

Houghton Regis TOWN CRIER JUNE 2012



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Annual Report 2011/12

The Annual report will be published on 26th June 2012 and will be available on the Town Council website.

A summary of this report will be available in the September edition of the Town Crier.



Carnival Edition

Welcome to the Carnival edition of the Town Crier.

The Houghton Regis Carnival will be taking place on Saturday 7th July 2012 on the Village Green. The theme of the event is **'Treasure Island'** and there are lots of activities planned throughout the day for everyone to enjoy.

There will be lots of interesting stalls on the Village Green, ranging from **arts and crafts** and **handmade jewellery**, to **games and activities**, **tombola**, **charity stalls** and **car boot stalls**. There will be lots of refreshments available including tea, coffee and cake in the pavilion from the **Houghton Regis W.I.** The day would not be complete without some fabulous arena displays and starting it all off this year is the **'Pet Dog of the Year Competition'**, which is being organised by the **Central Bedfordshire Canine Trust**. Confirmed attractions so far include:

- The Carnival Procession (10.30am from Kings Houghton Middle School).
- The Official Opening Ceremony by the Town Mayor.
- A Circus Skills display and workshop in the afternoon arena.
- Live performances by the University of Bedfordshire Pipe Band.
- Stalls and information stands.
- Live performances from the Shifting Sands Theatre Company.
- Musical performances by the members of the New Lavender Village Folk band and the Just Friends Jazz group.
- Arena displays and performances.
- Punch and Judy performances at 2pm.
- Food retailers and fairground rides for younger children.
- Regis the Lion.

A complimentary carnival programme is enclosed with this edition of the Town Crier; additional copies can also be obtained from the Council Offices. For the latest Carnival info, why not log on to the Town Council website on www.houghtonregis.org.uk

Don't miss the **Classic Car Show** on the Village Green, which will be taking place on **16th September** and details can be found about this on page 4.

We hope you have an enjoyable summer.

Houghton Regis Town Council
Officers and Councillors



Council Meetings

Town Council

The full Council has met once and reviewed and approved various policies and projects. It also agreed to register with the Preen Community Challenge, which promotes the re-use of unwanted furniture, large electrical appliances, clothing, bedding, general household goods and the like.

Planning and Licensing Committee

16 planning applications have been assessed. 14 were found to be acceptable, while 2 were objected to.

Policy and Resources Committee

The Policy & Resource Committee met in March 2012. In this meeting they discussed the legal advice received from NALC regarding the two Draft Policies.

- Draft Retirement & Flexible Retirement Policy
- Flexible Working Policy & Flexi Time System

With the changes implemented on both of the documents members agreed that the policies can now be recommended for approval at the Full Town Council meeting on 26th March 2012.

Public Toilets in Bedford Square

Houghton Regis Town Council will take responsibility with effect from 1st of April 2012 for the cleaning/management of the Public Toilets within Bedford Square. The main contract is with MCS Contract Cleaning Ltd and the contract expires 31st March 2014.

Environment Committee

One meeting has taken place where issues raised by the public concerning the regulations applied to the management of the cemetery were discussed. It was agreed to set up a Cemetery Steering Group to address these.

Town Council Calendar of Meetings



Please find below the calendar of meetings for the Town Council from June 2012 to the end of September. All council meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Offices on Peel Street at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. The agendas for forthcoming meetings can be found on the notice boards outside the offices, Houghton Regis Library and on the Town Council website. Copies can also be obtained from the office.

Date	Day	Committee	Time
11th June	Mon	Grants Sub Committee	
18th June	Mon	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm
25th June	Mon	Town Council Meeting	
28th June	Thursday	HR Town Centre Management Committee	7.00pm
2nd July	Mon	Policy & Resources Committee	
9th July	Mon	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm
30th July	Mon	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm
20th August	Mon	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm
3rd September	Mon	Environment Committee	
5th September	Wed	Grants Sub Committee	
10th September	Mon	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm
17th September	Mon	Policy & Resources Committee	
24th September	Mon	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm
27th September	Thurs	HR Town Centre Management Committee	7.00pm

Mayoral Year 2011/12



The Town Council would like to thank Councillor Andrew Roberts for all his hard work during his Mayoral Year (2011/12). During the past 12 months, Councillor Roberts has visited many local organisations and schools as well as hosting charity fundraising events.

Councillor Roberts has distributed the following amounts of money to his chosen charities:

	<i>Funds distributed:</i>
Luton and Dunstable MS Society	£1400
Bedfordshire and Luton Mind	£200
Smiletrain	£350
Marie Curie	£1425
Impact	£700
The Monday Club for the Blind	£500
DADDS	£300
LAMP	£350
St Vincent's RC Church	£125
Amount raised at the Marie Curie Collections at Morrisons:	£495.38

The Town Council looks forward to continuing to work with Councillor Roberts during the next council term.

