

BUILDING BOSWORTH

We all know that high house prices in rural areas such as ours are driving first time buyers away, especially the young, as they seek cheaper housing. Many youngsters are simply priced out of the market in the areas where they grew up and find themselves having to move away from relatives and friends. Even those seeking to rent properties, find that rents in these areas are higher than equivalent housing in the town. It's not only the young that find difficulty. Older villagers and those seeking to 'down-size' often find that there are no suitable properties available locally.

With the high price of building plots dictating the level of the market developers favour the building of larger, detached freehold properties to suit the pockets of those further up the housing ladder. This effectively shuts the door on 'starters' and 'finishers', both of which are important sections of the community and major contributors to its viability and sustainability.

The problem is well-documented and guidelines recently issued give willing planners the option to release land for the development of low-cost housing specifically for local people. The sites are called 'exception sites' since they are exceptions to the rule that building should not be allowed outside the village envelope. Sites developed under this ruling would typically be small with a mixture of property types. Properties would be both shared ownership and rented and would be reserved for those living or working within the parish, and retained thus in perpetuity.

Recently the Parish Council heard a report by the Leicestershire Rural Housing Enabler, a splendidly Orwellian-sounding title, whose job it is to assess and progress schemes in villages where it is shown that there is a need for low-cost housing.

The next step is to organise a survey to assess the need for more affordable housing in our village. So, look out in the next few weeks for a questionnaire that will be delivered to every home in the village. Your responses are vital and will help to guide the future development of our community.

THE BIG ISSUE

As noted in our leader article above, in many ways our village is a victim of its own success. So it is perhaps no surprise that the community newsletter itself struggles to cope with its role.

Almost from the first issue of the *Bosworth Bugle*, back in 1996, the biggest problem has been how to accommodate all the community information that we would like to include within the four pages. Often this has meant that many other worthy items of more general interest are unceremoniously discarded. Added to this we've often been forced to 'shrink' the type size or crowd the text to enable articles to be fitted in.

All this leads to difficult reading and no spare space to fit in late items or lighter articles of general interest.

With far more people in the village than there were 12 years ago, new initiatives such as the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the school's desire to re-establish its contact with the village, the pressure to squeeze it all in is ever-growing.

So we have decided to increase the capacity of the *Bugle* by doubling the size to eight pages, which will give us the space to fit in some of the bits that we have habitually had to leave out and the confidence to try a few new ideas. If there are other items that you feel could be included in future issues let the Editor know.



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BUGLE CALL

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We are lucky that the *Bugle* has always had this support from the community, which has enabled us to work from a sound financial footing. Because of this we are able to ensure that the *Bugle* is produced professionally, and delivered free every month to over 500 households within the parish of Husbands Bosworth.

If you would like to make a personal contribution to the running costs of your local community newsletter, please forward your donation to Ralph Horton at the address above. Please make cheques payable to 'Bosworth Bugle'.

POSTBAG

From former villagers Liz and Alan Dandy

Congratulations to the *Bugle* Team on your recent success in the Village Quiz! And to be able to field two teams is quite an achievement : obviously the reporting of village and community affairs is in very safe hands! As regular readers of the *Bugle* and lifelong supporters of the Village Quiz, we would like to say how much we enjoyed being with you all again this year. Although it is 28 years since we left the village and there are many new faces, the character of the village has not changed and the survival of the quiz has surprised and gratified us, as its founders. A big thank you also to David Staples and all the handbell ringers for their superb organization, including a surprise demonstration of their skills on the bells in an innovative and entertaining new round of questions! Well done all round.

From the Trustees of the Turville Memorial Hall

We would like to thank the organisers of the recent 'Allo 'Allo Evening for their hard work in setting up such a splendid event. Everyone enjoyed the evening. The multi-national costume turnout was most amusing to behold and we hope that there are not too many sore top lips from the moustache adhesive or too many cold legs from the short skirts! The contribution to Hall funds is sorely needed and will be well spent.

