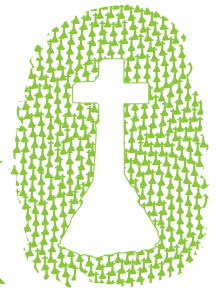




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Photo courtesy of Iain McLauchlan

Many allied aircraft crashed during World War 2, not merely on combat operations but in normal traffic between hundreds of airfields.

Towns and villages all over the country witnessed fatal air accidents in their vicinity and Princes Risborough was no exception.

In last October's Crosstalk Cllr. Dennis Green wrote of the Town Council's intention to erect a memorial to those who died in three such crashes, thankfully avoiding the Town and the risk of any loss of life or injury to those on the ground. It was as a result of his initial research and subsequent researches by Cllr Iain McLauchlan and former employee Nikki Bedwin, that the full details of the aircraft were discovered and names of those who perished in them. Consequently the Town Council were able to locate and invite some of the men's nearest living relatives to the Memorial Dedication.

The Memorial of three inscribed stones detailing the airman that were killed is now in place, outside the Library. One inscribed stone is to an RAF Anson which crashed on January 30th 1943 on Longdown Farm, killing the crew of four: Sgt-pilots E.A. Merry, J.R Craven, K.R Blaskey and Sgt. A C Poulton wireless operator/air gunner.

The second stone commemorates an RAF Spitfire that came

down on December 17th 1943 at Green Hailey with the death of F/Sgt-pilot P. Y. Morris. The third stone is to a USAAF Dakota which hit trees at the top of Kop Hill on October 21 1944. Those killed were F/Lt E A Walker pilot, F/O S P Rubinowitz co-pilot, TSgt W P Lulf radio operator and Sgt C A Edmunds and Pfc M E Stutesman engineers.



A fourth stone pays tribute to those in the area who did National Service in the armed forces in the post war period. On July 28th a parade was held to dedicate the Memorial which included a Honour Guard from the USAF. Representatives from the RAF and local Royal Air Forces Association and the Royal British Legion processed up the High Street from the War Memorial in the Market Square. The dedication service was conducted by the Rev David Williams rector of St. Mary's Church.

Relatives of the brave airmen who sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom came from far afield, including the USA and Australia, were interviewed on BBC and expressed their gratitude and thanks to Dennis Green and the Town Council for creating this memorial in their families' honour.

Cllr Pamela Williams

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well this summer has certainly been a busy one for the Town (and a hotter, drier one than last year!). There have been so many events it's difficult to know where to start, but to name a few; the 1st anniversary celebration of the Princes Centre as a stand-alone service, the Wades Park tea party, St Dunstan's Church flower festival, St Teresa's Church 75th anniversary celebrations, the Town Festival with all its myriad of individual events including the Street Fair and Rizfest, the memorial dedication outside the library, the Monks Risborough Horticultural Show, and so many more great events around the Town. Of course we still have the Kop Hill Climb to look forward to! For a small town we are certainly a real hive of activity, with full credit to all the various local organisations and volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year to put on all of these events.

Something else that has been causing a great deal of interest in the Town this summer is the archaeological survey being undertaken in St Dunstan's Church grounds. Finds so far indicate occupation of the site from the Iron Age through the Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Medieval periods. What a fantastic story there will be to tell once the dig is complete!

Back to more mundane matters: the Town Council is awaiting the outcome of a "parking review" of the Town which is being carried out by the County Council Highways Department. Parking really has become a big issue for us over the last few years, with vehicles inconsiderately parked on grass verges and

pavements, clogging up side roads and in some cases parking on the corners of road junctions, which causes serious safety concerns. These problems are widespread across the Town, but are particularly acute in Station Road/Picts Lane, Stratton Road, Mill Lane, Wellington Avenue and various roads on the Fields Estate. Hopefully the report will produce some practical suggestions as to how we can improve the current situation. Speeding vehicles are also a problem around the Town and the police do monitor the situation as best they can, but it is important that if you have concerns over this issue in the road where you live please report this to the police, because they can only do something about the problem if they are aware of it. The Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG), working in conjunction with the police and Town Council, carry out "speed watch" checks on problem roads and are always looking for new volunteers, so you can help with this problem too!

