

## FIELDS IN TRUST—QUEEN ELIZABETH 11 PLAYING FIELDS DEED OF DEDICATION—TOD'S PIECE

In association with the National Playing Fields Association, Uppingham Town Council has agreed to dedicate Tod's Piece as a Field in Trust. There is no change in ownership, nor day-to-day management. Tod's Piece is there for sport, play and recreation, by protecting it Council are opening up opportunities to apply for funding for improvements. The council are currently considering providing adult fitness equipment and renewing the skate park.

### HERITAGE TRAIL

Progress on the development of the town's Heritage Trail continues. The 20 sites on the trail have been agreed, and the working group are liaising with the Uppingham Local History Study Group to gather historical information for these sites. The plan is to mark the trail with a series of 7 "information boards" and an information sheet/map showing the route round the trail. Each site will be marked with a small plaque indicating its number and offering a "QR" code which will lead to further information about each site. The whole trail is backed by a major web site which is currently in development, but can be viewed at [www.uppinghamheritagetrail.org.uk](http://www.uppinghamheritagetrail.org.uk).

In early July, the trail was given a trial run by about 20 townspeople who responded to a press request for help, and their comments helped us arrive at a final version of both the "information boards" and the leaflet. Thank you to them!

At the time of writing we await planning permission and finalisation of all the design work before we move to the construction of the boards in acid etched steel, and their erection on site. It is hoped to have the trail available this autumn, with a formal launch in the spring of 2014.

The trail development is managed by Uppingham Town Council with support from many other local organisations, and funded by Heritage Lottery Funds.

### TOWN SIGNS

The Uppingham Town Partnership has acquired "Portas" funding to provide 2 finger directional posts within the town. 1 will be sited on Tod's Piece and the 2<sup>nd</sup> will be sited in the Market Square. It is intended that these signs will be in the same style as the Heritage Information Boards

### A GUIDE TO BONFIRES

Many people assume there are bylaws prohibiting bonfires. There aren't. But if a neighbour is causing a nuisance by burning rubbish they can be stopped by using the Environmental Protection Act 1990. To be considered a nuisance the bonfire would have to be a regular problem and interfering substantially with well-being, comfort or enjoyment of your property. Therefore if the fire is only occasional it is unlikely to be considered a nuisance. Similarly if you are troubled by a series of bonfires from various neighbours each of whom only burns occasionally, this would not be considered a nuisance because no individual can be held responsible.

#### Good bonfire guidance

Avoid lighting in unsuitable weather conditions e.g. when the wind will carry smoke over roads or onto other people's property. Only burn dry material. Avoid burning at weekends and on bank holidays when people are more likely to be in their garden. Never leave the fire unattended or leave it to smoulder. BE CONSIDERATE.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan Task Group are grateful for the many responses received following distribution of the draft document. All responses are being discussed and a second document is being prepared for further consultation which will be delivered to all residences and businesses in Uppingham and Ayton. Copies will also be available for collection from the Town Hall.

#### UPPINGHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' 6<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY HOSTED BY AGE CONCERN UPPINGHAM

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013 2.45 pm – 5 pm in the Town Hall  
Tickets available on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
10 am – noon at the Church Rooms

Needed; Volunteer dog wardens who will be able to serve fixed penalty notices to dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs.  
Free training on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2013 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.  
Venue Bottesford Parish Council, expenses paid.  
**Interested?**  
Please contact the Clerk: [clerk@upptown.co.uk](mailto:clerk@upptown.co.uk) for details.