



Summer Festival Fun

A message from the Town Mayor & Chairman of the Council

Let me start my report by offering my sincere condolences to Cllr Sue Coombs and everybody who knew John Coombs who sadly passed away a few months ago after a very short illness. A tribute to John can be found on page 2.

John was a very dedicated councillor and is greatly missed by the Town Council, may you rest in peace in John.

The past few months have seen me have a change in my working life, hopefully only on a temporary basis. Whilst I used to always finish work by 2pm at present this has extended to anything between 6pm and 9pm. I would like to send my grateful appreciation to our Deputy Mayor, Cllr Josephine Biss, she has covered my absence at a few Mayoral events and also had to step into Chair the last two Town Council meetings.

Obviously, the summer festival was another great event and well attended, the weather also held out

in what must have been the wettest July that I can ever remember. As we move into Autumn, we have a packed events schedule, including the return of Elvis at the Brushwood Suite and a "Back to the 80's disco" later this month. Please see page 7 for ticket information.

The brand-new extension at the Wades Centre is coming along on schedule and fingers crossed our office staff will move into their new home early next year.

The Town Council, was disappointed to see the closure of the Manor Coach House bar and restaurant earlier this year, however, we can confirm a new and exciting restaurant is due to open soon.

Looking ahead on a personal note my working hours will revert back to how they were and I can get back to normal with council meetings and attending Mayoral events.

Cllr Andy Ball - Chairman

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Cllr Andy Ball - Chairman

Tribute to Cllr John Coombs

22nd December 1949 - 22nd June 2023

John dedicated his life to the service of our town and the people of Princes Risborough. A lifelong resident, John's entire professional career was spent in the Fire Service where he rose through the ranks to the position of Group Fire control officer.

John spent nearly 30 years as a member of the Town Council, including serving in the role of Chair of the Town Committee for many years and Chairman of the Council from 2001 -2003. John oversaw many important improvements to the facilities of the town and his contribution can be seen across Risborough. John would always be found helping out with every event with his cheerful and can-do demeanour with his wife of over 50 years, Sue, by his side.

John's colleagues & friends at the Town Council will greatly miss him and our thoughts go out to Sue & family.



Community Speedwatch update

Well here we are, one year in, and our fledgling Community SpeedWatch Group is still going strong.

Here are the current figures

(input means people reported for speeding – 36MPH and above)

During the last week **39 vehicle(s)** were input

During the last month **119 vehicle(s)** were input

During the last year **905 vehicle(s)** were input

All of these have resulted in letters being sent to 'offenders' which hopefully may have had an impact on how people drive into and out of Princes Risborough. We have requested from TVP (Thames Valley Police) data on speeding offences to see if there has been an effect, we are waiting for an answer.

Our team is a little light on numbers and we are always looking for new members, even if you can only attend 1 or 2 sessions.



Should you wish to become a member of the group then please e-mail a.frost@princesrisboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk or via the Contact Us page on the Princes Risborough Town Council www.princesrisboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk

An Important message from the trustees of the Princes Risborough Rural Community Defibrillator Group.

It has been several years since the Public Access Defibrillators were installed in the Princes Risborough area. Many will be aware of them but have not always thought about how you may have to use one in a time of critical emergency. We tend to regard defibrillators in a similar way to life belts at the seafront, happy to see them but never seen them used.

Heart failure can strike anybody at any time so it is important that any help the patient needs is available quickly and helpers are able to access it. There is a difference between a heart attack (patient feels pain in chest and possibly down left arm) and cardiac arrest (patient feels nothing and is completely unresponsive).

A cardiac arrest is very time critical for a potential good outcome.

So, what do in the case of a Cardiac Emergency?

- 1. Assess whether the patient is breathing ie no breaths in 10 seconds. If the patient is not breathing treat as a cardiac arrest: immediate treatment is essential.**
- 2. Ring 999 ask for an Ambulance and tell the Ambulance Service that the patient is not breathing.**

- 3. If only one person is present, they should start CPR straightaway, as instructed by the Ambulance service. If a second person is available, they should fetch the defibrillator as swiftly as possible: the ambulance service will give directions to the nearest one, and, if necessary, inform the collector of the access code. Timely CPR is very important and keeps feeding blood to the brain when the heart has stopped. Stay on the line, put the phone on speaker, and the Ambulance Service (and the defibrillator) will provide verbal instructions as appropriate for the situation.**
- 4. Don't stop CPR or following verbal instructions from the defibrillator. Keep going until the Ambulance Service arrives and takes over. They may ask you to carry on CPR until they have their defibrillator ready and attached to the patient.**

Please note that it would be helpful to familiarise yourself with your local locations as you could be called to act at any time. Please do not open the cabinet or interfere with the defibrillator unless required for a cardiac arrest.

