

Southam Town Council Newsletter



APRIL 2010



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It has been a pleasure to serve Southam Town as Mayor during the past year. Lesley and I have represented Southam in the District and County. It has also been a joy to attend a wide variety of events within the town.

During the past year Southam Town Council have worked with the County Council in upgrading street lights in some areas of the town, a project we hope will contribute towards efficiency savings. The Town Council are pleased to have helped social organisations and groups around the town with modest grants towards their activities; of particular note is the new fencing around the Park Lane Recreation Ground. Southam @ Play have taken a lead in this project and have ideas for improving the play equipment; if you are interested in being involved with Southam @ Play, please contact the Town Council offices. We are also pleased that work has begun on reinstating the Holy Well after some months of being unable to access the site and complete the maintenance works.

The Town Council are committed to working in partnership with the District and County Council to see improvements in community and retail facilities at the centre of the town. Over the coming months, we hope to see suggestions and schemes from the various agencies for how such improvements will be achieved. The outline planning for Tesco on the Holywell Industrial Park has been approved; we look forward to seeing this project develop and the significant employment opportunities this will bring to Southam.

Finally, the Deputy Mayor and I are presenting a petition at 10 Downing Street on Saturday 13th March 2010. The petition seeks to secure Victor Hodges House as a quality home for the elderly of Southam and the area. I would express my thanks to all those who helped to collect the petitions signatures.

As my mayoral year comes to a conclusion, I wish Cllr Jane Soni as Mayor Elect every success. I would also express my appreciation to the Town Council staff and Town Councillors for their support.

I hope you have a good Spring vacation.

Yours sincerely

Revd Cllr Wayne Hawkins

TRAVEL TOKENS



At its Precept Meeting, Southam Town Council agreed to maintain its allocation of travel tokens of £10 to each resident of Southam over the age of 60.

The tokens can be collected from the Town Council office from Tuesday 4th May until Friday 28th May, 9.30am to 12.30 pm. If you are eligible and unable to collect the tokens during this time, please telephone the Town Council office on 814004.

Distribution at sheltered accommodation will take place on Friday 30th April 2010

There will be no further opportunities to collect tokens this year.

VACANCY BROWNS BRIDGE WARD



Following the resignation of Mr J Griffin, a vacancy exists in the office of town councillor in the Parish of Southam Browns Bridge Ward.

The vacancy will be filled by election which will take place on Thursday 6th May 2010 Please note, If this date is chosen for the parliamentary elections then the local election will be deferred until 27th May 2010.

If you would like to stand for election to Southam Town Council please contact

The Town Clerk
Tel 01926 814004 or email
clerk@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk
for more information.

SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2010

Thursday 11th February 2010
Thursday 11th March 2010
Thursday 08th April 2010
Thursday 13th May 2010
Thursday 27th May (Town Meeting & Mayormaking)



From June 2010 Town Council Meetings will take place on the fourth Thursday of each month

Thursday 24th June 2010
Thursday 22nd July 2010
August – Recess – No Meeting
Thursday 23rd September 2010
Thursday 28th October 2010
Thursday 25th November 2010
December – Recess – No Meeting

Meetings take place in the Grange Hall Southam and start at 7.30pm - members of the public are welcome and may speak at the start of the meeting for a maximum of 5 minutes.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Stratford District Council is preparing the Local Development Framework to guide development and change in the area over the next 15 years. **This will provide the basis for where new homes are built, where new jobs are created and how to improve services.**

The Core Strategy is the first and most important part of the Framework to be prepared. It will set the overall vision and key objectives for the District Council. It will establish where major development should take place and how this should be delivered.

A first draft of the Core Strategy was published in 2009 but since then the prospect of additional housing required by the Secretary of State through the Regional Strategy has had to be taken into account. This could lead to an increase in the housing requirement from 5600 homes to 7500 during the period 2006—2026.

As a result of this a further draft of the Core Strategy has been produced for consultation and comment.

A wide range of development proposals are being put forward. There are policies to cover topics such as infrastructure, transport, flood risk, renewable energy and heritage.

The document can be viewed on the website and is also available in libraries within the district.

Comments can be submitted through www.stratford.gov.uk or you can request a paper form from 01789 260319

**The closing date for comments is
Thursday 8th April 2010**

THE GRANGE HALL LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

An evening of English music with



“The Harvesters” Friday 23 April (St George’s Day)

7.30pm (tickets: £8.00 / £7.00
concs)

Coventry Savoy Operatic Society

with Gilbert & Sullivan’s

“Patience”

Friday 18 & Saturday
19 June

7.30pm (tickets: £9.00 / £8.00
concs)



SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL WEB SITE

The new Town Council website will go live during May 2010

www.southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

If your organisations would like to be represented on the community groups page, please send a brief description of who you are, what you do and your contact details to deputy@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

A link to your own web site can also be included.

