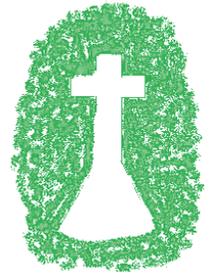


# CROSStalk



PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## Chairman's View



After a quiet start to 2008 we now look forward to a busy year for the Town. Various local organisations have events planned throughout the year, not least the Town Festival. The majority of these events are organised by volunteers whose efforts help to keep this a busy, bustling

community and provide something of interest for all age groups. I am sure you will join me in thanking the many volunteers in Princes Risborough for their sterling, yet unpaid, work.

The first Town Council event of the year is the Annual Town Meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday 10th April in the Community Centre. This is an opportunity to hear reports from our Town Council committees, a detailed breakdown of this year's Town Council precept, to put questions to your councillors and tell us what issues or projects you may feel we should be pursuing on your behalf. The meeting will also be combined with a presentation on the High Street Study and proposal for a one-way system in the High Street – Duke Street. Please come along, hear what we have to say and give us your views before we progress the issue further. Work on the Town's new burial ground is

progressing on schedule and we expect that by the next edition of Crosstalk it will be operational. After 15 years of effort all the hard work has finally paid off and Princes Risborough will have this much needed facility in the most beautiful of settings. The efforts to purchase the Molins Sports Ground off Mill Lane are ongoing and the trustees to the club have produced a business plan for the future management of the site. This is a very positive and public expression that ultimately all of those involved, (trustees, Town Council and Wycombe District Council), believe in the real possibility that we will be successful in retaining this magnificent sports ground for the use of current and future generations. We will keep you informed on progress.

There really is quite a heated debate currently raging regarding the recent works to the Whiteleaf Cross and the installations just above it. In a community which tends to think of the Cross as "ours" it is understandable that feelings run high on this issue. However, Bucks County Council, (who have responsibility for the site), have agreed to meet with interested local organisations, (including the Town Council), to discuss the situation.

For an update on all of the above please join us at the Annual Town Meeting. See you there!

**Alan Turner**  
**Mayor & Chairman Princes Risborough Town Council**

## Editorial



For the extremely astute amongst you, you may notice that I am no longer chairman of Public Relations for the Town Council! (Please see the back page). My new teaching job makes it less and less possible for me to carry out the role that being chairman deserves and this has unfortunately forced me to stand down (not from the

Town Council, I hasten to add). Councillor John Coombs has taken over the 'chair' and he will continue to oversee the website, the town guide, various events in the town and, by no means least, the production of this esteemed publication.

The editorial role for Crosstalk has historically been linked with the chairmanship of Public Relations with Peter Dixon as the editor from the first edition and me taking over from September 2005. However, this new 'shake-up' has given rise to an opportunity for each and every councillor to be 'editor for the day'. A different councillor will edit each future edition so you will get the chance to hear from all of us, not just the usual committee chairmen and contributors.

What I'm basically trying to say is that this will be my last editorial for Crosstalk (until my next turn in the new rota). I've thoroughly enjoyed it and I've met some great people as a result of my stint. Many thanks must go to all contributors and to those who've commented (good and bad) on the various editions I've been involved with. Long may these friendships continue. The main emphasis for Crosstalk is, and always will be, to report Town Council news. However, space permitting, I've always tried to include items of local interest when possible and for this edition, although there is much Town Council news to report, there has still been some space for a few other items of local interest. We are often inundated with requests for items to be included and for those that have been excluded or reduced I, as ever, apologise.



There have also been a few changes to the website recently. The site has been simplified making it easier to navigate and hopefully ensuring that it is always up-to-date. Recent Crosstalk's are accessible through the website as are minutes to recent committee meetings. The new official guide is now out and an on-line version of this is on the site

with loads of historical, geographical and local information. You can of course contact the Town Council through the website [www.princesrisborough.com](http://www.princesrisborough.com) but there have been some teething problems with this. These should now be sorted but it may still be best to use the contact details on the back page of Crosstalk. Please do keep contacting us – it is vital that we know what you want.

As ever there are dates for your diaries in this edition, not least the annual town meeting – this is your chance to have a say and the more residents who attend the better. This year, as Alan Turner has said, there will be a presentation on the future of traffic in the High Street. This could affect all of us so please do come along - it would be good to see some new faces! As you read on you will find plenty of developments in the town that may persuade you to attend with the new memorial garden soon to be ready, the development at St.Mary's soon to be finished, Culverton Crossroads completed (hats off to BCC for completing this within the timescale, with minimal disruption and retaining the landmark trees!), improvements to the towns floral displays, and the future of Molins sports ground amongst many other things.

