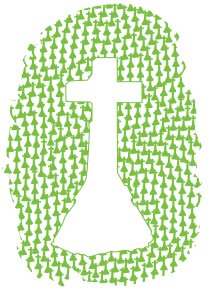




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Princes Risborough Town Council Newsletter



Cllr Matthew Walsh
Chairman & Town Mayor

A message from the Mayor

I must begin by thanking my fellow Councillors for electing me Chairman and Mayor for the forthcoming year.

To lead the Council is a great honour that I never anticipated happening in such a short space of time. Chairing the Princes Centre, Market Group and Business Group I hope has set me in good stead for the role.

I have the privilege of having three former Mayors on the Council to provide advice and guidance with Eunice Clifford and Ben Benifer also local. My thanks must go to Alan Turner whom has served in the role for seven years and I wish him great success in his new roles at the District Council.

As a Town Council we are undertaking some of the largest investments in our history. The Market House renovations will begin later in the year in excess of £150,000 to safeguard this wonderful local monument. The first two hundred LED street lights will be installed reducing our environmental footprint and the Crescent play area will be receiving new equipment too.

All of these improvements are being delivered with no increase in the Precept for the 7th year running. Credit must go to our Clerk Susanne Griffiths for keeping a tight lid on expenditure and finding new ways of generating income. The administration of the Council equates to less than two full time equivalent posts, which based on our size is practically unheard of at this level of local Government.

You may remember from previous issues I have always taken a keen interest in the development of our Devolved Services scheme. I understand there has recently been some criticism about the standard of work and I would like to apologise for this and to assure you that our Maintenance team work extraordinarily hard for the benefit of the town and will continue to do so. Our income from the County Council towards grass cutting does not exceed £5000 per annum, which equates to just three cuts a year.

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Town Festival - 4th July to 9th July!

STALLS - MUSIC - FOOD - COMPETITIONS & MUCH MORE!

With a further six cuts required we have to find the money for these (in excess of £10,000) out of our own limited funds and whilst the weather has been against us, we are working together to improve the situation, please bear with us and I hope you will notice an improvement soon.

Our annual Town Festival is nearly upon us and I hope you are all looking forward to celebrating the Best of Britain and Princes Risborough. With a record number of stalls, a new food court and many of our local organisations and clubs participating, this is going to be a fantastic week. Watch out for the official Festival programme that is due to land on your doorstep anytime now. I look forward to seeing you there!

Cllr Matthew Walsh - Chairman & Town Mayor



Reward on offer!

We were delighted last month to inform you of a joint initiative with Wycombe District Council relating to a wonderful tree planting project in our Town.

We are disappointed to see that some of the new trees planted in Wades Park, Stratton Road have been vandalised.

Princes Risborough Town Council take all vandalism cases seriously and this incident has been reported to the local police. Reckless vandalism is a senseless cost to you, the tax payer. If anyone witnessed the damage, please do contact us or the police directly on 101.

The Town Council are offering a reward for any information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person(s) responsible for this act of vandalism.

Art in the Park Finalists!

We are excited to announce the finalists for this year's Art in the Park competition.

All 13 entries can now be viewed on the railings along the back of Wades Park, Stratton Road.

We are so lucky to have such talented individuals amongst us and hope this event really showcases their work.

The winner will be announced on Saturday 9th July at the Town Festival and will be awarded a Sir Quentin Blake collector edition print.

Our thanks again to Steve at **Risborough Gallery** for kindly sponsoring this competition.

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ART IN THE PARK

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TOWN MATTERS

Since my last report a number of issues have become clearer and the Town Council is now in a position to go ahead with a number of projects.

One such project is the much requested continuation of the path across the **King George V Playing Field** and it is hoped that work will commence in late August. This path will make it much easier for both disabled persons and those with pushchairs or buggies to access and enjoy the park.



In regard to the upgrading of the play equipment in the **Crescent Park**, we will soon be in a position to carry out a consultation exercise with both nearby residents and also the children who will use the park as to the type of play equipment they would like to see installed. This is a two-year project, with half the money coming from this year's budget and the same amount next year.



In **Wades Park** it has been noted that since the installation of the fencing around the Maintenance Area there has been a depletion of luminance along the path that passes in front of the site. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for the installation of an electrical connection to the site so that we can provide lighting along the fence to do away with any dark areas.

