Town News

The Council Newsletter
for
Mablethorpe, Sutton-on-Sea
& Trusthorpe

TOWN MAYOR’s MESSAGE

This very busy year continues to be full of many varied events including: Bathing Beauties, Talent Shows, Fetes, Gala Charity Events and the opening of Jubilee Street at the Jack Parkinson Centre; where there is now a tea room, a pub and a cinema to aid and promote well-being and stimulate interest for the residents.

My sincere thanks go to my Deputy Mayor, Cllr Bernard Dobbs, for attending many functions on my behalf due to increased appearance demands and Cllr Ian Wild who recently performed the official opening of the re-located Louth & District Hospice charity shop in Mablethorpe.

Our new Town Clerk, Steve Fletcher, has been busy too - some might say it has been a “baptism of fire” for him in his new role, he too has attended many civic functions with me. Along with the recent take-over and management of the town market, many events are planned for the Christmas period and we look forward to seeing the town “buzz” with Christmas spirit!

Finally, I wish to congratulate ‘In Bloom’ for their Silver Award and Neighbourhood Management for their awards achieved for Trusthorpe Community Garden and Harris Boulevard. Long may their good efforts continue.

I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and best wishes for 2013.

Cllr. Mrs Joyce Taylor

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER
Sutton-on-Sea Christmas Fayre
High Street, Sutton-on-Sea
5.30 p.m.—8.00 p.m.

This very popular event features late night shopping, food and craft stalls, Santa’s Parade, rides, carol singing and much, much more!

SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER
"Mablethorpe goes Crackers” this Christmas. Mablethorpe High Street 3.00 p.m.—7.00 p.m.
Christmas light switch on by an ‘Elvis Tribute’. There will be a Christmas market, live music, street entertainment, fairground rides and lots of festive fun. It’s going to be a ‘cracking event’!

YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS ARE:

Mablethorpe Central: Cllr T Brown, Cllr G Cullen, Cllr K Pinion
Mablethorpe East: Cllr A Howard, Cllr Mrs J Cook, Cllr P Prince
Mablethorpe North: Cllr B Dobbs (Deputy Mayor), Cllr S Veasey, Cllr D Mellor
Sutton-on-Sea North: Cllr R Dawes, Cllr S Palmer, Cllr I Wild
Sutton-on-Sea South: Cllr D Marsland, Cllr B Varnam, Cllr Mrs A Veasey
Trusthorpe and Mablethorpe South Ward: Cllr Mrs I Burnett, Cllr S Pratley, Cllr Mrs J Taylor (Mayor)
Town Clerk: Mr Steve Fletcher Tel: 01507 329172 / 07976 989809
email: mablethorpetc@btconnect.com

USEFUL NUMBERS:

Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council: 01507 329174 / 01507 329172 Mablethorpe Market Bookings: 07976 989809
Mablethorpe Primary School: 01507 472472 Marisco Medical Centre: 01507 473331
Monks Dyke Tennyson College: 01507 473331 Neighbourhood Management: 01507 329567 NHS Non Emergency: 111
NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 Social Services: 01507 600800 Sutton Primary School: 01507 441319

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM:

PCSO Ian Greenshields:
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WHAT YOUR COUNCIL HAS BEEN UP TO RECENTLY

Transfer of Market Provision from ELDC

We are very pleased to announce that after much detailed negotiation with ELDC, the Town Council took over the market service provision on Thursday, 1st November 2012.

Many local residents attended the handover, in the presence of the Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs Joyce Taylor, officers from ELDC, the Town Clerk, Mr Steve Fletcher, representatives from the National Association of British Market Authorities, the National Market Traders Federation and Town Councillors.

The Town Crier carried out a speech of proclamation to raise the awareness of the official handover to local residents.

Any traders, charities or self help groups interested in taking a stall at the regular Thursday market in Mablethorpe are invited to contact the Town Clerk on 01507 329172 or 07976 989809 for bookings or further information.

Real Deal

As part of the new market initiative, the Town Council has committed to stay within the law and ensure that no counterfeit products will be sold by any trader or organisation from any stall on the market. In order to do so, the Town Council are in negotiations with 'Real Deal' and Lincolnshire County Council trading standards officers. The Real Deal campaign is a cross-sector partnership initiative which unites and supports local authority trading standards, market operators and market traders in the fight to keep counterfeit goods out of UK markets. Anyone interested in learning more can access the website www.realdealmarkets.co.uk for further information.

