

Towcester Town Crier



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POLICE REPORT FROM BEN MITCHELL: A number of problems have been forwarded to me by members of the public and local bodies, some of these problems being on-going.

Parking:

Complaints have been received of the nature of parking in the town centre, particularly at peak times. It is not always local people who are concerned, but none-the-less the road becomes congested and pedestrians are forced onto the road to pass cars parked on the footpath. A number of motorists have been reported for offences. Any suggestions for improved parking facilities in Towcester could perhaps be passed on to your council representative.

Ball games:

With lighter nights and slightly better weather youngsters are playing ball games on grassy areas around the town. Whilst this is not prohibited, the noise, damage to gardens and bad language causes complaint. Older children have the option of using the recreation ground or school field. Leave the grassy areas for the young ones to play on near their homes, please.

Litter:

Garden and household refuse gets left in all sorts of places. Although grass cuttings and bush prunings eventually rot away, the sight of them encourages others to deposit ordinary household rubbish. Quite noticeable last year was beside the river between Bickerstaffes Road and Buckingham Way. Please, let's keep our town photogenic. Whilst we don't like to prosecute unless necessary, dumping of rubbish on the highway or in open places is an offence.

ST LAWRENCE SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS: The bells of the Parish Church are rung each Sunday before Parish Communion at 9.30 am, Evensong at 6 pm and on other occasions by arrangement. The bells are also rung on special occasions such as the birthday of Her Majesty The Queen, the birthday of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, St George's Day, Ascension Day, other religious festivals and New Years Eve, when the old year is rung out and the new year in. The bells are occasionally rung by special request to mark a particular event in the town such as a Golden Wedding, the visit of a VIP or in memory of the departed.

Anyone interested in learning the ancient art of change-ringing is welcome to attend the practice which is held every Wednesday between 7.30 and 9.15 pm. Any individual or group wishing to visit the Belltower to see the bells being rung and learn a little about the art also anyone wishing to request special ringing for an occasion should contact the Hon. Sec. Miss Janet Cafe, 79 Bickerstaffes Road, Towcester (52389).

SPONSORED LITTER PICK: On Wednesday the 18th June, the First Towcester Guide Company is doing a sponsored litter pick up

around Towcester. We are doing it in our meeting from 6.45 to 8.45. Each group is taking a plastic sack supplied by the Parish Council and we are aiming to fill as many sacks as possible. The Company is quite disgusted about the way that Towcester has become more and more untidy these past three years and so we would like to help Towcester as well as raise money for funds. The Parish Council will be giving a certificate for the most litter and individual members will sponsor.

We hope that people will sponsor us 50p per sack, and if you would like to sponsor us please ring Towcester 52953 anytime or Towcester 52812 evenings.

TOWCESTRIANS TENNIS CLUB: Greens Norton Road, Towcester. In the March issue of the Crier the facilities and courts were described along with the teams entered in Northampton and Milton Keynes leagues. The match results to date have been affected by the weather but some games have been played.

Northampton Leagues

Mens A: none played

Mens B: P3 W1 D1 L1

There are two promising new players in the B team.

Ladies A: P1 L1

Ladies B: P2 W2

Mixed A: P1 L1

Milton Keynes Leagues

Mens A: P2 L2 all close games

Mens B: P1 W1

Ladies A: P1 W1

Ladies B: not played

The only official social event to date was an American Tournament on Sunday, May 18th when 7 couples entered, the weather was kind but windy. Pat Cook won the ladies and Mike Hunter the mens competitions with yours truly receiving the wooden spoon.

Junior coaching on Sunday mornings is in full swing but unfortunately due to losing the qualified coach there will be no official coaching for adults. However, senior playing members will provide tips and encouragement if asked.

Golden Oldies and Adult Beginners. Many parents who stored their rackets when the family arrived and those whose children have grown and would now like to play tennis could find suitable activity at the Towcestrians club. If you are one of these people why not join and arrange sessions with those of similar abilities. Saturday afternoons and early evenings seem favourite times at present to enjoy some leisurely tennis.

It is hoped to provide a third hardcourt later in the season. If this happens there will be even more capacity for additional members. The article in the Towcester Town Crier has currently provided eight new members. We warmly welcome enquiries and new members. Why not come along to club sessions on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons or contact C H Rush (Watling St., Towcester), Freeb's (Watling St., Towcester), Joan Freeborough (Towcester 50297) or Tony Benham (Towcester 51948)? The courts

have been tidied ready for the fray and the paint and brushes for the posts were provided by Glyn Westell, Motor Factors, and applied by Richard Jennings.

The Tennis section has arranged a Bar B Que on Friday July 25th at Richard Cook's Farm Woodburcote. All are welcome. Good value for money. Jigging to the Unit 6. Peter Steward, Chairman.

