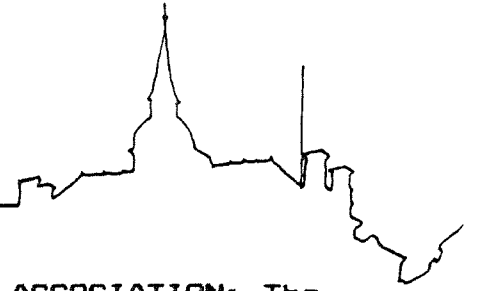


Towcester Town Crier

No. 9 June 1985 Town Hall, Towcester.



TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT RECREATION AND LEISURE ASSOCIATION: The Association, formed just over a year ago, will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday, 17th June at 8.00 pm in Towcester Town Hall by kind permission of Towcester Parish Council. It was set up as the result of a public meeting to provide new recreation and leisure facilities and improve existing facilities in Towcester and the surrounding district. Specifically, it has concentrated on the improvement of swimming facilities and opening times in the local pool and on the provision of a Leisure Centre for the District.

The East Midlands Regional Sports Council have stated that within the Region, Northamptonshire is the worst provided-for County and that within Northamptonshire, South Northants is the worst provided-for District. Although we have had encouraging meetings with representatives of the Regional Sports Council and the County Council and have had a preliminary meeting with representatives of South Northants District Council, we still have a long way to go before Towcester and District gets its much needed Leisure Centre.

Full details of our progress so far and our plans for the future will be given at the AGM. If you feel strongly about the lack of facilities in this area or want to know why there are so few, come to the meeting and give us your support.

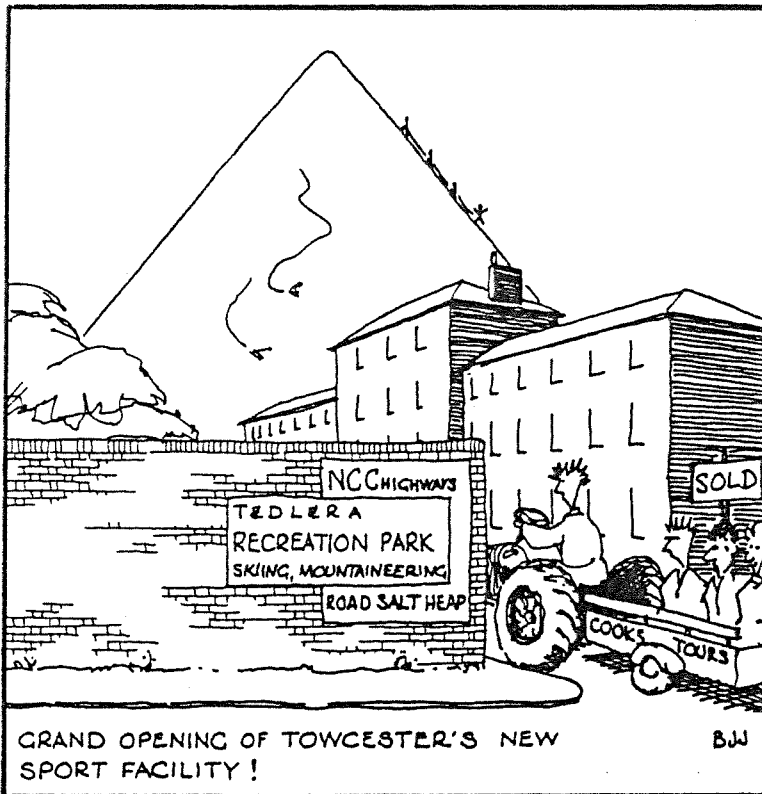
Towcester and District Recreation and Leisure Associations
2nd Barbeque not to be missed with Best Steak/Salad Strawberries
and Cream being held at Racecourse Pavillion on 29 June 1985 8 pm
- 12 midnight.
Popular Disco music - Tickets £5.00 each.

NEW SCHOOL: Please note that the New School, off Balmoral Close, is not 'open plan'. The classrooms are separate from each other. Each classroom, however, has a wet and a dry area. When required, these areas may be separated by a folding partition and used independently. Ian Miller.

VACANT ALLOTMENT: There is one allotment available at the cemetery. All interested apply to the Town Clerk at the Town Hall.

WHO KNOW'S BESSIE'S LANE AND WHO WAS BESSIE? I do not know who Bessie was, but the lane joins the Watling Street, (nearly opposite the fine Race Course entrance gates,) and the hamlet of Wood Burcote. This lane provides a pleasant circular walk for Towcester people, with many trees of all sorts, steep banks and wonderful violets, and a call at 'The Folly' for refreshment on the way down the Watling St. Dozens of people walk this lane in fine weather and joggers and dog walkers use it all the time.

My question is why do people use it as their dust bin? Recently an arm chair was left in the lay-by, often bags of rubbish and once a whole pile of broken glass and occasionally a pram or



cooker in the stream. Our District Council take this sort of rubbish free of charge, if one just lets them know, or why not take it direct to the tip? Also people's take-away food containers could be taken to the dust bins at home.

This used not to happen, so what causes this unpleasant habit now? I am sure Bessie, who ever she was, would not approve!

Jean Jackson-Stops

SWIMMING: Towcester and District Recreation and Leisure Association has arranged for the

swimming pool at Sponne School to be open for the use of the public during the school holidays on the following dates.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
July	15th 22nd 29th	23rd 30th	17th 24th 31st	18th 25th
August	5th 12th 19th	6th 13th 20th 27th	7th 14th 21st 28th	1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th

The opening times are 1.45 pm until 4.00 pm.

