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Chairman's Message

Welcome to the latest edition of the Cawston Parish News and my very first Chairman's message. Firstly, I would like to thank my predecessor, Mike Stokes, for everything he did for the council during our first year of operating. I know that Mike committed a lot of personal time and effort into getting the council started and making sure that we were operating in the correct manner.

As you will be aware your Councillors have been "knocking on doors" recently to ask you whether or not you would like to see a community facility, such as a village hall, on the estate. I would like to thank those of you that responded verbally, or in writing, we certainly appreciated your comments on what you would like to see happening. We will be publishing the results of the survey in a future edition.

Regards, Pete Venner

AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held on 14th May 2008. At this meeting Councillor Mike Stokes stood down as Chair to be replaced by Councillor Peter Venner. Councillor Latham was elected as Vice Chair but she has since stood down from this position. Another Vice Chair will be appointed during our July meeting

Other matters discussed at the AGM included;
An annual report from the chairman,
A financial report for the year ending 30th April,
Membership of sub committees and working groups and,
Agreement of the dates for future Parish Council meetings, these will continue to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.



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Football Pitches

(Land Adjacent to Bilton High School)

Since March Rugby Borough Council Parks department have been undertaking a borough wide survey of sports facilities to see what is required, this includes football pitches. There has been a hold placed on the provision of any new services until the survey is complete, which should take about six months.

Although football pitches were shown on the master plan for Cawston Grange, the intention at the moment is to lay one informal pitch for the use of the community.

Rugby Borough Council is as yet unable to advise when this is due to be layed.

Village Hall Survey

As we promised in the last issue of the Cawston Parish News, we have now started to carry out the Village Hall Survey. We are asking for you views on whether you would like a Village Hall on Cawston Grange.

A letter will be delivered to all households over the next few weeks; in fact some of you will have already been contacted.

We are trying to get a response from as many of you as possible, but inevitably some residents will not be at home when we call. Just in case we don't manage to make contact with you and you mislay the letter containing the questions, they are repeated below, and answers may be sent to the parish clerk, whose address is at the back of this magazine.

- 1 Do you want a village hall?
- 2 Would you use it?
- 3 What would you use it for?

We will publish the results in our next issue.

Cawston Parish News

Ever wanted to be an editor of a magazine?

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of formatting the Parish News and / or type setting it.

The role involves taking the input from Councillors and Parishioners, formatting the content, potentially typesetting the magazine and liaising with the printer to have it produced.

Feel like helping out ?

Contact the Clerk on 01788 519563

Also we are interested in any ideas that you may have for a more interesting name and logo – again any ideas contact the Clerk on the number above.

Rugby Western Relief Road

We can all see that work on the Western Relief Road has started in earnest at most points along its length. Locally, major earthmoving operations are now underway between Potfords Dam and Bilton Lane. This involves forming cuttings and using the excavated material to construct embankments.

The works at the Bilton Lane junction will require the road to be closed to vehicles during the summer holidays, notification of this will be through the local press and the website below.

If you would like to see more detail on the progress being made then go to the Warwickshire County Council website at;

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roads>

Then select Rugby Western Relief Road from the menu

Grass Verges

As a parish councillor I walk around the Cawston Grange estate on a regular basis, to take in any aspects that may need some attention. It is very pleasing to notice the care and attention that residents of the estate put into their front gardens, to ensure they are clean tidy and presentable.

The only downside is the presentation of the grass verges, especially along Cawston Grange Drive and Calvestone Road. This year in particular there appears to be a massive infestation of weeds of various varieties, especially dandelion.

The grass verges are a complicated mixture of ownership between Warwick County Council (which Rugby Borough Council maintains) and the Consortium who have developed the estate. Until the estate has been fully adopted by Rugby Borough Council this shared responsibility will continue.

Where Rugby Borough Council are responsible, which is essentially the length of Cawston Grange Drive between the Coventry Rd and the Trussel Way island, the verges will be cut every four weeks (or up to 10 times a year). Apparently Warwick County Council only funds three of the grass cutting operations.

Rugby Borough Council is also responsible for the maintenance of the play areas which will be subject to the same frequency of maintenance.

The larger grassland areas will be treated with conservation in mind and maintained as required.

The Consortium is essentially responsible for the grass verges on the rest of the estate. We have not been able to get the Consortium to respond yet concerning their planned frequency of grass verge maintenance.

A Crossing for Coventry Road?

Last December a number of concerned parents / walkers gathered over 300 signatures from residents of Cawston and its environs to highlight the serious safety concerns of the A4071 between Cawston and Bilton Village. The petition was sent to both Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Police requesting; provision of a crossing at some point, reduction of the speed limit to 30 mph from the traffic island and the possible widening of the footpath.

