



UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2018

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Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Uppingham Town Council's newsletter from your new Town Mayor. I was elected in May this year, taking over the reins from Alec Crombie. Alec was an inspirational and exemplary leader and Uppingham benefitted from his wisdom, wit, and commitment to serving our community.

My own year as Mayor runs up to the local elections in May 2019, when all standing councillors will be up for up for re-election. If you have ever considered standing for election, read in this newsletter the thoughts of those currently serving our community. Now is an important time for local councils as central government and district councils seek to devolve more powers and responsibilities, particularly around planning and development. It is vital our council is representative of all sections of our community.

Uppingham Town Council prides itself on being progressive and inclusive and we are currently working on a five-year Strategic Plan which will encompass all the civic responsibilities of the Council. Alongside this,

with participation from many local community groups, we are refreshing Uppingham's Neighbourhood Plan and are looking to Rutland County Council to allow the plan to allocate sites locally, rather than via Oakham.

Our Love Uppingham website is now nine months old. We wanted this to be a "one-stop shop" for all things Uppingham; events, community information, visitor attractions and news. Thank you to all who have contributed, we've had great feedback on how easy it is to post events and what a useful source of information it has become.

The Town Hall itself is busier than ever as a hire venue for meetings, classes and workshops. In October we will begin a short programme of redecoration and maintenance to keep it fit for its multi-use purpose. Additionally we are currently exploring funding to improve access for all to the front elevation off High Street East.

In September we welcomed Kellie Sabin as our new Assistant Clerk. Kellie will support our clerk as the Council pushes on with its ambitious



Miranda Jones

programme of modernisation and improving local service provision.

I will be hosting a Community Volunteer Fair at the Town Hall on 13th October aiming to match local organisations in need of support with members of our community who may be able to help them. The event will run from 11am to 3pm and Uppingham in Bloom will be holding a fund-raising lunch from 12pm.

This November we will commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War, see pages 4 and 5 for details of how Uppingham will remember those who fought or lost their lives and I encourage everyone to take part.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

13th October
Royal British Legion Concert at Uppingham School

27th October
The Rutlanders Return
Uppingham Town Hall

11th November
Remembrance Sunday

28th November
Uppingham Fatstock Show

6th December
Christmas in Uppingham

Uppingham Remembers



Denis Kenyon and Basil Frost

Work leading up to 11th November 2018 started back in the Summer of 2017 when a local resident Basil Frost introduced Denis Kenyon to Uppingham Town Council, with a view to restoring and cleaning the memorial in the churchyard. Denis Kenyon runs the War Memorials at Risk Project and has secured heritage funding to improve a number of memorials in Leicestershire and Rutland. This introduction resulted in a £2,000 grant to Uppingham Town Council and the memorial situated close to the corner of London Road and South View being cleaned in July this year.

At the same time the Council were keen to improve accessibility to the site and the pathway and standing area. 2018 seemed the most appropriate time to do this. The Town Council set aside monies to undertake the work

having obtained the necessary permissions as the monument is listed. These works will be ready for 11th November.

Mayor, Miranda Jones and Councillor Ian Salt have been the driving force in co-ordinating various local activities. In the lead up to 11th November the Town will also demonstrate support for the fallen with lamp post poppies, a weeping window of poppies at the Town Hall created by the WI and Church members, a silhouette soldier donated to the town by Oakham Mayor, Adam Lowe and a procession from the Town Hall on the morning of Remembrance Sunday. The Town Council has also worked with Bloor Homes and have agreed that the street names of The Elms development will be named after those who served or died in the Great War and who lived or worked in Uppingham.

Newsflash: Uppingham wins Gold award for East Midlands in Bloom 2018!

THINGS YOU'LL SEE CHANGING AROUND TOWN...