Announcement of the NEW Town Mayor

Following the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 16th May 2012, Houghton Regis Town Council is pleased to announce that Councillor David Jones has been elected as the Town Mayor of Houghton Regis for 2012/13. The Deputy Mayor is Councillor Peter Williams.

During the next year, Councillor Jones will be raising funds towards Hospice at Home Volunteers, Luton and South Beds Motor Neurone's Disease Association, Keech Hospice Care and the Special Needs Out Of School Club (SNOOSC) in Houghton Regis.



Houghton Regis Town Council

Classic & Vintage Motor Show



Houghton Regis Town Council welcomes you to the inaugural launch of its Classic & Vintage Motor Show. A stunning display of Classic, Vintage Cars, Motor Cycles & Military vehicles from days gone by will be on show combined with fun activities to make this a perfect **free** day out for the family.

The Mayor will be touring the vehicles to choose **'The Mayor of Houghton Regis Choice'**.

All show vehicles will receive a plaque.

Houghton Regis Village Green

Sunday 16th September 2012

10.00am – 4.00pm

Stall Holders: Auto jumble from £10.00

(book early to avoid disappointment)

Exhibitors: All Classic, Vintage Cars, Motor Cycles & Military

Vehicles have FREE entry

To reserve your space please contact:

jennifer.saunders@houghtonregis.org.uk &

sarah.gelsthorp@houghtonregis.org.uk

or phone: Houghton Regis Town Council 01582 708540

Please make sure you book early as only ticket holders will be permitted on the day.

Voluntary donations will be collected on the day in aid of the *Mayor's Appeal Fund*.

Refreshments will be supplied by the Houghton Regis W.I.

The event has been proudly sponsored by

Houghton Insurance Bureau Ltd.

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PRIDE OF HOUGHTON

Awards 2012

On the reverse of this edition of the Town Crier is the entry form for his years Pride of Houghton Awards. The scheme recognises local people who have gone beyond the call of duty for others in the community.

Nominees must be residents of Houghton Regis and the nomination must be for work carried out in the town.

The closing date for entries is Monday 3rd September 2012.



Grants for local Organisations and Charities

The Town Council is pleased to announce its continued support for local community and voluntary groups and charities through a range of grant schemes. Grants are available for small and large projects. In the first instance organisations should contact the Town Council for information and an application form on 01582 708540, information can also be found on the Town Council's website:

www.houghtonregis.org.uk

Last year the following small project grants were awarded, totalling **£1762.73**

The Monday Club for the Blind	£96
Luton Leagrave FC	£299
Recycled Teenagers	£32.73
Parkside 50s Club	£200
Dunstable Colts FC	£500
St Mary's Youth Group	£160
Houghton Regis Helpers	£200
Houghton Regis Leisure Centre Action Group	£75
One Night in Musical Theatre	£200



THE WAY

In association with
Houghton Regis Town Council

**Is bringing Summer Fun to
Houghton Regis Pavilion
Throughout August**

AGE GROUP 5-12 YEARS

ART and SPORT sessions for **£2.50**

LIMITED PLACES

THE TOWN COUNCIL

01582 861102



Walk For Health

Houghton Hall Park area
Every other Thursday afternoon.
Starting at 2pm by the pavilion,
on the Green

Walks last 30 - 45 minutes.
Go at your own pace but enjoy friendly company.

Walks are free with no commitment
(and we may go for a cup of tea in the cafe afterwards.)

**31st May
14th & 28th June
12th & 26th July
9th & 23rd August
9th September**

Just come along and join us or phone:
Sue **01582 865996** or
Ruth **01582 758483**

All Saints Academy Goes From Strength To Strength

Radical changes in the curriculum and the improved quality of Teaching and Learning have seen results at All Saints Academy continue to rise, and predictions for students this Summer are 51% 5A*-C including English and Maths, and 82% 5A*-C - a dramatic increase in just three years from the figures of 22% and 29% respectively of the Predecessor School.

If you want to be a part of this transformation we have only a few spare places for Year 9 in September 2012. Please contact the Admissions Team at Central Bedfordshire Council as soon as possible if you don't want to miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

All Saints Academy's new building is rapidly taking shape and will be ready for the start of the new academic year in September 2012. Willmott Dixon has worked hard to ensure that each progress milestone has been met despite the inclement weather over the Winter months; the roof is now on and the majority of windows have been installed, including the large sheets of coloured glass in the feature main entrance (see photograph). The architects' imaginative use of daylight throughout the entire building gives a bright and airy feel to all internal spaces, including the spacious classrooms. All Saints Academy is delighted to be working in partnership with Viglen Ltd to integrate the ICT vision into the physical building; this infrastructure which will see no less than 8 ICT suites, across all Curriculum Areas, and state-of-the-art technology for all. We are also proud that we will be able to offer fantastic Sports and Arts facilities, including a Sports Fitness Room, all-weather pitch, and professional standard Dance and Drama Studios.

