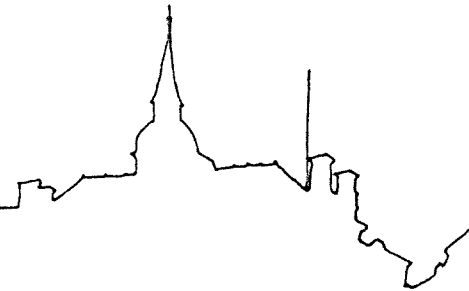


Towcester Town Crier

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR.

I am very grateful for the opportunity I have to express my thanks, through the "Town Crier", for all the good wishes I have received from the public and the support I have had from my fellow councillors since I was made Mayor. It is a great honour for me to be able to take up this position and I look forward to representing you all in the coming year.

I am sure those of you who were able to be present at Towcester's first Mayor Making Ceremony will agree with me, that it was a very successful evening, due mainly to the efforts of our Town Clerk, Dianne Isaacs and her assistant Jane Blote, also of course our past Mayor Jaqueline Hart, who has worked so hard through the past year and set a very high standard for us all to follow.

Jean and myself both love Towcester and care very much for the town and its people.

My year of office has started off at a very hectic pace but is also very enjoyable. I look forward to the months ahead and doing my best for you all.

I will be holding fund raising events over the next few months to support my

charities so please look out for details. I would like to meet as many of you as possible so will be arranging a "Cheese and Wine evening" in the Town Hall toward the end of the summer so that you can support my charities and also have the chance to make any comments you feel of importance.

We hope to visit Blain in France in August, where we will help to celebrate their Saint-Laurent festival again. We had a marvellous time there last year and made new friends, many of whom visited us in Towcester earlier in the year. We are looking forward to seeing them again and making new friendships, so bringing our two Towns closer together.

One date for your diary - Friday December 23rd. 8.00pm until 12.30am Jean and myself have organised a Christmas supper dance. The Town Hall is booked - the music by Harry Glen is arranged. It is music for all ages!! so don't feel you will be too young or too old. A cold buffet will be served and it will be a good night, please do not miss it. We look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes to you all

Stan Watson - Mayor.

WHITTLEBURY SCHOOL.

In the light of recent adverse publicity concerning this school, and as Towcester parents of rising fives are at this time giving serious consideration to educational options, I would like to make it quite clear that Whittlebury School is alive and well and not about to close now or in the foreseeable future. Please come and see for yourself and if your child is as happy there as my little girl, I am sure you will be more than satisfied. Small schools are an important part of our educational system and should be supported at every opportunity.

J. Whittle (Mrs). (Towcester Resident). (Friends of Whittlebury School).

ADOPT A TREE IN 88. (So it doesn't rhyme! - We can't wait until '93)

Each year the Town Council gets a free allocation of trees from the County Council and with the help of voluntary groups, or individuals, it plants as many as possible around the town, and each year a great number of these fail to survive to see their first birthday - some through acts of vandalism, but many more through lack of T.L.C. (Tender Loving Care).

So this Autumn, we thought we would try something a bit different and are looking for individual families, or groups, to adopt a tree. That is to say, not only plant, but then watch over and care for the tree through its first few formative years - until it is big enough to stand on its own roots - so to speak.

If you are interested, the Town Council can provide all the essential ingredients, i.e. a young tree - you can pick your own site as long as it meets the requirements of the County Council scheme (reasonably sensible and in a position where it can be enjoyed by the population at large) or you could plant your tree on one of the sites already identified by the Town Council for planting.

Prospective adopters should phone Diane Isaacs at the Town Hall on Towcester 50995 any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER CAR SCHEME.

Do you have a car? Can you drive? Can you spare an hour a week or a fortnight to take someone to a medical appointment at Towcester Health Centre? With the future expansion of the Health Centre and increased facilities being provided for patients, many people in Towcester and the surrounding villages will not be able to get there because they have no transport. Also, there are many people living in Towcester, especially the elderly, who have difficulty in walking, and cannot get to the Health Centre even if they just happen to live round the corner!

