



A MAYOR'S YEAR

It was a very great privilege to represent the residents of Tring during 2017/2018 as Mayor.

Last year's Mayor, Cllr. Mike Hicks, described his year in office as a year of consolidation. 2017/2018 was a year of looking to the future and facing the challenges ahead which include keeping the High Street vibrant, securing the infrastructure to go with new housing and protecting local employment. This edition of the *Town Crier* will examine these issues further. One thing that does remain constant, however, is Tring's amazing community spirit. This was ever present at the many events and functions I attended throughout my year of office.

Tring Carnival's parade through the town accompanied by children and vintage cars was spectacular and it was lovely to see all the attractions entertaining the crowds at Pound Meadow. We are extremely lucky to have Tring Together to organise so many of the main events in Tring:

Cllr. Gerald Wilkins
Town Mayor



thanks go to Vivianne Child, her hardworking team, volunteers and sponsors. These events bring many visitors to our town.

I joined members from the Justice & Peace Group to formally unveil the Fairtrade Sign proclaiming Tring's Fairtrade status.

The Battle of Passchendaele Remembrance Centenary Service in July was a very emotional occasion which brought home to us the sacrifices made 100 years ago by all our soldiers and, of course, those from Tring. The Remembrance Service in November was well attended.

October's Apple Fayre - what a great and colourful event! The ride through a crowded town to the Church Yard with Jo Jamieson in her carriage was very relaxing rather than

walking with the energetic Green Man and Morris Men!

The Christmas Festival was a very successful evening with most of the local shops and businesses staying open. I was accompanied by the Town Crier, Steve Berry, through a crowded High Street to talk to stall holders and thank the emergency services.

Christmas Eve Carols in Forge Car Park, organised by The Lions, was a wonderful start to Christmas and attended by over 900 people.

Because of Tring's connections I was invited to the Natural History Museum, London, to the Gala Reception in the Hintze Hall which now houses the magnificent skeleton of 'Hope' the Blue Whale where I was delighted to meet Sir David Attenborough.

I also held two fund-raising events for The Pepper Foundation and Macmillan Nurses, my charities for the year.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and help in making this a very memorable year, one I will never forget!



Annual Town Meeting

On Monday 23rd April at 8pm in the Victoria Hall, Akeman Street.
Open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Future Development

Facing the challenge



Cllr. Penny Hearn

In his introduction Cllr Gerald Wilkins referred to the challenges Tring faces – new housing, the loss of shops and protecting local employment. These are ‘big’ topics. Whilst the Town Council itself has few direct powers to change things, the year has shown the Council’s commitment to making sure the Town’s views are clearly heard.

During 2017 a comprehensive and robust response to Dacorum Borough Council’s *Issues & Options Consultation Local Plan to 2036* was submitted following a wide-ranging consultation process including two public meetings. The response can be seen on the Town Council’s website: www.tring.gov.uk

The Town Council repeatedly objected, with constructive criticism, to controversial planning applications having listened carefully to the opinions

of local residents. It may not be possible in the long run to stop a development, but it can be made better – as in the case of the development of the Convent of St Francis de Sales Preparatory School site for example.



Consultation meeting on the Single Local Plan

The Council has been obliged to devote a lot of attention to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, particularly at Hastoe which has been threatened by the division and sale of High Scrubs Wood adjoining Kiln Road and the use of Lila’s Wood for weddings. We are seeking to protect these areas through planning permissions and then in terms of planning enforcement. It is very sad this beautiful part of the Chilterns, which has remained undisturbed for generations, is now under attack. We thank the residents of Hastoe for their support.

Protecting local employment is difficult as, in its drive to have more houses built, the Government has made it much easier to switch designated employment land to residential development e.g. the J.R. Smith site on Langdon Street and the plans for part of the Akeman Street Industrial Estate. The Council has been concerned by the potential loss of the Town’s only petrol station. This is a difficult planning matter as the loss of the garage is not

a valid reason for refusal; however, we have twice refused the application on the grounds that it is over-development of the site. The developers have referred the application to appeal.



The plans for the development of LA5 include employment land next to the existing industrial estate. The Town Council has met with Cala Homes to press for the type of development best

Green fields within the potential development area

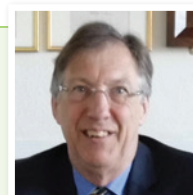


suited to the needs of the town – less warehousing and more of a business park. In our response to the *Issues & Options Consultation* we put a similar case for any development at Dunsley Farm.

