



Lorraine Rice



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW PCSO'S

Two new faces are to be seen on our streets. They're the new Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) who will be working full-time in Warminster with Jon Pearse, our Community Beat Manager. Lorraine Rice, who started in November has been a PCSO for around five years. Previously, she was based in Salisbury, but has lived in Warminster for six years. She is married to a local man whose family has deep roots in the town. Elizabeth Donohoe, who lives in Westbury, started as a PCSO comparatively recently, but was a Special Constable based at Melksham. Lorraine and Elizabeth are there to help and assist the public, by calling 07980 929635.

RECYCLING HOURS: HOW ARE THEY SUITING YOU?

The relocation of the Recycling Centre to Furnax Lane brought a change to its opening times. It is now open in the **Winter** from **9.00am to 4.00pm** (1st Nov – 31st March); and in the **Summer** (1st April – 31st Oct) from **9.00am to 5.00pm** (Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday), and **9.00am to 7.00pm** (Wednesday, Thursday). The change of hours brings Furnax Lane in line with most other Wiltshire recycling sites, but it was also considered necessary because the centre is situated nearer to private property. Wiltshire Council will be looking at this new arrangement in April so needs to know public reaction now. If you want to register your view, send your comments to admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk or call 01985 214847.

COMMUNITY DAY - 27th February

Ever felt you wanted to know more about how Warminster works? Come along to the **Community Day** at the **Assembly Rooms on Saturday, 27th February from 10am to 4pm** and you'll have the chance to see many of the organisations that help to run the town in your name. There'll also be someone on hand to answer questions about the Town Plan Consultation. You'll find a whole cross-section of Warminster life – and a golden opportunity for a bit of networking!



A WARNING ABOUT UNWELCOME CALLERS

We might be almost free of Winter, but cold calling has nothing to do with the weather. It's an all year round activity and means someone who arrives at your door and wants to sell you his services, such as home repairs, gardening or driveway work. However, it's often the case that jobs will prove sub-standard and turn out to be more expensive than you'd been led to believe. And to make matters worse, some cold callers may also be involved in burglary.

Sue Wilkin of Wiltshire Trading Standards is quite clear about how to manage these people. "The most effective crime prevention advice," she said, "is not to open the door to unexpected callers." Recent laws give the consumer the right to seven days during which a consumer can change their mind about goods or services over £35. Not to provide this in writing is itself a criminal offence. Supplies of 'No Cold Caller' stickers – appropriately called Scambusting Stickers – are available, along with advisory leaflets.

For information on where to obtain them and for any further advice, call **Consumer Direct on 08454 040506**.

Warminster Town Councillors - the members

Warminster Town Council is made up of 12 Councillors who are known collectively as Members. The town is split into two wards, Warminster East and Warminster West, and six members represent each ward.

The Council is led by the Mayor, Councillor Tony Nicklin, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sue Fraser, both of whom were elected on 18th May 2009.

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forthcoming meetings - Town Council and Committee Meetings are held at Dewey House and are open to the public. You are most welcome to come along either to listen or to say your piece in the public session. Times of meetings and agendas are listed below and are also posted on the notice boards outside Dewey House and The Assembly Rooms, posted on our website www.warminstergov.co.uk and advertised in the *Warminster Journal*. Minutes of meetings are also posted on the website.

Communications	22nd February	7pm	Communications	6th April	7pm
Finance & Assets	1st March	7pm	Parish Meeting	12th April	7pm
Planning Advisory	8th March	7pm	Planning Advisory	19th April	7pm
Town Development	15th March	7pm	Finance & Assets	26th April	7pm
CCTV	17th March	10.30am	Communications	4th May	7pm
Full Council	22nd March	7pm	Planning Advisory	10th May	7pm
Planning Advisory	29th March	7pm	Annual Meeting	17th May	7pm



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editor's welcome

With winter almost gone, it's nice to look back on some of the seasonal highlights and highlights is a perfect description of the Christmas Market. People packed the Market Place to watch Father Christmas switch on the Christmas Lights with help from children, who were there as competition winners; while pupils from local primary schools gave the proceedings extra sparkle by singing Christmas songs and carols. A good atmosphere was enjoyed by all, with some traders reporting record sales.