The **Earle Mitchell** changing room has at long last been renovated and now users will be able to change in a more conducive atmosphere.

The Town Council has been granted authority to apply for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board for the remainder of the monies needed to complete the restoration of the **Market House** and so once this is in place we should see work commencing to enhance and repair this listed building. The work should render the building more available for public use as a small meeting room and for displays and exhibitions.

The **Lighting Project Team** are finalising plans to upgrade our lighting stock to a much more energy efficient form of lighting and looking at additional energy suppliers to further keep costs down. We



hope to have further news by the next edition of Crosstalk.

The flower beds around the town have been planted. This will mean that our Maintenance Team will be kept very busy keeping the beds in good shape and giving them a regular watering. As stated before the colour scheme this year is red, white and blue to acknowledge the 90th birthday of her Majesty the Queen and this falls in line also with the theme of this year's festival.



We look forward to welcoming back the judges from **Britain in Bloom** to Risborough, on

July 12th. We hope to build upon last year's success and would like to thank the following for helping us with this year's entry; Monks Risborough Horticultural Society, Monks Risborough Primary School, Whiteleaf Scouts & Cubs and the Asckett Society. Wish us luck and we look forward to sharing some good news in the next issue.

Some concern has been expressed with the condition of the grass verges around the town where vehicles are regularly parked thereon or driven across. These concerns have been passed on to the relevant authorities at BCC and WDC.

Should you have any comments to make regarding the state of our town, do not hesitate to contact the council through the recognised formats of in writing or by email.

**Clr John Coombs Chairman
Town Committee**

Citizen Awards 2016

Congratulations to local residents Dr. Sandy Macfarlane and Mr Jim Stevens who were both recognised by the Town Council for their outstanding commitment to the community with their selfless voluntary efforts.

Many of our residents will remember Dr. Macfarlane as one of our long serving and respected GP's. Dr Macfarlane was also a chairman of the Heritage Society and has been heavily involved with local charities.

Mr Jim Stevens provided the Town Council with invaluable help as the Roll B Agent in petitioning the Government over HS2 construction traffic through our town, as well as volunteering as a Community bus driver and his help with the Town Plan.



The Town Council also awarded Risborough Good Neighbours Scheme for their community service to the people of Risborough, providing transport to the many elderly, disabled or sick residents who are unable to use public transport. A very big thank you to all for your efforts.

Projects and Communications Assistant.

An exciting part-time opportunity has arisen for a Projects and Communications Assistant.

The role will suit a creative, organised individual, with excellent communication and admin skills, a high level of IT competence and self-motivation.

You will be required to assist with the organisation of Town events, including the annual summer festival and the Christmas lights switch on, assist with the preparation of town communications, provide administration assistant with town projects and general office support.

The role is 2 days per week. A full job description is available on line at www.princesrisborough.com or alternatively call the Town Council office on 01844 275912 for an application form.

CLOSING DATE: 11th JULY 2016

Town Memories

On the main Saturday of the Festival week, July 9th, the Heritage Society and the Countryside Group will be holding their usual exhibition of old Risborough pictures and artefacts from 12 noon until 5pm in the Community Centre. On display will be a mass of old and new photos and memories from the town's history. And on hand to take your questions will be Town historians *Sandy Macfarlane, Chris Kingham and Mike Payne* as well as *Francis Gomme* and his fellow members from the Countryside Group.





Risborough Bake Off



Ready, Steady, Bake!

How to Enter!

Download an entry form
online at:

www.princesrisborough.com

Or complete the entry
form overleaf and post to:

Richard Woodward,
2 Court Close,
Princes Risborough,
Bucks, HP27 9BG
by Saturday 2nd July

Entry
Fee 50p
(per class)

Great
Prizes!



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Entry Form
must be in by
Saturday 2nd
July!

Risborough Bake Off Entry Form!



Junior Classes 8yrs and under

1. Four Iced Cupcakes
2. Two Gingerbread People
3. A Show Stopper Cake (any flavour - it's all about the decoration!)

Junior Classes 9yrs - 16 yrs

4. Six Iced Cupcakes
5. Six Sausage Rolls
6. A Show Stopper Cake (any flavour - it's all about the decoration!)

Adult Classes

7. One jar of Chutney
8. One jar of Jam
9. Six pieces of Shortbread
10. Six Cheese Scones
11. Six Sausage Rolls
12. A Victoria Sandwich
13. A Crunchy Top Lemon Cake
14. An Apple Pie
15. A Show Stopper Cake (any flavour - it's all about the decoration!)