Well that's enough from me, I do hope you have had an enjoyable summer and that the remainder of the year is just as pleasant for you.

Cllr Alan Turner

Mayor & Chairman

Princes Risborough Town Council



Outcome of consultation on a new Community Use Building

As previously reported, with the loss of community facilities in recent years, such as the RBL Memorial Hall and Molins Sports Ground function rooms, the Town Council as well as Wycombe District Council (WDC) identified the need to rectify the present shortage of such venues. WDC currently hold a large amount of "section 106 developer contributions" specifically earmarked for this purpose, and it was the Town Council's intention that this money along with other grant funding opportunities could be used to fund the construction of a new Community Use building. The Town Council decided to seek public consultation prior to initiating a large project and duly carried out the recent resident consultation.

We have now received the results of the independent survey, conducted by Action For Market Towns research department. Unfortunately the response was extremely poor, with less than 200 taking the trouble to reply (out of 3,500 households). Of those who did respond, the result was almost evenly split with 97 in favour and 95 against. The Town Council feel that this result is far from conclusive and therefore have decided not to proceed with the project.

With the Town's population set to grow in the years to come, perhaps the future will bring about a more enthusiastic response to the issue.

Cllr Alan Turner

TOWN REPORT

ST DUNSTAN'S RECREATION GROUND

Since my last report in Crosstalk there has been a lot of activity in this recreation ground with the installation of a mostly new set of play equipment to bring it right up to date.

The equipment that was purchased and installed was based on a survey carried out by the Town Council with nearby residents and both the local schools.

When we set out to develop this park we wanted to ensure that it was up and running by the start of the school holidays and I am pleased to say that we made

it with a few days to spare and within budget and best of all it was funded by 106 developer contributions and therefore it was at no cost to the local taxpayer.

Some of the features of the new play area are 'rides' that are right up to date, such as the air rider, and the longest available zip wire which is 40m in length.

The play area was completed and signed off on the morning of 24th July and as soon as school was out the park was filled with happy smiling faces and queues for all the rides.

The most important innovation was that all those consulted asked for the play area to be enclosed within a fence so as to ensure that dogs could not enter, as some children are quite frightened by loose dogs, and although this increased the cost the council felt that it was only right to erect a fence. At the same time as the installation of the play equipment we also had the path around the periphery re-laid so that it was easier for cyclists and mothers with children in buggies. To further enhance the park and to assist children to learn to cycle safely we lined out the basketball pitch, that is seldom used, with a roadway design and we hope that the schools will use this initially in teaching cycling efficiency.

OTHER MATTERS

In relation to dog fouling we are still getting reports of dogs fouling our parks and we would like to take this opportunity to remind dog owners that as it is set out in our by-laws, it is illegal to allow a dog to foul without picking up and binning their 'deposit'. Again to dog owners please ensure that your dogs are kept under control and on a lead in our parks.

The Committee is aware that the hedge around the memorial gates to King George V park has become very unkempt and so shortly this will be replaced by a new metal fence to match the style of the gates.

The flower beds are in full bloom and the hanging baskets and saddle bag planters are looking really good this year. This can be put down to our dedicated maintenance team who are constantly weeding and watering, as well as the judicious use of a well-known plant food.

Should you have any comments to make regarding our parks or other areas of the town please contact our Town Office by phone or email through our website.

Cllr John Coombs

Chairman of the Town Committee



PLANNING REPORT

It is probably fair to say that recent government reforms and changes to planning laws have, and will have, quite an effect on parish and town councils:

The recently announced relaxing of some planning permissions and permitted developments will mean that our 'inbox' will probably be lighter as we will be called on to consult on fewer applications; National changes to how long term planning policy is implemented mean that greater emphasis is put on our local planning authority (WDC) to produce their 'Local Plan' as the blueprint for local development, that the former South East Plan that had a vision for the whole region is no longer valid for the region and that housing allocations etc. are all being reconsidered from scratch.