From Heather Lydall, Cherry Tree Close

Thank you to everyone who collected stamps for Guide Dogs for the Blind. They are no longer collecting stamps but would now like any old mobile phones. These can be dropped off at 4 Cherry Tree Close or I can collect them. Telephone 880766.

From Ralph Horton, Highcroft

A big thank you to John and Sue Hicks and their merry team of helpers who turned out in damp and windy conditions for the annual litter pick. In preparation for next year's event will people please be courteous enough to drop their litter on the roads or pavements instead of the ditches from where it is harder to retrieve?

LOCAL CRIME FILE

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2222.**

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Marion Lewis 0116 2483871**

**Local Beat Team
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PC 500 Andy Smalley
PCSO 6126 Tim Harwood
PCSO 6636 Ray Wells
Voicemail Service 0116 2485675**

**Rural & Countryside Liaison Officer
PC 1010 Chris Hill**

**CRIMESTOPPERS
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WATCH WORD

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME WITHIN HUSBANDS BOSWORTH

Although co-ordinators have stepped forward for the majority of the village there are still some areas, notably Berridges Lane, Lammass Close and much of High Street, that are not adequately covered by the scheme.

So, what do NW co-ordinators do? For a start you are not expected to 'curtain-twitch' or spy on your neighbours, although a general awareness of what is happening and what is normal in your area is an advantage when deciding if something is suspicious or not. Remember you are a volunteer. You are under no pressure; there are no targets. Obviously the further you spread the word the better but even if the information only reaches your household it has alerted someone. As a co-ordinator you will receive information on crime and criminal activity passed down from the local police via the Neighbourhood Watch team. This can be received as an automated phone message or email; whichever you decide to opt for when you join. As the information is automatically directed to NW schemes throughout the whole of the local policing unit area some of the information may be of little relevance to Bosworth and can easily be sifted out. Items of interest would be warnings of bogus callers or information on the movements of specific vehicles, especially if the message implies that the risk is local.

With your local knowledge you would be able to assess who on your 'patch' should be alerted. Particularly vulnerable, of course, are the old and infirm, or those living alone. A general alert might be relevant to everyone in your area whereas a specific threat could be directed at the likely target group, possibly only one or two homes. It's up to you to decide how best to pass on the information. You could knock on doors, make a brief note and push it through letter boxes, pass on the email or simply phone around.

If you would like to become a co-ordinator please contact the Parish Clerk on 880910 for an information pack and application form. Remember that even areas that are already covered could be broken down with extra co-ordinators sharing the duties.

COUNTRYSIDE WATCH ALERT

Over 800 young pheasants, valued at £7000 were taken in late February from a breeding facility near Cranoe. Harborough police are appealing for anybody who saw or heard anything at this time, or anyone who knows of game birds being offered for sale, to contact them. If you know of anything that you think may be useful, please call the Agricultural and Wildlife officer for Harborough & Lutterworth police, PC 1010 Chris Hill. Chris can be contacted by phoning 0116 222 2222 and leaving him a message using his collar number (1010) when prompted. Alternatively you can phone Crimestoppers anonymously on Freephone number 0800 555 111.

DOORSTEP WARNING

Leicestershire Trading Standards have recently received complaints about questionnaires delivered to householders in the Burbage area. This questionnaire asks householders to fill out a form with personal, financial and lifestyle details and leave it outside for collection.

The questions are probably designed to help subscribing companies to target consumers. However anyone passing by could pick up the information and this could be used to help thieves to target their victims.

David Bull, Head of Trading Standards said: "I am sure that this is a genuine marketing method. However, I am concerned that it could be collected by others and used to

select households for theft, identity fraud and other criminal activities."

To stop unaddressed junk mail, ask for a leaflet from a Post Office.

Householders who want to reduce unwanted junk mail can register with the Mailing Preference Service. Phone them on 0845 7034 599, or contact them on-line at www.mpsonline.org.uk or by writing to:

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BOSWORTH IN FOCUS

A ROUND-UP OF HUSBANDS BOSWORTH NEWS

VILLAGE QUIZ

The parish newsletter production team wrote themselves into village history with a convincing win in the recent Village Quiz. In this year's competition, seventeen teams from local activity and interest groups, friends and businesses came together in the Village Hall to battle for the silverware.

