



Open Air Theatre Comes to Burton Latimer

The critically acclaimed theatre group Illyria will be performing *Pride and Prejudice* in the grounds of **Burton Latimer Hall** on **Saturday 7th August**.

Gates will open at 5pm and the performance begins at **6.30pm**, so bring a picnic and enjoy an entertaining evening. Tickets are priced at £12.50 per adult, £6 for children and a family ticket (2+2) at only £30 and are available by calling 01536 725096. Refreshments will be available.

The event is being organised by The Friends of St Mary's Parish Church, Burton Latimer.

New Civic Centre Update

Progress work has been a little slower than we would wish, however the end is in sight. Since the last newsletter, the windows have been replaced in both the front of the building and the atrium and we have now placed the order for the carpeting and window blinds and the fitting of the fire alarm and intruder alarms have been completed, there is still some minor electrics to complete along with the painting of doors and skirting boards etc, so if there is anyone willing to help please get in touch, our aim is to get the new centre up and running by late summer. There has been a lot of interest in the hiring of the rooms and local business personnel have shown interest in acquiring office space, almost all have now been allocated to various organisations, the heritage society will have the section to the left of the entrance for their museum, and the youth "drop in" will be to the left. The large central room will be the main council chamber however this will also be made available for hire along with room to the rear of the centre which will accommodate approximately 20 persons, if you are interested in hiring any of the space please contact any Councillor for details.

A team of volunteer gardeners from Kettering's Henley Day Centre have been helping to brighten up the frontage of the new Civic Centre by planting colourful rows of bedding plants kindly supplied by Bosworths Garden Centre.



Volunteers help Burton Latimer's new Civic Centre to take shape

Burton Latimer *Sounding Board*

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Summer 2010

Burton Latimer Town Councillors' Newsletter

As I finish my Mayoral year, I feel BLTC has progressed in numerous directions, streamlining its business, as we edge closer to Quality Council status, acquiring, modernising/renovating the new Civic Centre, forging and strengthening its partnership with Kettering Borough Council, NCC and other agencies, working as a team to further the aspirations as a progressive and flourishing town.

I have endeavoured to extol the virtues of living and investing in Burton Latimer, and in doing so have met some articulate and amazing, dedicated volunteers, through such societies as the NSPCC, Childrens' Society, Pocket Park volunteers and our own veritable Heritage Society, who capture and convey the very essence of our town history.

My liaison with various societies and local groups, working and living in our community, and now serving as Mayor, has been an honour and a pleasure, and in some respects a life changing experience, for myself, and my family, and indeed my friends, to whom my heartfelt

love and thanks go to, for their unstinting support and understanding.

I particularly enjoyed organising the Christmas light switch on, working with our local schools, supporting our local artists (ABLE) who have put on some fantastic art/craft exhibitions and shared their skills with the community, and especially revelled in our BLTC Ball, where we raised funds for local charities - thank you so much to all for your support and belief in my vision to achieve, working together.

I hope we continue building on the firm foundations of a new Civic Centre, supporting and advising residents and businesses, caring for our youth and ageing population alike, wherever possible. Personally, representing Burton Latimer as Mayor has meant not only promoting Burton Latimer, but also resulted in forging new friendships and acquaintances with Mayors in neighbouring towns and Counties.

Cllr Jan Smith



I am very proud to be elected as this year's town mayor and have committed myself to dedicating the next year to this! I am especially keen to support as many Burton Latimer clubs, groups and activities as much as possible and would really welcome any invitations to attend local events. Just give me a call on 01536 725524, or mjerram@tiscali.co.uk If I'm not at home I will get back to you as soon as I can.

This year promises to be a very exciting year for Burton Latimer with the opening of the new Civic Centre (the 'old' medical centre building).

The councillors have been working very hard, with a great deal of help from volunteers and the probation service, to refurbish the centre and get it fit again to use! The centre should be open around August time and we are nearly ready to take any bookings. I'm intending to use the new centre for some fundraising events (as well as having fun!) so watch this space.

