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News from your local Conservatives in Upton



St Crispin's Church Gardens

Your Borough Councillors Alan Bottwood and Brian Sargeant are delighted that the gardens behind and adjacent to St Crispin's / St. Neophytos Greek Orthodox Church have been cleared. There is a lot of history associated with this area and it is pleasing that it is now more open and accessible. Thanks go to The Bridge organisation and Enterprise who completed this work.

Hunsbury Meadows Parish Council

Alan Bottwood and Brian Sargeant are pleased to report that the new Hunsbury Meadows Parish Council is now up and running. It is a very positive body that Alan and Brian are keen to work with. There are several initiatives that the Parish Council is currently working on; additional notice boards; additional Dog bins; and getting certain areas tidied up either by the relevant authority or by organising volunteer days for all to get involved in. The Parish Council has already successfully lobbied and succeeded in getting additional play equipment in the local park.

If you are interested in helping the Parish Council initiatives in your local area please email hunsburymeadowspc@gmail.com, or contact the Parish Clerk on 01604 858360.

Upton Park Development

An Outline Planning Application for 1,000 houses at Upton Park was approved by the Borough Council's planning Committee on 4th March 2014. Alan Bottwood and Brian Sargeant oppose the access arrangements to this development along West Street as they consider that this road is not suitable to be considered part of the primary road network, it is too narrow, and the junction with High Street is dangerous. Conditions have been placed on the Planning Application requiring certain works to be done to improve West Street and the junction with High Street. However, the proposal will again be considered by the Planning Committee when a detailed Planning Application is submitted in due course. This will give residents, Alan and Brian, and the Parish Council a further opportunity to oppose the proposal and secure the best possible outcome for the community

Northgate Bus Station / Greyfriars

The new Northgate Bus Station opened on Sunday 2nd March. Despite some major problems on the first day of operation, these have now been addressed and traffic flows around the area have been significantly improved. The facility is now operating satisfactorily.

Local traders, including Market Traders, have indicated that their trade has improved since the opening of this facility.

Now that Northgate is open, Greyfriars is being demolished. This will save you, the Tax Payer, in excess of £500,000 per annum. At the same time, the demolition will create a valuable site for re-development.

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REPORTING BACK...

With regards to Borough developments, there has been some considerable progress made on the following by the Conservative Administration;

■ Northampton Borough Council has revealed plans for a year of commemoration and celebration in 2014.

■ The celebrations and commemorations will mark a number of important anniversaries from Northampton's history including: the 825th anniversary of the granting of the Northampton Charter; the 850th anniversary of Thomas Becket's trial at Northampton Castle; the 750th anniversary of the first battle of Northampton; and the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WW1

■ The Borough Council has been working with other organisations on plans to mark these important historic and civic events

■ Highlights of the year-long programme will include a service of celebration at All Saints Church on 5th October; the Friends of Northampton Castle will present the play "Becket" by Jean Anouilh and performed by the Masque Theatre - 6th to 12th October at the Guildhall; a commemorative plaque scheme to commemorate people who have made a great contribution to the town's history; and a week of events in November to mark the granting of the charter - 15th to 18th November.

■ There will be a week-long programme to mark Armed Forces Week from 23rd - 28th June and working with the Borough Council, The Royal British Legion will stage two parades: one on 8th June will mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day and one on 3rd August to mark the anniversary of the outbreak of war in 1914.

■ The 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War will also be remembered by an exhibition called "A Shoemaker goes to War" at Northampton Museum from August to November that will explore the war's impact on lives and businesses in the Borough

■ Other events returning in 2014 include the Delapre Beer Festival - 29th to 31st May; Alive @ Delapre - 18th to 20th July featuring Simple Minds, Bananarama, Rick Astley, Paul Young, Boney M, The Real Thing, T'Pau and Boyzone; Bands in the Park - there will be a full programme of Sunday afternoon entertainment in the Abington Park Bandstand on most Sunday's from April to September.

■ Anyone who would like to get involved, or volunteer to help at an event, or who is holding an event linked to any of the anniversaries should contact events@northampton.gov.uk See www.northampton.gov.uk/2014 for full and further details of all the years' events.

Alan and Brian hold regular surgeries for local residents at Northamptonshire Country Centre, Berrywood Drive, Upton on: 10th May, 12th July, 11th October and 13th December from 10am-11am.

At The Elgar Centre, High Street, Upton on: 14th June, 13th September and 8th November from 10am -11am.



MEETING THE HOUSING CRISIS

■ There is a desperate need for Affordable Housing within Northampton. While many new affordable properties will be delivered by private sector development over the coming years, it will take time for these to become available.

The Conservative Administration of Northampton Borough Council has therefore decided to build 100 new Council Houses to meet the urgent need for affordable accommodation in the town.

These will be built at Dallington Grange and work on them will commence in the near future. No Council administration has built so many new Council properties for several decades.

Alan and Brian welcome this initiative to meet and secure the housing needs of the community.

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

■ Alan and Brian would be very keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in learning more about how the Conservatives in Northampton are putting the town "back on track" and finding out how they can help.

We are always looking for additional members to learn about our aims and aspirations, and who are interested in progressing our cause at both Borough and Country level within the area.

If you are involved in any local organisation or group, would an informal short presentation be of interest to your members? The presentation will include details on Parish, Borough and County Council structures and procedures, their services and how to access them. We can also arrange visits around The Guildhall and County Hall if required. For an informal chat with no obligation please contact us.

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