In a closely fought contest the *Bosworth Bugle* team eventually beat off stiff competition from the Canaries, Bosworth Belles and Bruce's Babes to carry off the coveted trophy. The Handbell Ringers, who were last year's winners, hosted the quiz, which has been held annually since 1981 in support of the Village Hall funds.

Former villager Liz Dandy, who organised the first quiz, presented the prize to the winning team and thanked the hosts for a very enjoyable evening.

SUPPER ON THE HOOF

The village's annual Safari Supper will take place on Saturday, June 14th. The format will be as before with diners meeting at the Village Hall to find out where in the village the first course of their supper is to be found. The cost is £15 per person to include an aperitif beforehand and coffee in the Village Hall afterwards.

Tickets will be available nearer the time but anyone seeking more information is asked to call 880655.

LUNCHEON CLUB

The next meeting of the Luncheon Club will be on Thursday, April 24th at Kilworth Springs Golf Club. Diners are asked to meet in the bar at 12.30pm as usual.

The Luncheon Club meeting is an ideal opportunity for those retired, living alone or new to the village to meet new friends in a convivial atmosphere. The price of the 2-course meal is £6.50 per person and includes coffee. Transport can usually be arranged for those having difficulty getting to the venue. Please call Janice on 880668 to book a place or for further information.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

■ Plans are expected to be put before Daventry District Council planners shortly for an electricity generating plant at the waste recycling facility at Pebble Hall Farm, **Theddingworth**. The proposed plant, which would be housed within the existing site, would supply the equivalent of nine wind turbines and be powered by chipped wood from the recycling plant.

■ **Foxton Locks** will be hosting a waterways festival over the weekend of June 14th and 15th to celebrate the completion of the first phase of restoration work at the site. Historic narrowboats, waterside displays and activities will centre around the locks, canal basin and museum.

PAVILION QUIZ

The Playing Field Committee will be hosting the annual Pavilion Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper on Friday, May 9th, kicking off at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets cost £7 per person and are available from Jennifer Rogers 880401 and Frank Begley 880541. Usual table-top format; please bring your own drinks.

The date of the Playing Field Committee Annual General Meeting is set for Tuesday, June 10th when officers' appointments will be renewed.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

The village tennis club is seeking funding for the provision of floodlighting for the tennis courts on Kilworth Road in order to extend the length of time that the facility can be used.

At the recent meeting of the Playing Field Committee, representatives of the tennis club were granted permission to connect to the electricity supply serving the sports pavilion if funding for the project was found.

The club maintains two match standard hard courts on the Kilworth Road playing field in Husbands Bosworth. New playing members of all abilities are always welcome. Please call the club secretary on 880737 for more information.

The Club is hosting an open evening and enrolment at the Sports Pavilion, Kilworth Road on Wednesday, April 23rd from 6.30pm.

LITTER LOUTS

Despite squally wintry showers and high winds twenty-two hardy souls did their bit to clean up the village at the annual village litter-pick. Everyone noted that there seemed to be less rubbish to clear up this year but were undecided as to whether this was because of more vigorous activity by the council highways department or simply that the wind had blown the grot further afield. In all a very creditable forty sacks of litter was cleared in the two hours allocated and the stalwart group retired to the Village Hall for a warming cup of tea and cakes. Many thanks to John and Sue Hicks for organising this year's pick, and to those community-minded villagers who braved the elements and who helped in any way.

DOG DAYS RETURN

Sheepdog trials return to Husbands Bosworth on the evening of Friday, July 25th and all day on Saturday 26th. The trials, which include local, national and international qualifying rounds will be held in the grounds of Bosworth Hall by kind permission of Robert and Susan Constable-Maxwell. Call the trials secretary on 880036 for details.

BOSWORTH FESTIVAL 2008

Plans for a lively activity weekend are coming together for the Bosworth Festival weekend, June 28th & 29th.

A Barn Dance at Oak Lodge Grainstore on Welford Road gets the circulation going and sets the party swinging on Friday night!

