

West Hunsbury FOCUS



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Brown bin collections are back!

BETTER service costing less. That's what your Lib Dem Borough council has achieved.

BECAUSE of Government cuts, the council had to find a way to collect waste and recycling, and to keep the town clean, more cheaply than ever before. It has taken two years of hard work, but a deal has been done.

EARLY this summer, a private company will be taking over this work, and they will be improving the service while costing less than the council's own service. Jobs will not be lost, as the existing council staff will be transferred over to the new company.

BEST of all, as part of the new service, fortnightly brown bin collections will be restored in West Hunsbury, something that many keen gardeners will welcome, especially coming as it does just as gardening activity increases with the warmer weather.

(For more detail see website, address above)



Jill Hope , West Hunsbury FOCUS team with Borough Council Leader Brian Hoare

Bus campaign

THE Conservative County Council has now passed its budget, removing most of the money it used in the past to subsidise bus routes.



THE NEW budget starts on 1 April, but the deal with the bus companies is on 3 months' notice, so nothing will happen immediately.

IF NO BUS company is prepared to run the No. 28 commercially, the service will be lost unless the Council decides to use some of the money allocated for different public transport options across the county.

IN CASE we need this money, please write to Councillor Jim Harker and Councillor Heather Smith, at Northants County Council, County Hall, Northampton NN1 1ED . These two will be responsible for this decision. If we can persuade them that we really need the number 28 bus, they might allocate this money to West Hunsbury. **Even if you've written before, or signed our petition, please write again.**

I love my park

Great news for Hunsbury Hill Park and Shelfleys Park

LAST year it was very disappointing when the application to the Playbuilder fund to pay for new play equipment in Hunsbury Hill Park failed. Even more so, when it was announced that the Playbuilder fund had ended.

NOW, some great news - funding for play equipment has been agreed. Both

Hunsbury Hill Park and Shelfleys Park will see new equipment this year.

£30,000 has been allocated to Hunsbury Hill Park by the Lib Dem Borough Council, after years of campaigning by the Friends of Hunsbury Hill Park.

ALSO, the money allocated by the developers

of the West Lake estate will be used to improve the play equipment in Shelfleys Park.

CHILDREN, parents and grandparents will be delighted, particularly at a time of council cuts.

Fortunately the Lib Dem Borough Council has worked hard to save money over the last 4 years, so they can afford this work without cuts to frontline services or mass redundancies.

Update on Park Café

PLANNING permission has been granted on converting the old toilet block in Hunsbury Hill Park into a café

YOUR local Lib Dem Borough Councillors and some residents opposed this, but the decision was made by the Planning Committee, which is independent of all political parties.

THE owner of the premises, Colin Ingle, is keen to work with local residents to make this a facility a benefit to the local community. He is anxious to deal with silly scare stories that have been circulated by some residents.

"THIS is NOT going to be a transport cafe" says

Colin "Despite malicious rumours, there will not be a line of HGVs along Hunsbury Hill Road with truckers buying all day breakfasts. I've got nothing against truckers, but this café will be a place for walkers and families to enjoy a coffee and a light snack. People with children will be grateful that there is somewhere to stop off where there are toilet and changing facilities."



Friends of Hunsbury Hill Park and Jill Hope from Lib Dem FOCUS team planting bulbs in the park

ACTION ALL YEAR ROUND - NOT JUST AT ELECTION TIMES!

Youth shelter update

A NUMBER of people have responded to the request in the previous FOCUS newsletter asking whether the Youth Shelter behind the Hill Shop should be moved.

EVERYONE who has responded, including all the people who attended the Hills Residents meeting, agreed that the shelter should be moved.

THE site that has been proposed is the new games area

past the school. This request has been passed to the Borough Council. Obviously at a time of cuts money is tight, but the FOCUS team will press for this work to be done as soon as possible



Grosvenor Centre display

PLANS for the extension to The Grosvenor Shopping Centre will be on display opposite Superdry in the Centre on 18 and 19 March.

Lib Dem Councillor Richard Church, who is the Cabinet member responsible commented: "We have been waiting a long time for these

plans to be developed, and I am delighted that they will be out there for the public to see at last. The extension of the Grosvenor Centre is essential to really revitalise the town centre. I hope that as many people as possible will view these plans and let us know what they think."

Protecting English Heritage

BILL NEWTON DUNN, your Lib Dem Member of the European Parliament in the East Midlands comments: "In February, the European Commission passed a bill granting special protection to the Cornish Pasty. No longer will street vendors across the world be able to use the name of this revered English snack to help them sell whatever they knocked together that morning.

"IN future, someone buying something called a 'Cornish Pasty' will be assured of certain things - traditional shape and side crimping, a traditional recipe and, most importantly, it will have to have been prepared (but not necessarily baked) in Cornwall!"

"It may seem silly - but it protects British jobs, ensures quality and keeps money from this British tradition flowing to where it belongs. Britain! For my part, it makes sure that next time I indulge in a Cornish Pasty for lunch, I really will be getting a bite of home!"

Bill is your representative in the European Parliament. If you need to contact him, see his contact details in the panel to the right.



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Volunteers needed

Youth Club THERE is a youth club meeting at Camp Hill Community Centre every week on Tuesday evening from 7.30-9.00pm. They need some help. Could you possibly volunteer to help out for 1.5 hours each week, or even occasionally? If you can please email: loutyler@hotmail.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch THE recent Lib Dem survey that many people have completed and returned show that there are some concerns about burglary, vandalism and anti-social behaviour in West Hunsbury.

The local Police Community Support Officers would like to set up more Neighbourhood Watch Groups. Interested? Return the slip below.

Best Curry House in the East Midlands!

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SAFFRON restaurant is well known to many of Northampton's residents for its warm, inviting atmosphere. More importantly, it is equally well known for its outstanding food.

Now it seems that Northampton's secret is out - with the Saffron being crowned "Spice Times - Restaurant of the Year".

18,000 restaurants were eligible for the

award, but Saffron's victory will come as little surprise to the restaurant's many loyal customers.

Saffron Restaurant is in Castilian Street, right in the heart of the town centre. If you are yet to experience the fantastic food - you can pop in, or call 01604 630 800 to book a table! Takeaway and free home delivery service also available!



Contact us!

Problems or concerns about your area?

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Freepost NH0482
NORTHAMPTON
NN1 3BR

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Tel:.....

Address:..... Email (caps please)

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I can help deliver a few leaflets each month in my area ☐

I'd like to attend Liberal Democrat social events ☐

I'd like more information about becoming a member ☐

I will be supporting the Lib Dems at the next local election! (tick box) ☐

The Lib Dems may contact you using the information above, about issues and campaigns you might be interested in. To opt out, please tick here ☐