EMAIL US YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS OF SOUTHAM TO BE INCLUDED ON A RESIDENTS’ PHOTOGRAPHS PAGE ON THE WEB SITE!

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS PRIORITIES

- Speed checks A425 Napton
- Speeding and Anti-Social driving Linley Road & Mayfield Road, Southam
- Drugs, Alcohol & Anti Social Behaviour Wattons Lane & Southam Recreation Ground

To contact Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team Tel: 01926 812366 Voicemail 4984

Sgt Darren Fretwell

EMPTY HOMES

Owners of empty properties who would like further information and guidance regarding bringing their properties back into residential use or would like further details of the Empty Homes Assistance Grant should contact Carol Roberts, Empty Homes Officer at Stratford District Council on 01789 260866 or email carol.roberts@stratford-dc.gov.uk

SOUTHAM STREET MAP

The Southam official street map and guide is available free of charge from the Town Council Office at the Grange Hall Southam. Why not collect a copy for your visitors!

Class sets are also available for local schools. Please contact the Town Council Office

WOOD STREET CARPARK RECYCLING

Stratford District Council has received complaints about abuse of the recycling facility at Wood Street and officers have discussed these complaints with Southam Town Council to try and agree how best to respond.



Firstly it is obvious that some local traders are using this facility to illegally dispose of their trade waste instead of paying for a trade waste collection. Any resident witnessing this is asked to contact the District Council on 01789 267575 and ask for Streetscene.

This practice is taking up capacity in the bins leaving less space for legitimate use by residents and has prompted the Council to consider removing the facility altogether. All residents now have blue lidded bins for recyclables and so could use these instead.

The Town and District Council are keen to collect the views of Southam residents over this difficulty before coming to a decision. If you wish to make your views known you can contact:-

- Chris Dobson, Refuse and Recycling Manager Stratford on Avon DC at Elizabeth House, Church St, Stratford upon Avon CV37 6HX.
- Town Clerk, Southam Town Council, The Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam CV47 1QA email clerk@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk
- Complete the form below and place it the box provided in the library

CONSULTATION ON RECYCLING IN WOOD STREET CAR PARK SOUTHAM

Name.....

Address.....

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I use the recycling facilities in Wood Street

Regularly	Sometimes	Never

I would like the Wood Street recycling Facility to be retained.

Yes	No

Comments.....

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REPORT FAULTY STREET LIGHTS

Telephone 01926 412922 or Text LIGHTING and the fault details including town, street, column number, or the location in a maximum of 160 characters to 07950 081082 (standard network charges apply)

Please describe the nature of the fault and leave contact details in case the inspectors need to contact you to clarify the exact location of the column. The number of the column is a black number on a white background facing the road and located at about eye level.

Salt Bins

Southam Town Council provides salt bins at various points in and around the town for use by the public. Warwickshire County Council supplies salt for the bins and the bins are checked and refilled at the start of each winter and refilled as necessary through-out the winter months.

During the recent prolonged cold spell delays in refilling the bins occurred as supplies of salt were in short supply and Warwickshire County Council needed to prioritise the use of the remaining salt stocks to ensure major routes throughout the county remained open.

PLEASE REPORT VANDALISM AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TO THE POLICE WHEN YOU SEE IT HAPPENING!

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Birthdays,
Anniversaries
Children's
Parties
in fact
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Celebrations
Family Functions,
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Contact Carole at The Grange Hall on
01926 813933
carole@thegrangehall.co.uk

Ready Steady Work! Free Course

A few places remain on the Ready Steady Work! course which will provide free help and advice on making job applications and on interview skills.

The course starts Tuesday 13th April 2010
Graham Adams Centre
Free Crèche (advance booking required)
Tel 01926 811519 to reserve your place

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Warwickshire County council

Contact Your Councillor	Ward	Telephone	E-mail
Cllr Paul Caruana	Browns Bridge Ward	01926 817833	paulcuruana@tiscali.co.uk
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Cllr Les Hewer		01926 812365	theelectricshopsoutham@hotmail.co.uk
VACANCY			
Cllr Dave Isham	Mill Hill Ward		isham_family@yahoo.com
Cllr Daphne Smith		01926 814430	
Cllr Jane Soni (Deputy Mayor)		01926 812966	ridiough@hotmail.com
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