On Saturday morning there will be a car-boot sale at the Sports Pavilion, Kilworth Road. To book a boot space please call Jennifer Rogers on 880401. Bacon butties and hot drinks served.

On Saturday evening break out the champers and candelabra for a proms 'Picnic on the Lawn' at Bosworth Hall, where we will be accompanied by the Happy Jazz musical ensemble.

Sunday sees the action move into the Park with local groups, trade and charity stalls, demonstrations and other activities planned. If your group would like stand-space on Sunday please call John Clarke on 880263.

Funds raised over the weekend will be distributed to local charities.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Jackie Fletcher 880910

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS

Janice Staples 880668

SPORTS PAVILION ENQUIRIES

Audrey Marlow 880316

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In his Annual Report of the past year's activities, Historical Society Chairman Charles Lauder outlined an enjoyable season of events. Amongst the varied subjects covered was an illustrated tour of the river Nene, a behind-the-scenes view of life at the National Trust's Calke Abbey and an in-depth synopsis of the Battle of Naseby by the Battlefield Trust's leading authority, Martin Marix-Evans.

Members took time off in June to visit the Royal Academy collection of British landscape and folk art at Compton Verney in Warwickshire. The annual summer garden party at Vine House was blessed with a warm evening in July.

Charles noted members' sadness at the loss of Bertram Copping, who died in August at the age of 99 years. Bertram was a founding member of the Society. The majority of Bertram's working life was in publishing so a donation from the Society, in his memory, has been sent to the Talking Books charity. Progress in indexing the Society's document and photographic archive collection has been slow recently. However, the system proved its worth when the Society sourced material to put on a display at Lutterworth Museum in the summer and for the School's recent 150th anniversary celebrations. New material continues to come into the archive and is welcomed.

The programme of events for the year ahead is already being assembled and includes an insider's look at the restoration of Avro Vulcan bomber XH558 at Bruntingthorpe, the suffragette movement in Leicestershire and aspects of Leicester's urban history.

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be a talk by retired history teacher, Jaina Edwards. The talk is entitled: 'Scholars, Monitors and Measles' and will look at elementary education and, in particular, the effect of the Education Act on schooling in Victorian Leicester. The meeting is on Wednesday, April 2nd at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, Honeypot Lane.

LACEMAKERS AND LUDDITES AT THE RECORDS OFFICE!

John Heathcoat, pioneering inventor of lacemaking machines, started an industrial revolution in Loughborough in the early 18th century. His new machines threatened a way of life and local jobs and his factory was attacked by Luddites in 1816.

Heathcoat left the county to set up a new factory in Tiverton, Devon. Many of his workers followed him, looking for a better life and more job security. Others went to Calais or made the perilous voyage to Australia. Follow the fortunes of the workers and John Heathcoat in this fascinating exhibition researched by members of the Friends of Charnwood Museum. See a display of lace and associated objects.

The Lacemakers' Story: Loughborough, Luddites and Long Journeys opens at The Records Office on Monday March 10th, and runs until Wednesday, April 30th. The exhibition is FREE and open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9.15am to 5pm; on Wednesday from 9.15am to 7.30pm; on Friday from 9.15am to 4.45pm; and on Saturday from 9.15am to 12.15pm.

For more information, contact Margaret Bonney at the Records Office on 0116 257 1080 or email: recordoffice@leics.gov.uk

