

HONITON

TALK OF THE TOWN

THE NEWSLETTER OF HONITON TOWN COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2008

YOUTH ART DAY—SATURDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 2008

Young people of Honiton attended a Festival of Art, Music and Entertainment (F.A.M.E.) day at the Mackarness Hall which was supported by the Town Council. The band in attendance were from the Youth Club and the youth “Masterpieces” of the Thelma Hulbert Gallery displayed their works of art. There were a number of other attractions for the day which included face painting, a graffiti artist, a range of bands and singers as well as a DJ for the day.



Animation drawings and craftwork were on display and local children had the opportunity to make badges and express themselves through their drawings on the day. A street artist cum circus performer entertained with juggling, uni-cycling, Diablo work and other circus type talents.

It certainly was a fun-filled day with “youngsters” of all ages attending, children with their parents and grand-parents. Approximately 100 to 200 children came along.

GRANTS AWARDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council have recently completed their grant awards to be issued to local groups for the benefit of Honiton residents. These funds will be distributed in April/May 2009. Applications were received from a wide range of bodies that are utilised by the residents of Honiton; the distribution is considered in detail by the Policy Committee prior to being forward for final approval by the Town Council. The total figure to be shared is £6,305 and the recipients include:

Honiton Pantomime Society, Honiton Twirlstars, Honiton Carnival, Honiton Players, 2nd Honiton Brownies, St. Paul’s Church, Senior Citizens Centre (New Street), Community College PSFA, Honiton Library Advice & Information Centre, Honiton Band, Honiton & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Diamonds Cheer Squad, Honiton Under 9’s Rugby Team, Honiton 729 Club, Chamber of Commerce, Allhallows Museum, Otter Rotters, Under 7’s & Under 8’s TA Rugby Team, Honiton Methodist Church, Heathpark Community Project - Homework Club, Honiton Baptist Church, TRIP Community Transport Association.

It is hoped that those selected can continue to provide their services for a long time to come. It is important that those responsible for applying for Town Council grants to submit them by the due dates as displayed on the town notice boards, which is normally early in September.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK

The week commencing Monday 24th November 2008 is Domestic Violence Week in Devon.

Domestic violence is a national problem which can and does occur anywhere including pleasant, low crime areas such as East Devon. It is for this reason that the East Devon Domestic Violence Forum wish to highlight the issues. If you, or a friend, colleague, neighbour or anyone else you may know are affected by it, there is always an agency that you can turn to for confidential support and free help and advice.

What is domestic violence and abuse?

It is repeated physical, psychological, sexual or financial violence and abuse by a person known to you, usually your partner or ex-partner or a family member.

It is one person exerting systematic abusive powers and control over another person.

Domestic violence and abuse can be experienced by both women and men whatever their race, age, class, colour, ability, religion or sexuality.

The violence and abuse can begin at any stage of a relationship and may continue after the relationship has ended.

It is usually women who are at the receiving end of domestic violence and abuse, and it is often men who are responsible. However, men are also victims of domestic violence and abuse from female partners. Domestic violence and abuse also exists within gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender relationships.

DEVON CONTACT NUMBERS FOR HELP...

IF YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, OR YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS, DUE TO DOMESTIC ABUSE DIAL 999

For Women: If you want to speak to a person **immediately**, it is best to call the local Freephone Confidential Helpline **0800 328 3070**. However, if you do not need to speak to someone immediately, an alternative specialist confidential telephone helpline is available. **For persons living in East Devon this is 01392 435560**. If there is an answer phone machine message you may wish to leave your name, but do not leave a contact telephone number if it is unsafe to do so.

For Men: For male victims/survivors in Devon **please ring 0808 801 0327**

For children and young people:

NSPCC - 0800 800 500 This is a free, confidential service for anyone worried about what they are seeing or hearing in their home. The service offers information, advice and counselling.

Careline - 0845 122 8622 This is a national, confidential counselling line for children, young people and adults on any issue including family, marital and relationship problems, child abuse, rape and sexual assault, depression and anxiety.

