

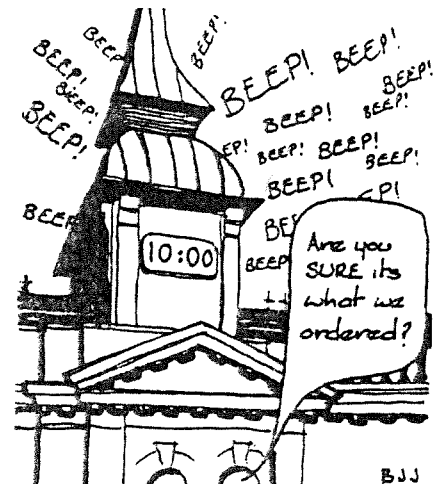
# Towcester Town Crier

No.10 August 1985 Town Hall, Towcester.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF TOWCESTER PARISH COUNCIL, YVONNE ORCHARD: As the new Chairman of the Parish Council, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs Joyce Herbert for all the generous and unselfish service that she gave to the Parish Council during her year as Chairman. Her warmth, courtesy, experience and unstinting time were invaluable to us all.

As you are aware, the Parish Council is responsible for the administration of the public hall within the Town Hall building. Many of the problems which have been encountered have been because of the age of the building, but one of the most damaging is a 'fashionable' one. This is the damage that is caused to the floor by stiletto heels. The simplest way of explaining the magnitude of the impact from these heels as they hit a floor surface is by the following comparison. The maximum pressure under the heel of an eight stone woman walking in stiletto heels is some 3 1/2 times greater than that under an inch square leg of a table on which a 15 man rugby team, each carrying 1 cwt sacks of sand, are jumping up and down in unison! No wonder the Town Hall floor is suffering! Nevertheless, the amount of use that the Town Hall is getting by the local community has justified the decision by the Parish Council to take on the responsibility of the building and the town now has an asset of which it can be justly proud.

The Parish Council was recently asked to approve an outline plan for a housing development to take place on the piece of land to the south of Silverstone Brook, on Watling Street, opposite the old cinema site. There are six trees on this land that are covered by tree preservation orders. Not one of them was shown on the plan. Five of them are the lime trees that grow beside Watling Street. However the main entrance to this site was shown on the plan to be over the land where the lime trees now stand. Some two years ago the Parish Council had quite a long fight to retain these trees when it was suggested that they should be felled in order to provide an access to the site for the lorries that were to be moved there from the site where the new shops have been built. We appear to have another suggestion that these trees should be felled. These mature trees have a tree preservation order on them because they are considered an enhancement to the town centre by the South Northants District Council. The Parish Council heartily agrees. There are very few mature trees in this part of Towcester. Any suggestion by the developer that he should fell them is vandalism; equally any idea that he can plant other trees in their place is impractical. He would need to find and transplant trees that are over 100 years old! The Parish Council has already written to the District Council opposing any suggestion implied by the plan that



they should be felled. We need your support. In particular your local District Councillors need your support to oppose this plan at the planning committee when it is discussed. They are:

Mrs J Herbert, 31 Richmond Road, Towcester Tel: 51315  
Mr G Smith, The Elms, Brackley Road, Towcester Tel: 50328  
Mr S F Dunkley, Green Lane Nurseries, Brackley Road, Towcester  
Tel: 50593

Please write to or telephone the above and make your views known or, alternatively, write to the Chief Administration Officer, SNDC Offices, Brackley Road, Towcester. The planning application number is SN85 602PO. Please support your Parish Council and your local District Councillors in their fight to save one of the 'green' features within the conservation area. Thank you.

**NORTHAMPTON AND COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND:** An Annual General Meeting was held recently at Meadow Court and in the absence of any new members the previous officers and committee agreed to continue for another year. The Chairman reported a very successful year during which our sales of soap and bath products made by the Blind in our factory in Northampton were sold in and around Towcester by individual members of the committee.

Our Blind members of whom there are approximately 17 at the moment, mostly elderly people and many of them living on their own, are collected once a month from their various homes around Towcester (as far as Pattishall down to Deanshanger) and brought into Meadow Court for an enjoyable afternoon of socialising. For some of them this is their only outing. During the summer we hope to be able to take them all to a garden or park somewhere for although they cannot see they do love to soak up the atmosphere and smell the flowers and sense other things which we sighted people do not realise.

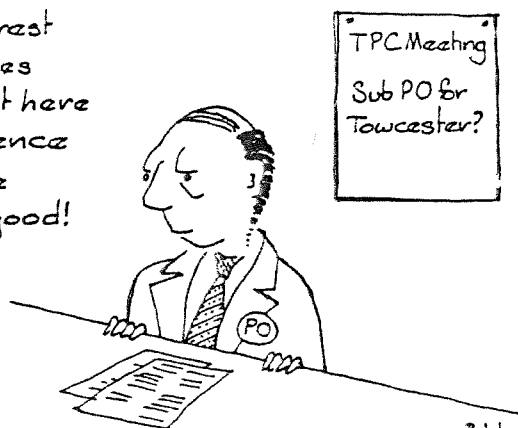
If any reader knows of a blind person who wishes to come to our social afternoons, will they please contact the Secretary, Towcester Branch, N&CAB, 21 St Lawrence Road South, Towcester - telephone: 51318.

We hope to have a stall at the Towcester Festival this year at which we will sell our soap products and other articles made by our blind community.

Phyllis Brockhurst.

**VOLUNTEER TUTORS** are needed to help at our evening and daytime classes for Adult Basic Education, Sponne School, Towcester. If you can spare 2 hours each week during term time to help another adult, either in Basic English or Maths, please contact Sue Sanders, Towcester 50120 or Yvonne Orchard, Pattishall 830528.

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FOR YOUR DIARY: The next Towcester Parish Council meeting will be held on 9th September. Public question time is from 7.30 to 7.45 pm.

The final date for contributions to the next issue of the Town Crier is 26th September.

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

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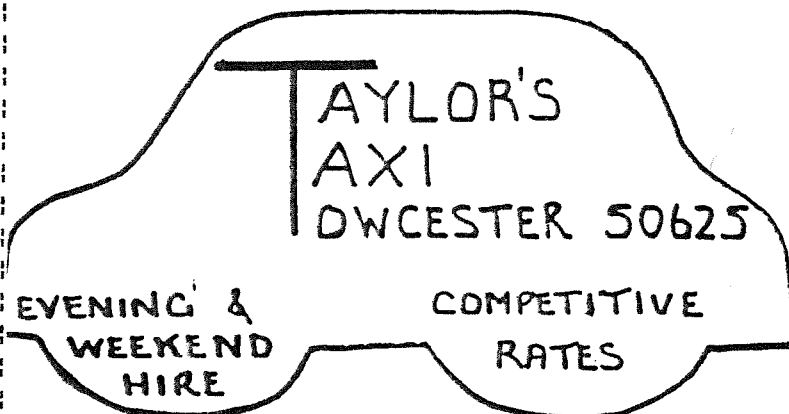
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