ACTIVITY GROUPS 2008

All Saints Parochial Church Council

Contact: Peter Jones 880741

Art Workshop

Contact: Ann Saxton 880971

Badminton Club

Contact: Lorrie Forman 880281

Bosworth Belles

Contact: Claire Smith 880655

Bosworth Blokes

Contact: Ralph Horton 880526

Conservative Association

Contact: Robert Maxwell 880361

Craft Group

Contact: Margaret Bradley 880652

Handbell Ringers

Contact: David Staples 880668

Historical Society

Contact: Isobel Pepperill 880081

1st Kilworth Scouts/Beaver unit

Contact: Andrew Lambert 880922

Playing Field Committee

Contact: Jennifer Rogers 880401

Royal British Legion

Contact: Robert Maxwell 880361

Short Mat Bowls

Contact: Frank Thorp 880003

Tennis Club

Contact: Hilda Whitehurst 880737

Tower Bell Ringers

Contact: Geoff Armitage 880066

BYGONE BOSWORTH

The Historical Society's Periodical Journal

Reminiscences of John Clark, a wartime evacuee to Husbands Bosworth

Soon after I moved to live at the Wheatsheaf I met Ron. He lived in a house on the corner of Hillcrest and Berridges Lane. He was a great person and taught me how to shoot, using a high powered air rifle. He was a real crackshot and could light a Swan Vestas match that was stuck into the bridge over the other side of the canal.

We would go for long walks along the canal path and into the fields. He had two dogs that went with us on our outings. There used to be small spinneys in the fields and pheasant and other birds nested there. The dogs would go through the trees and Ron would walk one side and I on the other. We had to keep pace with the dogs and shoot any birds that came out. Ron had two shotguns, a 16-bore that he used and a .410 that I used.

Our friendship came to an abrupt end when he was caught stealing cream from off the milk at the farm gate nearby. Mrs Kirk was the lady of the Wheatsheaf and a very staunch lady. She told me what had happened and forbade me to have anything more to do with him. Ron came up before the 'beak' but I don't know what happened to him.

John came to Bosworth from London in September 1939. He now lives in New Zealand.

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Contact: Gary Bennett 880285

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SECTION 106 FUNDS

Village leisure and activity groups are reminded that Section 106 funding from the Cheney Court and Ashacre Close developments in the village is still being allocated.

The funding, which is levied on building developers, can be used to provide public amenities and support for the infrastructure of the community in which the development takes place. The fund is available to local community groups and bodies.

Any group, especially those providing sport and recreational activities for the benefit of the community, are asked to contact the parish clerk for more information and an application pack.

PLAYING FIELD

Report of the Playing Field Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 26th at the Sports Pavilion.

Five Committee members and one member of the public, on behalf of the Tennis Club, was present.

Financial Report

The financial report was agreed and adopted and it was noted that the finances were in a healthy condition. In view of this it was agreed that all participating clubs would pay only half the subscription to the pavilion this year. It was agreed to review the situation later in the year.

As it is always cold in the meeting room and not worth heating the room for short meetings it was agreed that a fan heater would be bought. This is to be bought through the Parish Council and the cost deducted from their annual contribution.

Tennis Club

The Tennis Club asked that a form of licence be granted for their use of the pavilion as it is necessary should the club wish to apply for grants. Nigel Brotherton said that he has appropriate forms for an agreement and will implement this. Access to the pavilion was requested so that the Lawn Tennis Association could assess the possibility of installing lighting on tennis courts.

Future Events

QUIZ NIGHT The Annual Pavilion Quiz is to be held on Friday May 9th in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm. Gary and Sue Waterfield will set the questions as before and run the quiz. Tickets to be available from mid-April. The Bell Inn would be asked if they would supply the fish and chip suppers. It was decided that everyone should bring their own drinks.

BOOKINGS The cycling club have again booked the pavilion on Saturday April 12th. Bookings for May are still to be confirmed and the running of these evenings was discussed. The committee felt that a minimum fee should be guaranteed for the refreshments to make it worthwhile. The Welland Valley Wheelers to be offered this proposal.

BOSWORTH FESTIVAL It was agreed to run another car boot sale on the playing field as part of the Bosworth Festival Weekend on Saturday June 28th from 9.00am -1.00 pm. Booters to be allowed on site from 8.00am. Bacon butties, tea and coffee will be on sale as before as an additional fundraiser.

CAR PARK The cost of digging and laying the car park surface is estimated at £300, with the materials to cost approximately an additional £1,000. Lafarge have been approached regarding the possibility of donating the materials. It was proposed that the work goes ahead as soon as possible. Funds from the Kilworth Challenge to be used. It was decided that we should apply for Section 106 monies to create a path and erect some fencing, or have a noticeboard made.

