

Boughton Village Matters

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Welcome to the “Movember” edition of BVM

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BUCKTON FIELDS GIVEN GREEN LIGHT BUT BATTLE GOES ON

As villagers will have read in the local press, last month Daventry District Council’s planning committee did a complete U-turn and approved the application for 1,050 houses at Buckton Fields. Those from Boughton present were shocked at the manner in which the hearing was conducted: it was made quite clear to committee members that they had no option but to approve the application as DCC could lose a potential appeal from the developer and incur a large bill. Our district and county councillors, Boughton Parish Council, FOBA and other local groups were very vocal in their opposition. The Parish Council is seeking professional advice on the possibility of a legal review. There is more information on how villagers wishing to help can do their bit on page three. For more information or to volunteer your time or expertise, please contact BVM editors or PC chair John Clarke on john@cotswold.prestel.co.uk or 847976.

REJECTING RAZORS FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Tony Boullemier and Oliver Mackaness are among many men growing moustaches this month – Movember – to raise funds and awareness of prostate cancer. Help make the next four weeks of facial hair worth the effort for them and their horrified wives by sponsoring them at <http://mobro.co/OliverMackaness> and <http://uk.movember.com/mospace/1358920>

MISSION ACTION PLAN MEETING FOR PARISH

This will be held in the Church Rooms at 8pm on 3rd November, *writes Stephen, our rector.* It is 26 years since the union of Boughton with Pitsford. There have been many changes in the Church of England during this time. There are fewer clergy available meaning more and more parishes are being united. In 2012 the vicar of Brixworth will retire and the diocesan plan is our parishes join with Brixworth and possibly Holcot. This meeting is crucial so we can look forward to our present resources and how we can sustain regular church life in Boughton. Anybody wishing to attend or to speak to me about this matter is very welcome to get in touch at revstrott@btinternet.com or 845655.

BOUGHTON CHRISTMAS DINNER

Get Christmas off to a flying start with a Festive Christmas dinner to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December in aid of Church funds. Tickets cost £17.50 from Caroline (845655) or Gill (847858). Tables are of eight to 10. Doors open at 7pm for an 8pm start.

NEW NON-EMERGENCY POLICE NUMBER

Last month Northamptonshire introduced the new 101 number for non-emergency calls to the Police. This will replace 03000 111 222. Calls to 101 are 15p, no matter how long. For all emergencies or to contact the Police if you see a crime in progress continue to ring 999.

WANT TO SELL YOUR WARES AT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE?

The Boughton School Christmas Fayre will be held on November 26th from 2pm until 4pm. Anyone wishing to have a stall (£10 a table) please contact Rebecca Iacofano on 07917 454552.

POCKET PARK'S UNWANTED VISITORS NEED NEW HOMES

The Environment Agency has kindly come to the rescue of the Pocket Park pond and plans to remove the rogue goldfish dumped earlier in the year, *writes Charlotte Mackaness*. This is likely to happen in the next few weeks. Would all those who volunteered new homes for these fish – or anybody else who can find room for some in their pond – get in touch.

HISTORY EVENING A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Boughton Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who attended and helped with October's history evening ensuring it was a great success, especially Tony Boullemier, Tony and Marcus Philpott, and Kevin and Holly Roach. There are four unclaimed raffle prizes: purple 236 to 240; green 356 to 360; blue 336 to 340 and yellow 536 to 540. Please contact Sandra Lee (843491) or Susan Wilson (820003).

SAVE THE DATE – NEW DATE AND VENUE FOR HIGHWAYMAN'S BALL

The Highwayman's Masked Ball will now be held on 7th July 2012 at Sywell's Hanger 1, *writes Mark Taylor*. The change of venue has been necessary to accommodate as many revellers as possible and maximise fundraising potential for three local charities: FaceFax, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire Air Ambulance and Thomas's Fund. To secure a table email BoughtonBall2012@hotmail.co.uk. Tickets are £65 sold in tables of eight or 10.