So, come on, don't leave it to the valiant few to help these people in need! If many more people offered their help, however little it may seem, it would be very much appreciated by the passengers and the other drivers of the Car Scheme.

You would not be out of pocket. Petrol costs are paid at the rate of 20p per mile. Most insurance companies accept Volunteer Driving Schemes.

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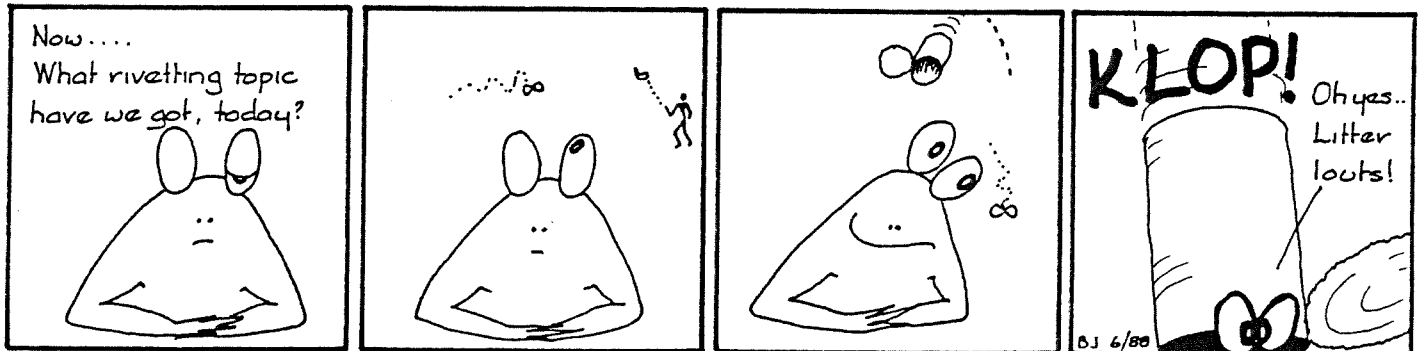
Our next Exhibition and Sale will take place during the GAYTON FESTIVAL on June 25th & 26th. We will be displaying our work at the village school hall and we hope the people of Towcester will come and support us.

We would like to thank all the people who supported our grand jumble sale - we raised the fantastic sum £131-60 - this - together with the money we have been given by sponsors, enabled us to have 9 exhibition stands made in time for our first exhibition which took place over the May Bank holiday.

We could still do with some more members - so where are all you amateur painters - come and join us Thursday 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm at the St John Ambulance Hall, Islington Road.

O YEA! O YEA! Oh YEAh!

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LES FESTIVITES DE LA SAINT - LAURENT, BLAIN.

As you may recall from the newspaper reports a group of Blain residents visited Towcester at the end of March with a keen interest in forming social links with our town. Because of the ferry strikes the weekend was condensed into 29 hours of frantic activities, including a couple of (short) nights' sleep; not helped by the clocks changing to rob us of an extra precious hour! My thanks to all those who helped make the weekend a success by providing beds, entertainment and mass catering.

As a result of the entertaining provided by the Royal Oak Ladies Morris Dancers at the informal reception held in the Town Hall they have been invited to participate in Blain's annual fete. This is a four day event which seems to involve the whole town and was greatly enjoyed by a group of us for the first time last year. If you would like to join this year's trip please contact me any evening after 6 pm for details. We intend to leave Towcester at 4 am on Friday 5th August and will arrive back at 10 pm on Tuesday 9th August - just in time to draw a breath for our own St Lawrence Week!. Final numbers must be confirmed by 8th July. I have a video supplied by the Blain Festival Committee of last year's event for anyone interested and a copy of last year's programme.

Jacqueline Hart - Towcester 51082.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYORESS.

I did not realise when Stan was made Mayor, that I would enjoy my position as Mayoress so much. At first I found it a very daunting prospect but everyone has been so kind with their good wishes and offers of support that happily my mind has been changed and I now look forward to helping in any way that I can to raise funds for the Mayor's Charities.

As Stan said we both love Towcester and feel very much at home here. The people of Towcester are so caring and friendly. We certainly feel very happy here and for that we thank you all. It is so nice to be able to walk down the street and be greeted with a big smile and a few cheery words.