Any Other Business

The date of the Annual General Meeting of the Playing Field Committee is Tuesday, June 10th when officers' appointments will be renewed. Notice in the *Bugle* and an announcement to be made at the quiz.

Electric appliances in the pavilion are to be tested in accordance with regulations.

It was noted that the Secretary had expressed a wish to relinquish some of her duties. It is hoped that a volunteer for the post of Secretary's would come forward at the AGM.

The next meeting of the Playing Field Committee will follow the AGM on June 10th.

The Playing Field Committee is made up of representatives of the users groups, the Parish Council and members of the public. Anyone interested in joining the committee is invited to come along to the AGM.

FOR SALE

Ikea Fado 3 ceiling lamps £10 each

AppleMac G4 computer, c/w keyboard and screen £245

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Long length faux fur coat, cream/brown mix, size 12

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Philips Combi-TV £10

Fold-up bike, unused, perfect condition £120

Flymo Twist n' Edge electric lawn edger £25

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Report of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 4th 2008

Full Council, District Councillor Brian Smith and County Councillor Graham Hart present. Before business commenced the meeting stood for a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor and Past Chairman Beryl Jones who died on February 25th.

The Minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated, were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Council noted that the broken Post Office window had been boarded up.

CEMETERY

Clerk informed Council that the mowing contractor had indicated that cemetery and play area mowing would start in March.

PLAYING FIELD

■ In a report of the recent meeting of the Playing Field Committee, Council heard that work on the extension to the pavilion carpark would be carried out shortly. Discussions were in hand with Lafarge Aggregates regarding supply of stone for the surfacing.

■ An annual agreement was to be drawn up between the Playing Field Committee and the Tennis Club.

■ The Playing Field Committee were to seek Section 106 funding for a concrete pathway at the rear of the pavilion building and also for fencing to restrict access to the playing field from the carparking areas.

■ Council noted that the refurbishment of the skatepark, which had recently been carried out, was well received by the users.

ALLOTMENTS

A waste material skip to be provided over the Easter period for the use of allotment holders. Council reviewed the Lettings Agreement.

TRAFFIC ISSUES

■ No outstanding issues were reported.

■ District Councillor Smith informed the meeting that the District Council planning enforcement team were aware of problems with transporter movements to and from the Bruntingthorpe vehicle storage facility and were monitoring the situation.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

■ Two new co-ordinators had been recruited to cover Church Street and Hunters Close.

■ Clerk was asked to seek information from the Market Harborough NW leader regarding the possibility of officially launching the village scheme.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council members discussed a request from the *Bosworth Bugle* for a donation [Melvyn Forman declared an interest, remained in the meeting but took no part in this discussion]. Council agreed to increase the donation towards the running costs in view of the proposal to revise the format of the newsletter.

PLANNING MATTERS

Council members took the opportunity to discuss planning enforcement issues with Councillor Hart. Councillor Hart noted Council's concerns but reassured the meeting that the district council's enforcement team had recently been strengthened and a better service should be evident in future.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

■ Members discussed the Parish Council's donation to the Village Hall committee in lieu of room hire fees. It was felt that the donation, recently revised, adequately covered the cost of the regular meetings and also extra meetings such as public and open meetings and the village litter pick.

■ Council heard that plans for the Bosworth Festival Weekend were progressing well. There would be a Barn Dance on Friday night, June 27th and a car boot sale on the Saturday morning. Toilet hire and the musical entertainment had been booked.

■ A request to help fund a revision of the Local Directory was agreed.

It was agreed to consider building up a reserve fund to cover contingencies of commitment should control of facilities such as the sports pavilion, tennis courts or the Scout HQ revert to the Parish Council.

■ Members noted that the building site at 55 Mowsley Road had been tidied up following concerns of safety issues raised by Council with the owner.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, April 1st 2008 in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. The meeting will be the Annual Open Meeting. Anyone wishing to discuss matters of local concern or interest is invited to address the meeting.

LOCAL OFFICERS

Husbands Bosworth Parish Council:

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HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have matters of concern regarding any community issue, which you would like to air with the relevant authorities, come along to the Market Harborough Rural West Forum. The next forum meeting is at Broughton Astley Parish Office, The Cottage, Station Road, on Tuesday, April 15th at 7.00pm. Local government officers, district council and county council members will be on hand to discuss problems raised by members of the community.

