

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

**Remembrance Day** this year will be held on 12 November at 3.00 pm. The Service is an ALL FAITH service held in the Parish Hall, which makes it all the more poignant as it is the Parish War Memorial to those who gave their lives in the First World War. It also carries the names of servicemen and civilians of the Parish who died in the Second World War. Every year we say that we should never forget those who gave their lives so that we can live in the relative freedom that we have today. It is also a day that we should remember, that even today, our young, sometimes very young, men and women are still giving their lives in places, that many of you find hard to understand, why! and quite possibly never will. Remembrance Day is therefore a day to remember young men who died for us many years ago and for those who are prepared to do the same today. They must surely be worth just one hour of one day a year to say Thank You.

### FLOWERS OF THE RIGHTEOUS

We are sombre,  
And we listen  
And feel

Those corners,  
Free of order,  
Empty of design,  
We shall inhabit

We share our Palace  
Without motivation,  
Yet full of splendour

Proud we stand,  
Echoes of sadness,  
Lapping against us

And as your gaze  
rests upon us,  
Remember,  
The worthy rest with  
us.

Alan Peter Smith  
Asfordby

# **I t ' s Y o u r P a r i s h**

*Written by Mr. John Bullimore, Chairman of Asfordby Parish Council*

One of the things that I most enjoy is to visit gardens, both natural and the more formal ones. Bodnant in North Wales being my favourite, although I haven't visited one for a few years now though I have had the opportunity to go on the successful and enjoyable garden visits made by the Asfordby Garden Club who recently visited two gardens in the Cotswolds. I didn't go because my wife, who organised the visit, deserves a day out without me being around. So you can imagine how much I've enjoyed walking around the Parish just lately looking at and admiring the flowers growing in many of the gutters in our streets plus, what is a must in all of the great gardens, water features, ours being in several parts of the parish. Asfordby Valley, this one being used by the youngsters who live there as a swimming pool and there aren't many of those where you have to dodge cars while doing the crawl. Although there is an alternative, standing on the kerb and getting a shower from passing cars. Others being at the bottom of Western Road and Saxelby Road. All this kindly and thoughtfully designed and produced by the birds, the wind and rain, supervised or not by Leicestershire County Council, who despite many e-mails over many weeks must have decided that the pleasure that those of us who actually walk in the parish get from these little gems far more worthwhile than road safety and general cleanliness. You can now see just how much thought goes into giving variety and best value for money with your council tax. Don't ever say now that we are short of facilities here in Asfordby. So a big thank you to our L.C.C. Highways department who are always going to inspect and investigate our concerns. I'm sure that it would be much quicker and cheaper with only one visit needed to actually do the job, but until that happens, enjoys these urban oasis of the more natural form of garden design, you've paid enough for them, and just in case you might want at any time to ring up and congratulate them, the number for the Northern Area Highways Department is 01664 565731.

Well I know just how pleased some of you are that the school holidays are over, not because of any trouble that the youngsters have caused. I've been quite impressed how good they've been and 6 weeks can seem an awful long time, but then the weather hasn't been that bad for them overall. However I've had quite a few complaints again, and it's always this summer holiday time, of the usual few female jobs, there isn't another word for them, who give the large majority of horse riders a bad name. It's just the few who seem joined at the horsey version of the hip who seem to think that it is alright to sit on their horses or ponies, whichever, on the pavement, 5 at one time, outside the co-op. The 4 that I saw on the pavement near to the cross, with all the products of horses bowels wherever it drops, outside Bradgate Flats for instance. I do wish that wherever they garage these animals they would give them a talk on good manners. Someone spoke to me of his concern about their behaviour on the highway and when he approached them, the reply was quite something to hear, so please could someone, who they might respect, have a word in their ear.

Standing on the humpbacked bridge on Station Lane the other afternoon, I couldn't help but be upset at the loss of what used to be a lovely view over the meadows and river to the parish church. Another lost view is the cateract that leads the river down to join up to the stream that fed the old mill, where all those over, I would imagine, the age of 30, learnt to fish. The view around the bend near the bridge at the bottom of Mill Lane past the Mill House was magic when the snow was down, with the swans floating gracefully by. Now the view from the Station Lane Bridge is one of darkness and apparent neglect, where you might find the witches cottage from Hanzel and Gretel. I must put some photographs on our website of how beautiful it once looked before it was so sadly defiled by isolationism in the name of saving the planet.

