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Volunteer Centre
Stratford-on-Avon District

We have a huge variety of volunteering vacancies with lots of organisations helping the young, the disabled etc.

Enjoy yourself while helping out!

Call 01789 262886, or check out our website: www.stratfordvbx.org.uk

Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed

If you are aged between 25 and 70 and would like to join a team of volunteers providing accessible transport for those who need it most, **Please contact Ariadne Uslu at Back and 4th Transport 01789 471595**

**Don't Hide, Go out for a Ride
Call Back and 4th Transport today
01789 471595**

We offer transport to individuals and community groups in the Stratford District who cannot access conventional transport because they are:

- Elderly
- Disabled
- Rurally Isolated
- Unable to afford normal commercial transport.

We have three fully accessible minibuses, driven by volunteers and our charges are very reasonable:

- £3 per hour plus mileage at 42p per mile for individuals, or
- £6 per hour plus mileage at 42p per mile for groups.

There is an annual charge of £2.50 to register and bookings are subject to driver availability.

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Website News

On 31 January 2006 our long awaited Parish Council website went live (www.henley-in-arden.co.uk). The need to use internet technology to improve our communications with the residents arose during the preparation of our Parish Plan in 2003/04 when a large number of residents told us that they would like to have more comprehensive and up-to-date information about the Council's affairs. One of the aims of the website is to provide the answer to such a request. Consequently, it is now possible to see on our website the Agendas for the Council's meetings, the Minutes of the meetings, the way the Council organises its committees, the projects that we are dealing with and any other relevant information which the residents may wish to know about the work of the Council and its Councillors. We were also anxious to establish a two way communication with our residents. There are facilities for you to ask us questions and give us your views on specific issues. The website was designed by a Parish Councillor and developed by a local website design business as a contribution to the town and at no cost to the Parish Council. Of course our Newsletter will continue.

We have also taken the opportunity to promote our town for tourism and business in the hope that new jobs will

be created in the Town.

We are encouraged by the fact that since the website went live thousands of people from all over the world have accessed it and 35% of the visitors come from North America.

Of course, we are neither the first Parish Council to launch a website nor are we going to be the last one. There are hundreds of Parish Councils and Town Councils with websites at present in the Country and this number is set to increase with the implementation of the e-government policy for Local Authorities and the so called Government Connect project where citizen services will become available. To enable this to happen a secured PC will become available in Henley for anyone who wishes to use it, initially it will provide access to the Local Authorities but later it is expected to include Central Government Departments websites. For the technically minded this would become possible by using the XML messaging system which allows Local Authorities to plug into a national infrastructure to communicate with each other and with Central Government and to make citizen services more efficient. For everyone else it is another way to get information. To view the councils website go to www.henley-in-arden.co.uk.

Photography Competition

The council is running a photography competition, which is open to all residents of the town.



Entrants should provide photographs portraying 'Henley-in-Arden'.

There are two categories for entries, a Children's competition for kids up to 15 years of age and an adult competition for anyone 16 and over. The winning picture and a selection of all the entries will be displayed on the council's web site www.henley-in-arden.co.uk and the council is also discussing holding an exhibition in the Heritage Centre. The council would then like to use the pictures submitted on its website, to show the world our town.

Please send your e-entry to info@henley-in-arden.co.uk or a hard copy by post to 150 High Street Henley-in-Arden by 18th August 2006.

The Competition will be judged by Stuart Rowen, a professional photographer based in Wootton Wawen and as well as having your photographs displayed, the winners will also receive **£20 worth of Marks and Spencer's vouchers, or £20 of GAME vouchers** (Children's entry winner).

So get those cameras out and show us your creative side!

Parish Assemblies

A meeting of the town.

Parishes and towns have a unique statutory democratic institution, capable, if rightly and interestingly organised, of strengthening the influence of the council both inside the parish or town itself and in its dealings with other authorities, with government departments and with the Local Government Commission.

What is this institution?

It's a parish or Town meeting - an Annual Assembly.

If you are an elector of Beaudesert or Henley-in-Arden YOU are entitled to speak and vote at this meeting.

Henley-in-Arden Annual Assembly

Tuesday 4th April 2006

from 7.30pm

Baptist Church Hall, High Street

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Two meetings, one place and time!

This year the agenda includes a talk by an Officer from the Environment Agency on the recent flood protection work carried out on the river Alne and a talk by the High Bailiff, Dr D Bainbridge on the proposed work to the Guild Hall Garden. Other reports from your Parish Council, District Council and County Council representatives will also be given.

Don't be apathetic, join the debate!

Henley Sk8 Cru

After 4 years of raising money, planning and designing, the young people of Henley SK8 CRU have finally built the first stage of their Skate Park Plan. It is now in use, every evening and at the weekends groups of young people meet up to engaged in productive activity, away from the high street, the church and the shops.

