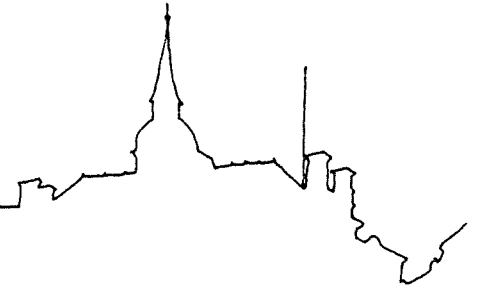


Towcester Town Crier



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THANKS FROM THE 1ST TOWCESTER GUIDE LEADERS: On behalf of the 1st Towcester Guide Company we should like to thank the people of Towcester who sponsored us in our litter pick. In one and a half hours we collected 40 large dustbin liners of litter and could have picked as much again if we had more time.

Whilst collecting litter the girls were thanked by people and told what a good job they were doing, some were offered drinks as they worked and some were given sponsor money by people who had not originally volunteered to sponsor. These thanks meant a lot to the girls and they really do feel they have done a worthwhile job.

Although there is a considerable amount of litter in the town, we do think that much of the dirt is dust and cigarette ends in the gutters; this is dirt which needs sweeping and is the responsibility of the County Council, who only provide a sweeping service approximately 3 times a year. Two of the Guide Leaders actually swept the pavements in the centre of the town. They also swept gutters, including the gutters in the Gateway carpark. As a result of this sweep, we feel that if more of the traders in the town centre swept their shop fronts each evening the town would be a much cleaner place to live.

CHURCH NEWS: The Autumn will see a time of change. Firstly the vicar will be on 'study leave' trying to finish the incomplete thesis that he arrived with from Cambridge five years ago! Therefore all matters concerning baptisms, weddings and funerals, etc., should be addressed to the curate: Steven Smith, 42 St Lawrence Road South telephone 52486. (Deanery matters should go to the Revd. Peter Townsend at Paulerspury.)

Secondly it will become evident that work is being undertaken to restore the vicarage and keep it where it belongs, ie. next to the church. The Parish Office will therefore transfer to the Chantry House (until it also undergoes restoration). Office hours are weekday mornings 9.30 - 12.00 noon and Friday evenings 7.30 - 8.00 pm.

There is at present a Chantry Restoration Appeal and once again the group REFLECTIONS have kindly agreed to come and give a concert in church on SATURDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER. Proceeds from that will go towards the appeal and we hope that those who were unable to get seats at the NSPCC concert will be able to come to this one. We were very lucky to have the Peterborough String Orchestra and the Corelli Trio earlier in the summer, but the attendance by Towcestrians was slightly disappointing. It is good to have professional groups coming to the town, so let's make it worth their while and provide a reasonable audience.

As the Town Crier is delivered to the whole town, it would also be a good means of thanking every group, organisation and individual who took part in the Flower Festival, and all those

who supported the associated events of St Lawrence Week. It is a time when the church is 'At Home' to the town and it is lovely to see so many people take an interest. If anyone would like to keep in closer contact with the parish news, there is a magazine which can be delivered to you each month (13p) and Sandra Brown (telephone 51058) can give you further details.

Thank you everyone for your support. While the Vicar's away the parishioners may play, but Someone will still be watching!

NORVIEW: The Leisure and Libraries Committee, Northamptonshire County Council offers a local Community information service on Viewdata called NORVIEW. Norview is available free of charge to anyone with a Prestel type receiver, to the public in most of the larger libraries in Northamptonshire and to home or business micro-computer users who have a suitable modem.

An important feature of the database is a 'What's on in the County' section. They would be most grateful if organisers would inform them of any local events (summer fairs, fetes, etc.,) for inclusion in the Norview viewdata service by contacting Mr Wright, County Leisure and Libraries Officer, telephone: Northampton 20262.

THE TOWCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL is a group of adults consisting of leaders and lay helpers from all the scout groups in the district. They raise funds, support and administer Scouting in the district which reaches from Blisworth to Silverstone and Deanshanger to Maidford and the villages within that area and there have been Scouts in Towcester and some of these villages now for nearly 80 years. Thanks to those who have given freely of their time to the leaders and supporters throughout that time. Of course, none of this would have been possible without them.

Scouting thrives today and there are currently about 450 members of the Towcester District including our newest members "The Beavers" who are aged between 6 and 8.

