

EAST MIDLANDS Fire and Rescue Control Centre



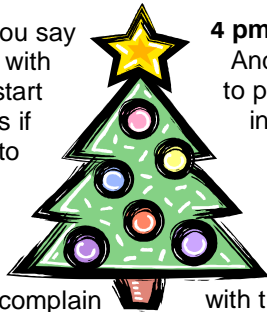
Managing 999 fire and rescue calls in the East Midlands

Over the next two years a new home is being built for the East Midlands Fire and Rescue teams. Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire will gradually come together and the staff will be trained and equipped with the latest technology to co-ordinate emergency services across the five counties. Facilities will also be in place to provide a response to international emergencies should they arise.

All 999 calls will be received in the new control centre and the new technology will immediately tell where the caller is telephoning from and which fire appliances with the needed equipment on board can reach the scene most quickly. Fire-fighters will have in-cab instructions relayed to them including details of type of incident and nearest water supply. The affected counties will take it in turns to transfer to the new building and Northamptonshire is expected to transfer in summer 2010 with all controls fully operational by 2012. Further information can be found on emrccenquiries@lfrs.org or telephone 01332 815369

Christmas Celebrations 2008

Oh no not already I hear you say and I am inclined to agree with you. Christmas seems to start earlier every year. Perhaps if we all decided (and stuck to our decision) not to begin until the 1st of December the shops would have to follow. However I am not here to complain rather to tell you the plans for Christmas as the next newssheet will not be issued until the beginning of January 2009. After the problems of last year we have brought in a new company who are going to help us to get it right this time. So...The lights **WILL** be switched on at



4 pm on Saturday 6th December 2008

And prior to that Hope08 are planning to put on a nativity play which will start in St James Church— there will even be a real donkey!

The characters will be brought Down to the Christmas tree accompanied by the Town Band for the carol singing together with the local school children and lots of us who live in Thrapston. Father Christmas will be there with his sleigh, and mince pies, soft drinks and wine will be served in the Plaza afterwards. Plan to come and enjoy yourselves and celebrate the Christmas story with us. Look out for the posters in November

Philip Loaring 1927 - 2008

Philip was first elected onto the then Thrapston Parish Council in 1966. From then, until his retirement in 2007, he served almost continuously, having a couple of breaks. He was Chairman of the Council and town Mayor in 1993-94 and leading light in ensuring the purchase of the old Electricity Board showroom, which is now our offices. During his last four year term of office, he campaigned ceaselessly for the pedestrian crossing in Oundle Road and was one of the two chairmen of the Thrapston 800 Committee, which arranged the year's events celebrating Thrapston's 800th Anniversary of gaining its Market Charter. His enthusiasm and support for local history, the Nine Arches painting group and the British Legion is legendary. The Town Council is grateful for his contribution to the life of our town and he will be sorely missed.

Who Do You Think You Are?

Unlike Boris Johnson, we are not descended from George II, nor do we have a Mr Kray as a God-parent like Patsy Kensit's brother. But we all have a story to tell about our ancestors.

To find out how to seek out your story why not join the Family History Group who meet at 7.30 pm in St James' Church Hall on the third Monday of each month. For further information: www.thrapstonhistorysoc.co.uk tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk 07812 854 580

Thrapston Plaza

You may already be aware that the Plaza is undergoing refurbishment and this should be completed by the end of October. At the present time access to the building is strictly limited. However, once the work is completed we shall be taking bookings again for the many activities for which the Plaza is the ideal venue. Come along and see the new look Plaza and enjoy some festive refreshments on Saturday, 6 December, after listening to the Christmas music around the Christmas tree. **NEW:** thrapstonplaza@yahoo.co.uk

Community Website

A new community website for Thrapston !

The website will be developed over the coming months to provide a window on what is happening in Thrapston. Its success will depend to a large extent how much it is used by local groups and organisations to advertise their activities. It will also have information about the shops and services available in the town.

Log on now to
www.thrapstoncommunity.co.uk
and see for yourself.

If you have any information that you would like to see included on the website then please contact us:

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