Current locations

1. Tesco, Longwick Road
2. Cross Keys Surgery, High Street
3. Literary Institute, High Street
4. Princes Risborough Tennis Club, New Road
5. Wades Centre, Stratton Road
6. Risborough Springs Swim & Fitness Centre, Stratton Road
7. Princes Risborough Fire Station, New Road
8. Centre Parade (nr shops) Place Farm Way
9. Beechwood Court, nr Co-Op, Bell Street.
10. Princes Risborough School, Merton Road
11. St Dunstan's Dental, Aylesbury Rd
12. Three Crowns PH, Askett Village Lane

For further information and current updates on defibrillator locations, locally and across the UK please visit <https://www.defibfinder.uk/>



Princes Risborough School Leads Anti-Idling Campaign

Princes Risborough School has taken the lead in introducing an anti-idling initiative across Buckinghamshire. The school, one of five in the Insignis Academy Trust, decided to take a stand to improve air quality for staff, pupils and residents alike, as part of its corporate social responsibility agenda and its ongoing community relations program.

An idling engine can produce up to twice the emissions of a car in motion, releasing unnecessary sulphur dioxide, particulate matter and nitrogen oxide. These chemicals have a negative effect on the environment by contributing to poor air quality, and they all contribute to asthma, heart disease and lung cancer.

Assistant Head Teacher Mrs Vikki Woodley said "Vehicle exhaust fumes are damaging to everyone's health, but it especially affects children, whose lungs are still developing. When they are exposed to elevated levels of these pollutants, children have an increased risk of developing asthma, respiratory problems and other adverse health effects. By turning off engines, drivers can improve the quality of air students, parents and teachers breathe while they are at school".

Because the school wanted to lead by example, it's introducing a ban on idling vehicles (e.g. school buses) within the school grounds, but the school is also asking parents and guardians to support the initiative by signing a pledge to avoid idling whilst dropping off and waiting to collect children in the surrounding streets.

Mr Simon Baker of Insignis Academy Trust said "We thought that was such an important initiative that we decided to adopt the policy across all four of our schools in Buckinghamshire straight away. Particulate air pollution has been estimated to lead to up to 36,000 deaths a year in England".

Princes Risborough Town Council welcomed the initiative and agreed for Cllr Cross to attend and support any

planned action day. Cllr. Andrew Cross said "I'm very proud to support this campaign and proud that it's Princes Risborough School that's taken the lead. Air pollution is the largest environmental risk we face but drivers who don't cut their engines when waiting aren't just wasting fuel and damaging the environment, they're breaking the law and risk being fined too."

To bring the campaign to life members of the student council, Town Council and staff will be outside the school gates for an **Action Day on 10th October** monitoring idling vehicles and raising awareness of the impact on the air quality.

Mrs Woodley said "By making this simple change, I believe we can make a real difference and improve the quality of air we all breathe".

Cllr Andrew Cross



Cllr Andrew Cross



THE NO IDLING PLEDGE

#ENGINESOFF



Shout out to local Community Groups

As Autumn approaches and we return from our summer breaks, now is the time to be thinking about what activities we want to do through the autumn and winter seasons. Being part of a Community Group is a great way of spending our time – making friends, keeping fit, being creative or making a difference in our lovely town.

So, here at Princes Risborough Town Council, we thought it would be a good idea to pull together an updated list of the Community Groups in Risborough and how to join them.

If you are a part of a group and want to be in the next issue of Crosstalk please send details to towncouncil@princesrisboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk

Current community organisations can be found on our website, but if we've missed you off the list or if the details aren't correct, then please get

in touch and we'll be sure to make the necessary updates.

In the meantime, why not try **Risborough Friendly Social Club** who meet at The Princes Centre, Clifford Road on a Friday afternoon at 12.45. It's eyes down for hoy at 1.30pm with refreshments available. For further information contact the Princes Centre 01844 345105. Looking for something more active? **Kop Hill Badminton Club** play at Princes Risborough School sports hall every Tuesday 7-10pm.

Various sessions are available, with prices from £3.50 per player and racquet's that can be borrowed on the night at no extra cost. For further information please email playsportrisboro@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page by searching Kop Hill Badminton Club.



Bee Squared Project 2023 Update



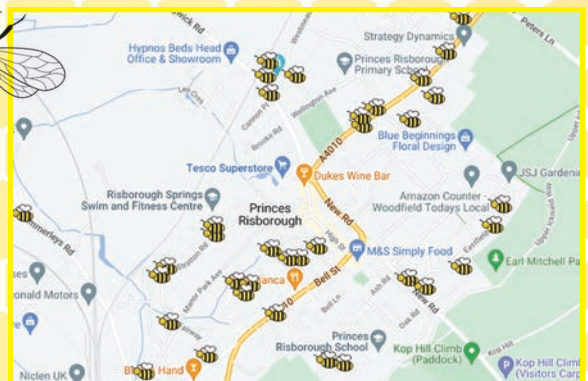
Thanks to funding from the North West Chilterns Community Board and the help of Risborough Environmental Group, 2000 small packets with native wildflower seeds (Cornflower, Common Poppy, Corncockle, Corn Chamomile and Corn Marigold) were distributed to local residents earlier this year, so they could be planted during late spring and early summer.

