

UPPTOWN NEWS
UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of “Upptown News”. As newly appointed Mayor I would like to say how proud I am to receive this honour, and how determined I am to do this position justice. It is my intention to work hard with my councillor colleagues to raise the profile of our wonderful town both within the county of Rutland and further afield.

I also hope to continue to make our council meetings effective occasions that lead to decisions and actions that help improve the lives and well being of all Uppingham residents. I am pleased to be supported in this role by the appointment of Councillor Dave Ainslie as my deputy.

Why not come along to a council meeting? Members of the Public are always welcome; and there is a “democratic 15 minutes” in which the public are welcome to have their say. Details of meetings are in this newsletter, on our web site www.uppinghamtowncouncil.co.uk, or on our town hall notice board.

Finally I must pay tribute to the previous Mayor Councillor Peter Rees who successfully put in a great deal of hardwork effort, particularly behind the scenes, to ensure that the town of Uppingham and its council, are in a good position to face the challenges that undoubtedly face it in this rapidly evolving local political framework.

David Casewell, Mayor of Uppingham

Good News!

The Town Council, working with the Town Partnership and the Uppingham Local History Study Group has been successful in gaining Heritage Lottery funding to develop a “Heritage Trail”. We need volunteers to help with this! Please contact the clerk.

We are renovating the Gents’ Toilets and installing a lift in the Town Hall (see below)

The public toilets in the Market Square have been refurbished

The railings along side Tod’s Piece are in the process of being repainted.

Working with other town organisations we have managed to persuade HSBC to retain an ATM in the town. All we need now is a location!

Congratulations to the Town Partnership for putting on such a fabulous feast day! Well done to all those good Uppingham folks who turned up in their droves to support the day.

We welcomed a party from Caudebec en Caux early July as part of our twinning activities. The new Cricket Club ground was the venue for a very English tea and cricket match.

**PROGRESS REPORT ON LIFT INSTALLATION AND RENOVATION OF
THE GENTLEMEN'S TOILETS.**

Many of you would have seen the work going on in the Town Hall especially those members of the public who cut through from North Street East to High Street East. May I remind you that there is no public right of way down the passageway; notices are posted at each end confirming this.

The work is on schedule and should be completed mid August and when completed the lift will enable those persons with a disability to access the chamber.

This work is being funded by a grant of £50,000 from WREN, which is a not for profit business that awards grants for community projects from funds donated by Waste Recycling Group (WRG) to Landfill Communities Fund.

**FULL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
2012—2013. (Public Welcome)**

**FULL COUNCIL – FIRST WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH
SECOND WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH IF THERE IS A BANK
HOLIDAY. MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7. 30 P.M**

2012

13th JUNE*
4th JULY
1st AUGUST
5th SEPTEMBER
3rd OCTOBER
7th NOVEMBER
5th DECEMBER

2013

9th JANUARY*
6th FEBRUARY
6th MARCH
3rd APRIL
1st MAY

**FINANCE, AMENITIES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETINGS IF REQUIRED:**

2012

20th JUNE
18th JULY
15th AUGUST (PLANNING)
19th SEPTEMBER
17th OCTOBER
21st NOVEMBER
19th DECEMBER

2013

23rd JANUARY
20th FEBRUARY
20th MARCH

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 17th APRIL 2013

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15th MAY 2013

CO-OPTION TO A CASUAL VACANCY ON UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Owing to the resignation of Michael Wellen.

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 8th August 2012.

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

UPPINGHAM IN BLOOM

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TO PUT YOUR NAME DOWN FOR
“THE BEST”

PLEASE CONTACT - karenemery@btopenworld.com
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