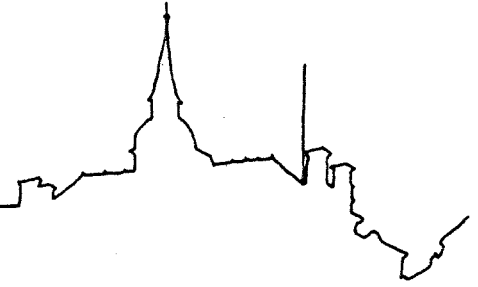


Towcester Town Crier



No.20 June 1987 Town Hall, Towcester.

SOUTH NORTHANTS DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS. The results of the SNDC election for the three Towcester seats were as follows:

Herbert, Joyce Rose (Ind)	957	elected
Smith, Geoffrey Vernon (Con)	802	elected
Dunkley, Stanley Paul (Con)	794	elected
Riches, John Darrell Charles (SDP)	577	
Ashurst, Keith (Lib)	553	
Minns, Thomas Mons John (Lab)	432	
Davis, Peter Logan (Lab)	351	
Platts, Robert Victor Graham (Lib)	289	
Leay, David William (Lab)	286	

The total number of votes cast was 5041. As the number of electors in Towcester is 4465, the percentage of electors who voted was 37.6%. Just think! If the other 62.4%, who didn't vote because 'what difference would one vote make?' or whatever, had all got together, the candidates you did or didn't want might have got in with another 2500, odd, votes apiece!

PARISH CHURCH NEWS. One or two open events coming up in the near future may be of interest to Towcestrians. On Thursday, 9 July, the **Peterborough String Orchestra** hope to make a return visit to the Church. They are a top quality professional orchestra and always present a popular programme, so do support them if you can. Details will appear on posters shortly; programmes may be obtained in advance from the Parish Office or on the door.

Our annual 'At home' to the town (St Lawrence Week, August 10 - 16) will culminate in the **Flower Festival** in which all groups and societies are invited to participate with exhibitions and displays. Watch for details of other events such as the Outing, Barbecue, etc.. The Church is usually open during the day, so feel free to wander in and peruse the notice-boards or just come and enjoy some of the peace and quiet.

Christian Aid Week has just finished at the time of writing and thanks are due to the 60 collectors (from all the Churches) and, of course, the hundreds who contributed. Last year we were able, as a town, to send £600 towards relief work abroad. We hope to reach a similar target this time and, as Towcester grows, to increase that amount.

Plans are afoot in the Autumn for an official opening of the **Chantry House**. The Church restoration is nearing completion and the Vicarage is beginning to look tidier, so we hope soon to get away from the lengthy business of building works.

The telephone boxes are a little side issue which is not strictly a Church affair, and is hopefully protecting the townscape for the wider benefit of all. It's amazing what the press will take up!

TOWCESTER & DISTRICT LEISURE & RECREATION ASSOCIATION. We shall be holding our Annual Summer Party at the Racecourse Upper Pavilion on Saturday, 20th June starting at 8 pm. There will be a licensed bar, best sirloin steak and salad and dancing to live music by Unit Six. Tickets are £5.00 and are available from Sue Jolly, Towcester 51406.

We also hope to open the Sponne swimming pool during the school summer holidays. As last year, this will be from 2.00 to 4.00, the anticipated dates being:

July	20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30
and August	3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

Prices will be the normal pool charges.

We would like volunteers to supervise during this period. If you can help, ring Sue Owen, Towcester 51897, Jim Lynch, Towcester 50899 or Trevor Johnson, Towcester 51156.

THE TOWCESTRIAN TENNIS CLUB has had a successful winter season in the Northampton District League, with the ladies 'A' team finishing top of Division 2 with the loss of only 1 match and the mens 'A' team just managing to avoid relegation from the highly competitive 1st Division. The ladies 'B' team finished 5th in Division 3 and the mixed teams battled well to finish 4th and 7th in Division 2 of the Milton Keynes winter league.

The summer league matches are now well under way, benefitting greatly from the recently built 3rd hard court, complete with floodlights.

The courts are reserved on Tuesday evenings, most Thursday evenings and most weekends throughout the summer, from April to September, for club tennis, ie all levels of play, and this is proving to be very popular and well supported. Club tournaments are arranged on occasional Sundays, including the ever-popular American tournaments. Juniors are also welcome at the club and junior coaching is available on Sunday mornings.

Matches will be played on the courts on the remaining nights of the week - the club has 1 mens team, 2 ladies teams and 2 mixed teams which play in various Northampton and Milton Keynes leagues.

The tennis club is holding a **BARBECUE** on the Towcester Race Course on Saturday, 27 June to raise money for Club funds. Dancing to Bray Sounds Disco. Everyone is welcome so hurry and get your tickets now from any tennis committee member.