My thanks to all who were kind enough to come to support the first of my regular coffee days and for those offers of help for future days.

Many people have said how sorry they were that they were working during the day and so could not come along so I am extending the day into the evening. If you

cannot come along during 10.00 am until 4.00 pm then the doors will be open to you in the evening from around 7.00 onward. Just be prepared to help with the washing up of the dinner things if I am behind with the clearing away!!

I would still be grateful for any donations for my "Bring and Buy stall" and if you have any 'Jumble' I will be glad of that also as I will be having a jumble sale later on.

I am aware of the need of some people to talk to someone either about worries or just for companionship. There are quite a few lonely people in Towcester. They are not always living on their own. Some of us need to be able to get things off our chest so to speak, just to be able to talk to someone helps so much. If you are in this position please feel free to give me a call and if I can possibly help I will.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, for coffee and a chat.

Best wishes.
Jean Watson.

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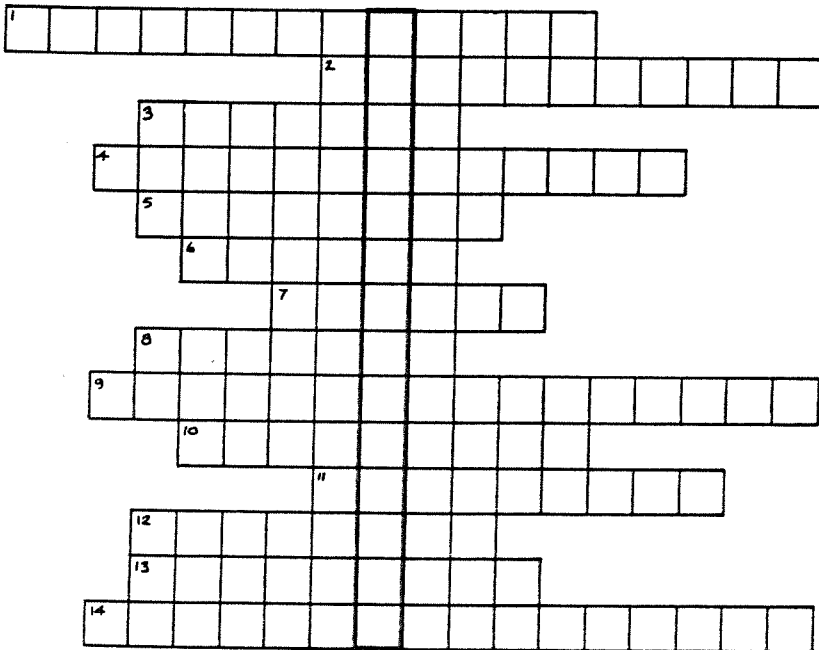
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A WILD FLOWER PUZZLE. (Solution next time!)

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1. A yellow flowered ground covering perennial of damp grass and hedgerows. Secretive girl.
2. A pink flowered native perennial of marshes, damp meadows and woods. Reminiscent of an unkempt bird.
3. A common native biennial whose seed heads are great for throwing at people!
4. Milk vetch.
5. A native woodland perennial resembling bedstraw. Small white flowers. Gives off scent of new-mown hay when handled.
6. Insect eating bog plant with hairs that secrete drops of moisture.
7. An orange flowered canal-side annual. Grown by friars in Canada?
8. A native perennial with multiple yellow flower heads. Not to be confused with the primrose.
9. A native annual or perennial with dark purple flowers and berries. The beautiful lady is dangerous too.
10. Common native yellow flowered perennial lawn weed. Medicinally taken for urinary problems.
11. A yellow flowered biennial used to make a herb tea. Sounds like a long way in the desert.
12. A yellow flowered native perennial of wet places. Used against dysentery and to banish certain parasites.
13. A native perennial with shiny yellow petals. When held under the chin, you can tell if a person likes a certain dairy product?
14. A common native annual. Red flowers open in the morning and close mid-afternoon. Sought after here and there.



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SHORT MAT BOWLS.