Thank you to Risborough residents for planting their seeds and registering them on the Bee Squared website. The interesting and helpful interactive map shows the location of those who participated in the project (please take a look - it is not too late to register your plot via www.climateactionnow.uk) Also it would be wonderful if you could also send any photos you have of your wildflower patch to the Town Council email towncouncil@princesrisboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk so we can share them on our social media and website for others to enjoy.

Our combined efforts to create beautiful wildflower patches and take part in initiatives such as 'No Mow May' bring colour and biodiversity to the area, this benefits bees and other pollinator insects that play such a vital role in our natural environment, ecosystems and crop production.

Thank you again for your support and help to create a buzz in Risborough!

Cllr Surinder Marshall



FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2023

BACK TO THE 80'S WITH DJ DAVE



BRUSHWOOD SUITE, WADES PARK, STRATTON ROAD, PRINCES RISBOROUGH

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30PM

80'S DISCO NIGHT WITH LICENSED BAR. DRESS UP IN YOUR BEST 80'S OUTFIT!

GENERAL ADMISSION £10*
PLUS £1 BOOKING FEE

BOOK YOUR
TICKETS HERE



WWW.WEGOTTICKETS.COM/EVENT/591143
OR £10 IN PERSON FROM KIM IN THE CREW CAFE



LIMITED SEATING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THIS EVENT. SEATING AVAILABLE WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY, TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR FOR £12.



Brushwood
Suite

EVENTS IN THE TOWN

Farmers Market & Halloween 28th October

Boo! Are you ready for some spooktacular fun? On Saturday 28th October, we will have not one but two wonderful family fun events. Start the morning at our fantastic Farmers Market in King George V Park on Wellington Avenue where you can pick up local goodies from our friendly producers who are based right here in the Chilterns, and where possible within a 40-mile radius of Princes Risborough. In the afternoon, head to the High Street for our Halloween Trail! Accompanied children are invited to participate in our window art and spooky fancy dress trail. **Please visit our website or social media channels for latest news and updates.**



ELVIS RETURNS

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER ★ DOORS @ 7PM

GENERAL ADMISSION £10*

PLUS £1 BOOKING FEE

BRUSHWOOD SUITE, WADES PARK, STRATTON ROAD



BOOK YOUR
TICKETS HERE



WWW.WEGOTTICKETS.COM/EVENT/591417/ OR £10 IN PERSON FROM KIM IN THE CREW CAFE

Brushwood
Suite

Christmas Lights Switch On Saturday 25th November Call for sponsorship and stallholders

The Office Elves at Princes Risborough Town Council are working hard to prepare the annual Christmas Lights Switch On which will be held on Saturday 25th November this year.

Sponsor an activity or event; We are looking for local businesses who might be interested in sponsoring an activity on the day. If this is something that is of interest, please contact Stephanie to see how you can be involved and how we can help to promote your business.

Stallholders; If you are interested in having a pitch on the day,

we are pleased to share that applications for stallholder pitches are now open. Whether you are a small business looking to showcase your products or services, a charity seeking to raise awareness and funds for your cause, or a food vendor with delicious treats to share, Princes Risborough Town Council want to hear from you! Download an application form from our website or email stephanie@princesrisboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk for more information.

Stay tuned for more updates in the lead to this lovely community event.



Meet our new team members

Thank you and Welcome!

Welcome to Mark Roberts and Angus Jennings, who both recently joined the team here at the Town Council.

Mark has taken on the role of Estates Manager and is responsible for all aspects of the effective management of the Council's buildings and other built assets, and the management of the maintenance team. Mark is familiar with the running of the council as he served as a councillor from May 2021 - June 2022, and regularly volunteered at council-run events.

Many of you who are users of the Wades Centre will know that earlier this year we said thank you and

happy retirement to Donald Rintoul. Donald was involved in the running of the Wades Centre for over 16 years and spent many years as a trustee of the centre before the trustees asked the Town Council to take on the management of the Centre. Although big shoes to fill, we are delighted to welcome Angus to the role of Caretaker of the Wades Centre. Angus has been part of the Risborough scene for many years, including management in retail, estate agency and energy assessment.

The Town Council is delighted to have both Mark and Angus managing important roles for the Town Council and wishes them well in their roles.



Mark Roberts



Donald enjoying a well deserved lunch with Greg Smith MP

Contact Us!

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Cllr Ian Parkinson

Cllr Jane Rampin

Cllr Surinder Marshall

Cllr Andrew Cross

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Deputy Clerk: Mrs. Kirsty Pope

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Bookings Officer: Tania Campbell

Events & Communications Assistant: Stephanie Boyle

Admin Support Officer: Cate Holloway

Brushwood Suite Manager: Kim Davis

Assistant to the Brushwood Suite Manager:
Stephanie Boyle

Estates Manager: Mark Roberts

Maintenance Team Operatives: Peter Quigley and Steve Moulder

Wades Centre Caretaker: Angus Jennings

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9.30am – 3.30pm

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The full Town Council meets at 7.00 pm, monthly on the last Tuesday of the month. 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. The next meetings are:

Sept 26th 2023 | Oct 31st 2023

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 herein 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.