

Party in the Park an Outstanding Success

The "Party in the Park" on Saturday 16th July was a huge success and we believe that everybody enjoyed themselves. The only complaint we received was that it finished too early! Please let us know, via our various media outlets, what you thought of the occasion. We would like to thank our local police officers for their support on the day. Special tribute also to Parish Councillor Sandy Hudson who was responsible for most of the arrangements for the day. Thank you Sandy. The Council is already receiving requests to make this an annual event. What do you think ?



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Pineham Barnes School

Residents will now be aware of the proposal to erect a new primary school on the north side of Upton Valley Way, currently just outside our Parish Boundary. All households within the parish should have received a leaflet about the new school and we would urge all residents to participate in the survey contained therein. This will be a valuable asset for our area. Further information about the school can be found on www.Pinehambarns.school.

Car Parking

Careless car parking continues to be a significant problem in the parish. Could we please, once again, urge residents to park their cars thoughtfully and not block access for others. Please use garages and driveways to park your vehicles wherever possible. Please keep commercial vehicles away from the parish. We are working with the police to overcome these parking difficulties and will support the police in any enforcement action. Remember, you must always leave enough space for emergency vehicles, should they ever be needed. We seek your support in this matter.

Tesco Mereway Community Champion

We are launching our new Community Food Connection at Tesco Mereway along with all other Tesco stores in Northampton.

We want to make sure any surplus edible food we have is donated to local charities and community groups working to feed those in need. To help us with this, we have partnered with FareShare FoodCloud.

FareShare will find and match charities to our store and then help oversee the relationship once it is up and running. FoodCloud is a simple app that supports the day to day donations by letting charities know how much food a store has on any given day.

We hope to donate a wide range of products - bakery, fruit and veg, eggs and even chilled products like meat, ready meals and dairy products. Of course, we can give no guarantee as to what will be available on any given day.

All of this follows from successful pilots in other stores.

I am inviting any charities/community projects who may be interested in this venture to make contact and then I can email them myself.

More information is available at www.tesco.com/communityfoodconnection

Warm Regards
Alex Cairns
Community Champion Tesco Mereway

Council Membership

We are sorry to report of the resignation of the past Chairman to our Council, Steve Jelley, due to personal circumstances.

Steve was a founder member of the Parish Council and was inspirational in setting it up just four years ago. Prior to that he had been Chairman of the Riverstone Way Community Association, which was the forerunner to the formation of the Parish Council

The Parish owes a debt of gratitude to Steve who has been tireless in his efforts to improve life for our community and for the personal hours that he has put in to achieve that goal. Steve, we wish you well in your future endeavours.

Consequently, we now have a new Chairman. The Parish Council unanimously elected Stephen Hiscock, from Lynmore Close as its new Chairman. Debbie Hammond from Riverstone Way remains as our Vice-Chairman.

WANTED

We also now have a vacancy on the Council, Are you the person to fill it? We are looking for someone over the age of 18 who lives or works within the Parish, who has the interests of our community at heart and who can spare a few hours a month being of benefit to others. Please contact the Clerk through any of the media available for further details and an application form if you are interested. You could make all the difference.

Eric Young

Walkers along the canal towpath will have noticed a plaque has been sited on the milepost marking two miles from Gayton Junction, a short distance above Lock 14 now generally known as Pineham Lock.

Eric who died on New Years Day 2015 was a stalwart of IWA Northampton Branch. The milepost and Plaque were professionally cast, and David Wilson Homes contributed £300 to the project. The installation was carried out by Arm Adoption Group volunteers and the expertise of The Milestone Society ensured the milepost was positioned correctly.

Litter Pick



The Council is arranging another litter pick for the autumn and has selected Saturday 1st October as the date. Please assemble in the children's playground on Banbury Lane at 10.30am. Gloves and litter pickers will be provided. The more people who come along, the greater the area we can cover and the quicker it will take.

Please come and join us.

Speed Survey

The most common complaint made to the Parish Council concerns traffic speeding along Banbury Lane. Many drivers are apparently oblivious to the 30mph speed limit, or just don't care. Consequently, with the support of Northamptonshire Police, the Council is to conduct a speed survey early in the New Year. This will involve Councillors (and associates) being trained and using "speed guns" to try and catch offenders.

Vandalism

Sadly, we do still have the odd spot of vandalism within our parish and we ask all of our residents to be vigilant and to dial 101 if they see anything suspicious, In recent weeks we have had to replace shrubs in one of our planters on Banbury Lane, after they were mysteriously stolen by person(s) unknown

We have also replaced the notice board near Pineham Lock after that was damaged and also installed a new seat near the post box after that was vandalised. Ultimately, the cost of repairing these items, falls upon you the Council Tax payer. We would however wish to thank our County Councillor Jill Hope for arranging for County Council funds to pay for the new bench.

Home Safety

The Council has been made aware of one or two minor burglaries in surrounding areas. Please be careful when you go out and ensure windows, etc. are closed and locked. Once again, if you see anything suspicious, dial 101 straightaway

USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergency Numbers

Police, fire or ambulance	999
Electricity	0800 028 0247
Gas (24 hr)	0800 111 999
Water (24 hr)	08457 145145
The Samaritans	08457 90 90 90
Social Services (out of hours)	01604 626938

Advice & Information

Age UK	01604 611200
Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697555
Citizens Advice Bureau	0844 4111 4444
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
National Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
NHS 111	111
General Hospital	01604 634700
Sleeping Rough	01604 629804
Community Law Service	01604 621038

Northampton Borough Council

All Council Services (Standard Rate)	0300 330 7000
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recycling@northampton.gov.uk or visit www.northampton.gov.uk/recycling

Out-of-hours

To report a stray dog out-of-hours	01604 837999
To report other complaints eg noise ring 01604 838000 to leave a message. This will be dealt with on the next working day	

Northamptonshire County Council

Switchboard	0300 126 1000
School transport	01604 236132
Street Doc (Road Maintenance & Lighting)	0845 6011113
Trading standards	08454 04 05 06

USEFUL WEBSITES

Report Rubbish & Graffiti online
<http://selfserve.northampton.gov.uk/mycouncil>

Report problems with Potholes, Street signs etc. online
www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/contactusstreetdoctor

Boundary Change

At its meeting on 6th July, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to make application to extend its boundaries to include the new housing developments at Dragonfly / Butterfly Meadows. Formal application has now been made to the Borough Council. These new housing estates are currently within the Parish boundary of Upton but are separated from the rest of Upton by the river. It is believed that the needs of the new areas would be better served by joining with Hunsbury Meadows and that the parish of Hunsbury Meadows would benefit from the opportunity to provide community facilities that the new development would bring. We await developments on this application with great interest. Pineham Barnes School, although currently just outside our boundary, will serve both Hunsbury Meadows and Upton.

Proposed Development – Upton Way / Banbury Lane

(Planning Application N/2015/0872)

The Parish Council has received notification that the application to build 34 dwellings on this site has been approved in principle by the Borough Council's Planning Committee (subject to Section 106 agreement) on 15th June 2016. The Parish Council will obviously be watching progress on this development with great interest and concern, particularly with regard to its traffic impact on the junction with Banbury Lane and the safety of our residents.

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