But this is only a start. Henley SK8 Cru plan to build a shelter, to surround the area with our art, themes representing our aspirations and enjoyment of life will adorn our special place. They also have plans to double the size of the tarmac area and put in more ramps and jumps.



The skate park was built as a result of the generosity of:

Beaudesert and Henley Joint Parish Council

Stratford District Council

Sue Dalby Catering

Westmacotts

Johnsons Coaches

Henley in Arden Rotary Club

Opus Interiors

Warwickshire Youth Service

Warwickshire Community Development Fund

South Warwickshire Youth Bank

Lottery Awards for All

And Many Henley Residents

Housing Needs Survey

Delivered within this newsletter you should find a Housing Need Survey this is partly in response to the findings of the 2004 Parish Plan which indicated a need for additional housing in the parishes to meet the needs of local people.

The survey has been commissioned by the Parish Council and is the first step to identifying the exact type and size of homes that local people may need. The survey is being carried out in partnership with Warwickshire Rural Housing Association (WRHA) and Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC). When the survey is complete the Joint Parish Council will consider the results and work together with WRHA, WRCC and Stratford on Avon District Council to explore how any housing needs identified can be addressed.

The Survey is for everyone, however, not just people in housing need and will help to create an up-to-date profile of residents and some general points about life in the parishes. All information you give will be treated in strict confidence and the Joint Parish Council will not see individual replies.

Forms should be returned by 5th May 2006 and a FREEPOST envelope is provided for your convenience. Forms can also be downloaded from the council's website www.henley-in-arden.co.uk. Thank you for your help in conducting this survey.

ARTS FOR EVERYONE

As a direct result of Henley in Arden High School becoming a Specialist College for Performing Arts, Henley and the surrounding districts have been presented with a once only opportunity to create a Community Arts Group. The group would, in conjunction with the high school, build a modern, fit for the purpose facility for use by all ages.

The school already, as a result of grants given on obtaining Arts Status and local fund raising including money from its capital building programme plus grants, can put £300,000 into the fund.

A Community Arts Group could, we believe, raise a further £250,000 by application to Lottery, Arts Council and other Arts funding organisations. We know this can be done as other areas, such as the Alderbrook School district, in Solihull, have already completed their project. Our up to date research shows that there is money available to community generated projects and the school governors can give expert guidance through the application processes.

The Governors have sufficient funds to build a useful building for the pupils to enhance existing school facilities. A draft design for the building will be ready at the end of March. However, they have decided that this is a good chance for the whole community to benefit. Such an opportunity is unlikely to arise again. They are sharing their vision with as many people and organisations as possible.

If you would like to support this project, register an interest now. The school's funding is time limited and a

decision will need to be made by September 2006 at the latest.

Telephone: Katey Smith 01564 792364

e-mail: krsmith@4108.wgfl.net or

write to the school: Henley -in-Arden B95 6AF

Look out too for the survey about this project of every household in Henley, Wootton Waven, Claverdon, Hatton, Tanworth in Arden and others to be launched soon. This will be the opportunity to express your views about this exciting prospect. The pupils of Henley High school will be able to return the questionnaires for you. You will be able to contact school and someone will collect. Please think about this; it is a wonderful opportunity.

John West - Head Teacher

Peter Crathorne - Chairman of Governors

Henley & Wootton Cub Scouts

Henley and Wootton Cub Scout group needs a second adult to support Debbie Bunce, their Cub Scout leader.

You should enjoy working with 8-10 year olds, and be committed to helping out each Monday from 7 until 8.15pm.

You may be a cub or beaver scout parent, previously involved in scouting or just someone who cares about your community.

Sadly, if a support leader is not found the pack will be forced to close. Indeed the pack has finished until someone can be found.

For more details contact John Newland Chairman on 01564 792634 or Debbie Bunce on 01564 784584.

Henley Goes Greener

This is a project to encourage residents to do more to save energy and water, and to consume more local produce. Doing some of these things will also save you money and all will help to save the planet. We hope that all residents will try to do something.

March / April Tips:

If you are under 60 and fit, turn the central heating down 1 degree C. Put another jumper on.

- If you are over retirement age get your concessionary bus card from Stratford on Avon District Council and travel at a reduced rate. Save petrol, parking fees and hassle.
- Invest in a water butt to collect rain water from the roof and put the hose away.
- Kids, make sure Mum and Dad recycle their paper, glass and tins in the black box.
- Shoppers should choose as far as possible food that has been produced locally. This means that food will become seasonal again. So, we can all look forward to delicious strawberries in June and Raspberries in July again. This month British Cox's applies and British Conference pears can still be found in the shops, and they taste good!