## SHOULD YOU TRUST DEVELOPERS?

This is an example of what your Parish Council has to combat.

When Merrimans put in a planning application to build behind the old carpet shop next door to the Parish Hall, the Council objected for several reasons. Eventually, though, Merrimans got their consent with, as is always, certain conditions, one of these being the construction of a Ball Stop fence to be in situ before the first property was occupied. This fence being the full length of the parish playing field. We requested this to stop any confrontation with the new property owners and those using the field, as they have done for the past nearly 80 years, kicking a football over the boundary hedge, which can happen quite frequently. We were concerned with the ball hitting cars, children, adults, greenhouses and anything on that side of the boundary that might result in injury. We don't particularly want the parish field to look like a zoo but felt it was essential. Merrimans never wanted this condition. Chris Merriman requested a meeting with the Chairman and Vice Chairman in the hope of coming to a financial compromise and, despite needing finance to build a new playing field pavilion, we couldn't compromise our concerns for cash, neither would it have done our credibility any good with Melton Borough Council planning officers. Merrimans should put this fence into place before the first buyers move in. This hasn't happened yet and the houses are now on the market. Merrimans have now appealed against this condition just as they should have been putting it up. The Parish Council have made written representations to the enquiry and await the result with interest and some concern. We also have a verbal agreement that after using the parish hall car park for what seems like years, managing to take the longest time ever to construct the smallest development, using it for HGV delivery and for up to 14 vehicles daily for their contractors, they would resurface part of it. Lets hope they are principled enough to keep their word. BUT WOULD YOU TRUST A DEVELOPER?

## **“I’M OBJECTING TO THAT”**

.... AND you have every right to. Planning Applications cause more controversy than anything else that the Parish Council has to deal with, although usually it is the larger scale applications that cause concern as no-one wants new development next door to them. All applications for planning permission are decided by Melton Borough Council and not the Parish Council although their opinion is always sought and they might say taken into consideration, as are the opinions of people living near to the application site. Decisions made by Melton Borough Council are (in theory, at least) taken based upon planning law, the Local Plan, the Leicestershire Structure Plan and PPS. Applications can only be refused if they breach these guidelines or planning law.

Melton Council notifies people living very close to an application site and they are invited to inspect the plans either at Melton Borough Council Offices by appointment or at the parish office during office hours. Planning applications are also listed in the Melton Times Public Notices page each week. If you wish to comment on an application, you will normally have 21 days to comment to Melton Borough Council from receiving notification. Please send a copy of your comment to the Parish Council so that we can take residents opinions into account before we pass comment ourselves on an application. If we don't receive any objection letters from people living near to the application site, we assume that everyone is happy with the proposals and will comment accordingly. Don't just say "I object to that" and do nothing about it. The Parish Council might see the application differently not knowing your concerns. You must also remember that it is often necessary and desirable to consider an application from a wider perspective, taking into account the needs of the whole parish.

To sum up, telephone the Parish Clerk on 812177 to find out when

the next Parish Council meeting is (usually held on the third Thursday of each month) and make sure that we have a copy of your letter of objection in time for it to be fully considered by the Parish Council at its meeting. Remember that the Borough Council makes the final decision and the applicant can appeal against their decision if they are not happy but you, as an objector, cannot. NOT FAIR IS IT?

You also have the option and, if you book your slot with the planning department 5 days before the planning committee meeting, to address the Committee for three whole minutes and it is amazing just how little you can say in that time.

## **CHILDRENS HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME**

This was a scheme originally organised by Councillor Frank Moore-Coltman and very successful it was, all funded by cash Frank could squeeze from whoever. For the past two years it has been run by Melton Borough Council and is just as successful. This year it was held in Asfordby from Monday 14th to Friday 18th August, just the right time when the school holidays are reaching the boring stage which was probably why there were more youngsters than other years turning up, approximately on average 25 plus each day, supervised by 2 or 3 university students who were of an age the youngsters could all relate to. For 2 of these days, Thursday and Friday, the rain came down in stair rods, it thundered and lightened but nothing stopped, no rain stopped play in Asfordby. Football, rounders (2 versions), cricket. Generally just enjoying the weather but thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. A very big well done to those who attended and particularly those who supervised, they did a marvellous job and to Melton Borough Council, and it was all FREE OF CHARGE. The Parish Council sent an e-mail to the Borough Sports Officer and the Council Leader in appreciation of all of the effort that goes into this type of service. Roll on next year.

