

# Maundown Water Treatment Works - an update

WESSEX Water has started the construction phase of its new Maundown Water Treatment Works, following the approval of its plans by Taunton Deane Borough Council.

Wessex Water is investing £25m to upgrade the water treatment works, which is one of the company's key assets.

The construction of the brand new facility will result in major improvements in the quality of drinking water and help Wessex Water meet the area's anticipated increased demand for water in the future.

Wessex Water project manager Mark Lloyds explained what progress the company has made to date:

"We delayed submission of the planning application to allow the project team to concentrate on refining the treatment process and the layout of the new buildings.

"This gave us time to consult with all of the relevant parties, which has proved to be time well spent, as the application received no objections from local residents or the parish council.

"Our aim for the future is to build on these initial good relationships and keep the community informed about our progress as we continue to build our new facility."

Following discussions with the Borough Council and local residents, some of the initial works have been

carried out, with the site being fenced and services being diverted.

Mark confirmed: "These were essential works to move some existing pipes and services out of the way in preparation for the main construction, and give us the best opportunity for completing the excavation works within this summer period."

The rebuilding of the works is due to be completed by 2009. There will then be a period where both the old and new works operate together, before the old works will be taken out of service, demolished and the area landscaped.

Wessex Water aims to ensure any disturbance and environmental impact caused during the construction work is kept to a minimum.

The works, which was built in the 1960s and extended in the early 1970s, treats water from the nearby Wimbleball and Clatworthy reservoirs and supplies around 200,000 people in central Somerset.

The project has the support of the Drinking Water Inspectorate, the government organisation responsible for regulating public water supplies in England and Wales.

More information on the scheme is available from project manager Mark Lloyds, Wessex Water, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7WW, telephone: 01225 526000 or e-mail mark.lloyds@wessexwater.co.uk

## TXT Samaritans 4 emotional support

Samaritans first to launch nationwide 24:7 SMS service

EMOTIONAL support by text is available to anyone in the UK and Republic of Ireland in an historic development for Samaritans.

The innovative charity is the first to launch a 24:7 text support service, 365 days a year, for anyone in emotional distress.

To receive the service, simply send an SMS text message to 07725 90 90 90 in the UK or 0872 60 90 90 in the Republic of Ireland.

Samaritans was the first to offer emotional support by email in 1994 and now reaffirms its reputation for innovation by being the first to announce SMS support across the UK and Republic of Ireland.

A Samaritans' volunteer will reply to anyone who sends a text with a confidential, non-judgemental text reply, giving emotional support, aiming to respond within ten minutes.

Volunteers have received training in the reading of 'abbreviated text language' but all replies from Samaritans will be in full spelling, except for when using small or clearly recognised abbreviations.

Samaritans volunteers have embraced the new service and are looking

forward to providing emotional support in an additional contemporary way.

Samaritans can also be contacted locally by phone on 01823 288998 or 08457 909090, by visiting 16 Wood Street, Taunton, between 9am and 9pm, by emailing jo@samaritans.org or by letter.



John Roberts of Chipstable sent this photograph of the bull's heart and toad which were discovered up the chimney of a local farm in 1892 as he described in his letter to the previous Messenger

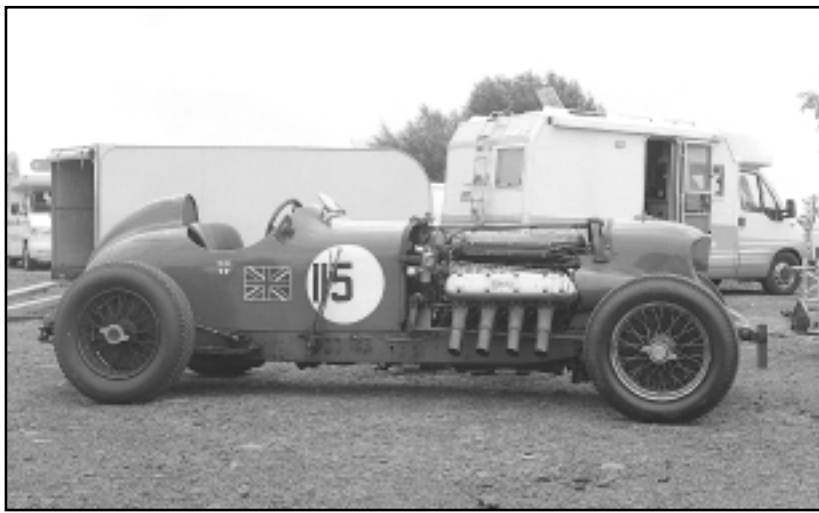


Photo Forum: A Napier Bentley created in the 1950s by using a 1929 Bentley chassis and a 24 Napier Lion aero engine at Mallory Park circuit taken by David Bond

## Electronics over the Recreation Ground

BRYN Wilson reports that the Recreation Ground is now fully covered by CCTV surveillance. The cameras are on guard 24/7; they use infrared during the hours of darkness.

All vehicles entering the car park will be photographed, and special coverage will be directed at the swimming pool and the play area.

The images are recorded on hard disk, and recordings will be made available to the clubs on the Rec should they need to check incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Speaking of which, it is possible that the phantom digger has been active again. He, or she, is, apparently, putting the soil and turf back into the mysterious excavations to disguise this weird behaviour. If the activity

continues, then . . . smile, you're on Candid Camera.

**On another matter of phantoms . . .**

The Recreation Ground is the premier leisure facility in the Wivey area. It provides a host of benefits for local people. It is very well maintained, at great cost, and under the summer sun it is as pretty as a picture.

And then the other phantoms come. In their arms they bring neither gifts nor glories; they bring foul rubbish to disperse under the canopy of the dark. They come to make the stars weep.

None of them have the courage to walk ten paces to a litterbin. They fear that their companions will laugh at them if they do.

It costs nothing to be brave! Are you a gutless phantom?

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## New owners at the Courthouse

MRS Baker showed imagination and flair when she opened Courthouse Antiques and Interiors in the Grade 2 listed building of that name in the Square.

The new owners, Hoss and Tia Fatemi, clearly intend to continue to delight and surprise their customers. Residents of Langley Cross for the last 14 years while they set up and ran the Blackdown Garden Centre near Wellington, they have come to this new venture with great enthusiasm.

Any visitor entering the ground floor shop is guaranteed a warm welcome and a huge range of articles for sale. Anyone advancing into the rest of the building for the first time is bound to be amazed.

This building has a

unique atmosphere with eight display rooms on three floors all accessed by a massive staircase which is itself one vast display area.

The Court House specialises in selling a wide range of designer fabrics, curtains, pictures, mirrors, photo frames, reproduction and antique furniture, light standards and fittings, chandeliers and lamps, some out-door wear (eg jackets and footwear), game crowns, ladies leather handbags, candles and toiletries. They have miles of braid, a vast range of tassels and many gifts of all kinds.

This is Wiveliscombe's Tardis! While the highly attractive window display contributes much to the Square, it is only by entering the premises that a true view of its many contents can be achieved.

Mr and Mrs Fatemi have introduced Persian carpets

into the range of goods they sell and have extended the coffee shop on the ground floor.

Here the customer can enjoy coffee, hot chocolate and a variety of teas with a selection of delicious cakes, while viewing the staircase displays around and above them.

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Also a big thank you to the Jim Laker Fund for the donation following the Auction of Promises

We also require a financial administrator for weekly payroll accounts and other administrative duties

Interviews start beginning of July

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