Recipe tips - Savoy Cabbage is at its best. Finely shred cabbage. Steam until it is cooked but still crunchy. Add a knob of butter and a tablespoon of grainy mustard. Toss together and liven up anything from sausage and mash, to a meat and vegetable stew.

If you would like to join Henley Goes Greener, have any tips to offer us or would like to discuss energy saving or similar topics, contact Margaret Anderson on 01564 792138 or John Stott on 01564 792251. E-mail margiehenley@aol.com or jdstott@tiscali.co.uk Subject Henley Goes Greener.

Opportunity!!

Once again in May we will be given the opportunity to help the world's poorest people. The annual CHRISTIAN AID WEEK will be from 14 - 20th. The collection envelopes will be delivered to our homes inside the Parish magazine at the beginning of May.

Authorised collectors will call on us during that week. Please be as generous as you can and, if a Tax payer, please complete the GIFT AID section of the envelope which last year accounted for an extra £720.

A total, therefore, of over Three Thousand pounds was raised last year. Let us all make our best effort to beat that great achievement. Thank you in anticipation of a record breaking year.

John & Cilla Pudney.

**IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT
WATER...
WATER DAY**

Reported by Cassia Smith
Year 5, Henley Primary School.

March the 22nd was Annual Water day. The whole purpose of water day was to raise money for the people who can only drink dirty water and have to travel miles to get it. So our school did lots of events on 22nd of March to raise lots of money.

We had people selling blue things, doing events such as throwing a coin onto a target at the bottom of a bath of water. We also sold calendars. We filled small bottles with a wide neck. Not with water, but with coins! If you think that there is no point in this because it's wasting YOUR money just take one minute and think of all the people who are out there having to drink dirty water, bath in dirty water from a river,



wash their hands in a dirty river and even go to the toilet in a river that as we know people are going to have to drink from!

The children of Henley Primary raised a staggering £504.64 for the charity water aid on March 22nd. Well done to all that took part.



Use your train

Escape the traffic congestion.

Forget parking problems.

Avoid the road rage

Shun rising petrol prices

The Shakespeare Line now offers:

- More trains throughout the day.
- Limited-stop peak hour trains
- Through trains to Jewellery Quarter, Stourbridge and Kidderminster.
- Bargain fares after v9.30 Monday - Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday.
- Free car parking at Henley-in-Arden, Danzy, Earlswood and Whitlocks End Stations.
- Group Fares: Three or four adults for the price of 2 with up to 4 children at just £1 each!

For more information on trains, fares and timetables contact Central Trains on 08706096060 or at www.centraltrains.co.uk.

Henley's Market Cross...or is it!

History tells us it is, but compared with its former glory what remains demands imagination to guess what it was.

For more than 20 years attempts have been made to have it restored, but English Heritage has not been co-operative whilst it is a listed ancient monument. Many believe if restoration occurred we would have a distinguished landmark to boast of and a monument not seen in any other village or town.

The original cross was erected circa 1440 and stood some 30 ft high. The top was four sided with recessed niches under cinquefoil headed canopies resting on a ring borne by four figures holding a shield. Unfortunately the top fell off in about 1894.

Initially a small team has agreed to do the work needed to progress the Market Cross Project.

What we ask of readers is an opinion. Shall we seek to have the Market Cross reinstated?

If you wish to comment on this proposal please complete and return the following slip.

Market Cross Representation

Do you agree that the Market Cross should be reinstated?

YES / NO

Do you think the Market Cross should be left as it is?

YES / NO

Please return this slip to the council's office at 150 High Street.

Article by G Atkinson also appeared on Henley NEWS on-line.

Oo La La!



Baundesert & Henley in Arden Joint Parish Council are delighted to announce the arrival of a Normandy Market on FRIDAY 30th JUNE and SATURDAY 1st JULY.

Please put the dates in your diary, because the High Street of Henley in Arden is set to become a bustling, French street market with all the tastes, smells and joie de vivre you could wish for.

Around 130 metres of typically French stalls will be offering produce such as freshly baked French bread & croissants baked on site, cheeses from all regions, wines direct from the producers, pastries, meats, garlic, honey, lavender, mustards and spices - all served with Gallic charm. Oh and just in case the delightful food proves to be too much, there will also be handbag, ceramic and brassware stalls too!

Your Parish Council is working with Le Marche de France, who organise the highest quality French markets, to make this a really special event for Henley in Arden. In addition to the market, this two day cultural event will feature French music plus two performances of The Spirit of Piaf in the Memorial Hall. So, do come along and please tell your friends, family and work colleagues - as well as giving parish residents a great weekend, we also want to bring lots of visitors and trade to the town.

Posters and advertisements will give more information a little nearer to the time.