Acre Gap

Despite an issue with unauthorised grass cutting at Acre Gap during the summer season, the area is gradually re-establishing itself as a magnet for all manner of wildlife and wild plants. New interpretation boards have been placed and new signage to deter unauthorised vehicular access is soon to be erected. Moves to obtain Nature Reserve status are in process and a grant has been secured for the future planting of native species of trees. A programme of improvements is being considered for development, including improvements to the Church Lane entrance.

Street Wardens

The Town Council has approved funding for a trial scheme of patrols by 'street wardens' over the winter months. The 'street wardens' will patrol the parish and will be looking out for instances of anti-social behaviour, vandalism and graffiti. It is hoped that their presence will serve both as a deterrent and form of detection of perpetrators of crime in our area, and bring peace of mind and reassurance to the residents of the parish.

Mablethorpe in Bloom

We are proud to announce the achievement of a Silver Award at the recent East Midlands in Bloom competition. It is a credit to the hard work and commitment of the “in bloomers” team who are out come rain or shine, making sure that our planted and floral displays are a credit to the parish.

St. Mary’s Park Pond

Works to dredge and remove a build up of silt from the pond have been undertaken in recent weeks and the Town Council are considering an allocation of funds from reserves to hasten the necessary repairs to bring the pond back into use as an attractive local amenity.

Civil Parking Enforcement

District-wide civil parking enforcement goes live on 3rd December 2012; enforcement officers will be out and about issuing advice to motorists to raise awareness within the community. The public are advised to read parking restriction notices carefully and abide by rules set within the highway code to avoid being issued with a ticket. We urge you to co-operate with the parking enforcement officers to allow them to carry out their duties effectively for the benefit and safety of road users and pedestrians.
DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS!

It has been a Summer of “all change” at the Town Council offices, Stanley Avenue, Mablethorpe.

A new face on the Council comes by way of the recent Sutton-on-Sea North Parish Ward by-election. Councillor Robert Dawes joins us having moved to Sutton-on-Sea from Northampton in 2010; Cllr Dawes had worked for several years as a regional site manager for a consultant company to Northampton County Council, working on large construction sites overseeing road construction, construction of large business parks and the construction of bridges.

Cllr Dawes has been married to his wife Josie for 50 years and is a father, grandfather and great grandfather. Cllr Dawes enjoys playing golf, listening to classical music and gardening and aspires to serve the electorate of Sutton-on-Sea to the best of his ability, working closely with his fellow Councillors.

Hot on the heels of the departure of the outgoing Town Clerk, Jenny Cooper, was the arrival of our new Town Clerk, Steve Fletcher. Steve has been employed in local government for the past 23 years, most recently he worked as the markets manager for Ashfield District Council (Nottinghamshire). Steve has been married to Jackie for the past 22 years and has one daughter, Sarah.

Steve joins the Council at a busy time, and has taken the lead in the transfer of the market service provision for Mablethorpe from ELDC to Town Council. Having recently gained the National Diploma in Market Administration, he is looking forward to seeing this initiative go from strength to strength and has future specialist market events in mind.

And, as if this wasn’t enough change for one year; the Town Clerk’s secretary of many years’ standing, Sue Broughton, left her role in September. Sue had seen several Town Clerks come and go, and quite a few Councillors too! Her cheerful and helpful presence will also be sadly missed around the office.

Sue is replaced by another Sue, Sue Archibald. “New” Sue also has a long-standing proven track record in local government, having worked for many years in Essex as a Democratic Services Officer with Tendring District Council. Sue is well used to ensuring the smooth running of Council administration and is well-versed in all aspects of local government procedures and legislation.

On relocating to Lincolnshire from Essex in 2011, to find a bit of “the good life” in the country, Sue took on a part-time position as Parish Clerk to Hagworthingham Parish Council and hopes to continue to build on her knowledge of Town and Parish procedures in her new role with Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council.

The Town Council welcomes both Steve and Sue to their new positions and looks forward to a long and rewarding partnership.

OTHER NEWS

TOWN CRIER

The Town Crier has been busy over the summer with attendance at over 80 engagements, undertaken in Mablethorpe, Skegness, Alford, Louth and Spilsby. Roy primarily raises money for the local charity, Louth and District Multiple Sclerosis Society. Roy is available to attend your event and can be contacted via the Town Clerk’s office on 01507 329174 / 329172.

COASTAL FLOOD RISK AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

At the Informal Town Meeting held in October, the Town Council were pleased to promote the re-launch for the winter of the joint initiative by the Environment Agency, ELDC and LCC - Coastal Flood Risk Awareness Campaign. The overriding message from the campaign is:-

“Spread the Word” - “Make a Call” - “Make a Plan”.