## ASFORDBY GUN RANGE

Where is it? If you stand on the parish field and face the Bypass, its behind the row of trees on the horizon or if you are coming from Melton look over to your right just as you start to come down Asfordby Hill and you can see the Butts that held the sand that the shells were fired into.

During the First World War in Chilwell near Nottingham, was one of the country's main armament factories which was turning out a vast amount of heavy artillery, field guns and heavy naval guns, but before these could be used they had to be fully tested. Asfordby Valley was eventually chosen as a suitable location for a firing range to be constructed. It was sited to make the transport of even the largest gun from the factory to the range easy by rail which ran alongside the Holwell sidings with Holwells engineering facilities close by. Its greatest advantage was its terrain which meant that the Butts could be built deep into the hillside so that the sound would effect fewer households, although the explosions could still be loudly heard in Melton.

When the contractors, William Airey & Sons of Leeds, started construction, the cost was in the region £1 to £2 million with the war, at that time, costing £1 million a day. A lot of the work and the earth moving was done by Irish labourers using picks and shovels with horses and carts. The workers, many of them heavy drinkers, used the village pubs but caused very little trouble with each other or the locals. While the war dragged on, construction carried on with thoughts of would the war ever end? For those involved, the thought was which would be finished first, the war or the gun range. Fortunately, the war was the winner ending in November 1918 with a great deal still left to be done on the range before the first gun could be fired. It was eventually completed the following year and used extensively during the Second World War. it was sold some

5 years ago but despite extensive enquiries, the buyer remains unknown.



## **FOUR OF THE FIRING BUTTS AT THE GUN RANGE**

### **KING ALFRED ALIVE AND WELL IN ASFORDBY**

I suppose that you know that you should never ever put your bacon under the grill and then take a walk up the garden for a chat, not only do you literally chargrill the bacon and give a completely new meaning to smoked bacon, but the kitchen as well. You don't believe us? Then just ask Mr T..... NO we can't disclose his name. We wouldn't want to embarrass his wife. But you know what they say "there's one born every minute" but WHY are they always MALE?

### **TV LICENCES**

TV Licences are now available at the CO-OP. This is unfortunately another possible nail in the coffin of our local Post Office.

## **FRIENDS OF ASFORDBY CAPTAINS CLOSE**

### **FIREWORK DISPLAY**

The Friends of Asfordby Captains Close are holding their annual Firework Display, at the Parish Hall, on Friday 10 November 2006 between the hours of 5.30 and 8.00 pm. The Firework Display is due to start at 6.30 pm.

Tickets are available either in advance or on the gate. Tickets purchased in advance cost:

£12.00 per family (2 adults and upto 3 children)

£4.00 adult and £3.00 for a child

Under 3s go free.

If you chose you can pay on the gate,the costs are:

£13.00 per family

Adult £4.50 and £3.50 for a child.

Tickets are available from Asfordby Captains Close School (Tel: 01664 812630) or by telephoning 01664 812427.

### **THE FESTIVE FAIR AND CHRISTMAS FLOAT**

The Christmas Float will be travelling through the village on Saturday and Sunday 9 and 10 December 2006. Estimates times will be published in due course.

The Festive Fair is currently being organised. Visit Santa in his Grotto and celebrate Christmas with the children, staff and Parents.

## ANOTHER YEAR ENDS

I would like to thank Don Tempest, my Vice Chairman, for keeping me going this past year. I've been growing increasingly disillusioned with council work along with a few aches and pains plus family concerns. I've been ready every other week to call it a day but Don has always given me extra support with council problems and always talked me around. I am now trying to convince myself that a new year might bring a new start but with dark nights not being very far away, my doubts are still there. Having done my doom and gloom bit although Christmas thankfully is still three months away, it is the only opportunity that the Councillors and Council Staff have of wishing you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

## MONTHLY SURGERIES

Meet your Borough Councillors, John Robinson and Mal Sheldon, to discuss any matters that concern you on the following Saturdays at Asfordby Parish Hall between 10.00 and 11.00 am. No appointment necessary.

