a "Census Drop-in Centre" during the week before and two weeks after Census Day, that is from Monday 21 March to Friday 8 April. Further details can be found on the questionnaire.

Everyone should be included in the census – all people, households and overnight visitors. It is used to plan and fund services for your community – services like transport, education and health. Taking part in the Census is very important and is compulsory. This means that you could face a fine if you don't participate or if you supply false information. Personal information is protected by law. Census information is kept confidential for 100 years.

Help tomorrow take shape! Be part of the 2011 Census!

5th May – Local Elections for Town & District Councillors

5th May is the date for the local elections of both Town & District Councillors, please don't forget to vote!

Maybe you are you interested in running for council? Do you wish to make a difference? Being a councillor can be a demanding, yet rewarding role. Many people combine it with a full-time job and/or family responsibilities.

To qualify as a candidate, you must be aged 18 or over at the date of nomination and a British, Irish or Commonwealth citizen. For European and local elections, members of the European Union are entitled to stand, providing they live in the locality where they are standing.

You cannot stand as a candidate if you:

Are employed by the council: Hold a politically restricted post: Have been declared bankrupt: Have been sentenced to three months or more in prison in the five years before the election: Have been disqualified for illegal or corrupt practices

Nomination

If you want to be elected as a district councillor you must be proposed and seconded, then "assented to" (officially agreed) by a further eight electors within the ward in which you want to stand. Parish councillors only need a proposer and a seconder. Nomination forms can be obtained from Wycombe District Council who can be contacted on 01494 461000.

5th May – Local Elections for Town & District Councillors Don't forget to vote!

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Chairman of Planning Cttee:	Cllr. Ben Benifer
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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 town matters. Please check the website to confirm time and venue. The next meetings are:

Tuesday 29th March

Tuesday 26th April

Tuesday 31st May

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.