In response to WDC's consultation on their new 'Local Plan', members of PRTC and representatives of a number of organisations from around the town (RABG, RARA, RAP, The Heritage Society, Rotary etc.) recently held an informal meeting to discuss options and how the town feels it should grow to accommodate new business, housing and related infrastructure in the best way. This meeting was very useful and some interesting ideas came up that were subsequently fed back and further discussed at a similar meeting that WDC planning development officers held in Princes Risborough with a similar audience. This process is very important in that the Local Plan that WDC produce sets an agenda for planning development across the district for the next 20 years or so. We all felt that it was vital that the views of local people were represented from the onset and hopeful that these meetings gave the town that voice. WDC will now prepare a draft 'Local Plan' taking into consideration these emerging ideas that the whole town will get the opportunity to respond to.

It is perhaps unfortunate that although we live in one of the most rural and (dare I say) most beautiful parts of the Wycombe District, we do sit on the very edge of the Greenbelt and the Chilterns AONB. The railway line to Aylesbury that borders our town is the Greenbelt boundary and the open countryside beyond is far freer from planning restrictions than most other places within the Wycombe District. This is something that WDC planners are quite aware of and something we as a town need to keep firmly in mind when responding to plans for our growth and how this fits in with plans for the whole district.

This aside, it seems that the developers have now withdrawn from pursuing plans for building on Park Mill Farm and that the development of the Hypnos and Picts Lane site are back on track with new plans expected soon. This is good news and something that all present at the recent Planning meetings support. Residential development on Brownfield sites within the town's existing boundary has got to be the ideal solution especially if it involves smartening up the approach and entrance to the town for so many.

The Black Prince is currently a sorry boarded up sight from the Wycombe Road. There have been many rumours to its sudden demise and future. We are informed that Wellington Taverns are offering it for lease again and we aware of quite a lot of interest to retain the pub/hotel/b&b. Again something

that has much local support.

Another prominent site on the A4010 is the Royal Mail sorting office. The Planning Committee are also awaiting plans for the future of this building and is expecting some mixed use of retail and residential. The building itself is quite iconic to some and we do hope that wider consultation will be held on its future.

Whilst waiting for news on these important planning issues, the Planning Committee has commented on a number of the usual extensions and tree works in and around the town. Whilst we often offer 'No comment, or objection' to most applications there are some for which we do offer comments. The old Teleline shop in The High Street was one that the Planning Committee felt should not have its frontage altered. This is one of the oldest buildings in The High Street and although in need of some renovation had symmetry to its frontage that we felt should not be disturbed. However it was permitted by WDC and the changes made – you win some, you lose some.

A full list of all current and past planning applications that fall within the parish are all easy to find on the Town Council website, each linking to all the relevant pages on WDC's Planning portal which shows ours and others comments along with all the plans etc.

Cllr Will Streule
Chairman Planning Committee



THE
ROTARY CLUB
OF PRINCES RISBOROUGH



Charity No. 288786

Princes Risborough Tree of Light 2013

Supporting
Iain Rennie
Hospice at Home
and
Rotary
Charities

Dedication
Ceremony
24 November
at 4.00 p.m.

The Tree of Light provides an opportunity to honour, remember or celebrate the life of someone special by dedicating a light on the Tree.

The Tree of Light will again be in the gardens at the corner of New Road and Duke Street (next to the Tesco roundabout) and the Dedication Ceremony will this year take place at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 24 November.

The names of those being remembered will be recorded on display boards close to the Tree of Light, and published in the Bucks Free Press. The dedication boards will be updated weekly. Dedications can continue to be made and the lights on the Tree will remain lit until the end of the year. Dedication Forms will be distributed door to door in the Risborough area during October and will also be available at the Information Centre.

All funds raised will be shared between the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home and Rotary charities. £4,000 was raised in 2012, and more than £18,000 over the last 4 years.

