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STOP THE DROP:

A VERY SUCCESSFUL SPRING CLEAN



In the Autumn 2008 edition of Outlook we issued our Challenge to Northamptonshire – join or organise a local litter pick in March 2009. And Northamptonshire certainly rose to it! In February we wrote to all Parish Councils in the county and asked them to join us by moving their established litter picks to March, or else to hold their inaugural litter pick at that time. We were delighted, but not too surprised, that 49 Parish Councils responded asking for help, many others went ahead anyway, and most have now held a successful pick.

Thank you to all the parishes, WI branches, scout and guide troops that have completed their pick, and congratulations on the huge quantity of litter which you have ensured will no longer deface our countryside. We already knew that you cared, but your enthusiasm has been a joy to behold. Now, if only it would stay that way.....

In the Winter 2009 edition of Outlook we said that we wanted to focus as much local media attention as possible on litter, since raising awareness is the first step towards changing attitudes and then behaviour.

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Both the Northants Evening Telegraph and the Chronicle and Echo delighted us by adopting our campaign as their campaign – building on their coverage of the litter problem from a few years back.

Throughout March the ET ran articles and photo features of litter events, with an

editorial supporting our campaign. Since their circulation is (just a little!) higher than ours, we are most grateful to them. We were also featured in the Banbury Guardian and other papers.

Some of the villages and organisations which contacted us about their litter picks: Little Houghton, Lings Wood Wildlife Trust, Warmington; Thorpe Mandeville; Lilbourne; Desborough Town Council; Great Oxendon; Aynho; Stowe Nine Churches; Dingley; Hellidon; Little Houghton ; Brixworth; Kings Sutton; Holcot; Thornby; Norton; Gayton; Culworth; Eydon; Litchborough; Newbottle & Charlton; West Haddon; Harrington; Harpole; Apethorpe; Nassington; Kings Cliffe; Barton Seagrave; Bugbrooke; Hargrave; Everdon; Towcester Town Council; Syresham; Sutton Bassett; Creaton; Spratton; Bellinge, Ecton Brook, Little and Great Billing; Earls Barton; Fotheringhay; Brington; Long Buckby; Brigstock; Flore; Cransley; Bozeat; Kettering Allotment Association; Brafield on the Green; Grafton Regis.

The photographs on the page 1 were taken at Little Houghton and Lings Wood litter picks (the latter run jointly with the Wildlife Trust.)

Thank you Josie

From Anne Usher, on behalf of the South Northants District Committee

Now that the South and West Northants District Committees have joined to form the new West District it is time to thank Mrs Josie Rowling for all that she has done for the South of the county, both as a member of the committee and as Chairman since 2006.

She has for some time been chiefly responsible for the excellent organisation of the South Northants parties, from the issue of tickets to the welcoming of guests.

As Chairman she has ably led the committee at a difficult time when there have been so many changes in the planning system.

MEN IN THE KITCHEN

JOHN DAY WRITES

The title may give rise to a modicum of concern, but fear not: one recent snowy day eight gentlemen CPRE members travelled to Fermyn Woods Hall at Brigstock to indulge in a day's cooking under the watchful eye of Master Chef Emma Crowhurst.



We all approached the event with varying degrees of trepidation but once there we received a most warm welcome and were put at ease by our hosts, David and Mary Laing.

After coffee ... and sporting rather dashing aprons ... we each set to and from scratch made bread of differing types. Thence potato cakes with smoked salmon - for lunch, with some rather excellent wines provided by David – and on to the serious business of main courses and puddings. I have to say the braised lamb shanks did turn out rather well, produced principally by a team of two including yours truly, as indeed did the peppered beef, the pan fried pork with cider and the tuna steaks with ginger sweet potato. Puddings were sticky toffee, chocolate roulade and upside-down pear and ginger tart.

At the end of the day ... seated in the splendid dining room of the hall ...we all sampled each dish prepared with yet more excellent wines provided by David. All in all a thoroughly enjoyable and most rewarding day.

Special thank-yous to David and Mary Laing and to Sally Hanrahan for bringing our little group together for the event.

FOODMILES EDUCATION PACK: POSTER COMPETITION

SUE BAYLIS WRITES

As part of our FoodMiles project pilot, we asked primary schools to take part in a poster competition. Judging took place recently and the best poster and best school entries each received a prize of book vouchers and a certificate. A number of commendation certificates were also awarded.

The winners were Class 4 of Geddington Church of England Primary School and their prize was £100 worth of book tokens and a certificate, signed by Lady Juliet Townsend.

A presentation was made by Sir Paul Hayter on 25th March 2009 during the School Assembly. Bill Driver and I joined Sir Paul at the presentation. The Assembly – led by Deputy Head teacher Mrs Spick – had the theme of FoodMiles and the children sang their special song “Eco Green at Geddington”.

