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# C<sub>P</sub>N Cawston Parish News

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## Chairman's Message

Welcome,

The key message that I want to get across to you in this issue is that we need **YOUR help**.

The Parish Council is up for re-election in May and we need new people to come forward and stand as Councillors.

Why?

3 reasons;

- 1) We need help, the same 7 councillors cannot keep up with all of the things we want to do.
- 2) New people bring fresh ideas and challenges, we want to keep moving forward with broader views and opinions taken into account
- 3) If we don't get enough people standing (and some of the current Councillors may not stand for re-election due to personal commitments) who will be the voice for Cawston?

If you are interested please see the contact details for further information on page 11 of this issue, along with the timescales involved.

A parish Council is the tier of local authority closest to its community as it elects representatives from within that community.

**Parish and town Councils are democracy on your doorstep**

Remember the Parish Council is here to represent your views about local issues and we're here to try and help YOU, without it what would you do?

Pete Venner  
Chair Cawston Parish Council

## 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

**Nina Vernon** West Town SNT PCSO

RBC Community Safety Wardens: (0800) 0968800



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## 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.

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](mailto:clerk@cawstonpc.org) or Tel 519563.

## 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 have received several enquiries since our last issue from residents interested in setting up new neighbourhood watch groups. If anyone else would like more information, we have the contact phone number for the local organiser and some leaflets.

If you would like either of these please ring 01788 813215 or email [margaret.brett@cawstonpc.org](mailto:margaret.brett@cawstonpc.org)

You can also find more details at [www.rugbynhw.co.uk](http://www.rugbynhw.co.uk)

## Friends of Cawston Greenway

The group have had a very busy time over the last three months. We have been very lucky with the weather and have managed a couple of workdays most weeks. Most of the work so far has been on the southern section of the line, towards Potsford Dam, the aim being to widen the path to make it more accessible and create open glades to encourage flowers and butterflies. Thanks to the weather, we have been able to burn much of the dead wood that we have cut back and now that we have a brush cutter we can proceed more rapidly. Once the birds start nesting we shall have to stop cutting back until next Autumn, but there will still be jobs to do.

For more information go to the blog at [www.cawstongreenway.org](http://www.cawstongreenway.org) where future workdays are announced. We would welcome anyone who wants to come along and help, you don't have to be big and strong, there is work for all levels of fitness.

## 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](mailto: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

## Community Hall

We are still confident that we shall soon have a plot of land on the commercial area on which to build our village hall. Solicitors have been instructed and we are waiting for the land transfer to be arranged. This does seem to be taking forever, but we are sure patience will be rewarded in the near future.

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](mailto:margaret.brett@cawstonpc.org)**  
or phone 01788 813215.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Harris School (new Hope Hall)**

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

#### Community Drop In

If you have a specific concern or 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 (Rokeby, Overslade & Woodlands)
- Safer Neighbourhood Policing
- Open Public Question Time

For more info, please contact the Rugby Area Partnership Team on 01788 533656 or email: [rugby@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:rugby@warwickshire.gov.uk).  
Or [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums](http://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](mailto:rtw.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)

Visit our website at

[www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk](http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk)

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

## Cawston Runners

[www.cawstonrunners.co.uk](http://www.cawstonrunners.co.uk)

A group of joggers and runners who pick routes in and around Cawston. Everyone welcome, all abilities, just a bit of fun with like-minded people to give each other a bit of motivation and encouragement.

Meet at the Turchil Road play area and try to do around 5k, which will take about half an hour, and should burn off about 500 calories.

However, no need to stress about the time, it's getting round it that is the initial goal. Improving times will come with improved fitness.

The great thing about running is that it costs nothing. No membership fees, no having to drive to a venue, really no effort at all, just slip your trainers on and it's on your doorstep.

Running is also very therapeutic, and a good combat against stress. It gives you time to think and turn things over in your mind, working out solutions to all the niggly little problems in life, or just clear your head and think about nothing at all.

Come along and give it a go.

If you have any questions please feel free to e mail

[paul@cawstonrunners.co.uk](mailto:paul@cawstonrunners.co.uk)

Looking forward to seeing you on the next run



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### Cawston Grange Women's Institute Lite

This new WI meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7 30 pm in the new Children's Centre by Cawston Grange School.

The programme is still being arranged - in January we had Chocolate Tasting and in February Wine Tasting, both very enjoyable. The March meeting will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>, and will be a Flower Arranging Demonstration of a Mother's Day Basket by Anne Marie's Florist, Dunchurch.

Drinks, refreshments and a book exchange are available at every meeting.

Come along to see how the WI has changed, and meet new people.

More information is available on the website at  
[www.cawstongrangewilite.co.uk](http://www.cawstongrangewilite.co.uk)



10:00am - Coffee  
10:30am - Breakfast and Family Service  
Come along with your family to enjoy  
food, fun and thoughts about Mothers' Day

**Mothers' Day - Sunday 3 April 2011**

We're Family Friendly,  
Relaxed & Informal...come along  
and find out more!