Following this Warwickshire County Council agreed to undertake surveys to see if some / all of these safety measures were necessary and feasible. You may have seen that one survey has already taken place on the island at the top of Cawston Grange Drive.

Apparently if Warwickshire County Council deems that a crossing is required and one can be placed in a safe spot then the funding for it is unlikely to be budgeted until 2009/10.

We will keep you updated of progress.

Yearly Parish Meeting

The Yearly Parish Meeting will be held during September at Cawston Grange Primary School. The provisional dates are the 17th or the 24th but these need to be confirmed. The exact date and time will be communicated during August / September.

We will be providing feedback on activities and projects undertaken and there will be a report out on the Finances of the Parish Council.

It is our intention to invite representatives of the Borough Council and the Consortium to hear your views and concerns, although their attendance is not confirmed as yet.

The meeting is open to all residents.

Police & NHW (continued)

You'll be surprised just how much it could help if you have any anti-social behaviour problems in your area, NHW teams can unite successfully against such behaviour.

Whatever you do don't just sit back and say "I don't need to make a telephone call as Fred will be ringing the police already." It really does help, if everyone who is disturbed, frightened or otherwise makes a call. You can never have enough calls made about a problem.

Please do remember that Rugby Police, NHW and Cawston Parish Council both advise and request that you do telephone the Police regarding **every** suspicious incident or complaint that you might have. You might ask why? What's the sense as they are unlikely to attend! You may well be right but you need to understand that, with the demands on limited Police resources, the areas that receive attention are those where statistics show there is a problem. Those statistics are obtained and highlighted by the number of telephone complaints received over a certain period of time from that area.

Don't forget to ask for an Incident Number after you've made your complaint to Rugby 541111. Although it's a local number your call will likely be connected to Police Headquarters where it will be recorded. Remember if it's Emergency then **dial '999'**. What's an emergency? That's really only for you to decide. If **you** feel it is then don't hesitate to **dial '999'** and let the Police make their own decision on prioritising your call.

For more information on Rugby Borough NHW
Telephone: 01788 533 575 **OR**

Write to: Rugby Borough Neighbourhood Watch, The Retreat,
Newbold Road, Rugby CV21 2LG **OR**

Email Paul Hancox (Chair): paul@rugbynhw.co.uk

Grass Verges (continued)

Rugby Borough Council is prepared to respond to grass cutting requests where the growth has been abnormal. This year being a good example!!

The request does not have to come through the Parish Council it can be made by any of the residents of the estate. However this will be within the overall maintenance plan.

Rugby Borough Council has been requested to look at spraying in order to control the more persistent weeds but have advised that it is not their policy to apply weed control sprays.

Cutting the grass is of course only part of the operation; ideally the grass cuttings should be collected. Unfortunately the funding for collecting the grass cuttings has been withdrawn by Warwick County Council.



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Friends of Cawston Grange PTA

We are an active group of parents, friends and teachers who arrange events to raise money for additional school projects. Our last contribution was monies towards the provision of an outdoor classroom which, thanks to the hard work of a group of parents and teachers is now complete.

Our next main event is aimed at the whole of the Cawston Parish; and is our

Summer Sizzler

This event will provide music, entertainment and BBQ fun for the whole family on 5th July 2008 at the school from 3pm to 6pm.

In the autumn term we are looking to hold a 5-a-side football challenge. If you would like to enter a team, help with the event or just come along to support do let us know. It should be a fun afternoon and will be followed by a BBQ and refreshments!

We are always looking for new ideas for events and always welcome new help and support in what ever form you can offer!. For further information contact our "Chairperson" Karen Smith on 01788 810752 or Secretary Michelle Park on 01788811943.

Dog Foul & Litter Bins

As everyone will have noticed we now have twelve dog foul and litter bins around the estate. The two red bins are specifically for animal waste with the remaining ten being multi purpose.

Rugby Borough Council will be patrolling the estate regularly to identify and issue fines to people who do not pick up after their dogs. Please ensure you are not the unwelcome recipient of a fine of up to £1000.

Any queries regarding this, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch



With the warmer weather coming please do ensure that all windows and doors are securely locked when you leave your property. Also bear in mind, if you are going upstairs, not to leave downstairs windows and/or doors open or unlocked. You unfortunately just never know when there might be an 'opportunist individual' walking past.

There has recently been an increase in the number of shed and garage break-ins/thefts. Please ensure all items are both security marked and securely locked within your shed or garage. Items linked together with a chain and sturdy padlock are a good means of making the burglars task much harder. Protective planting around garden boundaries with prickly plants are both a pleasant and legal means of protecting your property. Stay safe and don't make life easy for thieves.

