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Chairman's Message

Welcome,

In this issue we have provided updates on the activities that came out of the Parish Plan as the priorities that you wanted us to embark upon. Progress is slow but we continue to fight / lobby for the things that you said were important; a community facility, adopted roads, outdoor play spaces etc.

If there are points of view you would like to express then please feel free to contact any of you local councillors using the contact information on the back page.

Finally I need to remind you of the Xmas Carol Concert at 4pm on the 12th 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

Parish Council Elections

In May 2011 your Parish Council is up for re-election, we currently stand at 7 Councillors but there will be 10 posts available come the elections on the 5th May.

Have you considered standing as a local councillor?

Would you like to find out more?

If so, please contact any of your current councillors or the Clerk to the council, contact details are on the back page.

Rugby Borough Council will be holding an open day on the 7th February at the Town Hall so that interested people can find out more. We'll keep you informed of this via the noticeboards and website.

Useful Contacts

Borough Councillors:

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Orbit Housing Association: (08458) 500500

Rugby Police Station:

Daf Goddard West Town SNT Sergeant (01788) 541111

Charlotte Hall West Town SNT PC (01788) 853813

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RBC Community Safety Wardens: (0800) 0968800



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PARISH PLAN

Parish Plan Action Programme

The Parish Plan document sent to all households in the parish listed an action programme to deliver certain features of interest and benefit to the residents of Cawston Parish.

Some of the features were considered to be of more immediate benefit than others and therefore selected for immediate action. The responsibility for the action and delivery of the features has been allocated to various members of the Parish Council.

A chart showing the features and the responsible officers can be accessed on the Parish Council web site by clicking on the link **Parish Plan Action Programme.**

The chart will be updated on a regular basis to show the status of the Action Programme.

In order to deliver the action points from the Parish Plan 2010 we will need support. The support will probably take the form of working parties from the community working closely together, using inherent skills or just good old fashioned common sense.

If you feel that you can contribute to the delivery of the action points of the Parish Plan 2010, please send your contact details (email address or telephone number) to the

Parish Clerk, Ray Morgan.

clerk@cawstonpc.org

Tel 519563.

Motorbikes Being Used Off Road

There is still some misunderstanding about where off road bikes can be ridden. Here is a reminder of the advice given by Warwickshire Police.

- only vehicles that meet the required standards and are registered with the DVLA can be used on roads, pavements and car parks. As well as being registered, they must be taxed and insured. An MOT will be required for vehicles over three years old.

- the only place where off road vehicles, (including quad bikes, monkey bikes, scooters, small machines which have a petrol engine, mini motos and go peds with an electric motor) can be lawfully ridden is on private land with the direct permission of the land owner or at an organised, supervised off road centre. This permission has NOT been given for any of the land on Cawston Grange.

- bikes can NOT be ridden on wasteland, the disused railway line, playing fields, parks, bridle paths, rights of way, pavements or footpaths.

For more detailed information, visit www.warwickshire.police.uk

If you do see bikes being ridden illegally, please report this to Rugby Police on 01788 541111. It is important that all incidents are logged, (make sure you receive an incident number) so that the police can build up a picture of problem areas.

Rugby Town West Community Forum

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

Community Forum gives YOU the opportunity to raise issues of local concern and keeps you up to date with what is happening in YOUR community.

Next meeting Wednesday 8th Dec

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Limetree Avenue
Rugby, CV22 7QT

Drop in from 6:30pm, Forum starts at 7pm

Community Drop In

If you have a specific concern or problem then come along to the drop-in session between 6:30pm and 7pm. Here you can speak to your local Councillors, Council Officers and members of the Rugby Town West Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Topics for discussion at the Forum include:

- Neighbourhood Presentations (Admirals, Cawston, Bilton)
- Update from Cemex
- Census 2011
- Safer Neighbourhood Policing / Community Safety
- 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

Cawston Drop-In Surgery

Safer Neighbourhoods

**Police Drop In Surgery.
Come and tell us what matters.**

Please see the noticeboards for dates and times of the next drop-in surgeries.

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

Friends of Cawston Greenway

Now that there is no danger of disturbing nesting birds, the work on the Greenway has started in earnest. We have started making small clearings, 'glades', to let the sun in, and hopefully encourage wild flowers and butterflies. A lot of work is going on under the old railway bridge near Potsford Dam to make a big clearing and maybe a picnic area.

The recent wet weather has shown up some drainage problems, especially towards the Bear. Some of this has been caused by construction work damaging the drainage system on the old railway line and we are still considering how to deal with it.

There is a lot of work to be done, and volunteers are very welcome to come along to any of the work days; we have some tools, but it's advisable to bring your own gloves. Workdays are advertised on the Blog on the website at www.cawstongreenway.org and also on the Parish Council notice boards .

Overgrown Hedges

A number of residents have expressed concern about various plants and hedges which are now over grown and obstructing footpaths, pavements and roads.

The Parish Council respectfully advises that it is the responsibility of all property owners to cut back any overgrown hedges and plant growth on their boundaries.

Obstructing a public right of way is a matter of great concern and causes inconvenience to many, especially people with sight impairment, or with mobility problems, walkers with pushchairs and small children. It also reduces the line of vision for motor vehicles and bicycles as well as other road users.

Be a considerate citizen and cut your hedges please.



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Cawston Women's Institute

A new WI has just been formed in Cawston. It will meet on the third Thursday of every month, at the new Children's Centre, starting at seven thirty.

