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Chairman's Message

Welcome,

By now you should have all received an envelope entitled "YOUR CAWSTON PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE", please take the time to fill it out and return it in the freepost envelope included – or of course you can fill it in online following the instructions.

As I write this today we have only had a 23% response rate. To all parishioners who have returned the questionnaire I say a big THANK YOU.

To those of you yet to do it I make the plea – **PLEASE PLEASE take the time and fill it in, this really is YOUR chance to shape the future of Cawston.**

We welcome to the Parish Council a new councillor, Andy Briggs from Brocket Place has agreed to join the council and we look forward to working with him in the future.

Finally I need to remind you of the Xmas Carol Concert on the 13th December at the school, I hope to see many of you there, for those that can't make it, may I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas from all of your Councillors,

Pete Venner
Chair Cawston Parish Council

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Cawston Drop-In Surgery

Safer Neighbourhoods

**Police Drop In Surgery.
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**Wednesday 9th December 2009
5pm – 7pm**

Cawston Grange Primary School

Police are inviting local residents from Cawston and surrounding areas to the next Safer Neighbourhood Team West drop-in surgery. You will have the opportunity to confidentially report crimes, discuss any concerns you may have and share your views with local representatives from the SNT West.

PC 669 Charlotte Hall from the Safer Neighbourhood Team West says *"The drop-in surgery is for local residents to come and discuss any concerns they may have or report any crimes. This can be done in private if wished. At the same time they have the opportunity to meet local officers. We are hoping that this will be a success and make a difference to your community."*

Telephone: 01788 853485

E-mail: rtw.snt@warwickshire.police.uk

Visit our website at

www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk

To report a crime anywhere in Warwickshire call Warwickshire Police
on 01926 415000

Benches

The benches have now been installed for us by the Borough Council, and by judging from their usage appear to be a great success.

In 2010 we are considering putting further benches around the estate starting with the 'conservation area' backing onto the railway line. This area was very pretty this summer with the green paths cut through the grass, wild flowers returning and very popular by dog walkers and runners.

We feel this would be a great area to put more benches.

If you have any views on this, please let us know.

Rugby Borough Council Customer Service Centre

The centre is located in;
Rugby Borough Council Town Hall
Evreux Way, Rugby, CV21 2RR

The customer service centre is the first point of contact for all telephone and face to face enquiries.

At the beginning of 2009 we closed our separate reception for housing enquiries and now we provide all of our face-to-face enquiry services from the main Town Hall reception. A new refurbished reception area will open in early 2010, allowing us to provide some Warwickshire County Council services as well as our own.

At the moment the reception is open between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday, but the council is in the process of consulting people on the most convenient hours for them.

If you would like to comment on the opening hours email openinghours@rugby.gov.uk or call 01788 533533.

Rugby Town West Community Forum

Do you want your say? – Here's your chance

The forum is an opportunity to raise issues of local concern and to find out what is happening in your community

Wednesday 2nd December
Harris School, Harris Drive

Wednesday 17th March 2010
Rokeby Primary School, Anderson Avenue

Drop in from 6:30pm – Police Surgery

Forum from 7pm – Topics include

- Update on previous actions
- Community Project Updates
- Waste Recycling
- Safer Neighbourhoods Policing
 - Forum update
 - Road Safety
 - Priority setting
- Open Public Question Time

Rugby Town West Community Forum – comprising the wards of:
Admirals (inc Cawston), Bilton, Caldecott (inc Hillside & Rokeby),
New Bilton and Overslade.

For more info, please contact the Rugby Area Partnership Team on
01788 533656 or email: rugby@warwickshire.gov.uk or
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums

Can You Help?

National Cycle Network – Route 41

In our last issue we mentioned the old railway line that runs alongside the new Relief Road which is fast becoming overgrown and difficult to access. This seems a waste of a great facility for all of us.

We've met with the land owners, Sustrans and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to see if we can work with them to develop the area as a nature reserve. They were very positive and encouraging and are currently undertaking an ecological report on the area before making a final decision as to whether or not to proceed. In the meantime, they desperately need volunteers to help clear the line as they don't have the necessary funds to contract this work out.

We are very keen to get this project off the ground so they have suggest that we could form a group of volunteers who would work on an occasional basis under the supervision of Warwickshire Wildlife. We would make certain that the group had proper insurance, and only carried out tasks for which they were suited. These might be clearing away undergrowth, cutting back brambles, pruning trees.

If you are interested please contact either Paul on 07834 177662 or at paul.hart@gmx.co.uk or Margaret on 01788 813215 or at margaret.brett@cawstonpc.org

Deliveries

We are very grateful to the group of residents who help us to deliver the Parish News. Are there any others who would be able to help us?

We deliver the magazine four times a year, and would try to give you an area close to your home. If you have volunteered in the past and haven't been contacted recently, please get in touch if you are still able to help - we may have lost your contact details.