I spent my childhood growing up in Prestwood and spent many Saturday mornings having 'mad Frank' cut my hair in his little blue wooden barbers hut. It was always wise to get it cut as early in the day as possible! Franks little blue hut (now long since gone) was recently featured in a book entitled 'Shutting up shop' a snapshot of a forgotten High Street which I happened to stumble upon. This book bought back floods of nostalgia and memories of Frank. These included his handwritten sign that said 'If you're happy tell others, if not tell me'. We never did summon up the courage to tell him that we didn't all want the same haircut but perhaps, with hindsight, what the sign should have said was 'if you're happy tell me, if not tell me too'.

The same must go for us.

*Will Streule*

## Finance news: where the money will go in 2008-2009



The town precept for 2008-2009 is 5% more than 2007-2008. I hope this does not seem too excessive when considered against a background of rising costs and the Town Council's aspirations to improve the general wellbeing of our town. But what do you think? Let us go through the proposed expenditure in a little more detail.

The cost of running the town office and the general

services to you, the public, continue to rise. Last year our staff and associated expenditure accounted for £31618. This coming year it is increased to £38991, due not only to increases in staff salary and pensions, but also because the increasing workload necessitates the additional employment of a part-time clerical assistant. The number of incoming telephone calls has required us to establish a second line and the need for improved computer facilities and website contact continues to increase. Audit fees, legal costs, insurance and office rent total £12320. Overall the total bill for Administration and Human Resources increases from £52078 to £62486.

The Burials committee saw significant advances towards the latter part of this financial year. Cllr Wooster's sterling efforts in establishing a site for a Princes Risborough Memorial Garden and Cemetery have been successful, largely due to the magnanimous gesture by Anne Stratton in donating ground to the community for that purpose. The Town Council has established a Working Group that will oversee all developments and expenditure on the site. Work is currently in progress to convert existing pastureland to a community facility of which we can all be proud. To this end the Town Council has taken out a public works loan of £250000 to be repaid over 20 years. The per annum cost to the community is £20600, which accounts for about half of the Burials Committee expenditure. The remainder comprises architects and consultant fees and anticipated grounds maintenance. Thus expenditure rises from £23550 to £43200.

Expenditure within the Parks Committee has risen from £95465 to £116865. Last year our capital expenditure under this heading (as opposed to general maintenance) was £21500, which covered improvements to our open spaces, new fencing and play equipment. We continue to consider our children's play equipment in need of improvement and have set aside £30000 for the coming year, principally intended to improve facilities in the King George V Park. Ongoing maintenance costs, such as grass cutting, litter picking and the collection of dog waste have risen from £70850 to £83050.

No doubt you will be pleased to see that the budget of the Town and Lighting Committee is reduced from £106825 to £96700, largely due to the removal of capital expenditure on CCTV. As our own lighting authority we still have to find £54750 to light the town (strictly to light our footways), a burden that other local councils do not have and which will always have a significant effect on our precept. The remainder is made up of maintenance costs, principally grass cutting, litter picking and tending of our flowerbeds. We are looking very hard at our maintenance costs for both the Parks and the Town and Lighting Committees to see if there is any way we can reduce expenditure without significantly compromising quality.

Our Public Relations' expenditure, though relatively small, is important as it provides the town with information on the Council's activities. As expected, most is spent on the

production of 'Crosstalk' together with smaller amounts on the website and the cost of public meetings. Total expenditure is £11500, up from £10070 last year.

Grants to local worthwhile bodies and societies show a slight decrease from £17541 last year to £17396. The principal beneficiaries are the Town Festival (£7500), the Community Centre (£4500) and the churches for the maintenance of their graveyards (£2155).

The anticipated total expenditure for the year amounts to £348147. However, by offsetting some of this with our income and a proportion of our reserves the precept for 2008-2009 is set at £283500. I trust you are satisfied with the way we manage your money.

**Reg Orsler**  
*Chairman of Finance Committee*

## Planning News



Since planning matters were last aired in these columns, some Risborough residents have been on the very edge of their seats, eager to learn what will be the consequences of Thames Water deciding to oppose any planning application which results in more units being connected to the sewage system at Park Mill Farm.