MEMORIAL OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

As you have read on the front page, Princes Risborough Town Council recently erected memorials to a total of ten Airmen that died in air crashes around Princes Risborough during the Second World War and held a service to dedicate the memorials outside the library. You may have noticed in the top left hand corner of the memorial to the crash involving the RAF Avro Anson a small square with a black and white chequer board design. This is called a Quick Response (QR) code. These codes are designed to be read by the latest smart phones using some readily available software installed on them. Encoded within the pattern is a web address, in this case www.princesrisborough.com/memorials.



Photo courtesy of Iain McLauchlan

The idea behind this website is to try and engage with a wider group of people by using technology. On these pages we will be adding more details about the crashes, the aircraft involved and most importantly of all the people who sadly lost their lives in these tragic crashes. The intention of the website is to give background information about the people concerned, to be more than just names carved into stone. I have made contact with families of two of the British Airmen, Sgt. E. A. Merry and Sgt. K. R. Blaskey. The families have provided me with some wonderful stories and some photographs taken during their training in Rhodesia and Canada respectively.

Currently the page is a work in progress but I am working on adding more information. I am currently in the process of trying to trace the families of the other Airmen and further research into the crashes. If you have any information or photographs relating to any of these crashes I would love to hear from you so we can add this to the website. If you can help, please contact me through the office.



SCAN ME

Cllr Iain McLauchlan

RISBOROUGH AREA BUSINESS GROUP

Since the Risborough Area Business Group was reformed, I am pleased to report that we have continued to make good progress on our agreed priorities for the year. Before I outline our future plans I would like to tell you about some of the work we have already completed.

During the past two years we have worked in conjunction with other organisations to provide activities for the local population for people that both live and work in Princes Risborough and the surrounding areas. Working in partnership with the Festival Committee, Princes Risborough Market Management, Risborough Area Partnership, local retailers and our local District Councillors, we are organising a series of Christmas activities.

When we reformed RABG we agreed to focus on networking and the creation of a local jobs advertising facility. In July we held our first networking event 'Business in the community' at the Speaker's House. I am pleased to report that as a result of the networking event, a new partnership has been formed between two of our successful retailers. David Shuttle is collaborating with Anton Hazelle to create a new exclusive range of chocolate liqueurs to be sold at David Shuttle.

Whilst the majority of us are enjoying the remainder of the summer, a number of our local retailers are busy preparing for this year's Christmas activities. A huge amount of work and volunteering occurs to enable these events to happen so please continue to support local business where you can so these events can continue. Using local businesses helps protect employment, reduces our carbon footprint, and contributes to local taxation. Princes Risborough has a fantastic selection of food, products and services so please, when making your purchasing decisions, take into account the great work of our local entrepreneurs.

As we enter autumn we will be launching our new free jobs advertising website and undertaking our High Street survey. If you would like to get involved please contact us at events@rabg.co.uk

Matt Walsh – *Chairman Risborough Area Business Group*

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCES RISBOROUGH



The Rotary Club of Princes Risborough agreed to support last year's president Tom Winkworth in endeavouring to raise additional

charity funding in support of the Princes Day Centre in our town.

There were numerous events over his Rotary year commencing with the sale of framed photographs of drivers taking part in the Kop Hill Climb. This was followed by the highly successful "Art of Encore" concert held in St Mary's church.

During the winter months, events well supported by the townsfolk were a Quiz Night and a Horse Racing evening, followed by a junior "diathlon" consisting of swimming and track events to accommodate the youth in the town. The final indoor activity was as an occasion for Ken "Mercy Ships" Brazier to entertain the club with his band, celebrating St George's Night

A highly successful golf charity day at Whiteleaf Golf Club saw the return to the outdoors, culminating in the innovative Black Prince Cycle ride. On the Saturday, cyclists rode from Princes Risborough to Woodstock, the birth place of the Black Prince, with a number of the riders also going from Princes Risborough to Canterbury, (where the Black Prince is buried), on the Sunday.