Not all of the winter holds good memories of course, what with flooding across the country. Here, our local flood plan is coming together nicely with the recruitment of three flood wardens. We're also hoping to hear back from you with regard to the Recycling Centre's revised opening times. Especially important, as Spring cleaning may well yield some unwanted items that need to be recycled! See inside for details on the Recycling Centre, the Flood Plan and a whole lot more besides and do come and meet us at the Community Day at The Assembly Rooms on 27th February.

Town plan will give window to future

The Council is making headway on the Town Plan, which will offer an insight into the development of Warminster. The plan, which is based on the Vision and Scoping Study, will eventually form part of the local planning framework.

Consultation exercises were held at the Assembly Rooms, the Library and the Three Horseshoes Walk to gauge public opinion and record the comments of residents, local stakeholders and local businesses, and there will be a further opportunity to ask questions about the Town Plan at the Community Day on 27th February.

The information was subsequently collated and a baseline report produced. This was then submitted to the Working Group for consideration. Consultants are currently weighing up

the various suggestions, which include a cinema, improved entertainment and activity facilities for young adults, plans for the town's traffic flow and enhancement of parks and leisure areas. A major issue appears to be the need for something to be done with the Old Town Hall.

The Town Plan will show how Warminster might be developed over the course of the next twenty years. Themes will refer to many of the above, but will additionally focus on improving the town's retail loop, which will encompass the factory area after Dents have vacated the space and relocated to their new site.

Completion of the document is estimated to be ready by June.



Warminster Town Council

In the last issue, we mentioned a scheme that involved moving the Town Council Offices into the Assembly Rooms. This very practical development would create a more accessible Civic Centre for Warminster and improved space for staff, Councillors and the public. The plans to put this into action are progressing with a planning application being made and specifications prepared for tender. If you would like to have a look at the plans, they are available at both the Assembly Rooms and Dewey House.

The Town Council Offices are open for business at Dewey House Monday to Friday, 9.30am-4.30pm, while our outside notice board lists meetings with dates and times. There's also our website for further information: www.warminstergov.co.uk

Look out for details of the Parish Meeting to be held at Dewey House on Monday, 12 April at 7pm. If you have views on Warminster and you want to raise them in public, this is your opportunity! You'll also be able to pick up a copy of the 2009/2010 Annual Report.

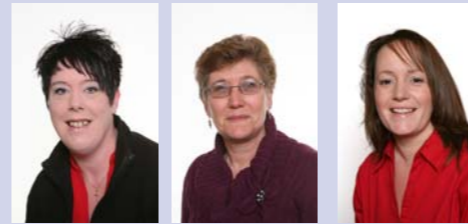
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MAYOR'S PARLOUR

A lot can happen in three months – certainly in my experience! A number of very important issues have been brought before the Council during this time, including the Dents transfer to Warminster Business Park, a supermarket approval, and of course the town plan consultations.

My own personal view, which, in the main, coincides with our Planning Committee's position, has been that supermarkets are an essential component of town life, but their influence should not be such that they eclipse and even threaten the very existence of our own independent and much valued retail sector. So although their presence is a positive one, I would prefer them not to be too close to the town centre!

Fortunately, the Chamber of Commerce and Civic Trust agree with our Planning Committee. Meanwhile, the planning application for the Assembly Rooms' change of use is going ahead and by the time you read this, we shall have made further progress.

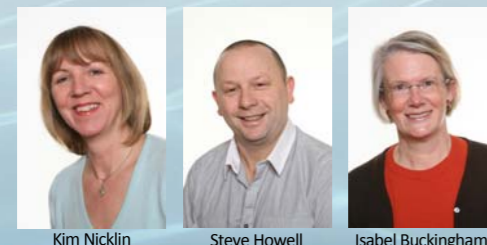
For a town to flourish, I believe there should be a healthy balance of interests, both commercial and private. That's why I feel it's essential for all of us to support any Warminster initiative that strives to achieve greater cohesion between our Council, our businesses and our residents. Our future as an independent community depends on it.