Apparently the system has been operating near to capacity for some time and now exceeds the recommended limits during certain weather conditions. The decision not to accept further connections until an upgrade of the facility has been made will mean that some planning applications will only go ahead on condition that sewers will not be connected, and therefore units not occupied, before December 2008 at the earliest. It will be December 2009 before any of the major development at the Pictsmede site can be occupied, and only then provided that the sewage farm upgrade is being kept to its five-year planned schedule.

It is believed that Longwick and Lacey Green will also suffer the same planning restrictions. There should still be enough work for local 'small' builders because the number of applications for small extensions, conservatories and garden rooms continues at a constant rate. Larger developers might not be so fortunate. The Wycombe District Framework, the core strategic document(s) on which planning decisions will be based, is still on target to be introduced later this year, even though the Planning Inspectorate has delayed publication of its examination of the strategy for one month. This detailed examination is essential to discern and exclude any loopholes which could be exploited to the disadvantage of the district planning authority, and, by extension, us.

At the same time, government planning directives seem to change monthly and this isn't helpful. The Park Mill Farm Application for 570 houses, which was refused after the applicant went to Appeal, could make a return in a slightly different guise before the Framework is fully in place. The developer will be aware of the increased obligations that will need to be fulfilled after the Framework's introduction. It would lose nothing if another application were to be made soon.

Decisions are still awaited on the fate of the Old British School on the Wycombe Road and the proposed goat farm at Askett.

There is a request for a change of use for a property in Church Street: unusual because the change is from commercial back to residential after thirty years of trading by a well-respected member of the business community. Many residents pass the building every day, most don't notice it. Do you know where it is?

**Ben Benifer**  
*Chairman of Planning*

## Burials Committee Update



Having been away for some time I was delighted, on my return, to find that construction of the memorial garden and burial site was well underway. A working group has been established to ensure that the project progresses as planned and within budget. The access has been completed and

the car park, internal roadway and paths have been excavated and hard core is in place. The next task is the installation of the underground services. If all goes to plan the facility should be open by early summer.



To keep initial costs to a minimum we have not budgeted for seating in the site, in the belief that some people may desire an opportunity to sponsor a seat with a plaque in memory of their loved ones. We have decided to allow only good quality, durable seats there and, for those interested, a choice can be made from a booklet available for perusal in the town office. Although slightly more expensive than those made of wood they have the advantages of being

cleaner to sit on, are more resistant to vandals and will remain in good condition for many years. Some are environmentally friendly having been manufactured from recycled plastic. The Town Clerk or her assistant will be happy to assist you to make your choice. As only a small proportion of the planting will be done this year there will also be an opportunity at a later date to sponsor trees or shrubs.

Lastly we are mindful of the unavoidable disruption experienced by residents living close to the access of the site and sincerely trust that it is minimal and that it won't be long before peace is restored.

**Maggie Wooster**  
*Chairman of Burials*

## Human Resources & Administration Committee

In the last edition I mentioned the need to upgrade our office equipment. As a first step we have now introduced a new phone system, which will make it easier for callers to get through to a member of staff without the line being constantly engaged! If the line is engaged when you call please be patient as it simply means that the office is particularly busy with a number of simultaneous calls. We are also currently out to tender for the supply and installation of a new computer system.

Amongst the ever-growing list of responsibilities for the Clerk and assistant Clerk will be the administration of our new burial ground, which is one of the reasons why the Town Council has decided to relieve some of the pressure on them by employing a clerical assistant. You will notice the advertisement for the position in this edition of Crosstalk.

With our limited resources we continue to run a very efficient office and, I believe, offer excellent value for money in the services provided by the Town Council.

**Alan Turner**  
*Chairman HR & Admin Committee*

## Town and Lighting Update



First, can I offer the council's apologies for the new lighting at the Multi-Use-Games-Area on Wades Park being out of action since last year. As I stated in the last edition, all lighting faults will normally be repaired within 7 days of them being reported to us, and this is still the case. Soon after its

completion, vandals decided to damage the new lighting columns on either side of the MUGA, rendering them useless. Unfortunately the field has simply been too wet for the contractor's vehicle and repairs have not been possible. Having been alerted to this inconvenience by responsible young people in the town it has now been decided to repair the lights by way of a scaffolding tower so that MUGA users can see, be seen and be safe. These repairs will be expensive for the council and the local taxpayers. If anyone can provide information in confidence to the council as to the identity of the persons responsible for this or any other damages to public property, then those persons will be considered for a £50 reward should the criminals be apprehended.