Further information can be obtained by calling Floodline on 0845 988 1188, visiting the website www.lincolnshireprepared.co.uk or by contacting your local flood warden - Helen Parkhurst on 01507 441364 or email: helenparkhurst@tiscali.co.uk
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE AREA

Sutton-on-Sea Ladies Probus

Why not come and join us for lunch on the second Tuesday of each month – 12.00 noon for 12.30 p.m. at the Bacchus Hotel, Sutton-on-Sea. Make new friends, enjoy outings and informative speakers. The group is open to retired and semi-retired ladies aged over 55. Please contact the secretary in advance if you are interested in coming along to one of our lunches - Mrs J Wathen 01507 473116

Lincolnshire Credit Union

A branch of the Lincolnshire Credit Union is open at The Boatshed, 34 Victoria Road, Mablethorpe and is manned Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. New savers and borrowers are welcome to join. Anyone interested in opening an account, enquiring about a loan or wishing to discuss debt related issues can pop in for advice. The credit union can be contacted on 01507 479165.

Shouting for Scouting

Scout Groups meet at Grasby, Louth, Mablethorpe, Manby and Sutton-on-Sea; new members are always welcome. Beavers for 6-8 year olds; Cubs 8-11 year olds and Scouts 11-14 year olds. For further information, please contact Tony or Norma Groom on 01507 354389 or by email: tony@tonygroom.com

Saturday Night Sports Project

Neighbourhood Management are once again running their Saturday Night Sports Project for young people aged 11-19 years. The next sessions are Saturday 24th November 2012, 1st and 15th December 2012, 12th and 26th January 2013 and 9th and 23rd February 2013.

The cost is 50p per session and further details can be obtained from Debbie Prince on 01507 329567 or email: debbie.prince@e-lindsey.gov.uk

Volunteers Needed: General Clean-up:

Trusthorpe Community Garden - First Saturday of every month 10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. and
Diana Memorial Garden - First Tuesday of every month 10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. (weather permitting!)

All are welcome and tea and biscuits will be provided. Further information can be obtained from Debbie Prince on 01507 329567 or email: debbie.prince@e-lindsey.gov.uk

WHO NEEDS YOUR HELP?

Independent Age

This organisation supports over 6000 older people across the UK and Ireland. Independent Age are in urgent need of new volunteers in the Mablethorpe and Sutton-on-Sea area. As a volunteer you would be matched with an older person living near you, providing them with the opportunity of regular visits from a friendly face, offering a chat, a cup of tea or maybe even a trip to the local shops. You can give as much time as you can spare from a couple of hours a month to help brighten up someone’s life. All new volunteers receive a full induction and are reimbursed expenses. To find out about volunteering and to request an application pack, contact Nicola Franklin, Area Manager, on 0116 278 0769 or email: nicola.franklin@independentage.org.uk

Cinnamon Trust

We (The Cinnamon Trust) are a national charity for the elderly and terminally ill and their pets. We seek to keep owner and pet together for as long as possible with the help of a national network of volunteers. We are urgently looking for dog walking volunteers to help residents of Trusthorpe and Mablethorpe. All volunteers help in the way that is most appropriate for them. Teams take it in turns to visit the housebound to take dogs for daily walks; we have pet fosterers for owners facing a spell in hospital; volunteers who take pets to the vets; or some who even simply clean out the budgie cage. Contact Sally direct on 01736 758707 or email: sallycollins@cinnamon.org.uk Volunteers can gain access to the volunteer page on our website www.cinnamon.org.uk or by emailing: volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk

Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council Meeting Dates:

NOVEMBER: Community Amenities Committee -12th; Administration Committee - 26th
DECEMBER: Planning Committee - 3rd; Full Town Council -10th
JANUARY 2013 : Planning Committee - 7th; Community Amenities Committee - 14th

The above meetings are to be held at the Town Council offices and commence at 7.00 p.m.

If you would like more information about the Town Council and its committees please contact the Town Clerk at the Council’s office which is in the Mablethorpe Library and Community Access Point, Stanley Avenue, Mablethorpe LN12 1DP, by telephone on 01507 329174 or email: mablethorpe.tc@googlemail.com Information is also available on the Council’s web site at www.mablethorpeandsutton.org.uk

If you or your organisation wish to advertise your charity or community event in a future publication please contact the Town Clerk’s office on 01507 329174 or 01507 329172.