Anyone wishing to join the tennis section, please contact Joan Freeborough, Towcester 50297, Anna Benham, Towcester 51948 or C & H Rush (Drapers), 114 Watling Street, Towcester for an application form.

Membership fees are £22 for adults and £5 for juniors.

Gill Johnson

FOR YOUR DIARY: The next Towcester Town Council meetings will be on the 8th June and 13th July. Public question time will be from 7.30 to 7.45 pm.

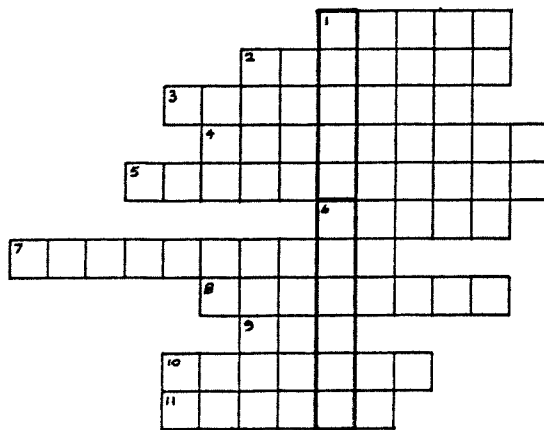
Events at the Town Hall:

- 11 June 'Don't forget to vote'
- 13 June St Lawrence Church Fete - in the Town Hall if it rains - otherwise in the vicarage garden.

The final date for contributions to the September issue of the Towcester Crier will be 22nd August. The Editorial committee welcome all contributions and/or comments. The members are:
 Mr Peter Allen, tel: 51477 Mr Brian Jolly, tel: 51661
 Mrs Joyce Herbert, tel: 51315 Mr Tom Minns, tel: 50861

A HARD PUZZLE. Who wrote the following lines of poetry? Enter the poets surnames in the rows 1 to 11 to reveal the name, in the boxed column, of a well-known Towcester person.

- 1 Bid adieu, adieu, adieu,
Bid adieu to girlish days,
Happy Love is come to woo
Thee and woo thy girlish ways -.
- 2 And much as Wine has play'd the Infidel
and robb'd me of my Robe of Honour - Well,
I often wonder what the Vintners buy
One half so precious as the ware they sell.
- 3 On the North Countree is a hard countree
That mothers a bloody brood;
And its icy arms hold hidden charms
For the greedy, the sinful and lewd.
- 4 'Hold off! unhand me, grey-beard loon!
- 5 Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
- 6 I wish I was a pop star,
Colourful and brash,
With me earoles full of crochets,
And me wallet full of cash,
- 7 When all at once I saw a crowd
A host of golden daffodils;
- 8 Be a god and hold me
With a chara!
Be a man and fold me
With thine arm!



- 9 On desperate seas long wont to roam,
Thy hyacinth hair, thy classic face,
Thy Naiad airs have brought me home
To the glory that was Greece
And the grandeur that was Rome.
- 10 The trumpet of a prophesy! O Wind,
If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?
- 11 "You are old, Father William," the young man said,
"And your hair has become very white;
And yet you incessantly stand on your head -
Do you think, at your age, it is right?"

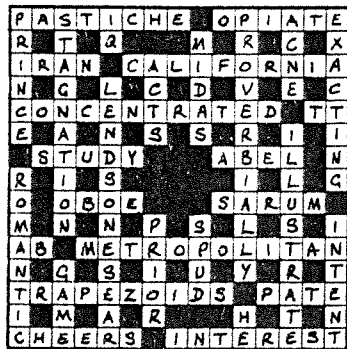
GRAND SUMMER LIMERICK COMPETITION. Can you write a better limerick than this?

There was a Towcestrian maid
Whose behaviour quite shocked the staid.
She tattooed her wrist
Each time she got kissed
And her leg when she got herself a new long sleeved dress
of pink and green brocade.

That doesn't seem quite right, somehow. If you can write a better one, enter our summer limerick competition. £5 PRIZE for the best limerick received on or before 22nd August to be judged by the Crier's editors, whose decision will be final. The winning entry will be published, together with the name and address of the author, in the next edition of the Crier.

SOLUTIONS to puzzles in last issue.

Crossword



Puzzle

'TOWCESTER BYPASS'

being an anagram of the extra letters from the following proverbs:
 A bird in the hand is WORTH two in the Bush.
 A stitch in Time SAVES nine.
 Too many Cooks sPOIL the broth.

PETER ALLEN

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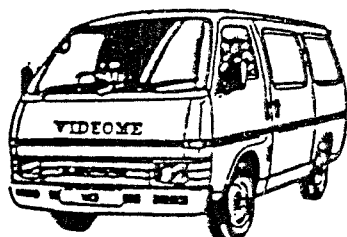
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