The two free sessions held in Towcester Town Hall were enthusiastically attended by a wide range of people of all age groups. Unfortunately they were all newcomers to the game hoping to receive instruction! We managed quite successfully with a modified set of rules derived from the outdoor game - useful for those able to keep the bats on the mat! However I have now received a complete set of rules and an offer of coaching by members of COMSPORT.

The intention is that this should be a regular feature in the Town Hall and at the time of going to press a meeting for the original enthusiasts has been arranged for Wednesday 15th June. Anyone interested in the game should contact Jaqueline Hart on Towcester 51082 after 6 pm for details of future sessions.

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TOWCESTER EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Towcester Evening Women's Institute meets on the first Thursday of each month at 8 pm in Towcester Community Centre. New members are very welcome. Below is the list of the activities between now and the end of the year.

September 1st. "Self Defence" - Mrs Wendy Lore.
October 6th. A.G.M. and Harvest Supper.
November 3rd. Dusty Roades.
December 2nd. Christmas Party.

For further information please contact Mrs Pat Trede, Towcester 52669 or Mrs Julie Vine, Towcester 50720.

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ROTARY CLUB.

TOWCESTER FESTIVAL SEPT 2nd 3rd 4th.

The venue for this year's festival is the ground at the back of the Race Course. The entrance will be in the Shutlanger Road.

We have changed the programme this year to give a wider variety.

Friday Evening. Caribbean Evening £3.00. The Ocho Rios Steel Band. Singer Terrai Pateman and Comedian Bobby Beavers.

Saturday. Carnival Procession. The theme will be "Great Ormond Street Hospital" and a "Donkey Derby". In the evening will be a "Bavarian Evening" with the "Meinz Miller Band". £2.50.

Sunday. The spectacular "Knights of the Crusades" as seen on TV will depict two stories of time past. "A tale of Richard The Lionheart" and "The Legend of King Arthur". Rudi Wallenda and his Crazy Car which is full of surprises. The Ochos Rios Steel Band. Majorettes and a Marching Band.

Also on both days there will be a display of vintage cars, commercials, farm and rescue service vehicles. Stalls and side shows will also be around the arena.

Stall information can be obtained from Mr L.Smith at the Pickwick Restaurant or phone 50268. Carnival information from A.Bramble 52007 or P.Rodgers Silverstone 858192. Tickets for the evening events from club members or the Pickwick Restaurant

P.S. The sun will shine this year. Last year even with the weather local organisations raised £5,000. Think what can be raised on a good weekend.

John Sidwick.
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TOWCESTER TOWN DIARY.

Calling all club and organization secretaries!

In the Library you should find a copy of the Towcester Town Diary. Please will you ensure that all your events and meetings are recorded in the diary so that the other club secretaries or member of the public can find out what is going on and when.

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TOWCESTRIANS TENNIS CLUB.

We've had an enthusiastic start to the tennis season with good turn out at club nights and encouraging results from League games.

At our 1st American Tournament of the season we had 22 taking part and a really enjoyable afternoon's tennis. Richard Thomas finished with the highest score and further American Tournaments will be held on the first Sunday of each month. So come along, everyone welcome. Also a reminder that Tuesdays and most Thursdays are club nights from about 6.30 pm. We will be very pleased to see new and old members enjoying the warm summer evenings (we hope!).

The Juniors have started the season well (again!) remaining unbeaten in their first 3 matches; our new Ladies C team have made an encouraging start winning 2 out of their 3 matches. The remaining teams are fighting hard against tough opposition; it's early days yet and we are hoping for some more good results.

There are several tournaments coming up.

Sunday June 12th 2.00 pm - Ladies Open.

Sunday June 19th 11.00 am - Mens Open.

Sunday June 26th 2.00 pm - Club Mixed.

Anyone wishing to enter 'phone Gerry Morris - Northampton 858314 or Barbara Parsons - Fattishall 830370.

Also don't miss our famous Tennis Club Barbecue; at £5.50 a ticket it's a really good night out including steak supper and disco held at the Racecourse Pavillion in Towcester. Tickets available at Freebs and C & H.Rush, Towcester or 'phone Towcester 52624.

Jackie Swift - Press Secretary.

NEXT CRIER ISSUE COPY DATE.

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