Fees are: Children 35p Adults 50p

We have managed to organise enough lifeguards but we still require help to supervise the entry and changing areas. If you can help, please contact John Sidwick on Towcester 52851 after 7.00 pm.

BMX CLUB: The BMX Club needs a new committee if it is to continue. Are you interested? If so, contact Mrs Dianne Isaacs at the Town Hall for details. Mr T Sellars, recently retired from the Club due to other commitments, says that as soon as the weather becomes a bit drier, the BMX course will need reshaping.

POLICE REPORT FROM PC BEN MITCHELL: Holiday time is with us and many households will be away for a week or more. A few seconds thought before going away can save the horrors of returning home and finding your prized possessions missing. Cancelling milk and papers is an obvious act but most important is to tell the neighbours you are away. They are your eyes and ears in your absence and will report anything suspicious.

All hardware shops carry a selection of window locks and patio door fixings to make your house even more secure. I and my colleagues will be happy to discuss with anyone the modern trends in crime prevention and if demand is high enough, I can arrange a meeting at which our Divisional Crime Prevention Officer will be present, together with expert advice and 'examples' of the hardware described above.

A constant source of irritation is the traffic flow (or lack of it) in Islington Road at the start and end of the school day. There are several factors causing the congestion but the main one is the density of the traffic at these peak times. Parents collect their children from school to protect them from hazards, including the dangers of the road and in doing so, increase that danger manyfold. Before further action is necessary, could I ask parents to consider leaving their cars in a safe place and walking the last part of their journey into Islington Road.

The Police Station occasionally receives anonymous letters or phone calls. If you wish confidentiality on your complaint or information, please ask for me, PC Ben Mitchell, by name. Your confidentiality is then assured and, just as important to me, I can come back to you with an answer or result of an enquiry, so that you are aware of what has been done on your behalf.

TOWCESTER & DISTRICT FORUM: Purely as an evening of entertainment and interest, members of Northampton's Sikh Community are to visit Towcester Youth & Community Centre provisionally on 21st June at 7.30 pm to talk on their origins, history, culture, religion and their settlement in Northampton. Ladies will be present in national costume and jewellery. Tea and biscuits will be available at the interval, when our guests will answer questions put to them in an informal and friendly atmosphere.

I am sure this will make an evening of interest and something quite different. All are invited, young and old. Admission is free.

TOWCESTER & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB: Steak Barbecue and Disco, Saturday 29th June at Green Farm, Puxley, 8.00 'til late. Tickets £4.00 available from Anglia Building Society, Towcester or any Club members.

ARTHRITIS CARE UNDER 35'S NORTHANTS/TAPLOW MEMORIAL TRUST: I would like to say thank you to everyone who supported the 'Coffee Morning' at my home, 6 Beech Close, on 14th May. We raised over £140 and this will be shared between the charities mentioned above. Both charities are concerned with helping local children and young people who have arthritis. If you would like further details of the work of these Groups please contact Lea Howard, Towcester 50468.

WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY: Saturday 2nd November 1985 at Sponne School, Towcester. Workshops on: wholefood cookery, stress and relaxations, alternative approaches to illness, Chinese health arts, dieting makes you fat. Displays - Bookstall - Wholefood stall - Videos - Wholefood lunch - Swimming. More information available nearer the date.

FOR YOUR DIARY: The next Towcester Parish Council meetings will be held on 10th June and 8th July. Public question time is from 7.30 to 7.45 pm. There will be no Council meeting during the August recess.

Town Hall: 17 June Recreation & Leisure A G M:
8.00 pm.

The final date for contributions to the next issue of the Town Crier is 25th July.

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

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Mr Brian Jolly, 31 Brackley Road, tel: 51661

Mrs Yvonne Orchard, Brambles, School Road, Astcote, Towcester,
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VOLUNTEER CORNER

This column is for the use of organisations in Towcester which need voluntary help. It is also for you to learn about opportunities for volunteering.

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have delivered the Crier over the past year. We need volunteers to deliver to the following areas:

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We also need volunteer reserves for all areas to act as substitutes when regular deliverers are ill or on holiday. Those interested please contact Mrs Yvonne Orchard, Pattishall 830528.

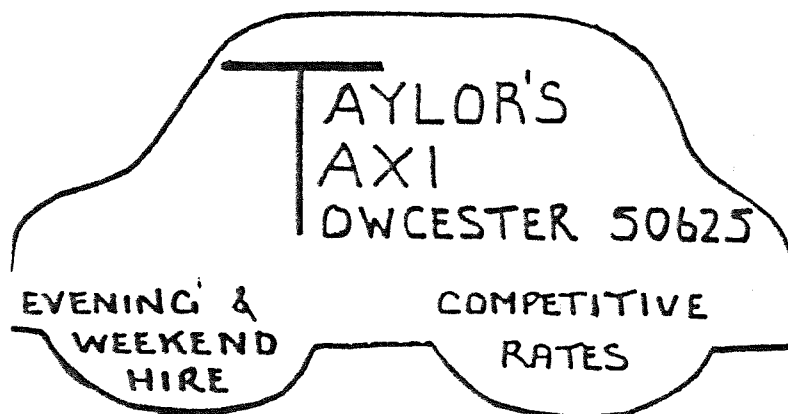
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