**Easter Sunday - 24 April 2011**

10:00am - Coffee  
10:30am - Family Friendly Service  
**What does Easter mean to you?**

#### Who are BEC Cawston?

We are part of BEC (Bilton Evangelical Church, Main Street Bilton) who meet at Cawston Grange Primary School (Scholars Drive), offering an opportunity for everyone to join with us as we worship God.

Contact us on tel: 01788 817326, email [cawston@becchurch.org.uk](mailto:cawston@becchurch.org.uk) or visit [www.becchurch.org.uk](http://www.becchurch.org.uk).

## The Digital Switchover

### Know Your Rights! .... Advice from Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service

In the Central TV Region, the digital switchover is due to begin on March 30th 2011 (although the date will vary within Warwickshire).

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service is concerned that some rogue traders will use digital switchover as an opportunity to sell house holders equipment, for example, new televisions, video recorders and aerials that they may not actually need.

They are also concerned that rogue traders may use the opportunity to falsely claim their property requires other work doing while 'installing' a new aerial, for example, roofing or guttering work.

If you only have analogue TV Services (four or five channels) any TV you want to keep watching after the switchover will need to be converted with a digital box. If you already have more than five standard TV channels on all your TV sets, then you are probably ready for switchover.

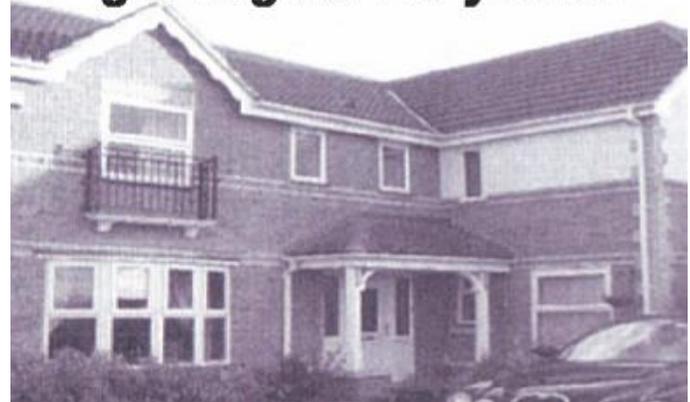
Trading Standards advises:

- Most TVs can be converted by the use of a digital set top box - don't be conned into buying a new TV
- Your video / DVD recorder should still work but you probably won't be able to record one channel while watching another - to do this you will need a digital TV recorder
- If you're buying a new TV or recorder, look for the digital TV tick (to show it works with digital TV)
- Don't be persuaded to buy a new aerial from a doorstep trader. Most aerials will continue to work - check the strength first by visiting teletext p284. If you do need to upgrade, make sure you choose a Registered Digital Installer

For more advice on problems with shopping or buying services, contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06

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# Parish Council Elections

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY? WHY NOT BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

### What do Parish Councils do?

Councils have an overall responsibility for the well being of the local community.

Their work falls into three main categories:

- Representing the local community
- Delivering services to meet very local needs
- Working to improve quality of life in the parish

### You should consider becoming a Parish Councillor if:

- You want to do something positive for your community
- You want to spend your time productively
- You can think, listen and act locally

### Cawston Parish Council is involved in maintaining or contributing to the following services:

- Village Hall
- Parks, open spaces and cycle paths
- Leisure / play facilities
- Community facilities e.g schools / shops etc
- Community safety projects and crime reduction measures
- Community celebrations
- Planning
- Street cleaning / lighting issues
- Road adoption

### Councillors have 3 main areas of work:

- Decision making – Councillors decide what activities to support, where money should be spent and what services should be delivered locally.
- Monitoring – Councillors keep an eye on how well things are working and how well services are being delivered.
- Getting involved locally.

# Parish Council Elections

Elections for the selection of Parish Councillors for Cawston are due to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May this year. This Parish is entitled to 10 Councillors and currently has seven.

This is your chance to step forward to help this Council achieve the facilities it deserves. A Parish Plan has been completed and a working party is ongoing to achieve the aims set out.

The work of a Councillor takes up as much time as you want to commit, a Council Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, partaking in a working party and listening to local residents.

Applications to be a Parish Councillor have to be with the Returning Officer by noon on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

If you are interested in getting involved and you fit the criteria laid out below then please contact any of the Councillors shown on the back page of this Parish News or The Parish Clerk, Raymond Morgan on 01788 519563 or email to [clerk@cawstonpc.org](mailto:clerk@cawstonpc.org) to obtain further information.

## This Council looks forward to hearing from you.

### Criteria

- Aged over 18
- A British, Commonwealth Citizen or Euronational Citizen (who is a registered elector
- Resident for 12 months prior to the day of election – either in the parish or within 3 miles of the boundary
- Occupied land or premises for 12 months as owner or tenant – either in the parish or within 3 miles of the boundary
- Had a principal place of work – either in the parish or within 3 miles of the boundary