

**UPPTOWN NEWS**  
**UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**  
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**QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE**

Uppingham Town Council, together with the Uppingham Town Partnership, is to support the celebrations of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee by offering financial support to any voluntary organisations in the town that will be offering their own jubilee event. Any voluntary organisation in the town is invited to apply for up to £250 to support their event. All you need to do is send a letter of application to the town clerk including:

- Name of the organisation
- Name and address of person responsible for the event
- Description of the event
- Date, time and location
- How many people it is expected to involve
- Brief description of how the money will be spent

Naturally there is a fixed limit to this fund, and all applications will be treated strictly upon merit. Applications should be received by the end of May.

Uppingham Town Council, The Town Hall, High Street East, Uppingham Rutland, LE15 9PY  
Email: [clerk@upptown.co.uk](mailto:clerk@upptown.co.uk), telephone: 01572 822 681.

### **CLLR CORNELIUS VINCENT—ENRIGHT**

I am a married young forward thinking fifty two year old and have lived in Uppingham since December 2004. What a fantastic experience this has been, there is a great sense of community here, which is what attracted me originally.

I am a highly qualified Fitness Consultant & Sports Therapist with thirty years experience and I run my own company called Fit For Life.

I enjoy the outdoor life, which includes power walking, cycling and regular daily walks with our dog Mo Chara, I enjoy photography and music and support our local Open Mic nights and regular music gigs in the local area.

I've been involved with the Uppingham Fete, Flower & Produce Show for the last six years, and hold the position of Vice Chairman. I am a member of the Limes, Firs & Spurs Residents Association to represent our neighbourhood in development of the Uppingham Town Neighbourhood Plan.

I have subsequently learned that this town has a lot more to offer to it's residents and as a town councillor I would like to promote better facilities for the youth as they are our future and deserve our support. Our ageing population have given a lot to this beautiful town over the years and now we owe it to them to provide access to facilities so they can still enjoy living their lives and feel an active valuable part of our community.

As a dog owner I am only too aware of the unsightly mess I encounter when I walk around town. This issue needs to be sorted out before it really gets out of hand one thing I have learned over the years is this life is not a dress rehearsal and it is very important to give it you best shot for the overall good of our local community.

### **UPPINGHAM IN BLOOM**

This year Uppingham is "Going for Gold". Last year we achieved "Silver Gilt"; this year with the Diamond Jubilee and Olympics the theme will be Gold and Yellow! We would ask the town to help us with this task by planting any baskets, tubs or gardens in these colours. With your support we can achieve our goal. For

further information about the planting, "the bloom" or how you can help please contact

e-mail [karenemery@btopenworld.com](mailto:karenemery@btopenworld.com)

Telephone 07980832415. Thank you.

### **ESTIMATES YEAR ENDING 31.03.2013**

#### **EXPENDITURE**

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RECREATION GROUND & OPEN SPACES	12,000.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	53,450.00
MISCELLANEOUS	22,110.00
TOWN HALL	17,000.00
PUBLIC LIGHTING	5,100.00
MARKET PLACE	4,300.00
ALLOTMENTS	1,250.00
LEICESTER ROAD CEMETERY LOAN	<u>6,200.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	121,410.00

#### **INCOME**

TOWN HALL	16,000.00
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MARKET RENTS	15,000.00
MARCH FAIR	550.00
RENTS	1,775.00
INVESTMENT INTEREST	800.00
ALLOTMENT RENTS	<u>1,700.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	35,825.00
NET EXPENDITURE	85,585.00
FROM GENERAL FUND	3,000.00
<b>PRECEPT</b>	<b>82,585.00</b>

A full breakdown of Income and Expenditure will be published in the Annual Report to be distributed at the Annual Town Meeting.

#### **UPPINGHAM TOWN PARTNERSHIP'S BROCANTE**

The Uppingham Town Partnership is bringing a **new event** to the town on Sunday APRIL 15 in the form of a Brocante. This will be an upmarket collection of antique and "collectables" stalls spread around the town from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. It is hoped to have up to 50 stalls, and should attract many visitors to the town as well as appeal to local townsfolk.

So, pop it in your diaries and let's hope for good weather and an enjoyable day!

#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN UPPINGHAM**

Sunday 22nd April—Stilton Cheese Run  
 Friday 20th April—Olympic Torch rehearsal  
 Sat 2nd to Tues 5th June—Diamond Jubilee celebrations.  
 Sunday 17th June—Uppingham Feast  
 Tuesday 3rd July—Olympic Torch  
 Friday 6th July—Visitors from Caudebec  
 Sunday 5th Aug.—Flower & Produce Show  
 Wednesday 28th Nov—Fat Stock Show

#### **CO-OPTION TO A CASUAL VACANCY ON UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

Due to the resignation of Kate Siviter who has moved out of the area.

Qualifications for eligibility are;

- a person is qualified to be elected and to be a councillor if he/she is a qualifying Commonwealth citizen or a Euronational, if on the relevant day is 18 years of age or over and:
- be a local government elector for the area of the authority; or he/she has during the whole of the twelve months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in that area; or his principal or only place of work during that twelve months has been in that area;
- or in the case of a member of a parish or community council he has during the whole of those twelve months resided either in the parish or community or within three miles of it..

