

TALK OF THE TOWN

THE NEWSLETTER OF HONITON TOWN COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2010

NEWLY-ELECTED TOWN COUNCILLOR

Mr. N. J. Cornwell was duly elected as the new Town Councillor for St. Michael's ward on 16th September 2010 subsequent to a 12.6% turnout. He defeated Mr. Neil P. Foster 369 votes to 270.



Cllr N.J. Cornwell.

This may be an appropriate time to remind everyone that there will be a full election of all Town Councillors on 5th May 2011 as we are duty bound by law to hold every four years.

WORK EXPERIENCE

During the summer period the Town Council had a student on "work experience". This proved very useful to the Council as Hannah designed a very attractive presentation about a Walk around Roundball Wood (see page 3 of this edition) which you can access on the internet at the following address: <http://www.honiton.gov.uk/Uploads/Site231/Files/awalkarTISCoundround-ballwood.pdf>

TOWN COUNCIL TAKES ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR FLORAL DISPLAYS

Honiton Town Council has now taken over responsibility for most of the flowerbeds and floral displays in the town centre and entrances to the town, that were previously managed by East Devon District Council.

A local contractor has been engaged to manage this new commitment and the Town Council is looking forward to being able to have more control over the design and content of the various displays which bring such colour to parts of the town. It is likely that over the winter the beds will be left empty so that the new planting can take effect from the spring of next year.



Responsibility for the flowerbeds was handed over to the Town Council at a time when its budget had already been set and we are therefore particularly pleased that sponsorship has been obtained this year from Specflue, Connect Road Operators and Rainbow Superstores to help with the costs. The Town Clerk would be particularly interested in hearing from any other businesses who would like to join the sponsorship scheme.

CHANGES TO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR 2010

Honiton Town Council will be making changes to the town's Christmas lights this year. Moving away from traditional Christmas lights will mean the town will not only save money (approximately £4,000 in this first year) but will also be developing a far more environmentally sustainable solution to the festive decorations.

The Town Council is working in partnership with Honiton Chamber of Commerce on this scheme and the Chamber has been approaching businesses along the High Street and New Street where it has received an enthusiastic welcome to the idea.

The trees, sourced from a local supplier which is a member of the British Christmas Tree Growers Association, will be placed in the brackets currently occupied by the colourful flags which adorn the town centre during the summer. The lights to be used will be the very energy efficient LED variety which will also reduce the carbon footprint of the scheme.

We hope that everyone will enjoy the new style of Christmas lighting with over 100 Christmas trees being lit up in the town centre.

EVENTS SINCE OUR LAST EDITION we have had...

- **HOT PENNIES DAY, Tuesday, 20th July 2010**
- **CHARTER DAY Saturday, 24th July 2010**



- **HONITON SHOW Thursday, 5th August 2010**



- **THE COUNCIL OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY**



HONITON STREET MARKET

We seem to be receiving considerable interest from traders to join Honiton street market. Our new Market Manager, Tony McCollum, is looking forward welcoming new traders to the market and hopes to enhance its popularity even further both for residents and visitors.

During the Summer we have also had street entertainers in town which the Council has organised to create an enjoyable atmosphere. We hope you have been there to see, hear and experience these.



Tony McCollum

Roundball Wood

Recent months have seen the completion of work in Roundball Wood to add to visitors' enjoyment of this green space on the edge of Honiton. Honiton Town Council is grateful to East Devon AONB for funding three information boards, a panorama board and a nature trail. Visitors can now learn more about the wet wood and wildlife, trees and ferns and flowers and birds to be found in the Wood. The panorama board provides details of the spectacular view whilst the nature trail points out interesting features at various points on the circular walk.

The Town Council has also produced factsheets on the mammals, bats and insects found in the Wood as well as a comprehensive species list. These, together with a slide show presentation of a walk around the Wood, are available to download from the Town Council's website www.honiton.gov.uk. Follow the links under *Honiton Information / Green Spaces/ Roundball Wood* to access the information. A paper copy of each factsheet is available from the Town Council office.

For more information on any of the above, please contact Sarah Jenkins, Deputy Town Clerk, email deputyclerk@honiton.gov.uk or telephone 01404 42957.



HONITON CARNIVAL FUNDRAISING

During the run-up week to the carnival there are several fundraising events, as follows:

Sun. 17.10.10—Table Top Sale @ Mackarness Hall 9am to 12 noon.

Wed 20.10.10—Quiz Night at Honiton Rugby Club 7.30 pm

Thurs. 21.10.10 - Carnival Darts Competition, details to be confirmed.

Fri. 22.10.10—Race Night (with a difference!) at Royal British Legion, Dowell Street at 8 pm

Sat. 23.10.10.—**GRAND CARNIVAL PROCESSION**

Sat. 27.11.10 - Table Top Sale @ Mackarness Hall 9 am to 12 noon

Sat. 11.12.10 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL AT 5.30 PM

THE HONITON PLAYERS

Will be presenting "*Party Piece*", a comedy by Richard Harris on 12th & 13th November at the Royal British Legion Hall. Times will be advertised around the town.

The company is small but growing rapidly larger and welcomes every talent from dogsbody, through to scene building, wardrobe work, etc and directing.

All enquiries to The Secretary, Nicole Howarth, nicki53@nicki53. orangehome.co.uk



THE GLEN OPEN MEETING

You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting for Friends, Volunteers and interested individuals on 28th October 2010 at 7 pm at the Town Council Offices, New Street.

Bring along friends and family too ... who may be interested.

For more information on Honiton's green spaces visit the BBC Breathing Places website www.breathingplaces.org which has information on The Glen, Roundball Wood, the Millennium Green and the River Gissage walk.

EDDC Information Event

During the afternoon of Tuesday, 9th November East Devon District Council is throwing open its doors to all local Councillors and interested members of the public to find out more about how and what services are provided by EDDC. There will be a range of service information points and displays in the Council Chamber staffed by the employees who work on those services which means that this event gives visitors the opportunity to talk to the right people about services that matter to them. In addition we will be joining other Town and Parish Councils, together with an EDDC elections officer to answer questions about what is involved in standing for election and what prospective candidates need to do to become a councillor.

MATERNITY SERVICES TO BE RECONSIDERED

Following a campaign led by Honiton Town Council, other local partners and residents, Devon County Council's Health & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee reconsidered on 23rd September NHS Devon's plans for maternity units, including the excellent facility in Honiton. The Committee has rejected NHS Devon's plans and asked that overnight services at Honiton be reinstated and they also called for a review of services across the County.

Cllr Vernon Whitlock, who has been leading this on behalf of the Town Council, says "We have managed to convince the Scrutiny Committee that reducing the services was a bad move and we will continue our campaign with NHS senior officials".

COUNCIL MEMBERS

St. Michael's Ward

M.R. ALLEN	50 Marker Way, Honiton, EX14 2EN	46755
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P.J. FLEMING	3 Glanvill Way, EX14 2GD	43388
M. McGUIRE	208 High Street, EX14 1AJ	46266
J.B. TAYLOR	The Annexe, Beechwood, Feniton, EX14 3ED	
M.J. TEARE	18 Cypress Close, EX14 2YW	46463
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St. Paul's Ward

Miss V. ASH	3 Hillside, Combe Raleigh Honiton EX14 4TJ	42028
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