Fundamental changes to the High Street are well underway reflecting changes to lifestyles: shops closing to be replaced by services, banks closing to make way for restaurants. Not necessarily a bad thing, but something to be monitored closely to ensure that growing a strong night time economy does not leave a vacuum during the day. Promoting Tring and what it has to offer as well as keeping the town looking attractive are Council priorities.

Some money from Dacorum Borough Council's Town Plan grant has been used to purchase a street vacuum cleaner and, more recently, a 'weed ripper' to remove litter, moss and grass. The grant has also been used to develop www.visittring.co.uk and to run an associated social media campaign. The Town Council is an active supporter of the 'Enjoy Dacorum' and 'Visit Herts' initiatives.

Yet again we have to say 'Thank you' to Tring Together under the guidance of Vivianne Child for their continuing support and organisation of town events. This year we will be commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War.



Michael Curry

The 2018/19 Budget & Precept

There has been a reduction in the council tax support grant, although the Town Council is very grateful to the Borough for passing on as much as possible of what they receive from Central Government. However, due to savings elsewhere, the Town Council was pleased to be able to keep the increase in the precept to just 2%. This brings the annual charge for a Band D property to £26.17 – an increase of just £0.51.

This means that there is less money available for projects. The Council will continue to investigate the possibility of using the Market Place as a car park. Funds have also been allocated to support events to commemorate the end of the First World War.

Whilst the implementation of the Town Plan has ended, the Council is beginning to receive money from the Community Infrastructure Levy, a charge upon new housing raised by Dacorum Borough Council, which can be used on capital projects in the Town.

2017/18 2018/19

Income

Precept:	£126,922	£130,873
Grants Received:	£20,201	£18,984
Assets:	£83,903	£97,845
Interest Received:	£143	£30

Total Income £227,026 £247,732

Expenditure

Administration:	£146,631	£163,701
Grants:	£17,300	£17,300
Market House:	£15,509	£15,622
Market Place:	£16,577	£19,722
Other Holdings:	£19,235	£7,890
Allotments:	£3,220	£3,387
Open Spaces & Environment:	£7,410	£6,536
Projects:		
Market Place Car Park:	£0	£8,750
First World War Commemoration:	£0	£1,000

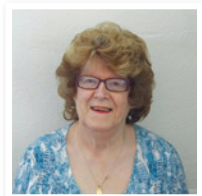
Total for Projects £18,120 £9,750

Total Expenditure £244,002 £243,909

Surplus/Deficit £476 £3,823

Allotments & Environment

AN UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR OLIVE CONWAY



Cllr. Olive Conway

The Town Council has two allotment sites - Duckmore Lane and Bulbourne. There are only a few vacant plots at Duckmore; if anyone would like to apply please contact Dawn Slade, Deputy Clerk at the Council at admin@tring.gov.uk. When walking the site it is evident how much hard work goes into maintaining the plots and they are a credit to the holders. Much work has been carried out at Duckmore with new fencing and hedging and reseeded of the field opposite which will be rented when the grass is established.

The Community Garden, a Tring in Transition project, is thriving and was the scene of a successful barbecue and prize-giving last summer. Many plants and raised beds make it a great asset to the site; fruit trees are also being added. If you are interested in helping, new volunteers are always welcome. (See article on page 7 for contact details.)



Tring Allotment Association

Ian Brownwell reports on a good year

I would like to thank all the existing committee members for their help and support over the last year: without this, the events the Association runs throughout the year could not happen.

It has been a good growing year, despite the unseasonal strong winds and a long dry spell we all encountered early on.



Last year's plant sale in Church Square was a great success; thank you to everyone who donated plants and helped out on the day. This year's plant sale will be on 2 June.

In August we held our second Summer Show and Barbecue. We were blessed with the weather this year and had a great turnout – a special thank you to the judges and local businesses that donated prizes and all who helped set up and pack away. I hope the members who attended enjoyed the day. This year's Summer Show will be held on Saturday 18 August.

In October the Association arranged for six loads of manure to be delivered around the site for members to use. In December we had a get-together for Christmas Drinks at the Kings Arms; this was well attended and gave members the chance to chat to other plot holders.

