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**Environmentally friendly Poop Scoop bags are available free of charge to Thrapston Residents at the Town Council Offices.**

**PLEASE DISPOSE OF DOG WASTE RESPONSIBLY—RED DOG BINS ARE PROVIDED AROUND THE TOWN**



**Register With Floodline Warnings Direct**

If you feel you are in an area at risk of flooding a fact sheet is available from the Flood Warden for Thrapston at the Town Council Office . You can also register for the direct warnings from the environment agency.

**We may not be able to prevent flooding but we can be prepared for it**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Saturday, 29 May** Barn Dance at the Plaza with Ock 'n' dough
- Saturday, 26 June** Charter Fair
- Saturday, 4 December** Seasonal Music around the Christmas Tree with Christmas Lights and Dance at the Plaza



**Special points of interest:**

- BMX & Skate park Update
- Tribute to Staff Member
- New Play equipment at Peace Park



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**Thrapston News and Views**

**Thrapston Litter Pick**

A couple of years ago, we organised a litter pick to try and tidy up our town. The result was 32 bags of rubbish! We are repeating the exercise on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April**, starting at **10.00am** from the Town Council office (corner of Oundle Road and High Street) and working for about 2 hours. All equipment will be provided. If you would like to help with keeping our community tidy, please come down at 10.00 on either or both days. The more people there are the more effective we can be.



**Don't Miss The Annual Town Meeting**

**The Annual Town Meeting** will be held in **The Thrapston Plaza** on **Tuesday 20 April** commencing at **6.30pm** with light refreshments, prior to the official start at 7 pm. This is your chance to hear what the Town Council has been doing over the last year and some of the things that may be happening in the future. There will be award presentations for service to the community and other presentations including Neighbourhood Watch and the designs and progress in creating a BMX/Skate Park for the young people of the town.

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## BMX & Skate Park in Thrapston

The consultation meeting at the Plaza in February was very successful. The design for the BMX has now been agreed. To help bid for funding, the project has been split into two parts—Skate Park and BMX track. The deadline for the Skate Park bid is July 2010. More information about this will be available later. The BMX Track bid has been prepared but must be submitted by a Community Group which represents the users of the BMX & Skate Park. The Funding cannot be obtained unless this Community Group exists so it needs to be set up now. Membership of this Group is open to all ages. A Meeting to set up the Group has been arranged for 10 April at the Plaza at 10.30 am. Please come to this meeting if you want to:

- Find out more about the design and the progress of the Project
- Join the Community Group to support this bid for funding, and
- Take an active part in managing the facility when completed

## Town Council Welcome Pack

If you have recently moved into Thrapston, and have not yet received one of our Welcome Packs, please call into the Town Council Office at The Thrapston Centre, 77 High Street (on the corner of Oundle Road) and pick one up. The Office is open Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 12.30pm and on Saturday morning between 10.00am and midday. The pack includes leaflets on town history, local organisations and clubs and local businesses. Also included is a street map of Thrapston and Islip.

**BMX Track  
and Skate  
Park Update  
at the Plaza  
Saturday  
10 April  
10:30 am**

## Sadness over loss of valued Member of Staff

The Town Council were very saddened to learn of the sudden death of Peter Bettles. Peter was a valued member of the caretaking team at the Thrapston Plaza and will be greatly missed. Council Members extend their most sincere condolences to Peter's family.

## Peace Park Play Equipment

By the time you read this, work should have started to upgrade some of the play equipment. The old climbing frame will be replaced and a bank of four toddler swings erected between the rocking horse and the new frame. The current toddler swings will be converted to low flat swings.

The old climbing frame has seen many years service but is now showing signs of its age, whilst there has been a shortage of swings for small children.

When new housing developments are built, the developers make a contribution towards the town's facilities. We are using some of this money to fund these improvements.

## A PLEA TO DOG OWNERS

If your dog has access to your letter box I would urge you, please, to consider fitting a cage to the inside or a box to the outside of your door. I was delivering Town Council newsletter on 4th January and struggling to push one through the brushes on the inside of a door when my finger was gripped in the teeth of a dog which had given no warning of its presence. I managed to free myself at the expense of the finger tip and loss of the nail and had to go to A & E to be stitched. Also for two months I went regularly to the surgery to have the wound dressed. Since my accident I have heard of other people to whom this has happened and hope by publishing this experience, to prevent more of the same. I do not blame the dog which was only guarding its territory but I am still unable to hold a pen properly! Cllr Prue Goss