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Hawkwell Voice

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Digital TV Switchover

The Anglia TV region digital switchover took place in July and we have only heard of one issue. Some London and Southern region Freeview viewers are changed to Anglia when they retune their boxes, even though their aerials are not pointing in that direction. For more information please visit the switchover website: www.helpscheme.co.uk

Refuse Collection

Recycling has now been extended to flats but unfortunately this has turned some areas into 'Bin City'. Unfortunately unless someone can come up with a better system, we will have to put up with it.

Hawkwell Parade

Two and a half years ago we tried to get something done about the poor state of Hawkwell Parade but we did not get anywhere with the owner and the council's health and safety department. Two years on and nothing has been done, so we intend to pursue this issue again. If any residents have issues with this area please let us know by writing or through the website as this will add weight to our case.

RDC Core Strategy

Rochford District Council (RDC) has had its request refused to delay the Core Strategy progression until December when the Localism Bill should have gone through Parliament. This would also have meant a further delay to the Hockley Area Action Plan, which will probably not happen anyway because of the current financial climate. In the meantime the developer David Wilson Homes (part of Barratt Homes) after having plans for 330 homes on the Christmas Tree Farm Area in Rectory Road rejected by RDC, has now submitted plans for 176

homes on this site. Coincidentally this is just one more than the 175 RDC wanted in our area, with the additional home replacing one they would demolish. We have made it clear along with many others, that we do not believe this green belt area is a good location for development. Apart from spoiling the character of the area, Rectory Road joins the busy B1013 at one end and has single file traffic lights at the other. This is an area prone to frequent electricity black outs and we are sure other services would require considerable updating. Even though Clements Hall is in this area, there is only a limited bus service during the

day and nothing in the evenings. The Christmas Tree Farm area is also a vital part of a green and wildlife corridor that runs through Hawkwell. The 'Christmas Tree Farm Development Action Group' has given RDC a petition of 791 signatures objecting to a development on this area. If you would like to add your objection please submit your comments about this application 11/00259/FUL on the RDC website under planning or by letter to the RDC Planning Department in South Street, Rochford. A decision should be made by RDC during September 2011.

Police Neighbourhood Meetings

Due to the way the police are organised locally, Hawkwell is split into two areas and we now attend the police Neighbourhood Meetings for both these areas. Some residents have asked why this is, and the answer is a bit complicated. The Hawkwell area south and east of the Liverpool Street Line is part of the Hockley policing area and has its own monthly police neighbourhood meetings at Clements Hall and they are separate from the Hockley meetings. The Hawkwell area north and east of the Liverpool Street Line is part of the Rochford policing area and has its bi-monthly police neighbourhood meetings at the Rochford Parish Council Meeting Room and they are integrated with the Rochford meetings. The good news is Hawkwell remains a relatively low crime area. Hockley has now joined Rochford in having a Dispersal Order against anti-social behaviour. The order that came into force in July and runs until January 2012 has already seen 57 people dispersed. We are informed that early indications are that anti-social behaviour in Hawkwell has started to drop. Please see the Police Information page on our website.

Summer Fayre

Hawkwell Parish Council is now planning their next Summer Fayre that is becoming a very successful bi-annual event with something for everyone from dog shows to belly dancers. The fayre will take place as it did last year on the Rochford Hundred Rugby Club ground in Magnolia Road from 12 noon on Saturday 2nd June 2012. If you are interested in getting involved or would like a stall at the fayre please contact the clerk Stuart Mennell on 01702 207710.

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Please visit our website: www.hawkwell.org

Central Area Committee

These bi-monthly Rochford District Council (RDC) public meetings were cancelled about six months ago. There were three areas for Rochford: west, central and east and we believe RDC intend to replace these with just two areas: west and east. We have also heard that they intend calling it a Community Forum meeting and they would be held every six months in two locations. Although we have put many residents' questions to the old CAC meetings, we still have not so far received any information on

this from RDC. In our opinion these meetings will be a bigger waste of time than the old CAC meetings, as to hold just two meeting a year in hard to get to locations will just make the situation worse. Also the old meetings were poorly attended because RDC seldom answered residents' questions sufficiently. They were always on the defensive and mainly came up with the excuse that it was someone else's problem and they would not be taking up the issue. For these reasons it is doubtful we will attend these meetings in the future.

Hawkwell Parish Plan Group Survey

The Hawkwell Parish Plan Group (HPPG) is an independent group that will produce a parish plan for Hawkwell. To find out just what Hawkwell residents want they sent out a questionnaire and have now had the results of their survey. They will soon publish the date of a further public meeting to announce and discuss these findings. The Hawkwell Parish Plan Group website can be found at: www.hawkwellolan.org.uk. The Group is arranging Heritage Walks around Hawkwell throughout 2011 in order to stay in touch with residents in around the area. You may contact HPPG by email to: libarratt@yahoo.co.uk or write to The Chairman, Byeways, Ironwell Lane.

Coach trips with pickup points in Hawkwell

Hockley Residents Association still has coach trips for 2011 with pickup points in Hawkwell:
Saturday 24th September – East Anglia & Bury St. Edmunds.
Sunday 30th October – Rutland Water & Burghley House.
For further details please visit Local Events page on our website at hawkwell.org or phone Brian O'Shea (highly commended in RDC citizen of the year awards 2010) on 01702 204334.

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Airport Expansion

Leases holders of the airport Stobart Group have opened the new station and control tower, the new bypass road is almost complete and objections to the runway extension have now been rejected. Aer Arann that are part owned by Stobart are running flights to two destinations in Ireland. EasyJet are now taking bookings for flights to eight European destinations that will start in April 2012 and they state that two more destinations are planned. The new terminal should be complete by then and the new airport four star hotel by the summer. We just hope Southend do not go back on their promises not to allow an increase in night flights to and from the airport. We have noticed that the Southend Park & Ride car park that was shown on the airport plans seems to have now been overlooked. The other development planned for the airport area is a new business park. We believe this is an unnecessary development on green belt land and the planned relocation of Eldon Way and the Foundry Estate Hockley industrial areas to this site would be a detrimental step. Moving Eldon Way and the Foundry Estate will increase mileage for employees and the lack of public transport will limit employment to car users only. We believe cycling there would be a poor and unrealistic substitute as at the moment there is a lack of cycle routes. In any case it is doubtful if this development would go ahead for some time due to the current economic climate.

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If you have not already paid your subscriptions for this year, please send it to: Hawkwell Residents Association at 2 Englefield Close, Hawkwell, SS5 4LE or 25B Belchamps Way, Hawkwell, SS5 4NT.

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Is there an issue in Hawkwell that you would like us to address or help you with?

I am Interested in joining the committee (please circle) **YES / NO**

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