The school has also recently been awarded a Green Flag by Encams for the involvement of children in working for their environment.

The winning poster was submitted by Emma Bird, Hackleton C of E Primary School, who won £25 in book vouchers and a certificate. Commendation certificates were awarded to Abbi Fairfield and Maddie Corbyn, also of Hackleton school.

Additional commendation certificates were awarded to the Designated Special Provision Unit at Park Junior School, Wellingborough and to Jessica Boulter, Ciaran Ross and Reece Morris, class 5D, Parklands Primary School.

Our congratulations go to all the winners and our thanks to everyone who worked on a FoodMiles project. It is heartening that so many Northamptonshire schoolchildren are learning about how far the food on their plates has travelled to get there.



Above - Sir Paul Hayter presenting their prizes to Class 4 of Geddington C of E Primary, represented by Emma and Brandon

Below – teacher Caroline Hammond with some of Class 4's FoodMiles project work



CPRE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AWARDS 2009

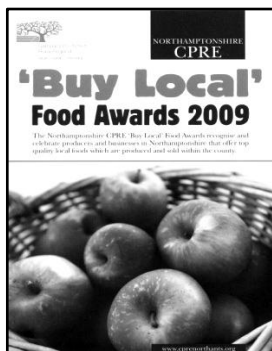
TOWN & COUNTRY AND 'BUY LOCAL' FOOD AWARDS

For some years now we have run a Design Awards competition that has recognised buildings and other projects which protect the countryside and assist urban renewal. Many exciting projects now proudly display a CPRE Northants Award plaque.

This year we are running two quite different competitions. The successor to our Design Awards is the Town & Country Awards, which will include projects such as gardens, play and wildlife areas, rural craftsmanship and countryside access projects, as well as urban and rural new and refurbished buildings.

We also want to encourage the many local food producers and retail businesses which are so important to an economically healthy countryside. Please think about the farm shops, local food producers, box schemes, pubs, cafés and shops that you use: should they be recognised for the quality of their food, or the excellence of their service, their passion for local foods or their contribution to the local economy and jobs?

Please call us on 01858 433136 or visit www.CPRENorthants.org for an entry form to either or both competitions. The forms include a full list of the criteria that the judges are seeking.



FARMERS' MARKETS IN NORTHANTS

BRACKLEY Market Place
3rd Saturday of each month
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

OUNDL The Market Place
2nd Saturday of each month
8:30 am to 1:30 pm

DAVENTRY High Street
1st Saturday of each month
9:00 am to 1:30 pm

TOWCESTER
Richmond Road car park
2nd Friday of each month
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

HIGHAM FERRERS
Market Square
Last Saturday Monthly
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

WELLINGBOROUGH
Market Place
Last Thursday of each month
9:00 am to 1:30 pm

KETTERING
Wicksteed Park
3rd Sunday of each month
8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Fund raising update

Sarah Wrightson

A grant application has recently been submitted to the Manuka Group. If successful, it will enable us to obtain resources for countywide road-shows, which will inform and educate how proposed developments will affect the Northamptonshire countryside.

Look out for further updates on progress.

Dates for your Diary

Our Events Secretary can be reached at Sue.Baylis@CPRENorthants.org or 01858 433136

Note: Invitations for the events marked with an asterisk were enclosed with this edition of Outlook

Tuesday 21st April 2009 at 6.30 pm – Planning and wind farm update for Parish Councils at Great Houghton Village Hall. Free to member Parish Councils, non member PCs £29.00, which is convertible to annual membership. Members who are interested in the subject issues are also welcome – please call.

Tuesday 9th June – Annual General Meeting at Great Houghton Village Hall

***Friday 12th June 2009** - CPRE Northants Summer Ball at Rushton Hall Hotel and Spa – 7.30 pm– 12.00. Champagne reception, live music and dinner. Tickets £45.00.

Sunday 5th July 2009 - Castle Ashby Country Fair

***Thursday 9th July 2009** - Behind The Scenes tour of Rushton Hall Hotel and Spa hosted by the owners, with afternoon tea and cakes. For members and friends, tickets £10.

***Friday, 10 July 2009** - 7.30 pm - West Northants Supper Party at The Old Rectory, Farthinghoe by kind permission of David and Jill Montagu-Smith. Tickets £20.00, which include a glass of wine

Tuesday, 22 September 2009 - 7.30 pm - A Talk on The History of Salcey Forest by Andy Patmore at Great Houghton Village Hall

Friday 9th October 2009 – Hedgerows event

Thursday 17th December 2009 - Christmas Carols by Candlelight and the presentation of the Town & Country Awards at Cranford Hall, by kind permission of Sir John and Lady Robinson

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