BOUGHTON 2012 CALENDAR – THE PERFECT STOCKING FILLER

The 2012 Boughton Calendar sold in aid of Thomas's Fund and the Pocket Park is now available to buy for £7.50. Contact Nicky Callis on 07770 981440. Volunteers will be selling the calendars door-to-door on the evenings of 6th and 7th December.

VILLAGE SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

September's box collection for the Children's Society raised £220, *writes Jill Gist*. Thank you to all box holders for their continued support. If anybody else would like a box, please contact me on 847890. I will deliver a box for your coins and collect it in February 2012.

POPULAR BOOK ON VILLAGE HISTORY REVISED

Simon Scott has updated his hugely popular book on Boughton's follies. *The Follies Of Boughton Park* is priced £10 and is available to buy from the Whyte Melville, Waterstones Northampton and from Simon. Call him on 772011 or email simons@haddonstone.co.uk



BETTY TYRELL'S HUMMUS

Ingredients

1 can chickpeas, drained	2 dessertspoons tahini
2 cloves garlic	Juice of half a lemon
Pinch of salt	Splash of olive oil
1 roasted red pepper	Handful coriander
A little water	1 chilli deseeded and chopped

Blend the garlic with the salt until it is pureed. Put all the ingredients in a food processor or use a hand blender and mix until smooth. The chilli, red pepper and coriander are all optional. If the mixture is too thick, add a little more water – bear in mind that the hummus will thicken as refrigerated.



FOCUS ON *Fighting Buckton Fields*

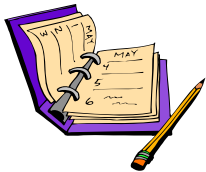
The Parish Council is seeking advice on the possibility of a legal review. However, villagers can do their bit by maintaining the pressure on local authorities, *writes Charlotte Mackaness*.

Make an official complaint to Daventry District Council

The main point is the misdirection of the Committee by officials and the chair, Councillor Wiig, and that proceedings were engineered to ensure what appeared a predetermined result. There were numerous referrals to potential financial implications for DDC if it lost any potential appeal – planning decisions must be made on planning grounds, not such financial considerations. Contrary to the advice of the planning officers there are further planning arguments, traffic aside, why the application could be turned down. These were negated by Keith Thursfield who said any arguments needed to have been recorded at previous hearings. When this was questioned – because this was a new application with a new reference number - he decided it was “basically the same application” to stifle further challenge. Crucially, the claim that enlarging the Boughton roundabout and other minor road alterations can be viewed as an equivalent to a North-West by-pass in terms of helping traffic flow must be questioned as absolute nonsense. There is much more that could be added. Please get in touch for more information. Letters should be addressed to Simon Bovey, Director Daventry District Council, Lodge Road, Daventry, NN11 4FP.

Lobby NCC – the major landowner – not to sell the land for development

Our County Councillor, Judy Shephard, is working hard lobbying NCC not to sell the land. Write to her at jshephard@northamptonshire.gov.uk explaining why you think NCC should be listening to the wishes of its residents and Northampton Borough Council, which has consistently voted not to approve the development. Judy will then forward letters to the relevant officials.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th November

Village Bonfire in the Pocket Park. Contact Charlotte Mackaness (842311) for info. Gates open 5.30pm. Entry is £3 per person.

7th November

Ladies’ Fellowship Laura Malpas on Canons Ashby. **21st** “The Bible In The Drawer” – The Gideons. All welcome Contact Sue Greatorex on 842332 for more information.

14th November

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

3rd December

Christmas Meal in the Village Hall in aid of the Church.

1st and 3rd Mondays Ladies Fellowship, Church Rooms - contact Sue Greatorex 842332

Every Monday Pilates 12- 1pm Village Hall - contact Roberta Gee 07816768252

Every Tuesday Pilates 6.30 - 7.30 pm Village Hall - contact Roberta Gee

Last Tuesday of month Spencer Club – Mrs Cumbleton/Mrs Sallie 843652/843314

Thursday evenings Short mat bowls - contact Andrea Brame 844027

HIRE BOUGHTON VILLAGE HALL

Contact Sandra Lee (843491)

MEETINGS, WEDDING RECEPTIONS, CHILDREN’S PARTIES, DANCES AND FUNDRAISERS