COUNCILLORS ST. MICHAEL'S WARD

A.B. Boom	548745
Mrs. S.A. Casson	45367
P.E. Fleming	43388
R.H. Gaughan	44073
M. McGuire	46266
Mrs. J.F. McNally	44073
J.B. Taylor	07799 691455
M.J. Teare	46463
V.C. Whitlock	43959

COUNCILLORS ST. PAUL'S WARD

Miss V. Ash	42028
R.E. Coombs	47347
P. Corke	47437
R.A. Farnham	44723
P. Halse	43854
Ms. S.R. Holloway	45329
Mrs. V.A. Howard	47127
Mrs. M.D. Morgan	46933
C.T. Tratt	43138

OTHER NUMBERS

Sexual Abuse Line 0808 800 0188. This is a Freephone listening service for people in Devon who have been sexually abused, either recently or in the past.

Elder Abuse: Elder abuse is defined as "A single or repeated act or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which causes harm or distress to an older person." The same numbers can be used in order to report or seek advice about abuse of elderly people or 'phone **0808 808 8141**.

REGENERATION OF THE GLEN

Two important developments have taken place since the last issue of the Talk of the Town. Firstly the involvement of members of the Honiton Youth Club and secondly planting of spring flowers.

Six members of Honiton Youth Club spent three days of their Summer holiday working as volunteers in the Glen. They concentrated on three areas - rebuilding a long flight of steps and erecting two more to make them easier to negotiate; repairing a small bridge across the stream and clearing soil ready for planting spring bulbs to a large area adjacent to the steps. This was a magnificent effort by Sapphire Jones, Hazel Woodley, Sasha Passmore, Jamie Taylor, Nick Guscott and Tom Locke (Pictured).

Their task was made much harder as the materials (ballast and timber) for the steps could not be off loaded directly to the site; they had to be brought by wheelbarrow from the main entrance to The Glen. The Town Council is extremely proud of the efforts of these young people and at the October meeting of the Town Council they were awarded "Certificates of Merit" by the Mayor.



On 11th October volunteers planted 5000 bluebells, 3000 snowdrops and 2000 Tenby daffodils. This was a considerable effort as some of the areas to be planted were very sloping and slippery due to the wet weather. These bulbs will give a magnificent display in the Spring of 2009 providing the squirrels do not eat too many!

The next meeting to be held - for everybody who is interested in the Regeneration of the Glen - will be on Wednesday 12th November 2008 at the Senior Citizens Centre (Council Offices) starting at 7p.m. Items for discussion will be the volunteer programme, the financial situation subsequent to the ending the Breathing Spaces Lottery Grant and forward planning.

HONITON REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

There will be a service of Remembrance at St. Paul's Church on Sunday, 9th November 2008 at 3 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

At 11 am on 11th November there will be the usual letting off of maroons prior to the two minutes silence to honour those who have lost their lives in service for our country. This will be carried out by members of the Royal British Legion outside of St. Paul's Church.



Open Day at Roundball Wood

THE OPEN DAY ON SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER WAS ARRANGED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE WOOD - NOTICES WERE DISPLAYED ON SEVERAL OF THE TOWN NOTICE BOARDS.

Led by the Wardens (Richard Howe, Liz Tirard and David Witt), two Town Councillors and ten members of the public enjoyed a walk around Roundball Wood and its access paths in fine weather on the morning of Sunday, 19th October 2008.

The wood, on the northern slope of Roundball Hill which has a magnificent view over Honiton and the Otter Valley, is managed by the Town Council as community woodland and nature reserve. The wood is centuries old and although in its long history it has been used for grazing cattle nothing has been planted there, and the boundaries have not changed, for many years. As a result the wood is in a natural state described as semi-ancient woodland.



The Council is hoping that more members of the public will volunteer to participate in the management and study of this wonderful example of our woodland heritage.

Roundball Wood is just one of several environmental projects undertaken by the Town Council in the last few years.

Richard Howe, Leading Warden, says: "The wood is looking especially attractive at the moment. I was delighted to see a number of people turn up, especially as most of them already knew and appreciated our very own heritage woodland. We are certainly going to benefit from their involvement"

Further Information: Lyn Hargood (Town Clerk) 01404 42957 Richard Howe (Leading Warden) 01404 42238

FORMATION OF THE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

At a meeting held during September of persons interested in acquiring an allotment and forming an Allotment Association the Constitution was adopted and a committee formed. The Chairman is Paul Kibble and the Association will be working closely with the Town Council to develop plans for the proposed allotments.

For further information contact Honiton Town Council on 01404 42957, email towncouncil@honiton.gov.uk or look on the Town Council website www.honiton.gov.uk