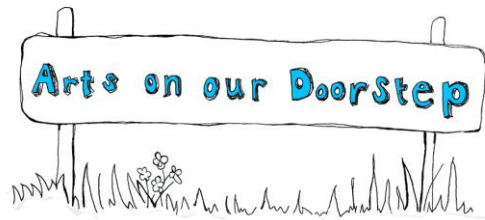
Don't be put off by out dated ideas you may have of the WI; this is a new group, and you can help to decide how it develops. The November meeting was a Belly Dancing Night. There are lots of possibilities, but the main thing is to meet new people and have some fun.

Come along and help to get the group under way. The December meeting will be on Thursday 16th, and there will be a Christmas Quiz and seasonal refreshments

For more details ring 07870 383639

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Support for Small Arts Projects in Rural Warwickshire

Arts on our Doorstep provides professional advice, practical support and resources up to the value of £5,000 for small arts projects across the rural areas of Warwick District and Rugby Borough.

Are you a member of a group with a creative idea to bring your community together or would like to develop an arts project with a positive impact on your environment? Perhaps you're an artist who would like to share your skills with your neighbours? **Arts on our Doorstep** could be for you.

The scheme offers an opportunity to try new things. This could be an entirely new arts project or event for the first time. Or you might like to enhance an existing project by introducing a new activity, working with professional artists or trying to include new participants and audiences.

There are no restrictions on art forms.

For more information and to get in touch please visit

www.warwickshireleader.net/artsonourdoorstep

If you do not have access to the internet please call 07879 117423 and leave a message with your contact details and a brief description of your project.

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Cawston Parish Council

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CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Sunday December 12th at 4 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!

Village Hall

You may be wondering when you will see developments on this project, and a building going up. Over the last few months we have been in negotiations to acquire an adequate plot of land on the commercial area. Things are proceeding well, and we are very hopeful that by our next issue we shall have real progress to report.

We are confident enough now to start work on our business plan. To this end, we would like to hear from any residents, or from groups outside Cawston that you may belong to, who would be interested in using the hall once built.

We have had some contacts in the past, but time has gone on, so we would be grateful if people contacted us again if their interest remains.

Obviously we would be very interested to hear from any group who might want to have a financial involvement in the project. The building is still in the early planning stage, so we would be interested to hear of any design ideas that might encourage a particular group to use the building.

While we have been negotiating for land, the working party has consisted mostly of councillors, but we would like to get more residents involved now.

If you belonged to the working party in the past and are still interested, or if you are new to the project, please contact us at margaret.brett@cawstonpc.org

or phone 01788 813215.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a voluntary organisation which works to help reduce crime, they will help to set up individual NHW groups, support the groups, and hold regular General Meetings which the public may attend. Neighbourhood Watch encourages a strong community spirit as people get to know each other and look out for one another.

We found from the results of our Parish Plan that there was an interest in setting up more Neighbourhood Watch groups in Cawston. In the past week a new group has been set up called Grindal Watch. New Groups are supported by the police and the local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

If you are interested in setting up a group in your street, we have some leaflets and contact details for the co-ordinator (call 01788 813215). You can also find more details at www.rugbynhw.co.uk or by phoning 07760 121222.

General Care and Maintenance

We need you to tell us of every problem that you are aware of in your neighbourhood. Be it pooling of surface water runoff, defective drains, broken or badly fitting covers, street lamps not working or damaged road signs or absolutely anything else.

(Photographic evidence would be very helpful)

So that we can create a list to hand over to the authorities at the crucial time to make sure everything is corrected prior to hand over.

If you have any issues to report please contact Cllr. Terry Medcraft by email **terry.medcraft@cawstonpc.org**

A list of all issues raised that are the responsibility of the Consortium / builders will be placed on the Parish Council web site.

Correction

We apologise for reporting to you in error, in the September issue of the Cawston Parish News, that general care and maintenance of the estate post adoption would have to be funded by the residents through the precept (council tax).

The Parish Council would like to correct this statement by stating that the responsibility for care and maintenance will be with the Highway's Authority.

Community Recreational Area

To give the proposed play area the importance it deserves the Parish Council set up a working party to ensure we look at every aspect of play areas. We want to make sure that we are fulfilling the desires of the Parishioners by looking to fulfil their mandate in the form of the recently issued Parish Plan. A green gym was high on your agenda!

We will welcome comments from all and we will ensure that there is adequate consultation at all levels.

On 22nd October 2010 Councillors Peter Venner, Mrs Dawn Wilson, Phil Sharples and Mrs Margaret Brett met with Borough Councillor Mark Williams and officers from the Police and Rugby Borough Council. We toured local play facilities so we could get an idea of what has worked and what has not in the Rugby area. This will allow us to take the best ideas forward to our own planned recreational area.

We visited 5 sites: The very new Buchanan Road Park, Woodlands Play Space, Heath Way Play Area, the GEC Recreation Ground Play Area and Caldecott Park.

All of the areas had interesting ideas to offer but we were most taken with the GEC Recreation Ground. This stood out for us as offering something for everyone, nicely spread out with an open feeling of welcome for the whole family, and it incorporated a green gym!

If you have time we would suggest that you visit these and other parks to see what you think and let us know your ideas. Rugby Borough council have already collected lots of information from all of you that completed their recent survey and attended the Play day at Cawston in August.

If you would like to join the working party then please contact;

Dawn.wilson@cawstonpc.org

Or

Philip.sharples@cawstonpc.org

You can also provide your views to Borough Councillor Mark Williams at **mark.williams@rugby.gov.uk**