Please circle your class entry, *for example if you are 8 years and under and wish to make two Gingerbread People, circle number 2, if you are 9yrs - 16 yrs and wish to make Six Iced Cupcakes, circle number 4.*

Name:

No of Entries:

Total Fees £:

Address:

Email address:

Telephone number:

Please return entry form with relevant entry fees to:
Richard Woodward, 2 Court Close, Princes Risborough, Bucks HP27 9BG
by Saturday 2nd July.

Full terms & conditions can be found on www.princesrisborough.com

Closing Date: Saturday 2nd July

Risborough Raffle!
1st prize - £500 cash
2nd prize - 40" TV
+ many more prizes!



Town Festival Celebrations 4th - 9th July

So this year we decided to base the Festival on celebrating Her Majesty's 90th Birthday.

We begin Festival week with a packed calendar of our local organisations and businesses. Lots of events throughout the week are available on a drop in basis; why not try something new, meet some new people and most importantly have some fun!

On the street festival day (Saturday 9th), music throughout the years will be played along the High Street along with some great entertainers. We have new additions including a Gaming Truck which holds up to 15 people playing the latest computer games, Creation Station, a wonderful crafting area for the children, Stilt Walkers, a steel band and much more. The main stage has great musicians throughout the day and for the first time we have a food court, with

Indian, Pizza, Allergen Free, Burgers and Afternoon Tea all available.

We have revived the Festival Raffle and this year we have a huge array of prizes, with the **top two prizes being £500 cash and a 40" television respectively**. A massive thank you to all those that have donated prizes and to those retailers that have kindly agreed to sell tickets. A great community effort! Tickets will also be available on Festival day, so look out for your chance to win some fantastic things!

We look forward to seeing you all on the 9th!



Parking Review Update

Further to my Crosstalk article last March I am pleased to inform you that Alan Turner and I met with Bucks County Council (BCC) councillors on the 25th of May to go through the amended maps that outline the proposed no waiting and permit restrictions for our town.

As I reported in my last update, the results of the public consultations have been addressed and in our opinion the proposed changes to the original blanket issuing of parking permits has been changed to reflect a more palatable option for our residents.

Now begins the legal process which is required for any waiting restriction traffic regulation order (TRO). The final drawings are legal drawings called Tiles, these will all need to be agreed by all members that sit on the BCC parking review which includes Alan Turner and myself during our next meeting on the 30th of June 2016. Once these maps have been agreed there will be local advertisements and a letter delivered to 1300 homes, followed by a formal online 21 day consultation for residents that live within the affected area. Copies of the final draft and agreed maps will be available online, in the library and the Town Council office. Once all the legalities and online consultation have taken place and there are no issues, it is anticipated that this parking review will be implemented towards the end of 2016.

As always, please do contact me regarding any aspects of this parking review.

Cllr Andy Ball



Tribute to Cllr. Wally Woolf

It was with great sadness that we heard that Cllr Wally Woolf had passed away on the 15th April.

As a serving Town Councillor, Wally maintained his interest in Council business throughout his illness, right up to his final day. Wally was a conscientious, hard working Councillor who was passionate about our community. He put a lot of time and effort into his role and worked tirelessly for the benefit of Risborough.

A close personal friend, Wally was well known and respected throughout the community and was always there for people seeking advice or help. Before joining the Council, and prior to his retirement, Wally ran his own TV repair shop in the Town for almost 40 years. His home hobbies included "fixing things" and his beloved garden, spending hours out-doors.

I will remember him for his passion for the community and for the Town, as well as his kindness and the determination to get things done. Wally was a good friend.

I will miss him, the Town Council will miss him and Risborough will miss him. God bless you Wally, may you rest in peace.

Cllr Alan Turner



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Office Hours

Monday – Friday 10.00am – 3.00pm

The full Town Council meets at 7.00pm bi-monthly at The Princes Centre, Clifford Road. 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 meeting is **Tuesday 26th July**.

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.