It is good to see new faces on the allotment site and we always welcome new members to the Association. More details can be found on our website at www.tringallotments.org.uk

Justice & Peace Group

by Michael Demidecki

The Justice & Peace Group affiliated to Churches Together in Tring continues, among other things, to promote Fairtrade and local produce in the town. In May 2017 the Group successfully renewed Tring's Fairtrade Town status. In July the Mayor of Tring unveiled a new sign in London Road informing everyone passing by that Tring is 'A Fairtrade Town' (similar signs can be seen in Aylesbury Road and Bulbourne Road). In October the

Group updated its online version of the *Guide to Locally Produced and Fairtrade Food and Drink in Tring and District* (available at www.justiceandpeacetring.org).

The Group is very grateful to the Town Council for its financial support last year and to the Town Mayor for supporting some of its events. The Justice & Peace Group believes in justice and peace for the world and for every individual within it. New members are always welcome at its monthly meetings. For details please see our website or telephone the secretary Michael Demidecki on 07887 980004/ 01442 823514.

Buildings & Assets

Tring Town Council is in the fortunate position of owning property which provides services and generates income. It is the Council's duty to make the most of these valuable assets. Your councillors are committed to this.



Cllr. Mike Hicks

The grasskeep (meadow) at Duckmore Lane has been reseeded and the fencing repaired. It is now ready for use again and will be let out as soon as possible.

A Friends of Millennium Wood group has been started with a small grant from the Council. The group is led by the very knowledgeable Colin Chambers (the recently retired Dacorum Tree Officer). Please get involved if you can. You can email info@tring.gov.uk as a first step.

The Nora Grace Hall is now being used for many more community activities but maintenance is difficult and expensive because the building is really at the end of its useful life. Tring Together and the Council are collaborating on plans to bring the hall up to date. We must not forget the existing users and founders of the hall, but we need to make a facility fit for future generations as well.

Since the successful move of the markets, the old market place is under-utilised. We are looking to use this land for more car parking while also keeping it available for town functions. This, however, is a very slow and bureaucratic process.

The Town Council is concerned that house prices in Tring are forcing people away, particularly young families, and it is keen to promote the building of social and affordable housing.

The Buildings & Assets Committee is working to both preserve and enhance facilities for Tring residents.

We are now investigating a small contribution towards council housing for Tring residents in partnership with Dacorum Borough Council, like the Queen Street development. It is early days, but further details will be released when possible.



Tring Parish Walks 1 Little Tring



A circular walk starting from Tring Town Centre.
Approximate time: allow 1 hour 30 minutes
Approximate distance: 3 miles (5 kilometres)

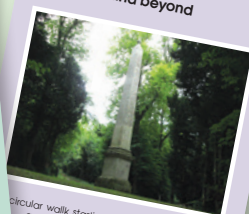
Tring Parish Walks 2 Stubbings Wood



A circular walk starting from Tring Town Centre and offering spectacular views.
Approximate time: allow 1 hour 30 minutes
Approximate distance: 3 miles (5 kilometres)

Tring Parish Walks

Tring Parish Walks 3 Tring Park and beyond



A circular walk starting from Tring Town Centre and exploring the historic parkland.
Approximate time: allow 3 hours 15 minutes
Approximate distance: 7 miles (11 kilometres)

Three newly designed leaflets are flying off the shelves at the Information Centre and from various key outlets in Tring. They are also available as downloads from www.tring.gov.uk. Based on text originally compiled for Tring Environmental Forum by John Taylor, Rodney Sims and Jonathon Iles, these walks have been tested very recently and revised accordingly by John Savage and Ray Flanagan. Tring Town Council is grateful to Hertfordshire County Council's Parish Paths Partnership for its support in producing these leaflets.

Walk 1 explores the area around Little Tring, taking in canal scenery including Tringford Pumping Station and returning to the town via beautiful Miswell Farm.

Walk 2 takes us into Stubbings Wood with a short ascent to enjoy far-reaching views of our surrounding countryside and Aylesbury Vale.

Walk 3 offers a longer circuit around Tring Park heading uphill to Hastoe then coming back via West Leith and Duckmore Lane.

All the walks begin and end in Tring town centre. We hope that visitors new to Tring will explore our area with these varied scenic walks, and we're sure that residents and those who know Tring well will enjoy them too. **Pop in to the Information Centre to pick up your free copies!**

The Town Plan bears fruit



The 2015 edition of the *Town Crier* launched the Town Plan. Throughout this year's issue you will see some examples of what has been done in the past three years.