COUNCIL TAX CHARGES 2008-9

Harborough District Council have set the following Council Tax rates for Husbands Bosworth:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
943.62	1100.90	1258.17	1415.41	1729.98	2044.52	2359.06	2830.87

BUGLE CRACKER

Two TV aerials fell in love and got married. The wedding service wasn't much to write home about but the reception was brilliant!

SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

Husbands Bosworth C. of E. Primary School will be holding a Summer Fair on Sunday 6th July 2008, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Various stalls and events are already planned. Further details will follow, together with a programme of events nearer the time. Should you wish to assist in any aspect of this event, please contact either FOBS Chairman, Kenny Anderson on 880705 or Treasurer, Steve Blake on 881045.

ART WORKS

The recent art exhibition and sale of work by local landscape artist, Rupert Cordeaux, raised over £100 in commission for parish church funds.

OLD GREEN PROJECT

A new noticeboard, litter bin and bench seat have been installed on the Old Green. The project was funded by a legacy from local British Legion stalwart, John Hardy, who died in 2006.

From the Parish Registers

Beryl Maud Jones

of Butt Lane

Died February 25th 2008

Aged 81 years

Eileen Lambert

formerly of Lammas Close

Died March 6th 2008

Aged 88 years

R.I.P.

HOLY MATRIMONY

John Blay and Stephanie Ashby

March 15th 2008

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Part of the proceeds of the recent successful 'Allo 'Allo Evening held in the Village Hall have been donated to the parish church appeal for funds to improve the Garden of Remembrance in the churchyard.

Plans drawn up by the Parochial Church Council include improved marking of the section of the churchyard dedicated to the burial of ashes, a new approach pathway, an interpretation plaque and the establishment of quiet area of reflection for visitors with seating and facilities for floral tributes.

Church members would like to take this opportunity to thank the organisers for a most memorable evening and for their generous donation towards the Garden of Remembrance project.

Anyone wishing to make a personal contribution towards the Garden project is asked to contact the PCC Treasurer, Pat Woodbine on 880823.

ALL SAINTS FLOWER ROTA

Altar:

March 30, April 6 - Pat Heighton,

April 13, 20 - Di Jones

April 27, May 4 - Janice Staples

Children's Corner:

March 30, April 6 - Maxine McGinnes

April 13, 20 - Heather O'Connor

April 27, May 4 - June Elliot

Call Penny Mattock on 881140 if you would like to join the Flower Rota.

HEAVENLY MUSIC AT LAUNDE ABBEY

Launde Abbey will be filled with the sound of heavenly music on Friday, 18th April 2008 as part of the Abbey's 50th Anniversary celebrations. Renowned harpist, Sally Pryce will be performing several pieces at a classical concert to be held at the Abbey by kind permission of The Bishop of Leicester and the Trustees of Launde Abbey in association with the Diocese of Peterborough.

Sally Pryce studied at the Purcell School and Royal College of Music, graduating in 2001 with first class honours and the Worshipful Company of Musicians' Silver Medal. Over the past year Sally has continued to give solo recitals throughout the UK and Europe.

Launde Abbey's warden, the Reverend Tim Blewett said, "Following the success of last year's Country House Classical Concert, we are delighted to welcome an artist of such a high calibre to perform at Launde for a local audience. Last year's concert, featuring a guitar soloist was sold out within a matter of weeks and we have been asked to offer more concerts as a result. Sally is performing as part of our celebrations for our 50th Anniversary year and we are looking forward to a truly magical evening."

Tickets are £22.00 each, which includes a glass of wine on arrival (served from 7.30 pm onwards) and, in the interval, home-made Shepherd's Pie with wine or soft drinks. A pre-booked vegetarian alternative will also be available. Booking is essential and tickets are available from Mr Peter Carr on 0116 270 7962.

