

Mayor of Kettering

Councillor Ruth Groome becomes Mayor of Kettering on May 13th and would like to invite you to her Civic Service in St Mary's Church, Burton Latimer on Sunday 7th June at 3pm.

The service will be conducted by the Revd Quinton Chandler and the Preacher will be the Venerable David Painter, Archdeacon of Oakham.



Schools Admissions and Quality

There has been some heartache in the town over the secondary school admissions system, with some children failing to get into any of their three preferred schools. There is also concern about the quality of education provided by Northampton-shire schools overall.

The Borough Council has set up a Task and Finish Group to look, with the County Council, at some of these issues as they affect Kettering students. If you have some experience or views to put to us please contact christophergroome@kettering.gov.uk Mobile: 07973 638742

Burton Latimer Anti-social Behaviour Team (BLAST)

BLAST has been very active in the last few months. We are presently recruiting an outreach youth worker to find out from our young people what sort of activities they would like. All the footpaths and alleyways have been 'audited' to ensure they are safe and free from litter. There is also a 'pub and shop watch' scheme about to start. Pam and Paul the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators have also managed to start some 10 new schemes around the town. Well done to them. BLAST meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm at the Town Council Offices. You are very welcome to come and air any problems with us. For more information contact the Chairman Peter Hill on pjahill7@hotmail.co.uk 01604 725281.

Draft Planning Policies for Burton Latimer to 2021

Following the adoption of the urban design framework for the High Street which gives planners a policy framework to support the shopping and civic centre of the town, there is a consultation document out on planning for the rest of the town.

It is entitled Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document - Issues Paper and is available to read in the library. For people with access to the Internet there is an on-line version available at [http://consult.kettering.gov.uk/portal/development services/ssp ldd](http://consult.kettering.gov.uk/portal/development%20services/ssp%20idd) where you can also submit your comments on line.

If you want to avoid being caught out with nasty planning applications which **do not** conform to policy, now is the time to influence local policy through to 2021! If you want to do so, copy your views to Christopher Groom as he is a member of the Borough Council's Planning Policy Committee. christophergroome@kettering.gov.uk Mobile: 07973 638742.

Revital-ISE

As part of the Nene Valley Regional Park a separate activity has been established to improve the valley of the River Ise. It has its own leader Dr Robin Field, and will be concerned with education, heritage, cultural activity, biodiversity, landscape, recreation and leisure. Information on the activity can be found on the Regional Park web site www.mrp.org



Our own Pocket Park is regarded as one of the highlights of the river valley and will be involved in this project to make better habitats for unusual species. However the section of the river from the pocket park to Wellingborough has less to offer. There are resources available to assist with projects to improve the Ise Valley and we would like to form a group or groups to take this forward, hopefully linking with Isham. If you are interested please phone any town councillor.

Burton Latimer Pocket Park

The famous Burton Latimer Duck Race is on Sunday 7th June this year. If anyone would like a stall or could sell any duck tickets please let us know.

You may have noticed that a hedge has been partly cleared - all in the interests of conservation!

The hedge was very sparse and not suitable for encouraging nesting birds or wild life. We have a wide variety of new saplings going in from 22nd of

March to create a thicker hedge and a far better natural environment.

We have also been informed that we have some quite rare fauna in the Pocket Park!

If anyone is interested in helping in any way to maintain the Pocket Park or help fundraise please let us know! Contact Councillor Maureen Jerram on mjerram@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01536 725524, Councillor Sheila Walden on lsebrook60@aol.com 01536 724181

Oh What a Night....



On the 28th February 2009 the Town Ball was held at the Park Hotel. The guest of honour was Ed 'Stewpot' Stewart, seen here having a pre-dinner drink with Town Mayor Councillor Derek Zanger and Councillor Harry Fry. Approximately £3,000 was raised which will be distributed between good causes within Burton Latimer. Councillor Zanger wishes to thank all those who donated to the event especially Ted Huntley from Wm Morrisons.

Quality Town Council Status

Burton Latimer Town Council is trying to achieve status as a Quality Council. This means that there will be:

- More responsive services - the town council will be capable of solving local problems without recourse to the principal authority.
- The residents of Burton will have much more contact and discussions with the town council.

- There will be a local access point providing information on services.
- The town council will be more accountable, visible, representative and provide community leadership.
- The town council may take on more of the local services currently supplied by Kettering Borough Council.

If any resident is interest in this exciting new project contact any of the town councillors.

Sports and Leisure for Burton Latimer



Thank you very much to everyone who filled in the recent Sports and Leisure survey. The results were extremely positive and it is obvious that this would be a much needed and used facility both for Burton Latimer residents and people from surrounding villages.



The next stage is to do a business plan and then to obtain more funding. Kettering Borough Council is currently consulting on it's Sports and Leisure Plan and our survey will form a key part of this.



Improvements Within the Town

- The outside of the council chambers were completely redecorated.
- The new Town Map was erected in the Millennium Square
- The railings and seats in the High Street and gates to the Paddocks were all re-painted.
- Additional litter/dog bins have been provided in Finedon Road and the Pocket Park.
- The street gullies have been cleaned, but if anyone knows of any that have been missed please let Councillor Fergus Macdonald know.
- The Spinney has been cleared of rubbish and we are seeking to extend the footpath the whole length of the wood, then link it to the path that goes to Cranford.
- The bridge on the footpath at the rear of Yeoman's Court has been repaired.
- The speed watch scheme has been continued with another 200 letters sent by the police to speeding drivers.
- We are now the first town to own a portable speed sign funded by County Councillor Lamb's donation. This is currently in Higham Road and has already recorded some 8,000 speeding violations a week. It is planned to relocate it in the future.



- A meeting was held with senior Northampton County Council personnel and our MP regarding public transport within the town. We hope to receive some news regarding this in the near future.
- We have been successful in getting the High Street designated a 'Safe Route to School'. This will mean that the whole of the High Street becomes a 20 mph

zone. The major road repairs needed in the High Street are still under discussion.

Burton Latimer Community Youth Group

The youth group meets every Monday evening 7pm to 9pm at the Community Centre.

The group caters for young people between the ages of 11 and 17 years.

Young people can drop into the community centre and join in with healthy eating, art projects, football, photography and electronic games.

You could learn a new skill, relax and listen to music or play pool and table tennis. Why not come and join us.