The prime objective was to improve the look of the High Street. We have painted street furniture, repaired benches, replaced litter bins, kept the bus shelters clean, purchased a street vacuum cleaner, renewed town maps and road signs. This year we bought a 'weed ripper' – a powered brush that clears pavements of moss and weeds. We have also been planting Church Square with annual bedding plants.

The biggest achievement in the year was the refurbishment of the Pond Close playground – new equipment catering for a broader age range and renovation of the traditional, but still popular, equipment like the swings. A big 'thank you' must be given to Hannah-Grace Munday, because she was the inspiration behind the project.

The work on Meadow Brook between New Mill and Silk Mill is nearing completion. It has taken much longer than anticipated because of the amazing amount of rubble in the ground and delays in dealing with the Canal & River Trust to get approval to clear the canal feeder. Great care has been taken to protect the natural habitat and it is pleasing to report that the kingfishers and egrets are still present.

Tring Youth Council *Emma Cave reports*

Tring Youth Council has been busy this year working hard to get involved in lots of community events. The work the group undertakes is fun and productive and gives the young people opportunities to learn about local issues and problem solving in a non-school environment. We meet monthly in the Council Chamber and have elected young officers to run the group. These positions, and indeed simply being a member, can show a great deal about a young person's qualities and look great on CVs later in life.

We staged another successful Fun Dog Show at last year's Summer Carnival and enjoyed fine weather in Tring Park where we held our 4th Summer Bake Off. Our popular stall at the Christmas Festival with the Vintage Tombola saw the addition of Hot Chocolate for sale this year and profits have soared. Our members have chosen two charities to support this year, one locally, Hector's House and one further afield, Woodlarks, providing disabled youngsters with an adventure camp for weekend breaks.

We are working on improvements to the skate park and looking to see some road safety issues tackled with the support of the Town, Borough and County Councils. We continue to support the Tring Youth Club at the Temperance Hall on Friday evenings with supervised sessions between 6.30pm–9pm. The Youth Club has been running for eight years and the staff have a real understanding of the pressures our young people face today and provide a supportive, safe and fun setting for the youngsters to meet up and socialise. The Tring Youth Project as a charity runs the Temperance Hall in Christchurch Road, with the comfortably well-equipped building being hired out to community activity groups and for children's (up to 11 years) party hire.

If you are a young person between the ages of 11–18 interested in getting involved we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Emma Cave on **01442 825968** or **emmacave7@hotmail.co.uk**



Tring Job Show 2017 *by Steffi Buse*

"**Spring clean your career!**" was the promise of the Job Show in 2017. Over 300 people visited the event to browse 25 stands promoting local businesses.

Delegates explored a fantastic range of offers, from job vacancies to career related training and workshops on topics ranging from writing a CV to online job hunting. Lussmans, Oakman Inns and Tesco all attended and all found new recruits on the day. This was the second annual Tring Job Show created by Tring Together BusinessMart, with funding provided by the Tring Town Council Town Plan budget.

The event was much appreciated by visitors and we hope to make it a regular date in the Tring calendar. For more information contact Steffi Buse, **steffi@tringtogether.org.uk**



Community Garden at Duckmore Lane

by Christine Hopkins

A Community Garden is being created by Tring in Transition at the Duckmore Lane allotments offering raised beds, fruit bushes and trees, herbs and wildflowers. By using permaculture and a no-dig approach we are creating a garden which will be productive, low-maintenance, child-friendly and will attract wildlife. We hope groups and individuals in Tring will come to use and enjoy it.

We've had a lot of fun developing the site and it's really beginning to take shape. The Allotments Association, Cubs and Beavers use the area. We are in discussions with the Scouts too. We would like it if more organisations used the garden and would love to hear from anyone interested in joining our friendly gardening group.

Do come along to one of our sessions on the second Sunday of each month, 10am–12 noon. Contact details and more information on our website at www.tringintransition.org.uk



Friends of Millennium Wood

Back in the year 2000 Tring Town Council planted out a new woodland above the allotments in Duckmore Lane.

The tree survival rate was excellent, but 17 years on it was becoming clear that the wood required some active management if the town was to benefit from it fully. Although a rolling five-year management plan for the wood was in place, it was evident that a properly constituted group of local volunteers would be needed to maintain and improve the site, and to develop it sensitively as a real community asset.

A public meeting was convened in October, inviting interested parties to come along and make their views known, and to hopefully sign up to join a new "Friends of Millennium Wood" group. We were lucky to secure the encouragement, support and ongoing help of Colin Chambers, the recently retired Trees and Woodlands Manager at Dacorum Borough Council.