Have you considered joining your Neighbourhood Watch or setting up one in your part of the estate? If you do then you'll be able to have the NHW signs displayed on your lampposts and if your members also decide to mark their property with 'Smart Water' you will also be eligible for 'Smart Water' signs.

Thieves usually take the line of least resistance, why steal from an area where it's likely that valuable items have been marked with 'Smart Water'? They know it makes sense to look elsewhere at those areas where NHW and Smart Water signs aren't displayed.

Also bear in mind that most insurance companies will give you a discount on your house insurance premium if you are member of a registered NHW Group.

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Planning

Cawston Parish Council is informed of any new planning applications, retrospective applications and planning decisions which fall our Parish by Rugby Borough Council.

We are given 21 days notice to respond with our comments. Our views are taken into consideration, together with close neighbours and others as deemed appropriate.

Comprehensive, detailed information on all aspects of planning including how to make a planning application, how to appeal, as well as general guidance on Rugby's' planning policy can be found on the Rugby Borough Council website at;

<http://www.rugby.gov.uk>

The Rugby local plan is also a useful source of information as it outlines the overall policy for the district – this too is available on the website above.

Select Planning from the home page index – then residential planning to further search for Cawston. You are also quite within your rights and able to view any planning applications on line and submit your own comments if desired.

Any of the Parish Councillors or the Parish Clerk are also happy to assist with any queries you may have.

What's In A Name ?

Cawston Street Names

Ever wondered where the name of your road comes from? Apparently the Town Council used the booklet 'A Short History of the Cawston Estate' by R.F. Smart (1967) when naming our roads, and I have recently had a look at it.

In 1066 the estate is referred to in the Domesday Book as **Calvestone**, believed to mean **Kalf's** Farm. During the reign of Edward the Confessor (1041-1066) the land had been owned by a **Noble** called **Edwin**, but by 1086 it was part of the estate of **Turchil**, the **Saxon** Earl of Warwick. In 1150 Turchil's son Siward granted the land to the **Monks** of Pipewell, and that is when it first became known as Causton (meaning Kalf's Town). The **Pipewell** monks built **Cawston Grange**, which included a small monastery. The eleventh abbot was **Gerard** de Lega, who is best remembered for fighting Thurlaston over pasture rights.

At the Reformation the Crown acquired the estate, selling it for £675 in 1545 to the Boughton family, who built Cawston Hall out of bricks from the demolished **Whitefriars** church in Coventry. There were a lot of Boughtons, and they contribute several street names. Thomas Boughton (d.1558) married Margaret **Cave**; Edward (d.1589) married Suzanna whose second husband was George **Durrell**; Margaret, daughter of Edward, married a **Trussell**; Henry (d.1626) married **Joyce**; another Edward (d.1642) had a son-in-law called Sir Richard **Wortley**; **Francis** Boughton inherited the estate in 1669 and in 1739 left the Hall to his daughter **Judith**.

John the **Planter** (1690-1747), son of the first Duke of Montagu, owned land near Pipewell Abbey and spent his time planting lots of trees along the road from Dunchurch to Coventry. His younger daughter married George **Brudenell**, fourth Earl of Cardigan.

What's In A Name (Cont'd)

Lord John Scott, a descendant of John the Planter, is immortalised in the Dunchurch statue which gets dressed up every Christmas. He married **Alicia Anne Spottiswood** in 1836. Her claim to fame is writing the music for 'Annie Laurie'!

In 1911, Charles Edward **Blyth** leased Cawston House plus sporting rights. In 1925 it was bought by Kenneth Mackay who became Earl of **Inchcape** in 1929. Kenneth's son (the second Earl and also Viscount Glenapp) in 1933 married Princess **Gold**, eldest daughter of the Rajah of **Sarawak**. Around 1938 the house was bought by Richard Eales, who sold it to David Mitchell, after which Nellie Gurney-**Callier** rented it for her school.

I now understand the reasoning behind our rather random-sounding road names, though I realise I've missed a few. The trouble is that, unless you know the history, they don't make much sense and, as someone remarked to me, some of them don't sound like places you'd really want to live in. It seems a bit odd to name one of the longest roads (Durrell) after the second husband of the daughter of an owner of Cawston Hall who died in 1589, but maybe the residents of Planter Close will appreciate theirs being linked with the trees along the A45!

Just watch out for One-Handed Boughton who lost a hand during the reign of Elizabeth I and reputedly drives a coach-and-six around the estate - a sight you may not fully appreciate after a few beers in The Bear!

Sue Minton, The Crescent (an obvious road name!)