7 October 2006

4 November 2006

2 December 2006

Football    Bowls    Pool    Darts    Rifle Range    Dominoes    Whist

### **HOLWELL SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB – THE STUTE**

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## WHEELS TO WORK PROJECT

The Wheels to Work Project is an exciting new transport initiative across Melton Borough. The project has been set up to enable those who are disadvantaged by lack of private or public transport, to access a limited number of mopeds and bikes in order to access opportunities of employment, education and training. Wheels to Work is for young people aged 16 to 24 that are living or employed in isolated rural areas.

In order to be eligible to qualify for the scheme, the young person needs to have a written offer of work/college or already be at the job/college and are struggling to find their way there.

The scheme is not allowed to compete against public transport, so all applicants will have their journey assessed and a decision will be made to see if it is suitable, based on the current provision of public transport. Times of travelling to and from work/college are also taken into consideration.

If successful, the young person will be loaned a brand new moped for 6 months. The project also pays the tax/insurance/CBT training/helmet/gloves/jacket and break down recovery. The young person will have to pay and apply for their own driving licence. The cost of hire is £7.50 per week, of which £2.50 is a refundable deposit that will be returned at the end of the 6 month hire, provided no damage has occurred. The £5.00 is to cover wear and tear.

The insurance scheme has an excess of £250, if the bike is stolen or badly damaged and a claim has to be made, the client would be responsible for paying the excess.

For further information contact Dan Heaford, the project co-ordinator on 01664 569966 or email [dheaford@connexions-leics.org](mailto:dheaford@connexions-leics.org).

## AUTOGRAPH SCHOOL OF DANCE FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Autograph School of Dance has now been open in Asfordby Village for a year and what a year it has been. Children, as young as 3 years, took part in two exam sessions held throughout the year. Both sessions were a great success and all pupils gained their first medals/trophies with high marks.

Classes have continued throughout the summer holidays and now the school is looking forward to another successful year ahead!!

Children's classes are held on Thursdays at the Parish Hall and at Somerby Memorial Hall on Saturdays.

A new class is also due to start shortly. Adult Tap Dancing for Beginners.

For more information call Sarah, who is a Member of the British Theatre Dance Association, on 0116 2640588 or 07732 650051.

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# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Dates for your diary:

## **OCTOBER**

Sunday 1 October - Harvest Communion

Sunday 22 October - Service of Wholeness and Healing

## **NOVEMBER**

Sunday 5 November - All Saints' Sunday

Sunday 5 November at 3.00 pm - Remembrance Service

Thursday 30 November - Advent Course

## **DECEMBER**

Thursday 7 December - Advent Course

Sunday 10 December - Advent Procession

Thursday 14 December - Advent Course

Thursday 21 December - Advent Course

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Sunday 24 December 5.00 pm - Crib Service

11.30 pm - Midnight Communion

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Monday 25 December 10.30 am - Christmas Praise

Thursday 28 December 4.00 pm - Carol Service

Further information about Christmas services and additional events will appear in posters and leaflets later in the year. For any other enquiries, including times of regular services, please contact; The Rectory – 813130 or Isabel – 813994.

## **Asfordby Wednesday Group**

Asfordby Wednesday Group have invited **the Parish Singers** to perform at All Saints' Church on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome – tickets £3 to include refreshments and raffle.

## **Welcome Packs**

If you are new to Asfordby (Village, Valley or Hill), or know anyone who has recently moved here, we have information packs available which we hope might be useful to you. If you would like a pack please contact; Isabel 813994.

## **ASFORDBY GARDEN CLUB**

During the summer we have enjoyed a visit to Baxter Farm, Willoughby where Dr and Mrs Tatham made us extremely welcome. The garden was a series of "rooms", all in good condition. Look out for this garden in the yellow book of gardens open under the National Gardens Scheme next year. You will enjoy it.

One of the hottest days of the year was the day of our trip to Hidcote Manor and Kiftsgate Gardens. We were joined by quite a lot of visitors, and all had a lovely day.