And so the group was formed. Working parties, all led by Colin, have met on a number of occasions since and their efforts have already started to transform the area – go and take a look for yourself!

We're now actively seeking new members to join the group, so if you like to be out in the air with like-minded people, enjoy a bit of physical work (nothing too strenuous!) and want to join in with these exciting developments, please contact us via the Information Centre (info@tring.gov.uk or **01442 823347**).

Tring Cinema *by Steffi Buse*

Tring Cinema has come a long way since two like-minded people met at Tring Together's BusinessMart networking breakfast. We're now a monthly operation bringing classic films and recent releases to a local audience.

Thanks to the generous support with a grant from Tring Town Council as well as much appreciated sponsorship from local businesses and the Tring Arts Trust, Tring Cinema has been able to evolve into an atmospheric pop-up cinema for our community which has found a great reception so far.

The funding enabled the team to purchase comfortable seating, grow awareness of the project through advertising, update the tech equipment and add a popcorn machine to their bar for that proper cinema feel.

Tring Cinema now hosts regular monthly screenings at the Nora Grace Hall projecting on a 5m wide screen. A film schedule for 2018 has been confirmed, including two popular open-air events in July and August – provided the Great British Summer is on our side.

For more details, upcoming screenings and tickets visit www.tringcinema.com
Tickets are also available from Beechwoods Fine Foods.



Council Grants

Tring Town Council supports several local projects which benefit the local community in a number of ways.



FRIDAY CAFÉ AT HIGH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

by Polly Eaton

Friday Café is open every Friday from 12 noon to 1.30pm and offers good-value hot meals, baked potatoes and puddings. The menu varies from week to week but, for £6.50, customers can enjoy a hot meal and homemade dessert with tea or coffee.

The café is open to anyone, and is pleased to offer a warm and friendly environment, especially to those who might feel lonely or socially isolated. The volunteers at Friday Café who work to produce, serve and wash up each Friday do their best to know each of the customers and set the welcoming tone for the lunch. Although customers pay for a meal, and this covers most of the costs, a grant from Tring Town Council covers the shortfall. All are welcome at Friday Café!

THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD

Each year the Council recognises the contribution an individual has made to the community with an award of £300 to be donated to the charity of their choice. The announcement is made at the Annual Town Meeting each April.

In 2017 the award was given to Caroline Hind, 'The Poppy Lady', for her dedication to, and success in, raising money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. It will come as no surprise that she gave the award to the Poppy Appeal.



TRING BOWLS CLUB

by David Cartland

Tring Bowls Club has been serving Tring and the villages for over a century. When it was founded in the early 1900s it was called Tring Bowling Club, and was situated behind the Rose & Crown in the High Street. The all-male club moved to its current premises on the Pendley Estate in Cow Lane during the period 1973 to 1975 with a Ladies Section established in 1974. In 1976 the original small shelter was extended with a further enlargement and extension being made in the mid-1980s and in the late 1990s.

The club continues to provide a focal point for bowls, with coaching freely provided, and also for bridge, with its Wednesday morning sessions. The large clubhouse is used for social events during the off season, thus providing local people with opportunities for further social involvement.

In order to make our facilities available to as many people as possible, the club is grateful to those members who voluntarily give their time and for the grants and donations we are given occasionally. The grant received last year from Tring Town Council will be used to buy new mats and increase our stock of bowls before the season starts. This will help with the recruitment of new members, a vital lifeline for the club, by enabling prospective members to 'try their hand' before committing to a financial outlay.

The club is always happy to consider applications for membership. If you are interested have a look at our website www.tringbowls.co.uk and get in touch.

BEAVERS SWIMMING GROUP.

by Cllr. Roxanne Ransley

We are a group who meet at Tring Sport Centre pool every Tuesday from 1.30-2.10pm to exercise and swim. We welcome people for post-operative exercise and those with restricted movement. All exercise is in shallow water and you do not have to be able to swim. Of course, you can swim if you wish.

The grant from Tring Council will help to buy a new hoist to enable entry to the water.

Volunteer helpers support people in the water and we will welcome any new helpers.