During the spring, residents in Station Road, Poppy Road, Mill Lane and Eastfield Road will notice some improvement to the lighting in their areas as part of the council's long-term investment, maintenance and improvement programme. We have had requests for improved lighting in a numbers of areas of the town. Some of these have had to be overlooked for the time being due to complications of installation, cabling and cost, but please do keep your requests coming in.

By the summer all metal lighting columns should have smart black livery. If you notice any shabby looking columns that have been missed please let us know.

Some individuals have been unduly concerned about lights being switched off in the town. Bucks County Council are conducting a well-publicised experimental switch-off of lighting on rural stretches of main roads, but there are no plans to switch off lighting on the urban main road through Risborough. PRTC own and maintain all the lighting in the town except those on the A4010 and the town centre. We have no plans to switch off any lighting, and as our stock is relatively small at less than 500 units any cost savings would be negligible.



As Crosstalk goes ahead the council is in advanced negotiations with several large contractors who can plant and maintain the planted public areas in the town, with a view to beginning late spring. Can I take this opportunity to

thank SureCare for their much appreciated work over the last several years. Those of you who admire the well kept public garden areas can rest assured that SureCare will continue to carry out the grass cutting schedule and other maintenance works around the town to the very high standards to which we that we have become accustomed. There have been a number of complaints recently regarding overflowing litter bins in certain places, resulting in litter being scattered around those areas. Please report overflowing bins immediately to Mr Terry Hill, WDC-01494 461000 or to the town office.

**Gary Hall**  
*Chairman of Town & Lighting*

## Parks Update



Time sure does fly! It doesn't seem like 3 months since the last edition of Crosstalk. My main gripe this time is the hedges around the parks. They seem to be the latest target for our local vandals. I could think of a more apt name for these jobs, but it is unprintable. I think it is time to name and shame - let us

know your opinion on this. The hedge at the bottom of The Crescent Park is completely ruined and the poor residents of Berryfield Road are getting the brunt of these useless individuals who think it funny to run through their back gardens, treading down all plants and vegetation. This behaviour is very frightening for the older generation of the road. We are currently investigating how this situation can be improved. Certainly the quality of the footpath needs improving as it frequently used as a dumping ground for rubbish and for other no good 'goings on'. Kings George V has also had the same problem - the hedge down both sides, ruined. Wades Park is also getting its fair share of yobbish vandalism.

To the members of the public who are dumping rubbish up at Earle Mitchell football ground - one word - **DON'T**. If caught on the mobile camera, action will be taken. St Dunstan's also has not been left unscathed. The roof of the Dovecote has had to be repaired yet again. I am so sorry to be such a 'moaning Minnie' but it is SO frustrating to spend a good half of the Parks budget on correcting vandalism, when we could put it to better use. We are constantly looking for outside funding sources to improve our parks and children's playground facilities. Let's hope we can report success in the near future. As I have said many times before, it is only a small minority of our youngsters that are causing the problems, so let's not condemn them all.

**Eunice Clifford**  
*Chairman of Parks*

## Town Festival 2008



By the time that you read this article we will only be a few weeks away from this year's Festival, which runs from 5th to 13th July, with a theme of 'The Musicals'. This year again we will have our usual mix of fun and games with a Fancy Dress Parade and competition on the first Saturday

ending in King George V recreation ground where there will be an afternoon of entertainment aimed specifically at children. In the evening there will be an open-air concert of Big Band music with refreshments and a bar for those who wish to partake. The 10km Run will happen again on the Sunday, which has become a national event for runners of all ages and abilities.

During the week the organisations in the Town will be running special events to improve their status in the area and each day there will be a concert by school choirs and music groups in the Parish Church. The week will end on a high note with the Street Fayre on the 12th July where we have numerous bands and groups entertaining us in the High Street and Market Square. We will round off the day with the annual Pig Roast, organised by the Town Council. The final event will be the Chocolate Hunt on Whiteleaf Cross for the Children. All these events and more should make for a very successful Festival. As usual, all the events will be detailed in our FREE Festival programme, which will be delivered to all households during the last week of June, so you will have plenty of time to plan your week.