I would like to wish all Burton Latimer residents a very happy summer and let us hope that the sun shines down on us.

Cllr Maureen Jerram

BURTON LATIMER TOWN COUNCIL
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2010
PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS ACCOUNT

2008/9		2009/10
£		£
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
12,040.00	KBC -Annual Grant	12,340.00
1,207.25	Farmers' Market	1,180.00
5,200.00	Precept	5,250.00
3067.13	Reclaimed VAT	1,221.92
3,234.00	KBC Grant - Christmas Lighting	3,234.00
504.73	Bank Interest Received	21.03
13,092.57	NCC Empowering Councillors' Grant	N/A
4,476.92	Rockingham Forest Grant	N/A
1,324.98	KBC Councillors' Ward Fund	329.38
N/A	Public Donations	635.00
N/A	Insurance Claim	438.00
N/A	Contribution from KBC re: Civic Centre	482.00
44,147.58	Total Receipts	25,131.33
	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
4,349.43	General Administration	4,625.32
23,987.48	Other	17,435.26
N/A	Civic Centre	9,799.40
8,705.70	Salaries and Wages	11,086.13
912.00	Chairman's Allowance	958.00
37,954.61	Total Payments	43,904.11
6,192.97	DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(£18,772.78)
36,854.36	BROUGHT FORWARD 1ST APRIL 2009	43,047.33
44,147.58	ADD RECEIPTS	25,131.33
81,001.94		68,178.66
37,954.61	LESS PAYMENTS	43,904.11
43,047.33	CARRIED FORWARD 31ST MARCH 2010	24,274.55

Highways

Its good news for the residents on the cornfield way estate, after many years the County and Borough Councils are in the final throws of adopting the roads, footpaths and sewers; and contractors have just started remedial work to bring them up to a satisfactory standard to allow this to happen, and should be completed within the next couple of months bringing this to a satisfactory conclusion.

The two sets of traffic lights in the High Street have been repaired on several occasions over the last month and at the moment they are working; however they are due to be replaced in approximately six months time.

Pot holes are always an emotive subject but the vast majority on the main roads in the town have been repaired though they do seem to be able to reappear very quickly so if there are any particularly bad ones please let us know.

Following the visit from David Farquhar, Head of Highways, a new policy is being introduced to treat an area rather than rush around frantically from one pothole to another as they are reported. It will slow the initial response but should end up with more being done and work of a more durable nature, the manhole covers along Altendiez Way have now been reset thus removing a potential danger to any one using that road.

There are on going discussions with senior representatives of the County regarding the maintenance of the gullies throughout the town and we are hopeful of bringing this to a satisfactory conclusion during the next month. We are also putting pressure on the County to include some of the worst roads in their major maintenance schedule for the current financial year.

The Town Council now has Path Warden and we are keen to see that each footpath is inspected at least once per year whilst they have walked many times by the councillor

responsible we would be very pleased to hear of any one who would be prepared to assist with this task.

Good relationship with Kettering Borough Council means that we get service on a number of issues when requested to enable the Town to be kept clean and in a state of good repair, if there are any important issues regarding these topics let us know.

Lastly we are having discussions with the County and the Police regarding what steps can be taken to stop HGV's driving through the town and also up and down Station Road further meetings are about to take place to try to tackle this problem on a number of fronts simultaneously.

Planning

There was a planning appeal held recently concerning Hawthorn Close. At this time we have had no indication of the result, however, we are keeping our fingers crossed that it will go our way, especially with the new government in place and their commitment to handing back the power to local authorities to determine planning applications without the burden of complying with rules handed out by some quango.

The town council would like to thank all those residents that turned up at the appeal hearing thus showing their opposition to the development.

School Admissions

The latest figures for school performance indicate an upward trend - we are now only just below the national average. There is clearly more work to do!

The Schools' Admissions Forum is considering the Town Council's request for a fairer admissions system at Southfield School for Girls when it next meets on Thursday 17th June.