Call Carol Lawrence on 01442 822695 for more information.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A TRING TOWN COUNCIL SMALL GRANT

Tring Town Council sets aside a small budget each year to help groups with expenses for equipment or events. It is able to offer grants to voluntary groups provided they meet its criteria; unfortunately, it cannot give money to individuals. Details of the scheme and an application form are available on the Council's website at www.tring.gov.uk/small-grants

World War I Commemoration

from Vivianne Child

Tring has the oldest memorial to World War I ... or does it?

Tring's War Memorial has been in situ for very nearly 100 years and was unveiled and dedicated on 27th November 1918, only 16 days after the armistice. Surely that must make it one of the first to be erected and therefore a very special monument? The cost of the Memorial was covered by public subscription and, during his address at the dedication General Robertson observed that "nearly 900 men, more than 20% of the population of Tring, had joined the forces".

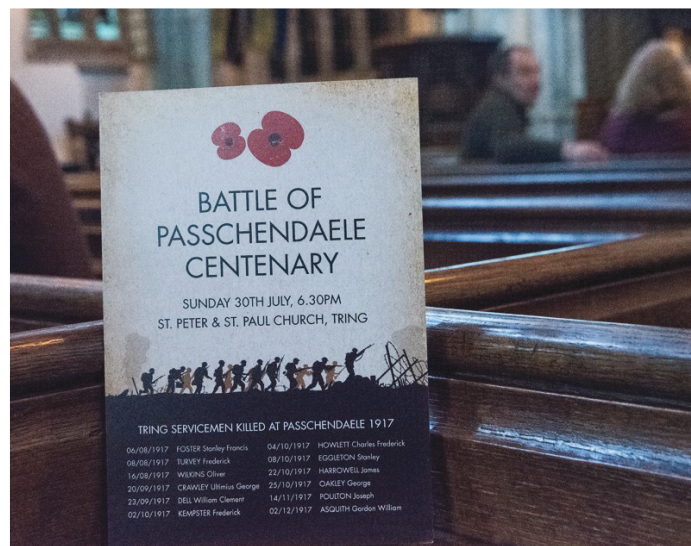


War Memorial Update

from Ted Oram – February 2018

As you will have seen, the Memorial was cleaned in October, which I hope you will agree has greatly improved its appearance. The second phase of the renovation is to point the crack halfway up the column and repair the damaged lettering. On examining the Memorial, along with the conservator, we saw that some of the lettering on the inscription was damaged; this was not obvious before the cleaning and an example is shown in the photo. I am awaiting a quote for the additional work required to repair this.

Regarding the names with damaged letters, I hope to have a schedule of work for the re-lettering by the time you are reading this and hopefully the work will be completed in the next couple of months. Following completion, we plan to have a ceremony to rededicate the Memorial for the next 100 years.



There exists a photograph of this dedication and there are plans afoot to recreate the photograph 100 years after the original was taken. The original (see left) featured many men in straw boaters, ladies with prams and youngsters with bikes. What will we see when we invite the people of Tring in 2018 to gather on Church Square for this new photo opportunity? The date is uncertain as we go to press but please keep your eyes open for the announcement of the date, put on your glad rags and come and join the party.

Contact Vivianne Child, vivianne@tringtogether.org.uk

Source of dates etc. Parish Magazine 1915-1919, courtesy of Mr Godfrey Orrell. Mr Mike Bass will be taking the 100th anniversary photograph.



Tring Town Council – representing you



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I serve on the Buildings & Assets Committee. As an outside interest, I have been Chair of the Management Committee at Tring Community Centre for many years. The Community Centre is a self-funding charity. In my role as Tring Town Councillor I am passionate about representing the best interests of local residents where possible.



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I represent Miswell Ward as a Town Councillor and Tring West & Rural as a Dacorum Borough Councillor. I serve on the Buildings & Assets and Finance & Policy Committees, and chair the Allotments Environment Committee.

I work with Tring charities, Churches Together in Tring & Old Church House. I'm also a member of the Justice & Peace Group, a trustee of Tring Youth Project, I chair the Beavers Swimming Club and I'm Vice-Chair of the British Legion Ladies Section.



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I represent Bunstrux Ward and I'm a member of the following committees: Finance & Policy, Planning, Road & Home Safety, Town Plan & Infrastructure. I am the Town Council's representative at the Tring Sports Forum.

My personal interests include the countryside and farming, running, cycling and tennis.



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I was born in Wigginton more than three score years and ten ago! My roles are Town Councillor, Dacorum Borough Councillor, Chair of Town Planning and Chair of Road and Home Safety.

I work as Managing Director and Senior Auctioneer of Tring Market Auctions.