Although yet to be finalised the Club raised in excess of £20,000 in addition to the usual charity events supporting Rotary and local charities. All the townsfolk, sponsors, other organisations, Rotarians and their partners deserve thanks for helping to support the Princes Day Centre.

UPDATE!



THE PRINCES CENTRE

"community working together"

It's been a while since our last update and there have been a few changes at the centre.

Firstly two of our staff left, one to return to Bucks County Council's employ and the other to return to Australia, so we were sad to see them go but were excited at our two new staff, Liz & Georgina, joining the team and bringing fresh ideas with them and new personalities.

We have also appointed two patrons to the centre. Mr Peter Culimore, who founded Universal Care which has been providing care and support to people in the community. He brings a wealth of knowledge and support to the centre as well as a sound business advice. Also Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons is our patron, who also provides support and on a practical level takes time out from his busy schedule to come and talk to clients about public speaking. John is extremely proactive in offering support in any way he can.

Just recently the Town Council in conjunction with the Risborough Area Business Group and at the request of Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP, organised a trip to Speaker's House for local businesses, staff, trustees and clients of the centre. It was an amazing experience and one we shall remember for years to come.

We have been very busy fundraising to reach our target to purchase the building, using some great innovative ideas. We have many events coming up: music nights and a Christmas Ball, and every other week we invite local residents from Risborough to join us for cash Bingo in the evening.

As well as fundraising we have received many generous donations which will help us to reach our target of £300,000 which is needed to purchase the building and carry out much needed repairs and improvements. Although we still have a long way to go we would like to say Thank you to everyone that has helped towards our fundraising.

We also recently launched our own website where you can see regular updates on what's happening and our fundraising events coming up. Alternatively you can always ring me and I'll be happy to tell you more details. The website is www.princescentre.org.uk and our telephone number is 01844 345105.

Finally, our centre would not survive without our clients and we are always keen to support new people in the area. If you know anyone that may benefit from our support or someone who just needs a break from caring then please contact me for an informal chat.

Kim Challinor

Manager - The Princes Risborough Centre Ltd



KOP HILL CLIMB

On 21st and 22nd September Kop Hill Climb will be restored to its illustrious past. The revival of the historic hill climb in Princes Risborough is gearing up for its fifth event.

The breathtaking Battle of Britain Memorial Flight will grace the skies above Kop Hill on Sunday 22nd. Enter if you dare the Wall of Death. Climb aboard the cockpit of an Avro Shackleton.

And surely on everyone's 'must see' list this year will be the Napier Railton. The 24 litre aero-engined World Land Speed Record Holder from 1939 to 1947 cannot be ignored. It is almost five meters long, and the sound of the engine has been likened to 'the sound of a thousand storms'.

And budding designers and racers have been told to get their thinking caps on (or should that be racing helmets!) and take part in the Soapbox Challenge. The Challenge is open to competitors aged 10 to 17 to design, construct and compete in their own gravity-powered soapbox cart. Entrants will compete as teams of up to 6 members, and the soapboxes will be evaluated on their engineering and design just as much as their performance.

If you would like to be part of the Soapbox Challenge this year go to the website www.kophillclimb.org.uk for full details and registration.

The objective of the Kop Hill Climb revival is to raise money for local charities. All the organising team and helpers are volunteers. Last year over £37,000 was distributed, and over £128,000 has been raised since the revival started in 2009.

Advanced tickets are available now at a discounted price. Go to the website <http://www.kophillclimb.org.uk> for further details of the event. Advance ticket adult £8 one day/£15 weekend - Children 12 and under go free.



2013 WALKING FESTIVAL

Over 200 people took part in the sixth annual Princes Risborough Walking Festival this summer. Visitors from as far afield as Kent and Birmingham joined a series of guided walks that explored the countryside, local history and wildlife around the market town.