ADULT EDUCATION: Around the middle of August, every house in the area should receive a free newspaper which will give details of all of the courses for adults being offered in the Autumn Term. There will be about 300 courses available in the South Northants area, over 80 of them in Towcester and many others in local villages. The courses will cover examination subjects, crafts, physical activities, hobbies and special interests. The free newspaper will give all of the information about fees and how to enrol but anyone wanting more details should phone the Area Office, Towcester 51777 (during term time).

OPEN LEARNING: For people who are unable to attend adult education courses on a regular basis, a new scheme is now in operation. This is Open Learning which enables adults to study at home, in their own time, for a variety of examination courses. The courses cover 'O' level, 'A' level and RSA subjects. Students are allocated to a tutor for each subject and study material and assignments are sent to the students by post.

More information about this scheme is available from the Area Office, Towcester 51777 (during term time).

BRACKLEY ROAD MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 28th June, 1.30 pm at the Community Centre.

TOWCESTER & DISTRICT RECREATION & LEISURE ASSOCIATION are holding their Annual Summer Barbecue on the 28th June. Tickets are £4.50 each and available from Jim Lynch and Alan Green at the Farm Shop, Burcote Wood Farm.

DO YOU KNOW OF AN ELDERLY BUT ACTIVE PIANO in need of a good retirement home? A suitably qualified instrument is needed to fill a vacant spot in the residents' lounge at Moorfield Almshouses. The accomodation will be free and transport can be arranged. If you can help by introducing us to a deserving piano to join the rest of the Almshouse residents, please telephone Mark Parry, Clerk to the Sponne & Bickerstaffe Charity on Towcester 51073.

LEISURE CENTRE: Plans have now been produced for a leisure centre for Towcester and District. These plans include provision for a sports hall, cricket pitch, bowling green, tennis courts and country park. If you have missed the recent exhibitions in the Town Hall but you are interested in seeing the plans, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council at the Town Hall, telephone 50995.

FOR YOUR DIARY: The next Towcester Parish Council meetings will be held on 9th June, 14th July and 8th September. Please note that there will be no meeting in August. Public question time for the ordinary council meeting is from 7.30 to 7.45 pm.

Forthcoming events at Towcester Town Hall:
5 June Fashion Show: TDRALA 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm

Other venues:
25 July Towcestrians Tennis Club Bar B Que:
Burcote Wood Farm

Due to distribution problems there will be no August issue of the Town Crier. The final date for contributions to the October issue will be 22nd September.

The Editorial committee for the Crier welcome any contributions and/or comments. The members are:

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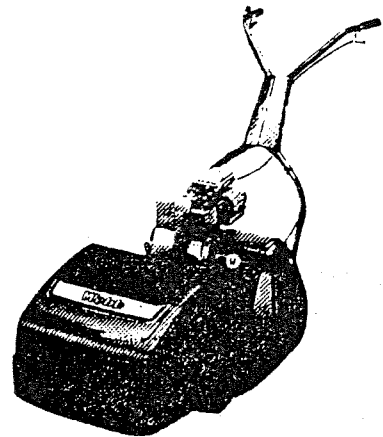
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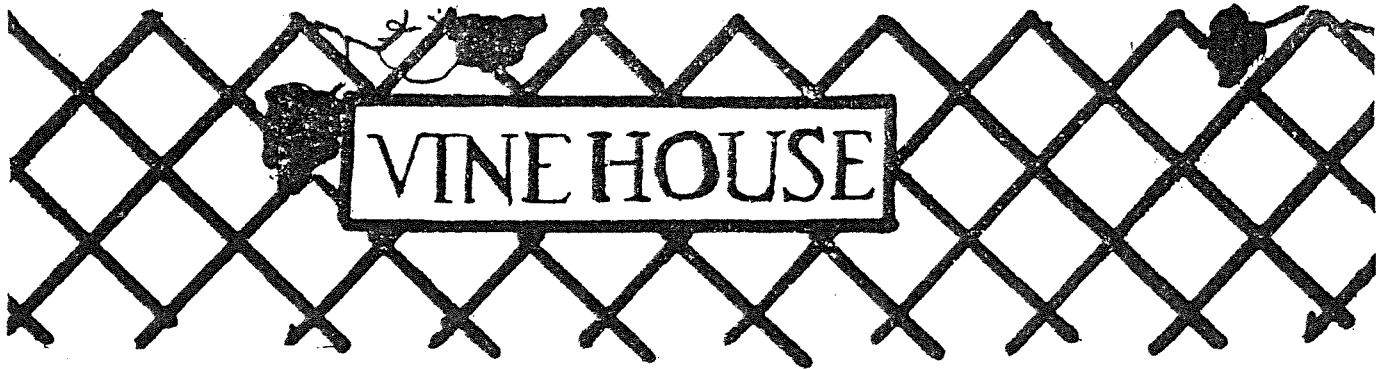
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