Enquiries to the Revd. Tim Blewett, Warden on 01572 717254 or tim@launde.org.uk
Launde Abbey is the residential Retreat House for the Dioceses of Leicester and Peterborough, offering Christian hospitality to all people, with or without faith. It provides an oasis of calm which allows both individuals and groups time to reflect upon where they are and what they are called to be, in today's ever changing world, a place where people can come to learn about themselves and others.

✠ CHURCH SERVICES ✠

All Saints Parish Church

APRIL

6 6.30pm Evensong

13 8.30am Morning Praise

20 10.30am Benefice Service
at Shearsby

27 10.30am Family Communion

Short Communion every Wed. at 9.15am

Churchwardens:

Peter Jones 880741

James Avery 880164

Vicar:

Rev. Alison Hampton 880351

Methodist Church

6 Join with All Saints

13 Mrs K Shorley

20 Rev. M Haighton

27 Rev. B Kennard (Communion)

Services every Sunday 6.30pm.
All Welcome

Contacts:

Rev. Brian Kennard 462889

Senior Church Steward:

Mr. A Lloyd Jones 880343

St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Services every Sunday 8.30am.

Contact:

Robert Constable-Maxwell 880361

METHODIST CHURCH

Coffee Morning

Wednesday, April 16th 10.00am-12.00.
at the home of Margaret & John Scurrah,
25 High Street. Visitors always welcome.

COFFEE MORNING

All Saints Church members would like to thank everyone who came to the March Coffee Morning. A total of £21.20 was raised towards church funds.

The next Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy will be on Wednesday, April 2nd from 9.45am to 11.30am in Church. Everyone welcome.

DIARY DATES for APRIL

Tuesday, 1 st	Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm Committee Room, Village Hall
Wednesday, 2 nd	All Saints Church Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy, 9.45am - 11.30am, Church
Wednesday, 2 nd	Historical Society meeting - 'Scholars, Monitors and Measles' 7.30pm, Church Hall
Tuesday, 8 th	Mobile Library
Tuesday, 15 th	Harborough Rural West forum, 7.00pm, Broughton Astley Village Hall
Wednesday, 16 th	Methodist Church Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12.00noon, 25 High Street
Tuesday, 22 nd	Mobile Library
Wednesday, 23 rd	Tennis Club enrolment evening, from 6.30pm in the Sports Pavilion
Thursday, 24 th	Luncheon Club, 12.30pm, Kilworth Springs Golf Club

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 9 th	Sports Pavilion Quiz, 7.30pm Village Hall
Wednesday, June 4 th	Tennis Club AGM.
Tuesday, June 10 th	Playing Field Committee AGM 7.30pm Pavilion.
Saturday, June 14 th	Safari Supper, starts from the Village Hall
Tuesday, June 24 th	Luncheon Club
Friday, June 27 th	Bosworth Festival Barn Dance, Oak Lodge Grain Store, Welford Road
Saturday, June 28 th	Carboot Sale on the Playing Field
Saturday, June 28 th	Picnic on the Lawn musical evening, Bosworth Hall
Sunday, June 29 th	Bosworth Festival, Bosworth Park
Sunday, July 6 th	School Summer Fair
Friday, July 25 th / Saturday, July 26 th	Husbands Bosworth & Theddingworth Sheepdog Trials, Bosworth Park
Sunday, August 24 th	Flower & Produce Show

LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to Harborough District Council:

- Erection of dwelling (amendments to existing permission), 8 Cherry Tree Close. [Mr & Mrs Hancock]
- Work to trees, Bosworth Hall Lodge, Theddingworth Road. [R T Constable-Maxwell]
- Creation of a ha-ha, Bosworth Grange, Leicester Road. [JB & JL Dawson]

Current applications may be inspected during normal working hours at the Council Offices, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough LE16 7AG. Comments concerning planning applications should be addressed to the Head of Planning Services.

Planning applications and other aspects of local government can now be viewed on-line at www.harboroughonline.co.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH VILLAGE

ALTERNATE TUESDAYS (See DIARY DATES)

STOPS & TIMES 2008

School, Welford Road:	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Berridges Lane:	3.05pm - 3.30pm
Church Street:	3.35pm - 4.00pm

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