

Town Hall,
Towcester.
December 1983.

This is the first newsletter from the members of Towcester Parish Council and we are hoping to produce one on a regular basis. It is an attempt to keep you informed of what is happening within the town.

TOWN HALL The Town Hall is now in the possession of the Parish Council and the Parish Council Office is open to the public from 11.00am to 1.00 pm on Monday Wednesday and Friday. If you wish to book the Town Hall or have any queries, the Clerk, Mrs.D.Isaacs will be pleased to help you. You reach the Council Office via the Watling Street entrance and the telephone number is Towcester 50995.

PARISH COUNCIL Your Parish Councillors are:-

Mr. Peter Allen,	76 Watling St. East,	Tow. 51477
Mr. Clive Bacchus,		
Mrs. Jane Charles,	Chapel House, Caldecote,	Tow. 52404
Mr. Richard Cook,	Burcote Wood Farm,	Tow. 50208
Mr. S.P.Dunkley,	Green Lane Nurseries, Brackley Rd.,	Tow. 50593
Mr. Ken Hansell,	63 Norton Crescent,	Tow. 50775
	Resources and Planning Committee.	Chairman
Mrs. Jacqueline Hart,	8 Nightingale Drive,	Tow. 51082
	Recreation and Leisure Committee.	Chairman
Mrs. Joyce Herbert,	31 Richmond Rd.,	Tow. 51315
	Parish Council	Vice-Chairman
Mr. Brian Jolly,	Pembroke House, Brackley Rd.	Tow. 51661
Mr. Tom Minns	22 St. Lawrence Rd.	Tow. 50861
Mrs. Yvonne Orchard	105 Highfields,	Tow. 51309
	Town Hall Committee	Chairman
Mr. Owen Procter	3 Greens Norton Rd.	Tow. 50579
Mrs. Gill Risley	56 St. Lawrence Rd. South	Tow. 51746
	Parish Council	Chairman
Mr. David Wesley	19 York Close,	Tow. 51101

SOUTH NORTHANTS DISTRICT COUNCIL Your representatives on S.N.D.C. are:-

Mr. S.P.Dunkley	Green Lane Nurseries,	Tow. 50593
Mrs. Joyce Herbert	31 Richmond Rd.	Tow. 51315
Mr. Geoff. Smith	The Elms, Brackley Rd.	Tow. 50328

NORTHANTS COUNTY COUNCIL Here is your County Councillor's name:-

Mr. Ian Miller	43 Windsor Close,	Tow. 52274
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. DO COME AND HEAR THE DISCUSSION.

SPORTS FACILITIES IN TOWCESTER:- On Monday evening, Dec. 5th, a public meeting was held to discuss the possible provision of sports facilities in Towcester. Some 150 people attended and a working party has now been set up to investigate alternatives and costs. If you have any suggestions, queries or can offer to help, please contact Mr. Richard Cook or Mrs. Jane Charles.

RECREATION:- For the past three years the P.C. has endeavoured to provide play equipment for small children on various sites in Towcester. We are hoping to continue this in coming years and hope that members of the public will bear with us until we have managed to meet the needs of most of the estates in the town. We have also purchased more litter bins and some seats which will be installed in various places in the town.

TREE PLANTING:- The P.C. is intending to plant some 50 trees in the parish this winter. The shortfall for tree planting throughout the county is high and there are many areas in Towcester which will be greatly enhanced by trees when they have matured. Please look after the saplings; they take a long time to reach maturity and are costly to replace.

CONCESSIONARY FARES:- These are available for those who have reached retirement age, are registered disabled or blind. They cost £4 each per annum and enable a card holder to travel for $\frac{1}{2}$ price on a United Counties Bus journey up to a distance of 11 route miles. The passes run from April to April. If you require one now to last until the end of March '84, it is available from Mrs. Isaacs for £2.

TOWCESTER BUS WEEK:- This will take place during the 1st week of February. Timetables and information leaflets will be distributed by the Afternoon and Evening Women's Institutes. Members of the Highways Department of the County Council and officials of the United Counties Bus Company are intending to man an information station in the Parish Council Office in the Town Hall on Tues. Jan 31st. 1984 from 9.00am till 4.00pm; Thurs. 2nd Feb. from 9.00 am till 1.00pm; Fri. 3rd Feb. from 9.00am till 4.00pm and Sat. 4th Feb. from 9.00am till 1.00pm. The officials are hoping that members of the public will come along and make their opinions known, make their requirements for an improved bus service known and offer constructive suggestions. It is hoped that the result will be an improved and more widely advertised bus service.

TOWCESTER WORKHOUSE:- this Grade 2 listed building has been put on the market by Northants County Council; though they intend to continue to use part of the site as a road depot. The building was designed by Sir Gilbert Scott (the man who designed the Albert Memorial in London) and as such is a rare building, for many of his buildings have been destroyed. It is structurally in a reasonable condition, but nevertheless would need a lot of money spent on it. Does anyone have any bright ideas of what it could be used for?

COMMUNICATION?- If you are the secretary of a group in Towcester and would like to write a few lines advertizing your group's activities, please submit it to the Clerk before Feb. 28th 1984 so that it can be included in the next issue.

ALLOTMENTS:- The P.C. owns a few allotments on the cemetery site. One or two are now available for next year. If you are interested in renting an allotment for 1984, please contact the P.C. Clerk in the Parish Council Office.

QUOTATIONS:- The P.C. needs a) 10 letter boxes to be built and fixed onto the Town Hall; b) the play equipment on the recreation ground to be painted; c) the area around the play equipment on the recreation ground to be levelled; d) seats and bollards to be erected on various sites around Towcester. If you are interested in offering a quotation for any of the above jobs, please contact the Clerk.

WANTED:- The P.C. requires a piano for the Town Hall. Any offers? Please contact Mrs. Isaacs, the Clerk.

RECREATION GROUND:- Towcester recreation ground leaves much to be desired. The P.C. would like to improve the facilities, there; plant more trees, add more play equipment, develop it more. We have, almost invariably, had our efforts in this area vandalized. We ask you for your vigilance and cooperation to help us in our endeavours.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Do you have any views?

Would you like to advertize?

Would you like to help with the Newsletter in any way?

If so- please contact Mrs. D. Isaacs in the Parish Council Office in the Town Hall. Tel. Tow. 50995.

Y.R. Orchard. Editor.