WHAT ARE WE DOING?	HOW IS IT PROGRESSING?
<p>Tod's Piece: Council is currently looking to engage a specialist consultant to improve Tod's Piece for the benefit of the whole community. Improvements include the installation of fitness equipment around the park, updating and enlarging the young children's play area and improving accessibility to and through the park.</p>	<p>It is anticipated that community views will be sought in late 2018, funding secured by Spring 2019 and the changes planned in for Autumn 2019 following final approval by Council members.</p>
<p>Town Hall Refurbishment: Having mothballed the large scale Town Hall refurbishment, a programme of internal redecoration and repair as well as maintenance of the Town Hall floor will now take place. Further enhancements will be programmed in to ensure this important and frequently used asset is maintained for the future.</p>	<p>The Town Hall will be closed while this refurbishment takes place from 15th October until 2nd November 2018, with only weekend bookings taking place during this period.</p>
<p>Parking Changes: Council will be seeking views from residents in and around two locations where there could be improvements to parking regulation and road markings. These are on Stockerston Road, outside the new science block of Uppingham School and from the junction of Gainsborough Road / North Street East to Wilkes Gardens by the Scout Hut. Residents will receive letters to gain views and feedback.</p>	<p>As soon as Council have resident views, options will be discussed and a recommendation put forward to Rutland County Council.</p>

WHERE COUNCIL HAVE FINANCIALLY HELPED THE COMMUNITY...

WHAT ARE WE DOING?	HOW IS IT PROGRESSING?
<p>Grant Aid support: Council have allocated the current £12,500 budget to local projects and community groups. Among those benefitting from funding include The Hopper Bus, Uppingham Bowls Club, Curtain Upp Stage School, Uppingham Town Partnership for annual events, Uppingham Flower & Produce Show, Uppingham in Bloom and Citizen's Advice Rutland.</p>	<p>The majority of those applying were awarded grants and the various projects and activities will be monitored. Updates will be requested in early 2019 to show how the funds provided have benefitted the community.</p>
<p>World War 1 Memorial: Council agreed to fund the cleaning and access improvements to the memorial in the churchyard. This was instigated locally by Basil Frost who secured a £2,000 grant from Denis Kenyon of the Leicester City, County & Rutland at Risk War Memorials Project. Works were completed in July 2018 on the cleaning and the access improvements start in late September.</p>	<p>IMI cleaned and restored the listed memorial on 19th July 2018. New steps, handrail and pathway with standing area will be constructed by a local business in late September in readiness for 11th November 2018.</p>

MODERNISING THE COUNCIL TO HELP IT DO MORE FOR THE COMMUNITY...

WHAT ARE WE DOING?	HOW IS IT PROGRESSING?
<p>Strategic Plan: Council has been working through a number of recommendations from an independent report and has started work on a draft strategic plan. This will provide a framework for members and employees to work to over the coming 5 years. The outputs of this work will be shared in due course.</p>	<p>Members attended a workshop in August to establish high level objectives ahead of a further workshop in the Autumn.</p>
<p>Website and Social Media: The new community and tourism website can be found at www.loveuppingham.org.uk and has attracted many local groups to promote their events and activities. The site contains details of past events in Uppingham and a great deal of local history information related to the Heritage Trail. See more on page 7 of this newsletter.</p>	<p>There is an increasing number of visitors to the website and take up on the related Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media accounts.</p>
<p>Councillor Surgeries: Councillor surgeries have been popular since they were introduced on the last Saturday of each month at the Town Hall. As well as submitting your issues via email, social media and our website, sometimes face to face contacts works well and we are keen to give you as many options as possible.</p>	<p>We have a steady number of items which we are able to resolve and where appropriate we can also pass on requests to Rutland County Council.</p>

Neighbourhood Plan

As you will probably know the Town Council has begun the process of updating our Neighbourhood Plan. If you have not seen our existing plan this can be found at www.uppinghamtowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan or indeed at the local Town Library.