New walks in the 2013 programme proved extremely popular including an exploration of ancient Pulpit Hill and a search for the historic Black Hedge and Grim's Ditch, but old favourites such as the wild butterfly and orchid safaris and the Back to Brunel railway walk remain hot favourites. The continued success of this event confirms that Risborough really is a great starting point to explore the Chilterns. The walking weekend is organised by local volunteers with help from Princes Risborough Town Council, Wycombe District Council and the Chilterns Conservation Board. The Risborough Information Centre provides details about other local walks organised by the Risborough Countryside Group throughout the year .

RISBOROUGH ANNUAL TOWN FESTIVAL UPDATE!

This year's format was different to previous years, the music on Street Fair day was provided by local young musicians showing that the talent we have within the town is exceptional. Acts included the Risborough Youth Theatre, The Unknown, a Year 9 band from Princes Risborough school, Keane Spenle, also a year 9, and Billy Watman. Billy is a year 7 and is having a stellar career as a solo vocalist/guitarist. He has just won 1st Prize at the Edinburgh Guitar and Music Festival 11-14 year old category.



During the week, a number of events took place including the lunchtime concerts at St Mary's and the very popular tours of Ercol and Hypnos.

On the second festival weekend, the action moved up to the Princes Risborough School sports field, where Rizfest, a two day festival of music was organised. The acts were a mixture of local bands and some of the UK's top tribute acts. The organisation of the event was superb and everyone who was there had a fantastic time.

The attendance of both the street fair and especially Rizfest was lower this year. As the festival is for the people of Princes Risborough and part-funded by the Town Council, the organising committee would like to hear your views about what you would like to see at the festival. The committee is always on the lookout for people who can actively participate in organising the event and helping out during the festival week.

So do you have a view or comment regarding this year's festival? If so the committee would love to hear from you. Alternatively come and join them and help organise next year's event.

Let us know if you think we should continue with this year's format

- a street fair incorporating children's parade on first Saturday, followed by events during the week.
- a music festival (Rizfest) over the last weekend

or should we revert to last year's format

- a street parade leading to a family afternoon in the park followed by an evening musical concert on the first Saturday, followed by events during the week.
- a street fair on the last Saturday

or should we do something different?

Please email your comments to the chairman at richlin7@hotmail.com or complete the form below and take it to the Information Centre or the Town Council.

I would like the Festival 2014 to be;

I would like to join the committee:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:



COUNCIL HANDS OVER NATURE RESERVE SITES TO CHILTERN SOCIETY

The Chiltern Society recently took control of three important nature reserves from Wycombe District Council.

Nearly 100 volunteers from the charitable conservation group will look after more than 25 hectares (62 acres) of woodland, with the support of conservation specialists and woodland experts.

Wycombe District Council has agreed a 99 year lease with the Society at a peppercorn rent of £1 a year for the three areas. The sites are the Brush Hill Nature Reserve at Princes Risborough (pictured), Marlow Common (North) and Prestwood Nature Reserve.

Chiltern Society vice-chairman Roger Newman said: "This is an exciting development.

We are committed to maintaining and creating diverse habitats as well as encouraging the community, particularly young people, to get involved in safeguarding, enjoying and appreciating this special countryside on their doorstep.

"We already have regular working parties looking after the sites and we would love to hear from anyone willing to give a hand. All that's needed is enthusiasm and a love of woodlands - we provide the training, the tools, the companionship and, of course, the tea and biscuits."

If you would like to volunteer to help the Chiltern Society care for these nature reserves please call 01494 771250 or email office@chilternsociety.co.uk.



SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED

AT PRINCES RISBOROUGH STATION DURING OCTOBER

visit www.princesrisborough.com
for further information

Involving the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Steam Railway

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Monday – Friday 10.00am – 3.00pm

The full Town Council meets at 7.00pm on the last Tuesday of each month at The Princes Centre, Clifford Road. There is a 10-minute slot at the beginning of each meeting when the public can express a view or concern relating to town matters. Please check the website to confirm time and venue. The next meetings are:

Tuesday 24th September

Tuesday 29th October

Tuesday 26th November

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.