Persons that are not eligible:

- is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order ( as section 267(1) of the Enterprise

- Act 2002); or
- has within five years before the day of election or since his election been convicted of any offence and has had passed on him a sentence of imprisonment of at least three months (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine; or
- has been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices.

If you would like to be considered to be a member of Uppingham Town Council, please submit a personal profile, either by letter or email to the Town Clerk by Wednesday 4th April 2012.

The members of Uppingham Town Council will consider and interview all prospective applicants after that date.

## **THE MAYOR'S REPORT 2011 -2012**

“The trouble with the council is that they don't do anything”

Perhaps our problem is that we don't tell people what a hard working council we are and that your councillors give up many hours each month in support of Uppingham.

This has been a very busy year indeed!

### **The Town Hall**

Slowly but surely the council has been implementing its plan to bring the town hall up to date and ready for the next hundred years. We have completely replaced all the windows with new double glazed ones with coated aluminium frames. This will reduce our maintenance costs and should also significantly reduce our heating bills. New blinds have been fitted to the windows and an order has been placed to replace the ageing stock of chairs. A new storage area with indoor access has been built, and we have been able to extend this to create a room for a new police office replacing the old bungalow on Leicester Road. This joint usage has been a great success with the police base now being more central, and the police presence in the hall offers a great feeling of security to all its users

A bid has been made to upgrade the gents toilets and to provide a lift to the upper floor. If successful, this will enable even greater usage of the council chambers, and will act as springboard to the ambitious final phase of redevelopment which is a planned extension to the upper floor as a mezzanine over part of the main hall

### **People**

We have welcomed 3 new members to the council namely Michael Wellen, David Ainslie and Anne Rollins following the contested election in May and a fourth new member Cornelius Vincent-Enright joining in March following an uncontested election. There is still a vacancy for a further member and the council is looking to co-opt later in the spring. Interested persons should contact the Clerk.

Sadly we lost Colin Forsyth last year. Colin had made a considerable contribution to the civic life of the town he was both a county and town councillor. He is very much missed

### **The Town**

The council is currently awaiting the outcome of a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop a high quality heritage trail around the town. This bid was partly inspired by rather dilapidated and vandalised town map standing in Dairy Corner. It is hoped to provide 5 acid etched steel information panels around the town, way markers inset into the pavements, and an associated leaflet and map. We are also planning a sophisticated web site offering a virtual Uppingham museum, other electronic wizardry and an educational

tool for the local schools

The Council is also working with Uppingham First , The Uppingham Partnership and other organisations to produce a “Neighbourhood Plan” which , when completed should give the town a greater say in how the town develops over the next 20 years. This is a lengthy and difficult process. Thanks to those who turned up at the town hall on a cold February day to offer their ideas as part of the consultation process!

We have also continued to maintain the skate park on Tod’s Piece as part of our commitment to youth provision. This is an enormously popular attraction and serves as an excellent location to let off steam and harmlessly use up some of the energy of youth! You may have also noticed that we have also begun the slow process of repainting the railings North Street East and Tod’s Piece.

The Town Council has begun the process of considering making Tod’s Piece as a “Field in Trust” to ensure the continuing availability of this area as a place of recreation for the whole town

We will also see the refurbishment of the Market Place toilets this summer following a grant from Rutland County Council.

### **Christmas and Events**

We have received many congratulations about the upgrade to the town’s Christmas lights. and will continue the process for Christmas 2012. Whilst many councillors have provided untold hours behind the scenes in this project I must point to the effort of Julie Lewis whose effort and energy masterminded this improvement.

Well done to the Uppingham Town Partnership for providing the town with superbly organised Late Night Shopping, and a wonderful Feast Day, to Uppingham Rotary for the Classic Car Day, and to Rutland Morris for bringing over 150 Morris Dancers to the town last summer

We look forward to working with the many organisations of the town on a whole host of events in the coming twelve months

### **Your Council**

The town council has been re awarded “Quality Council” status. We are the only town or parish council in Rutland to achieve this status, and it is a great credit to our Clerk Susan Awcock that we are in this position. This award confirms that the council performs to the highest standards, which will be an important consideration with the passing of the Localism Bill, which could empower town and parish councils to take over some assets and duties of County Councils. We will be following this up with interest and enthusiasm! I should like to remind all that our council meetings are open to the public, and that there is an opportunity to address the council during the “democratic 15 minutes”. Sadly very few townsfolk take up this opportunity, and I would urge you all to come and see and listen to what our Town Council gets up to!

### **The Mayor**

I am coming to the end of my two years as mayor. And on a personal note I would like to say that it has been a privilege to serve as town mayor and to work with an excellent group of town councillors and the town clerk. I honestly feel that the town is a better place after my two years but I know there is much more to do and look forward to working with the new mayor who will be elected in May to this end.

### **The Annual Town Meeting**

As Mayor I would like to invite you to the Annual Town meeting to be held in the council chamber of the **Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 18th April 2012**. This is an opportunity for the electorate of Uppingham to raise issues relating to the town.

An invitation has been forwarded to Spire Home to present plans for the Branston Road/Samuel Court and garages development. This will be of interest to residents of Branston Road and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Council members and I look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Peter Rees, Mayor of Uppingham