The Town Council Neighbourhood Plan committee continue to meet as necessary. Its major current priority is to persuade Rutland County Council in the rewrite of their draft Local Plan to allow the Uppingham Community to plan for developments in Uppingham leaving the county's 'Local Plan' to set the broad strategic priorities for the county. The case for this 'localism' is made much stronger by the publication of new the Planning Regulation Framework which continues to suggest that local plans should be made by local people!

The committee is also acting on the advice of a requested paper by a planning consultancy

(OPUN) to begin the work of gaining 'objective factual' data in a number of areas to support some likely themes of the revised local plan. We are still in the early stages of this: our first priority is to see what funding we can acquire to help with this process. The case for this 'localism' is made much stronger by the recent publication of the National Planning Policy Framework which continues to suggest that local plans should be made by the people!

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee is a lively one, comprising representatives of many local community groups, and, as always, I'm issuing a plea for any other groups to join this group. The more the merrier, and diverse views help to form broad proposals which can accurately represent the views of the whole community. Individuals who wish to offer their skills and knowledge are welcome too. In all cases please contact the Town Clerk for more details.



Dave Casewell

Dave Casewell
Deputy Mayor, Chair of Uppingham Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Committee



Earlier in 2018 Bloor Homes and Rutland County Council kindly agreed for the new street names on the Elms development by Bloor Homes to be based on surnames of soldiers who fought in the Great War. The names selected are all local family names of soldiers who lived or worked in Uppingham. Some of these families still live or have a strong association with the town or the County of Rutland.

Pictured are Marcelle and Anne Gamston with a photograph from 1915 of their relative Charles Thorpe who was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre. Charles Thorpe was a Farrier Staff Sergeant in the Army Service Corps and lived and worked in Uppingham all his life. The village green on the Elms development will be named after him.

Other names featuring on roads on The Elms development will be Chapman, Dorman, Southwell, Freer, Barfield, and Aris. General locations on the site will feature Thorpe, Snodin, Lascelles, Malling and Mansel Carey.



Marcelle & Anne Gamston

Uppingham Remembers

The town will commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War with various events in and activities throughout Uppingham.

Saturday 13th October, 7.30pm

The Oakham Branch of the Royal British Legion presents the Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment in a concert to launch the 2018 Poppy Appeal.

Uppingham School Memorial Hall. Tickets £17.50 (unreserved seating) available from Sports and Books or www.wegotickets.com (booking fee applies).



10th November, 7pm

Concert of Remembrance and Hope

An evening of music from the Cottesmore Military Wives Choir and Uppingham Choral Society, readings and poetry will take place at Uppingham Parish Church.

Tickets £10 from Sports & Books with all proceeds going to military charities.



Saturday 27th October, 7.30pm

The Rutlanders Return

A specially commissioned new play about the immediate years following the First World War. With original music and a community cast this is a panoramic and energetic journey from the salons of the great houses to the kitchens of the smallest cottage. It is a play suitable for all ages, full of colourful and recognisable characters whose lives collide as Rutland is changed for ever.

Funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, Arts for Rutland, Uppingham Town Council, Uppingham Town Council and WW1 committee.

Uppingham Town Hall.

Tickets are free and available from www.a4r.org.uk

10th - 11th November

First World War Display

There will be a display of artefacts from the local history group and Rutland County Museum telling the story of local men who served in the First World War.

Church of St Peter and St Paul - Free entry

"We would like to invite the people from across the community to the annual service of remembrance in the parish church at 10:00am. We will give thanks for the work of our armed and civilian emergency services in securing our peaceful way of life. Finally, we will mark the centenary of the end of the Great War." - Richard Cole



Richard Cole

Remembrance Sunday 11th November

9.15am - The procession of armed forces, cadets and school children from Town Hall to the parish Church for wreath laying and a service of remembrance.