Our meetings, to be held at Captains Close School at 7.00 pm, to which visitors are most welcome are:

October 9th - AGM Plus

November 13th - Visit to Grange Garden Centre

December 4th - "Design of small gardens" by Ian Cooke, Head Gardener at Nottingham University.

For more details ring 813127 or 812513.

## **BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

A Breast Cancer Support Group for the Melton Area has recently been formed. It meets every first Monday in the month at 10.00 am at the Baptist Church, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray. Its first meeting is on the 2nd October 2006. For further information telephone Janice on 01664 813552 or visit their website [wwwwww.meltonbreastcancersupportgroup.co.uk](http://wwwwww.meltonbreastcancersupportgroup.co.uk)

## **PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FORUMS**

**The best opportunity yet to help shape the NHS - Join your local PPI Forum.**

On 1 December 2003, the Community Health Councils, established in 1974, came to an end and a new generation of public involvement forums began to develop.

The Patient and Public Involvement in Health Forum for Melton, Rutland and Harborough is part of a nationwide network of bodies, established by the Government, to increase participation by the public in local health decisions, planning and issues in the delivery of services. They are totally independent of the NHS.

The Forum has been set up by parliamentary statute and has a number of powers of inspection, scrutiny and consultation, and the access and ability to secure answers to probing questions.

The Forum is made up of volunteer members from all sectors of the local community, and recruitment is ongoing. No previous experience or any type of expertise in health is required, just a commitment and desire to improve local health services. Current forum members are from all walks of life, and across all age ranges. The commitment is a minimum of 2-3 hours a week and all travel and other expenses are paid. There is an optional rolling training programme, covering all kinds of topics from hospital inspections to working with the media. In a typical month, you may find yourself meeting health professionals, visiting PCT and/or hospital premises, finding out local people's views and increasing your knowledge of health services in your area.

We would like to encourage anyone who would like to join the forum to contact us via any of the options listed below. We also

wish to hear from anyone - either individuals or as a group - who wish to be sent details regarding meetings in public, or to make contact regarding local health issues.

Contact details for the forum are as follow:

MRH PPI Forum, 27 Copdale Road, Leicester. LE5 4FG. Tel: 0116 2736506

Email: [Leicestershire@patientsforum.org](mailto:Leicestershire@patientsforum.org)

Thank you for taking the time to read this and we look forward to your input into your local PPI Forum.

G. Onslow  
Chairman  
MRH PPI Forum

## **SHOP MOBILITY SCHEME**

A new Shopmobility Sheme has been set up in Melton Mowbray to help people with a disability who wish to access the pedestrianised town centre.

The scheme is based at the Tourist Information Centre in King Street and operates Tuesday and Thursdays 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Shopmobility Melton Mowbray has motorised scooters and manual wheelchairs which can be hired for 2 to 3 hours, free of charge, by members of the scheme (donations accepted). Registration is also free and only takes five minutes.

Booking is advisable and can be made by telephoning Shopmobility Melton Mowbray on 01664 480677, Mobile 07841 496743. If no one is available you can leave a message and the co-ordinator will return your call.

## **RESTORATION VILLAGE**

NO. Toons old farm, next to the garage, isn't competing, it's just pretending. Perhaps by the time that you read this, it will have taken off its plastic mac showing off its new clothes in all their finery. I'm sure that we all hope so, or is it just a big tease? Only time will tell.

## **FOR WHEN THE CASH MACHINE BREAKS DOWN**

For we are reliably told that it does, then don't forget that in Post Office opening hours and if you bank at either:

Alliance and Leicester	Barclays
Cohort	CO-OP
Lloyds TSB	Smile

or

then you can access your accounts through the post office next door. It also gives you security against some of our european partners having fixed a device to access your account, and it could go a little way to keeping the post office open.

## **WHY ARE THE MONEY DYKES SO CALLED**

A question asked in our last newsletter and answered by Mr. Copeland, our new Heritage Warden. The reason for the name was that when drovers went to market in Melton they were not allowed to be paid there, so on the way they used to camp overnight on the piece of ground now known as the Money Dykes to get paid.