Also, at the end of this year's Festival, Sue our Festival Secretary is stepping down after 6 years in office and the Committee are actively seeking a replacement, albeit fruitlessly up till now. So if you have some time to spare, are computer literate and want to help the town then please apply to the contact point below. For all enquiries regarding Festival 2008 or to offer your help please contact: Sue Coombs on 01844 344791 or [suec@owbt.org](mailto:suec@owbt.org)

*John Coombs*

## FREE Car Parking for Christmas!

Wearing my WDC hat and as promised in a previous edition of Crosstalk, I took the idea of free parking concessions for Risborough to Wycombe District Council. My initial suggestion was for free parking in our two car parks for the three Saturdays leading up to Christmas. After some careful lobbying of WDC group leaders and cabinet members, along with Bourne End and Marlow representatives, WDC's cabinet has made an offer of three

days free parking per annum to PRTC, which subsequently accepted that offer specifying the three Saturdays prior to Christmas. The Cabinet formally confirmed the decision on March 10th. This is a generous gesture from a cash-strapped WDC in support of local communities, and it is now up to the businesses of the town to make the most of this window of opportunity during the crucial pre-Christmas trading period. Perhaps some people might say that it would have been nice to have gained more, but this is a promising start. Acorns and Oaks come to mind.

*Gary Hall*

## Invitation from St Mary's Church



On May 4th the Bishop of Oxford, John Pritchard is coming to Princes Risborough to open the new extension to St. Mary's church. This will be the second time the Bishop has visited St. Mary's, having been so impressed the first time with the £750,000 that has been raised to make the long held dream of an extension a reality. Both contractors and parishioners are working extremely hard to make sure that everything is finished on time for a celebratory service and lunch planned as part of the opening. In recent weeks the building has really begun to take shape with the roof, windows and flooring all now installed. You can follow further progress on the church's website at [www.stmarysrisborough.org.uk](http://www.stmarysrisborough.org.uk). This is only the first part of the transformation that is taking place at St. Mary's. The congregation is aiming to raise a further £450,000 this year so that restoration to the main body of the Church can take place during 2009. Please come along to the service on May 4th to witness this historic occasion or alternatively contact Revd Paul Fiske (344784) or Peter Knight (273228) for further information.

## Princes Risborough Walking Festival Experience the Chilterns Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June 2008

Two full days of guided walks, starting and finishing in the

town centre! Walks for families; wildlife enthusiasts; local historians; or serious ramblers. Short walks, easy stile-free walks, morning or afternoon walks, all day walks. Special activity walks for children. Sunday afternoon walks with a cream tea. Full information and booking forms will be available from Risborough Area Information Centre in April Tel: 01844 274795. Organised by RACA (Risborough Area Community Action), supported by Wycombe District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council and Risborough Countryside Group. Sponsored by HYPNOS

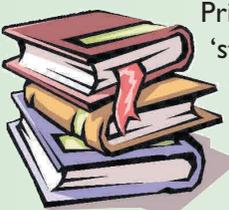


## South Bucks Branch of the Alzheimer's Society.

When someone is first diagnosed with dementia, it can be a very stressful time for members of the family, who are generally their carers, as well as the person concerned. Our professional staff will talk to you in confidence, invite you to our morning or evening support group in central High Wycombe, and can be of practical assistance. Please contact us with any thing connected with dementia. Our aim is to ensure that you will not have to face dementia alone.

Please feel free to contact us on 01494 670909 or email [southbucks@alzheimer.plus.com](mailto:southbucks@alzheimer.plus.com)

## Are you sitting comfortably...? Storytime Sessions at Princes Risborough Library



Princes Risborough Library runs tailored 'storytime' sessions for children under five on Thursdays during term-time. In the morning we have 'Musical Storytime' which is a mixture of stories, rhymes and singing and is aimed at all pre-school children from 0 - 5 years. This session runs from 10.30-11.00am. Then at 2.00-2.30pm we run a 'Storytime', which is ideal for your

child if they are between 3 - 5 years old and enjoy listening to stories. All our 'storytime' sessions are free, informal to attend and we would love to see you! Please call us on 0845 2303232 or pop along to the library if you have any question

## Princes Risborough Youth Town Council – WHAT WE WANT!

### Introducing the Youth Town Council....

**Beth:** "I am the Chairperson of the YTC and we need your help! So if you have ideas come and join us! Here's what some of our members think"

**Kayleigh:** "I am part of the YTC because I would like to help make Risborough a better place for everyone."

**Helena:** "And I am the Vice Chairman of the YTC. I think Princes Risborough could benefit greatly by adding a new and improved skate park to King George V."

**Chloe:** "I am the Secretary of the YTC. I think Princes Risborough would be a much better place if there were more fun things around the town. Also, a skate park would be good as most of the youth of Princes Risborough would use and appreciate it. It would be a good place to hang out."

**Calum:** "I am a member of YTC for Princes Risborough. I think Princes Risborough needs easier access to lessons on performing arts, including drama, dance and music."