To help them in this work the District Scout Council is in urgent need of a Secretary. This is a voluntary position as are all leaders and helpers. The job consists of attending about 8 to 10 meetings a year, taking and circulating minutes and handling correspondence, leader warrants, etc. on behalf of the District Commissioner and the Council. It is rewarding for anyone who has a genuine interest in helping the development of young people. If the Secretary wishes they can limit their interest purely to the work of the council or take a wider interest and attend as a visitor or a helper at events in the District and County.

If you can spare an hour or perhaps two a week with a little more occasionally and have an interest in supporting Scouting, the District Commissioner, Alan White who lives at Trinitas, Fosters Booth Road, Pattishall, Towcester, telephone no. 830892 will be pleased to hear from you.

CHURCHYARD: Through the good offices of your news-sheet I am writing to ask for volunteers to look after the churchyard lawns and flower beds surrounding the Church.

There are few open spaces in our town and this could be made very

beautiful and a benefit to the residents of the town, if we could only get half a dozen KEEN volunteers. This would be ideal for any fit persons or keen amateur gardeners.

Surely in a town of 6000 people it is possible to get 6 volunteers to do this worthwhile work.

If you are interested, ring Mr John Newman, Towcester 50241, or call at the house, The Limes, Brackley Road, Towcester.

TELEPHONING THE LOCAL POLICE: To contact our local police, other than for an emergency (999) call, dial TOWCESTER 50222 at ANY TIME of the day or night. It is never necessary to telephone the Daventry Police Station, even when the front desk at the Towcester Police Station is closed.

TOWCESTER STUDIO BAND will be holding its Annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday, November 29th. Further details to be advertised at a later date. Peter Bell.

TOWCESTER YOUNG WIVES: We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Ridgeway House at 8 pm. We have speakers, visits to local places of interest, theatre trips, etc.. If you should be interested in attending an evening, please contact: Ruth Platts on Towcester 53059, or Helma Boot on Towcester 52381 and they will be pleased to give you any further information.

FRENCH EXCHANGE: A French family with 3 children, aged 16, 14 and 13 years, would like to correspond and eventually exchange with an English family with a child or children of similar age. Anyone interested should contact: Madame Mahon, 6 Allée des Garennes, AUFFARGIS, 78610 Le Perray en Yvelines, France.

TOWCESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY: We consist of a group of keen amateurs who are interested in the history of our area. We meet monthly at the Scout Hall, Baden-Powell Crescent at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome; charge - 60p including coffee. We would be pleased if you would like to join us during the Autumn Session. Programme:

September 17th	Mrs S Lewis	Pre-historic Northants
October 15th	Mr F Waddell	Coins and tokens
November 19th	Church restoration (at St Lawrence's church, Towcester)	
December 17th	Christmas meeting	

Vivienne Baker, Programme Secretary, telephone Blisworth 858626.

TOWCESTER MOTHERS & TODDLERS CLUB: Come along to the Community Centre every Wednesday afternoon 1.30 - 3.30 for a drink and a chat. (During term times.) All mums, babies and pre-school children welcome. 50 pence a session.

TOWCESTRIANS TENNIS CLUB has just completed the 1986 summer activities and this year has been the most successful ever. In spite of general opinion the weather was kind and the most members ever enjoyed themselves on the two hard and two grass courts. There was more social tennis than ever including five american tournaments and club sessions on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons were quite exciting. Ladies afternoon is Wednesdays and continues throughout the winter.

The competitive tennis played in the Northampton and Milton

Keynes leagues was very well supported and apart from a couple of hiccoughs also had an excellent season.

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Placing
Northampton Mens A Div 1	10	8	1	1	79	3rd very good result
Mens B Div 2	10	6	1	3	62	5th
LadiesA Div 1	9	3	0	6	41	5th
LadiesB Div 3	8	7	0	1	69	1st promoted
Mixed A Div 1	9	2	1	6		9th relegated
Mixed B Div 2	10	8	1	1		2nd promoted

	P	W	D	L		Placing
Milton Keynes Mens A Div 1	7	2	0	5		7th relegated
Mens B Div 2	7	4	0	3		3rd
LadiesA Div 1	6	4	0	2		2nd
LadiesB Div 2	6	0	0	6		7th
Juniors	3	2	0	1		(1 to play)

The open and club tournaments were hotly contested with the following results:

Mixed open	Jane Garner, Chris Barrett	Mascot Club
Mens doubles open	Ian Lockwood, Tim Stratton	Towcestrians
Ladies doubles open	Judy Cook, Ollie Hickman	Towcestrians
Mixed doubles club	Judy and Trevor Cook	
Mens doubles club	Ian Lockwood, Tim Stratton	
Ladies doubles club	Judy Cook, Ollie Hickman	

Junior coaching Sunday mornings was very popular with up to 30 members attending and showing lots of promise. Anne-Marie Benham and Sarah Mason won the County Schools Knock-out under 14 tournament.