Likes: Work, cricket, fishing, the countryside, people, grandchildren and helping others.



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Town Council's representative on Tring Charities (a Housing and Education Trust) and The Ladies Section of the Royal British Legion.

Chairman of the Tring Youth Project: we are a small group of Trustees who run a youth club at the Temperance Hall in Christchurch Road. The Tring Youth Project was first introduced by the Town Council in 1992.

Hobbies: Shopping(!) and gardening.



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This is my second term as Town Councillor for Dunsley Ward and first term as Borough Councillor for Tring West and Rural.

I am Chairman of the Buildings & Assets Committee and a member of the Planning Committee and the Town Plan & Infrastructure Committee. I'm also the Town Council representative on Tring Together. I have lived in Tring since 1984. It is a lovely place to live and I am committed to keeping it that way.

My pastimes include swimming, cycling, skiing and tending my allotment.



**Phil Hills,
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Hello, I'm Councillor Phil Hills representing Tring Central Ward elected to the Council in May 2015.

I'm committed to protecting Tring's Green Belt and environment having lived in Tring for the last 33 years.

In my leisure time I like going to live music events and doing plenty of walking.



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A Town Councillor, the County Councillor for Tring and a former DBC Councillor with 30 years experience in local government. I served for 9 years on the County's Health Scrutiny Committee and my other interests are in transport, local planning and the environment - I drive an all-electric car. I represent the Town Council on the Tring Bus Users Group and the Arla Liaison Group, and I am on the Finance & Policy and Town Plan & Infrastructure committees.



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This is my second term as a Tring Town Councillor. I am a member of the Planning Committee Working Party and of the Road & Home Safety Group. I'm interested in the ecology of our town and animal welfare. I enjoy motorcycling, judo and I do first aid for the Red Cross and with Tring Rugby Club.



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I am pleased to represent Tring on both the Town Council (Bunstrux Ward) and Dacorum Borough Council (Tring Central). I sit on three Town Council committees: Planning, Allotments and Town Plan & Infrastructure. In 2010/11 & 2013/14 I was Tring Mayor. I represent the Council on the Tring Community Centre Management Committee and with the Farmers' Market. I am an instructor at Tring Beavers Swimming Club for the Disabled. I also teach adults to swim; I am a social member of Tring Squash Club.



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I have lived in Tring for over 10 years and have three young children who go to local schools. I believe in communities working well together and that, through the political process, you can make real change. I've served as a Borough Councillor for over eight years and have grown to understand the complexity that besets local government. My mission is to make it all work better, serving the community as a whole.



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My interests include farming, the countryside and fly fishing. I'm Honorary Vice-President of Bucks County Show.

Preparing to deal with emergencies

with Michael Curry, Town Clerk

Every community needs to be prepared to deal with emergencies; many Tring residents will remember the Buncefield Oil Depot fire 12 years ago. Other, less extreme, incidents have occurred in Dacorum since then, such as severe weather, building collapses and sinkholes. June 14th 2018 will mark the first anniversary of the Grenfell Tower disaster which shocked the nation.



The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 provides a framework for civil protection in the UK. It emphasises that good outcomes require local multi-agency planning and co-operation. Hertfordshire Resilience is a partnership of over 60 organisations including the emergency services, local councils, health services and volunteers, who plan, train and respond to emergencies together.

Town and Parish Councils have a role to play as a source of local knowledge and resources. Tring Town Council is currently developing its 'Major Incident Emergency Plan' with support from Hertfordshire County Council.

When you start thinking about the response to a major incident, it is really surprising how wide-ranging the implications can be as soon as one questions the assumptions we take for granted in everyday life, such as communication via mobile phones. What if there is no service? How do you alert people?

We are fortunate in Tring to have lots of local organisations such as the Red Cross, Lions, and the churches and sports clubs. They all have a possible contribution to make, but it requires planning and preparation to mobilise their full potential quickly and effectively. Individuals with particular expertise or equipment may be able to help e.g. with 4x4s in extreme weather.

There are two strands of work to developing a Major Incident Emergency Plan for Tring – a contact directory detailing the resources that could be called upon to assist and an established means for communication. If you think you, or an organisation you belong to, could be in a position to contribute to the response to a major incident please email the Town Council's Information Team (info@tring.gov.uk) or visit the Information Office at 99 Akeman Street.

If you would like to find out more, the *Are you ready for Anything?* webpage has some useful guidance at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/



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