10am - Service of Remembrance at the Church of St.Peter and St.Paul

11am - Wreath Laying

1pm-3pm - Uppingham Neighborhood Forum Lunch and talk about the First World War by Adam Lowe at The Falcon Hotel. Tickets £10 available from rons@clara.net

3pm-4.45pm - Feature film Journey's End will be shown at the church of St Peter and St Paul. Free Entry

6.45-7pm - Candle light procession from church of St Peter and St Paul to Tod's Piece

7pm - Beacon lighting at Tod's Piece

Local Councillor Ian Salt welcomes the community to come and join the beacon lighting that is taking place at the same time all over the country.

8pm till late - Dinner commemorating the end of the First World War in word and song organized by the Rotary Club. Falcon Hotel. Tickets £35 available from mjs@clara.co.uk Donation to Military Services Benevolent Fund





WELL DONE AND KEEP USING THE BUS SERVICES!

Custom on the 747 bus service remains at about break-even levels this year, so well done to all users of it. Your support of this vital service is appreciated and helps us justify to Rutland County Council the need to keep a subsidy in place.

We are coming into the Autumn/Winter period now and this is always historically a time when bus user levels drop off, so I just

wanted to remind everyone that if we keep using it, we will not lose it in the future.

One final request, we are always looking for stories of why this service is so important to you or your friends and family. If you have any please drop us a line. Please send comments in to the Town Clerk and I will pick them up and get them collated and passed on.



Councillor Steve Rozak

UPPINGHAM HOPPER BUS

For some time there has been a strong desire in the town for the provision of a free Hopper Bus to transport residents to the shops and the surgery. In late 2015 and throughout 2016 the Town Council, in conjunction with Rutland County Council and Uppingham First ran a pilot scheme using a vehicle supplied by RCC to gauge the level of demand for the service. This pilot was a great success with over six thousand passenger journeys being undertaken during the trial period.

Unfortunately the vehicle used in the trial was not mechanically robust enough to deliver a fully reliable service and so the decision was taken to try and raise the necessary funds to buy a new more modern bus in order to operate the service on a permanent basis. Because of complex legal constraints, the Town Council is not able to either operate a bus service or indeed to provide a vehicle. It is however, able to provide grant aid assistance to a voluntary organisation such as Uppingham First who have been able to raise the necessary money to purchase a new Hopper vehicle and enable the bus service to return on a permanent basis. The Town Council is proud to be a major financial contributor to the funding of the Hopper Bus, having made a grant of £2000 towards the running costs for the current financial year.

To keep the Hopper on the road actually costs

around £10,000 per year with half this sum being the loan repayments on the bus and the other half represent the running costs.

Cllr. Dave Ainslie said “the people of Uppingham continue to be extremely generous in providing money towards the Hopper Service either as individuals or through their businesses. Unfortunately we are going to be faced with a continuous need to raise funds over the next five years and whilst clearly a generous grant such as that made by the Town Council is most helpful, we still have a large financial mountain to climb”.

If anyone would like to get involved with the Hopper, either in terms of organising a fund raising event, or perhaps as a volunteer driver please contact Dave Ainslie (contact details on the Town Council Website).



Finally - bus shelter

For bus users heading to Leicester opposite Shepherd's Way you will be getting a bus shelter! It may have taken some time to get sorted, but we are pleased to say that Rutland County Council have confirmed that a bespoke bus shelter will be installed on 22nd November.



Uppingham

www.loveuppingham.org.uk

In January our new community website was launched and is the best place to go to find out what is happening in and around the town. If you have friends and family visiting or want to help promote something you are involved in – just share the website link.



Together - Things to do in Uppingham

- Community Organisations
- Art and Music
- Sports Clubs



Marvel - Events in the town

- Uppingham Feast Day
- Stilton Cheese Classic Car Run
- Fatstock Show
- Christmas in Uppingham



Independent - Shops and Cafes

- Businesses
- Shops and Retailers
- Friday Market



What's on Guide

- Comprehensive guide to events and clubs in the town



Our first ever Love Uppingham Calendar is now on sale at the Post Office in the Market Place. It Costs £6.99 and features images of the town throughout the year.