The best news the club has received in 10 years is that a third hardcourt has been approved by the General Committee and will be ready for the start of next season. This means we will be able to accept even more members next year and offer more tennis.

Finally it should be stressed that these days tennis does not cease with the dark nights - we will continue to play weekends throughout the winter. Anyone wishing to join now in order to practice all winter for next season should contact either Joan Freeborough at 61 Brackley Road or Peter Stewart, telephone Paulerspury 676.

KARATE: School of Shotokan Karate. Are you interested in Karate as a beginner or for further training? Then why not call in and see us? Towcester Community Centre every Sunday morning 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. All ages welcome. Adults over 16 £1.00. Juniors 50p.

TOWCESTER YOUTH ACTIVITY GROUP: Are your kids bored on a Monday evening? Then why not send them down to the Community Centre 7.30 to 9.30 pm. We are a group of kids aged 10 to 16 years. We have our own table tennis, darts, TV and tuck shop. We have many activities like the one in October, Halloween night (ghost hunt) party and disco. All for only 20p. Can't be bad. So see you there. Remember Monday nights 7.30 to 9.30 pm at C/Centre.

FOR YOUR DIARY: The next Towcester Parish Council meetings will be held on 13th October and 10th November. Public question time will be from 7.30 to 7.45 pm.

Forthcoming events at Towcester Town Hall:

11 October Shoe Sale, 10.00 am to 5.00 pm Mr Yorke
25 October Jumble Sale, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm Towcester Otters
1 November Jumble Sale, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm Towcester Lions

Other venues:

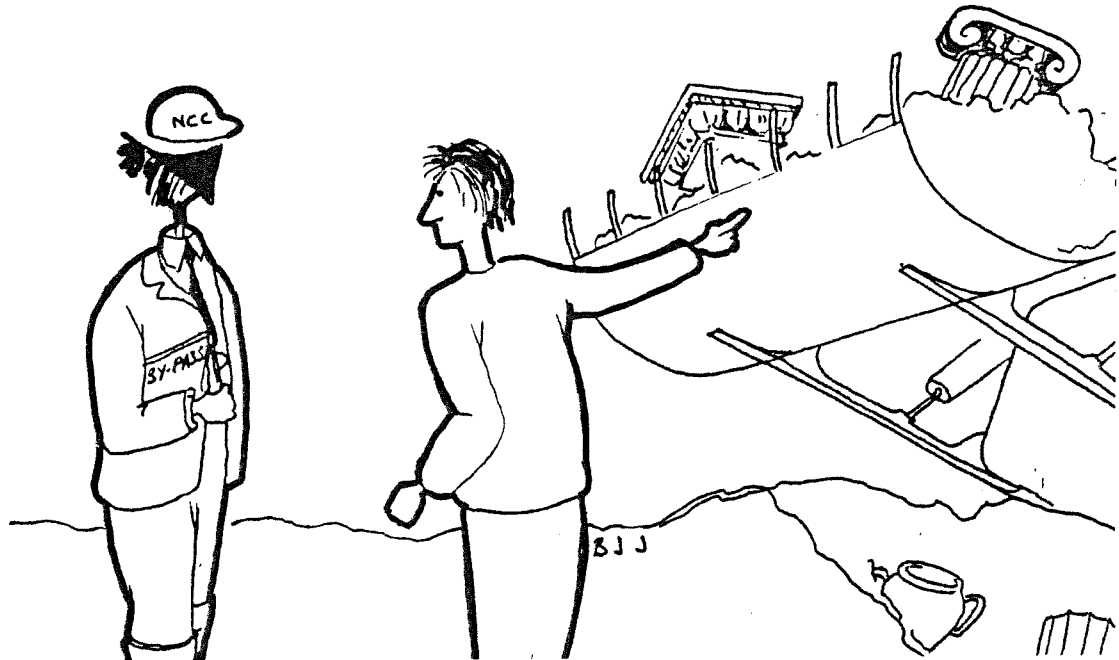
1 November Reflections concert at St Lawrence Church
29 November Annual Christmas Fayre Towcester Studio Band
venue to be announced

The final date for contributions to the December issue will be 22nd November.

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

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Mrs Ann Hill, 18 Willow Close, tel: 51010
Mr Brian Jolly, 31 Brackley Road, tel: 51661
Mrs Yvonne Orchard, Brambles, School Road, Astcote, Towcester,
tel: Pattishall 830528

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: If work were a good thing, the rich would have found a way of keeping it all to themselves. Haitian proverb



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