Tony Nicklin

Warminster's Flood Defences Reinforced

Flooding flashpoints right across the country have claimed everyone's attention. Many forward looking communities are actively putting in place strategic plans to cope with the threat and Warminster can be listed amongst them. At a meeting in December, discussions took place to put together a coherent flood plan and the general consensus was to focus on three areas: Bath Road, Church Street, Obelisk, Ash Walk, and Manor Gardens; Fore Street; Lower Marsh Road, Wylde Road and Marsh Street.



Kim Nicklin Steve Howell Isabel Buckingham

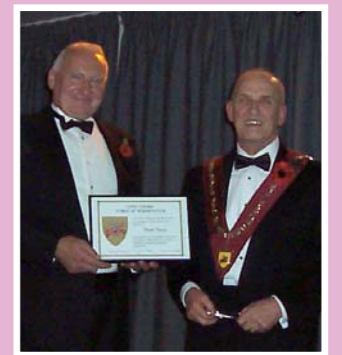
Three local flood wardens have been recruited – Kim Nicklin, Steve Howell and Isabel Buckingham – to help implement plans.

In the event of flooding, the Environment Agency will contact the wardens, who will then liaise with each other. The role of the wardens is to get in touch with people who are known to be vulnerable, and generally act as a contact point.

Self-help was stressed as an important tool in the battle against flooding and it was agreed that people in zones most likely to flood should be encouraged to consider floodgates and boards. It was also suggested that gelbags might be better than sandbags, particularly as they are less likely to be contaminated by foul flood water.

The Flood Wardens are there to help you, so make sure you get to know them by sight. In the meantime, we must all do our bit and keep a look out. With that in mind, the Floodline Warnings Direct number is 0845 988 1188. For general information, you can also go to the Environment Agency website: www.environment-agency.gov.uk and the National Flood Forum: www.floodforum.org.uk

Local "Boy Made Good" Wins Award



David Deacon, described by the Mayor, Tony Nicklin, as a "boy made good" in the traditional sense, was presented with the Civic Award for 2009 back in October. David could also be described as a self-made man, starting life with a milk round and a barber's shop before going into property in the late 1960's. But as a successful entrepreneur, he never forgot to give something back to the community.

David has been a prime motivator in a number of good causes, helping to get organisations off the ground and contributing time and money. Amongst his important achievements was the setting up of the CCTV operation that is now the pride of the town, and supporting the Lakeside Centre, which he continues to serve as a committee member. David was additionally behind The Rose Charity, which he established in 1987 in memory of his mother.

"By various means," said Tony Nicklin, "David has contributed many times over to the good of children, Warminster residents and the town itself, both by way of financial help and by his many years of service on committees." A worthy winner indeed.



Warminster Festival Takes Shape

Summer warmth might seem a long way off, but for the organisers of the Warminster Festival in July, preparatory work is hotting up. Opening the festival will be the Town Criers Competition. Last held in 2008, criers came from all over the country and this year is no exception. Competitors will be arriving from many parts of the region and from places as far afield as Colchester – and Ghent! Neither language nor accent is a bar to entrants as judges will be looking for (or listening to) diction and inflection, volume and clarity, and singling out the best dressed crier and escort.

Other events are packed into the week 3rd July to 10th July so there'll hardly be time to draw breath – which is one thing the performers will need, especially the musicians as there are bands galore, including a jazz concert, the Warminster Town Band and even a Battle of The Bands. For those of a quieter disposition, there'll be readings and talks in the Library, poetry and storytelling. Throw into the mix a Busking Competition, a gardens trail, arts and crafts, skateboarding and bouncy castles, and you have a recipe for a week to remember.

BIG SWAP IN FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Fairtrade Fortnight, which runs from 22nd February to 2nd March, is calling on everyone to join the Big Swap to Fairtrade products. Fairtrade helps some seven million people worldwide to have a livelihood, reason enough to give it full support. And as Warminster's Fairtrade status was recently renewed, let's show them we mean business!