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Rugby Western Relief Road (continued)

Spurs allow access to the cycleway along the disused railway, and an underpass takes it beneath the link road to Cawston. **This section is now expected to open in spring 2010.**

From the Lawford Road junction, the relief road continues on an embankment towards the West Coast Mainline railway. It passes under two bridges, each carrying a single railway track linking Rugby to Coventry. One is not high enough to allow tall commercial vehicles underneath. The ground under the bridge is being lowered to make the effective headroom bigger. Water will collect in this dip, so a pumping station is being installed to remove it! The new railway bridge is nearing completion, but not yet passable by road vehicles. Network Rail's own engineering works schedule has severely limited the access by the Relief Road construction. There are two new roundabouts, either side of the new railway bridge.

The road continues over a new bridge over the river Avon, which has a large span, covering not only the normal river position, but also the flood plain. Conditions in a severe flooding event have been modelled. As a result, a flood compensation area has been excavated providing a holding area for the predicted extra water flow. The road continues on the Rugby side of Avon Valley School, joining Newbold Road at a roundabout that appeared recently.

The project encountered problems with services along the way. Large pipelines for gas, drinking water, raw water and foul water had to be diverted during construction, and many still remain to be put back. A large cement pipeline leading to Cemex had to be accommodated. Various unmapped services were discovered, some no longer in use, but others active!

The project has taken pains to preserve and make provisions for future wildlife, including mammal tunnels for badgers and otters.

We are all tired of the congestion in the centre of Rugby. It has got worse during the closure of Parkfield Road, however, it really does look as though next year, at least some of this traffic will be drawn away.

Follow the progress of the road at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rwrr. For a tour please contact Peter Bones of Warwickshire County Council on 01788 513125. They take place on Tuesday mornings and last about 1½ hours. I thoroughly recommend this fascinating glimpse into a complex civil engineering project.

The Cawston Parish Photograph Album

The Parish Council is looking at hosting a photograph album on the Parish web site and all residents are welcome to send photographs.

The photographs will need to be of scenes/events within the parish and will be used to help promote the parish, benefiting anybody who may be interested in learning more about our environmental open spaces and the opportunities for walking and cycling.

The photographs will soon be accessible on the Cawston Parish web site's home page by clicking on the link "**photograph album**".

Photographs should be sent by email to
raj.mistry@cawstonpc.org

The web controller will be responsible for the contents and editing any photographs thought to be inappropriate.

<http://www.cawstonpc.org>

Rugby Western Relief Road – by Nicky Cook

I just had a fascinating experience! I joined a tour of the Rugby Western Relief Road site. This brought home to me what a huge undertaking it is, and some understanding of why it is running late, and inevitably, over budget.

The road will be four miles long, running from Potford's Dam (new) roundabout; alongside the disused railway; to a link with the Cawston Grange estate; on to a signalled junction with Bilton Lane; climbing to a bridge over the Sow Brook; on top of a steep embankment; to a complex signalled junction with Lawford Road; leaving the cement works to the left; along the old route of Parkfield Road; across a tunnel linking two Cemex sites; over a new railway bridge; and a new large bridge across the River Avon; joining the Newbold Road at a new roundabout; and following a strengthened route to the Avon Mill Roundabout.



The new 3 span bridge over the Avon. Avon Valley School is in the background.

We could drive from Potford's Dam to Lawford Road. This pretty stretch has views over rolling farmland to the West. Most of the seven "balancing ponds" have been dug along this stretch. Sitting below the road level, they will receive rain water from the road, and hold it in a buffer, releasing into river courses at a stable rate. Some heavy metals from vehicle exhausts are absorbed by specially bred water plants. Acoustic fencing protects the caravan site and nearby housing from traffic noise. A cycle and walking path runs alongside the road.

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Village Hall

We've now reached a critical time in our discussions about providing a Village Hall.

The preferred option is to work with the Consortium and Borough Council towards having a village hall included in future planning applications. This would be on land which is designated for building but which does not yet have planning permission so would be the least expensive and quickest way to acquire a community building.

In our last issue, we outlined three possible ways forward, however, a piece of land which we were informed belonged to Rugby Borough Council actually belongs to the Consortium and has outline planning permission for housing so this has now left us with only two options;

- The first is to work with the Consortium and Borough council as outlined above.
- The second is to acquire land which is presently 'green' and not yet adopted by the Borough Council. This might involve compulsory purchase and would remain our backup.

We're told that new planning applications are now in the pipeline, but there's no indication that a village hall is included. We are hoping to meet with the planners to discuss this in more detail and wait to see what happens over the next few months.

It would have been better if a village hall had been included in the original plan for Cawston, however, much of the estate is now built or has outline planning permission so our options are very limited.

We do want to reassure residents that when a hall is built landscaping, security and neighbours will be our prime concern. The day to day running of the hall will be by a group of residents who will be able to veto activities which they think might cause a nuisance.

The Parish Plan Questionnaire

Have you completed yours?

It's very important that you complete the questionnaire. The results we get from **YOU** will determine how we spend local funds and drive plans currently scheduled for the **FUTURE** of **YOUR** community!

Every completed questionnaire will be entered into a prize draw (£100, £50 and £25 of shopping vouchers)



Cawston Parish Council

Invite you to their annual

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Sunday December 13th at 3 pm
Cawston Grange Primary School

Free mulled wine, mince pies, & children's drinks

Music accompaniment by a band and choir

We look forward to seeing you all there!