## POLICE VOICE

Thank you for your continued support over the past few months as your Local Beat Officer.

Well, what's been happening? I hear you ask! The good news is, not a great deal... In the last 3 months of June, July and August, the following reports crimes were:

2 x criminal damage, 1 x garage broken into, 2 x unattended motor vehicles broken into, 3 x motor vehicles damaged and 1 x motor vehicle stolen. A total of 10 crimes. Please bear in mind that these figures are for Asfordby, Asfordby Valley and Asfordby Hill for 3 complete months. The same period in 2005 (21 crimes), in 2004 (18 crimes), in 2003 (13 crimes) and 2002 (24 crimes). So you can see how much crime is falling in your area.

### **I WANT TO KEEP IT THAT WAY**

Please ensure that all your property is secure. Remove all property from your vehicle and ensure it is locked up. In the run up to Christmas, please bear in mind that traditionally there is an increase in burglaries up and down the country (looking for those new toys). Please be vigilant and report all suspicious person(s) or vehicles immediately.

From my last news letter -

I have been out and about with the speed gun and as a result I have issued 5 speeding tickets, seized 4 vehicles for no insurance and arrested 1 male for disqualified driving. These have come about by stopping vehicles for speeding at locations in Asfordby and Asfordby Hill. **KEEP YOUR SPEEDS DOWN.**

9 Parking tickets have been issued to illegally parked vehicles on Bradgate Lane. **USE THE FREE CAR PARKS.**

12 warning notices issued to riders of off-road motorcycles at Asfordby Hill. Some of these riders live in the Asfordby area and others don't. Please don't go up there with your bikes. If the only way I can control the illegal use of motorbikes is by seizing them, so be it. I'd rather not though so please be considerate and respect local residents.

You can contact the police, or myself, in the following ways with any feedback about your area or the policing of your village.

- (a) my voicemail to leave me direct messages (0116) 2222222 id 1235
- (b) email me at [martin.taylor@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:martin.taylor@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)
- (c) report incidents (0116) 22222222 which do not require immediate police response
- (d) 999 - requiring immediate response e.g. crime in progress.

## **POLICE SURGERIES**

Monday 11 September 2006 - 7.00 to 9.00 pm

Monday 9 October 2006 - 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Friday 17 November 2006 - 6.00 to 8.00 pm

Thanks for listening

PC 1235 Martin Taylor - Local Beat Officer

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COPY  
FOR NEXT ISSUE IS  
4 DECEMBER 2006**

## OFF ROAD RIDING AT ASFORDBY HILL

Dear Sir, or Madam,

I am writing to give a voice to the many, many people that use and have used the facility of the waste ground at Asfordby Hill to enjoy the pastime of riding off road. As the article from PC Taylor said in the last issue of Asfordby Parish News, the area has for many years been given to the community to use as an area where both young and old can freely enjoy the simple pleasure of riding. I am convinced that this is and has been a very positive thing and has given many young people a place to enjoy themselves without causing any harm to others. This is unlike the recent incidents that have recently been reported of bikes in the Parish Hall area damaging the ground and generally causing a nuisance. Is it really any wonder? Another articles in the Asfordby Parish News reports that life for youngsters is "So cheap and boring in Asfordby Valley that some of the youngster's latest game is jumping out of the bus stop, which might or might not have been positioned in the safest place, in front of passing vehicles".

This piece of land has become a haven for younger people, a place where they can do no harm and enjoy themselves without fear of prosecution. As for the argument that they are causing "a nuisance or annoying other people", you have to ask WHO? The site is isolated from housing and as mentioned by PC Taylor, has been used "for several years" by people riding off road, so it can hardly come as a deep and new shock to anybody near the site that people are riding bikes there.

Lastly I am deeply shocked of the wording used, as the only offence that I could possibly think that they are doing would be trespassing, which presumably all other dog walkers and rambles must also be doing if they visit the site. The offence of trespass is NOT a criminal act, but a civil matter (at least last time I looked) so how can they be threatened with the draconian measures of seizure of their private property in the form of their bikes and the prosecution of the riders for being there. In deed how and why would the police be involved at all?

If the Police are determined to stop the many local riders from enjoying the site, even though it has been used for riding for years, where do they expect them to go?