Watch out for publicity over the Summer months as we look forward to offering tours of the new building for existing and prospective students and their parents/carers, as well as local residents and members of the public. The official opening of the new building will take place on Thursday 27 September 2012 and news of our VIP guest will be released shortly.

For further information about All Saints Academy, please contact us on 01582 619700.



CHOOSE excellence. CHOOSE Barnfield. CHOOSE a brand new £30 million building. CHOOSE a healthy, safe and caring educational environment for your child and choose the best possible start to your child's educational journey that you can give them! Barnfield South Academy has all this and more.

Graded as having **"outstanding features"** in its latest Ofsted inspection, the Academy – which is also part of the "outstanding" Barnfield Federation – celebrated its best ever GCSE results in 2011 and is expected to better the record again this summer.

Proud of its traditional values within a modern context, the Rotheram Avenue school is a vibrant, exciting place to learn and both students and staff are passionate and ambitious with a positive "can do" attitude. The brand new £30 million Barnfield South building in Farley Hill, Luton, opened in March last year.

World-class facilities include smartboards in every classroom, iPads, digital cameras and recorders, tablet PCs and Apple Macs, as well as a 300-seat theatre, brand new AstroTurf pitch and floodlit multi-use games areas. Students and staff cannot stop smiling and don't want to go home – further evidenced by the excellent attendance at weekend and evening revision classes on offer throughout the year.

A bespoke Year 7 curriculum supports the development of literacy and numeracy skills and staff focus on key competencies to skill every student for success - with a 100% pass rate and progression post-16.

All Academies within the Barnfield Federation offer seamless progression routes to Barnfield College and the wider Federation education model – including university level courses, professional qualifications and beyond.

We currently have capacity across all year groups so if your son or daughter would be interested in joining the Barnfield South family, contact us today. We have regular opportunities to see the Academy in action.

To book an appointment to view the school or to find out more, call 01582 569 569 or visit www.southacad.barnfield.ac.uk



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Dear Residents

TITHE FARM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY 7TH JULY FROM 9AM TO 12 NOON TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF THE CARNIVAL PROCESSION.

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CALL
01582 708540.

WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THAT THIS MAY CAUSE BUT TRUST THAT YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE SAFETY BENEFITS THAT THIS WILL CREATE FOR THE PROCESSION.

Town Mayor: Cllr D.J Jones
Town Clerk: Mrs Clare Evans



Springboard for Women Returners FREE COURSE

"A fantastic course, extremely informative and fun"

Sarah, previous course participant

Calling all women! Do you fancy a change for 2012? Do you want to build your self-confidence and prepare for return to work or training?

This free course starts on 13th June at Bedford Square Community Centre in Houghton Regis and runs each Wednesday for six weeks during school hours. You will have the chance to meet and talk with other women in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Topics include:

Confidence Building; Assessing Your Skills; Career Choices; Local Job and Training Opportunities; Applying for Jobs, Benefits Advice; Writing a CV; Preparing for Interviews; Guest Speakers.

Run in partnership with Bedfordshire Adult Skills and Community Learning, there is also the opportunity to gain a City & Guilds qualification in Employability and Personal Development.

Childcare and travel costs will be met.

To find out more and book a place ring Jenny or Kim on: 01525 850559 or email jenny@action-centralbeds.org.uk



Houghton Regis Town Council



Jubilee Enamel Badge
Now on Sale

Suggested Donation

£1.00

1" Inch in height approximately



**Royal Wedding
Badges Still Available**



Suggested Donation
£1.00

Marie Curie
Cancer Care



Marie Curie would like to say a big thank you to the collectors and shoppers at Morrisons who donated funds on 16th and 17th March 2012 towards the Daffodil Appeal. I am delighted to let you know that over both days we collected a total of **£495.38**.

This is a wonderful amount and will fund 24.75 hours of a Marie Curie Nurse for local people (*that is 3 ½ nights of care*).

Thank you all so much for your support.



PRIDE OF HOUGHTON



AWARDS NOMINATION FORM 2012

Nominate the person / people in whom you are really proud. This is their chance to get the recognition they deserve. Use the form below to forward your nominations by 5pm on Monday 3rd September 2012. The only condition is that nominees have to be residents of Houghton Regis. You can forward more than one nomination if you wish.

The winners will be awarded £100 together with a framed certificate and an embossed badge.

Return this form to Houghton Regis Town Council, Peel Street, Houghton Regis, LU5 5EY

Your
Name:

Your Contact
Number:

Your
Address:

Name of your
Nominee:

Your Nominee
Contact Number:

Why do they deserve an award? (Please tell us below)

Please give as much information as possible so that we can properly assess each nomination (use extra sheets of paper if required and affix to this form)