

The Lambridge Focus



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New Village Hall

After a six year gestation, the new community hall is set to become a reality for the residents of our community.

When the route for the Swainswick bypass was decided, the old Oriel Hall was in its path and the Highways

agency agreed to build a

New Village Hall BUILDING TOUR Sat. Dec 28, 10 – 3:00

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replacement in return for demolishing the old hall. Mike

and Ray fought to have the new hall in as central a location as possible. So when the Small School came on the market they were delighted. The new, fully soundproofed hall, will include, two halls, meeting rooms and a fitted kitchen.

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Vandalism in Larkhall Square

Residents living close to the square have been having a horrible time again lately. Recently thugs trashed the phone box, the bus shelter and then went on to break several car windows in the car park. The Police, with so few officers, on patrol, in the City, are simply not doing enough to protect the vulnerable people in the area.

The Council is recruiting Community Wardens to assist the police but they will need to be trained before they will be able to make a difference. Now some of those same residents and business people, who are fed up with the intimidation and destruction, have organised a public meeting to canvass support for a residents association.

Christmas Refuse and Recycling Collections

Household refuse collections will take place one or two days later than normal between December 25th and January 10th. Phone the action line, on Bath 394 041, for details.

Recycling collections will continue on the usual day except that they will not take place on December 25th or

January 1st. Libraries will close at 1pm on Christmas Eve and will reopen on Friday 27th and will close at 5pm on Dec 31st and reopen Jan 2nd.

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Christmas and a Happy New Year

Bypass Traffic Lights

There has been much public debate regarding the traffic lights on the bypass roundabout. Many people believe that during the period when the lights were not in action, traffic moved more freely. In correspondence published in the Bath Chronicle it has been claimed that Bath City Council were responsible

for the installation of the lights. In fact local representatives on the former Bath City Council were opposed to full time lights being introduced. Your local Councillor Ray Cliffe recalls that Avon County Council made the decision and that both he and the Council Officer, who were the City Council's representatives,

were opposed to the proposal. In other areas of the country, lights in similar positions are only used at peak times. This option will be considered in the promised review and your Focus Team will check progress.



What do you think? Let Mike, Phil or Ray know your views!

Liberal Democrat Cabinet continues good work

The launch of a market in Bath has proved popular and has the backing

of the Chamber of Commerce. The Western Riverside scheme is progressing and meetings have taken place with the lead developer, employers and institutions. There is a growing belief in the viability of the project. The Cabinet have decided to embark on a new building programme for elderly peoples homes. One will be in Bath and will incorporate a day centre

Bailbrook Development

The Inspector's Report has now been published and is in support of the Developers' application for the two sites to the east of the bypass that have been agreed with a number of conditions. It is sad that so

much hard work and an expert submission by the Bailbrook Residents was given too little regard. Bath and N E Somerset Council officers put forward strong arguments in opposition that were also

largely disregarded! Notification has also been given that the approved applications for the development to the west of the bypass are due to take place before long.

Recycling Tales

Thanks to your recycling efforts (27%) your council is now top of the unitary authorities and 9th overall in the UK. However we cannot rest on our laurels. The Government thinks we British still bury too much of our municipal waste. New landfill sites are getting harder to find. So they are increasing landfill tax by £1 per tonne each year until 2005 and by £3 per tonne every

year afterwards. Bath and N E Somerset residents currently send 70,000 tonnes of waste to landfill every year. If we do nothing, council taxpayers will have forked out an extra £410,000 by 2006. Liberal Democrats think this is wasteful. So we have consistently pushed for greater recycling measures. Following current trials of the kerbside collection of 'green' waste and cardboard for composting we

plan to introduce a council-wide scheme in 2004.



"Carers must not lose out"

Bath MP Don Foster has challenged the Government to make sure that carers do not lose out on vital benefit allowances. Don said: "There are around 7 million carers in the UK. Those new to caring need simple and easy to get to information about their entitlements. Six out of every ten carers have given up paid employment in order to care for a family member or friend."

It is estimated that around 50% of disability benefits are unclaimed and that this

has a knock-on effect on carers. Don continued: "Carers are often in a vulnerable financial position and coping with high levels of emotional stress. Last year Carers UK helped over 50,000 carers."



The Carers and Disabled Children's Act 2000 sets out a new range of benefits for carers.

Further information on Carers' Rights is available from the web site of Don Foster MP:

<http://www.donfoster.co.uk>

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at Larkhall Butchers

New village hall

Do you know about the new village hall being created for the whole community? The major refurbishment of the building, located just off Larkhall Square, is due to finish autumn 2003. *So now is the time to plan.* The Trustees and a loose group of local supporters are inviting

more people to help make the new hall a success. Both

What's on offer?

Concerts, Stage Shows, and Dance are some of the possible uses. Other suggestions have included a home for Community and Youth Groups and toddler mornings.

those interested in supporting the hall itself, as well as potential users are welcome.

Come to the next Open Day for a tour of the building Sat. Dec. 28th 10am to 3pm.

Then you can see what a wonderful space this is for the Swainswick and Lambridge Ward areas. For information, ring Kath Holden, Bath 442 344, or Anne Hardy, Bath 316 360.

Brook House Development

The proposed Valeting Station housing development at Brook House in St Saviours Road, which was refused by the Council, has gone to appeal. At the time of the application there was considerable local support.

Bristol-Bath to South Coast Transport Study

Over the next 7 months the study will examine how the existing transport facilities, both road and rail, can best meet the demand in this strategic corridor. In particular the study will be examining what measures could or should be introduced to reduce the volume of traffic, in particular lorries, passing through Bath, to a level more in keeping with its status as a World Heritage Site. This website has been devised to: Allow the public and other interested

stakeholders to browse through documentation relevant to the study; provide information to the Project Team and those responsible for undertaking this study; allow you to understand how the study is being directed through a wide ranging forum comprising the relevant County and Unitary Councils, Government Office of the South West and the South West Regional Assembly, all of whom comprise the Steering Group and are responsible for directing the Project Team.

This Regional Study covers an area bounded by the south coast including the ports of Southampton and Poole and a northern boundary formed by the M4, from Junction 15 at Swindon through to Junction 19 north of Bristol; the A37 to the west and the A34 to the east.

Visit the site and have your say at:

<http://www.bb2scstudy.org.uk>

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**Seasons Greetings
from all at Brenda's**



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE FOCUS TEAM

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