You can interact with us on social media and post what you are doing in Uppingham



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Uppingham

Community

Uppingham Grows

HELPING PEOPLE FEEL HAPPY AND HEALTHY THROUGH GARDENING

Our social enterprise Uppingham Grows, is based at the Leicester Road allotments. We currently have two new projects running:

Tool Reclaim – bring your old tools down any Friday between 9.30am and 1.30pm, we will give them a new lease of life. Additionally if you have any old ones to give away we will take these off you, clean them up and pass them to new allotment holders.

Wild Things is a new project where we will grow wild food and give away sets of plants for people to grow at home, come down any Friday (times above) to find our more.

Find us at: **W:** www.rtcse.co.uk | **F:** www.facebook.com/ricreenterprise | **T:** [@ricreenterprise](https://www.facebook.com/ricreenterprise)



Sharing a meal with other people is something many of us take for granted until we live on our own. Age UK already offer a weekly Monday Lunch Club at Gerard Court, Johnson Road, Uppingham but it has also been suggested having a fortnightly lunch club at one of the pubs or eating places in the town. If anyone is interested in this or would like to know about any Age UK services or activities in the area, please ring **Amanda** on 01572 822171 or email: amanda.bellamy@ageukleics.org.uk

Robert Fisher (Rutland Lions)

Outgoing Rutland Lions President and resident of Uppingham, Robert Fisher presented the Town with a new meeting point installation by the skate park on Tod's Piece this summer.



Uppingham School Gardeners Recognised

Each and every year grounds staff at Uppingham School work with Uppingham in Bloom to help with planting around Uppingham. East Midlands in Bloom recognised their wonderful work this year with a special recognition award. They are pictured in August at the judging day – thanks for your hard work!



James Thorpe Charity Trust Bungalows, Ayston Road Uppingham

The James Thorpe Charity Trust owns and manages 3 bungalows close to the fire station on Ayston Road. They are 2 bedroom dwellings, and are intended for pensioners of limited means with a 'connection' to Uppingham. Occasionally one becomes vacant, and this is so at present. If you would like to express an interest either for yourself or for someone else, please contact Richard Reeve, Clerk to the Trustees, 42 Willow Close, Uppingham, Rutland LE15 9RD. **Dave Casewell**, Chair James Thorpe Charity Trust

YOUR LOCAL POLICE SUPPORT BEAT SURGERIES

Fri 16th Nov:
10.00am - 11.00am
Uppingham Methodist Church

Fri 21st Dec:
10.00am - 11.00am
Uppingham Library

Friday 18th Jan:
10.00am - 11.00am
Uppingham Methodist Church

Contact for a **NON EMERGENCY:** 101
EMERGENCY: 999

Web site: Leics.police.uk

Local officers:

Pc 2988 Ace

Joshua.Ace@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Pcso 6613 Wylie

andy.wylie@leicestershire.police.uk



Current local priority.

You have told us about a rise in anti-social behaviour in Uppingham. Examples of this include youths congregating on North Street East, climbing on the bus shelter, climbing on garage roofs on Queen Street, littering on South View and noise outside The Exeter Arms pub. Dog fouling is also a reported issue, causing concern to residents along Leicester Road. By working with partner agencies and conducting patrols in ASB hot spot areas, we plan to disrupt this behaviour and deal with those responsible in the most appropriate manner.

What we are doing. We have increased patrols in hot spot areas and targeted the ring leaders of the group. We have worked with partner agencies to help identify those involved and disrupt further criminal behaviour. We will continue to work with partner agencies to find diversionary opportunities to prevent this from happening in the future.

Would you consider becoming a Councillor in May 2019?



Alec Crombie reflected on serving his local community

"Uppingham provided my living over forty years, so joining our Council in a voluntary capacity was a natural sequel. Five years on I am proud to have served as our Town's 18th Mayor."