**Tammy:** "I am a new member of the YTC. I go to Princes Risborough School. I think Princes Risborough would benefit from many improvements such as more entertainment for families e.g. a cinema and bowling alley." For more information contact us on 01844 344807.

## Princes Risborough Youth Centre

Mondays 7 - 9.30pm - Year 10+ Club  
Wednesdays 6.30-9pm - Year 7 - 9's Club (Entry 50p)  
For more information please call 01844 344807

## Pavements for Pedestrians

I was lying in my hospital bed, gazing at the ceiling and wondering how I came to be there. I recall that I was walking into town only yesterday when an electric buggy appeared coming towards me. I could not see who was driving it because the whole vehicle was covered in a plastic waterproof cover. I moved towards the grass verge to avoid collision, although there was not much space to manoeuvre because a car was parked half on the road and half on the verge. As I did so I was hit from behind by a cyclist travelling at some speed – one hand on the handlebars and the other pressing a mobile 'phone to his ear. I suppose a broken leg is a small inconvenience for

being a pedestrian in this modern world. Well, that was an imaginary scenario, although each of the individual examples have been seen in our town. Should all three come together as above, a broken leg may be the least of your worries. Recently in the West Country a man was killed by a cyclist riding on the pavement. You may think this extreme, but it poses the question – is the pavement no longer the preserve of the pedestrian? It was in March 2001 that Peter Dixon, then editor of 'Crosstalk', highlighted the problem of cars parking on pavements and grass verges, causing great inconvenience and danger to bona fide pedestrians, and damage to our grass verges, particularly where heavy commercial vehicles are involved. Matters have got considerably worse since then with some of our grass verges reduced to rutted quagmires and vehicles not only parking on the verges, but entirely on the pavements. Think of the mother with her child in a pushchair having to step into a busy road to pass a parked car blocking the pavement. Could that be your wife or daughter?

With Risborough's ageing population likely to increase and a shop in the town selling electric buggies, the increase in these vehicles is virtually assured. Clearly our aged and disabled townspeople need to remain mobile, but, please, can they give due precedence to the pedestrian whose territory they are on. Clearly any collision between a buggy and a pedestrian is likely to be to the disadvantage of the pedestrian. The greatest potential danger to pedestrians is that posed by cyclists. When did it become the norm for cyclists to use pavements and pedestrian crossings as cycle tracks? Whenever - it should stop! Again, there is no problem with the very young using the pavement when they are just beginning to cycle and are accompanied by an adult, although this should not be encouraged on the busy pavements of the town centre. But teenagers and adults should be old enough to be familiar with the Highway Code and aware of the proper procedures for riding a bicycle on the roads – not the pavements! If not, they should not be cycling. It is unlikely that this mild tirade will alter things in Risborough, but one can hope. There is no excuse for the owners of parked cars and commercial vehicles that damage our grass verges and block our pavements. The safety of pedestrians, especially the young mother with her pushchair, is paramount and grass verges take a long time to recover from such thoughtless vandalism. Stay on the road: it doesn't matter if other car users are held up for a few seconds. If buggies and cyclists continue to use our pavements, we pedestrians can only ask that they take

things slowly and, please, let the unwary pedestrian know that you are coming. Don't bicycles have bells anymore?

*Worried pedestrian*

## SITUATION VACANT

Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk Part-time - 10 hours per week. Applications are invited for this varied role, helping to manage the full range of Town Council business. Applicants should be computer literate, have excellent customer service skills and a good sense of humour. For more information contact: Mrs Sue Griffiths, PRTC, 1st Floor, Tower Court, Horns Lane, Princes Risborough, HP27 0AJ. Telephone 01844 275912

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Please visit our website; [www.princesrisborough.com](http://www.princesrisborough.com). The full Town Council meets at 7pm on the last Tuesday of each month at Lincoln House, New Road. There is a 10-minute slot at the beginning of each meeting when the public can express a view or concern. Please check the website to confirm time and venue. The next meetings are:  
 Tuesday 29th April Tuesday 27th May Tuesday 24th June

The Town Council aims to be as accessible as possible, and welcomes the views, comments and concerns of the Princes Risborough electorate. Although the views of the whole Council are given wherever possible, for constitutional and legal reasons we must state that the views expressed here in Crosstalk, and in any personal correspondence received from individual Councillors, are those of the author concerned and do not necessarily express the opinions or policy of PRTC unless explicitly stated.

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