
New Look

Posted by johnfranklyn - 2008/09/01 05:19

The site has had a bit of an overhaul, with a new look. The new frame makes the site load that bit quicker with an average load time of 0.11 and brings up the content in one go.

We are also trying out graphic news letters, so please keep an eye on your spam settings as some emails may not receive them. If you have any article you would like to submit, please email them to me and I will include them in the next news letter.

When you get to the bottom of the page, there are arrows on either side, if you click on them it will take you automatically to the top of the page.

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Re:New Look

Posted by Carol - 2008/09/01 11:43

I do like the new look Mr F.:cheer:

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Re:New Look

Posted by Kath - 2008/09/01 15:09

Well I'm sorry but I must be honest. I'm saying this here because otherwise I'll have no idea what other people think and they won't know what others think either.

In my view it's a bit of a train-wreck. I have Ad-block in Firefox and I have to block all the new stuff as fast as it's put up to be able to go on accessing at all without constant crashes.

I'd like to see dramatic simplification.

If lots of other people come in and say they like it, fair enough, I'll just keep blocking.

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Re:New Look

Posted by johnfranklyn - 2008/09/01 16:12

I don't quite understand that. There are no ads, just the same banners as before and stuff has actually been taken off. It works fine on my fire fox, ie on widescreen, normal screen and pda.

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Re:New Look -Please Read

Posted by johnfranklyn - 2008/09/01 16:28

If you prefer the site as it was you can choose the

Revolution2

In the Template chooser on the left handside. You will NOT see any banners.

DO NOT CHOOSE the template PDA as the only way you will be able to change template after that is by deleting your browser history - fair warning given

Please note, TCW does not have any pop ups or ads other than the banners that have been used since the new site was built. If you do experience pop ups or anything else, they are from some other source NOT TCW.

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Re:New Look -Please Read

Posted by bigd - 2008/09/01 17:13

I like it. Its clearer and crisper. I agree with Carol. Saying its a train wreck is very harsh, it is the same banners as before, stuff on the right like the olympics logo has been removed, maybe your security on your puter needs looking at.

But hay, you cannot please everyone all the time or some any of the time.

Keep up the work TCW.

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Re:New Look

Posted by duane2 - 2008/09/02 04:22

Hi john i think that the site is alot better with what you have done to it it loads up alot quicker and all comes at once instead of before when you just got bit by bit. so kath if you think that its so much of a train reck then dont stop at TCW station, but i think that john does a great job with the website and i hope he keeps it up in the near and distant future keep up the good work john.

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Re:New Look

Posted by Carol - 2008/09/02 12:41

This new look must of took a lot of time Mr F and I for one like the new look.

Members please lets not forget what this site is about,

1 Its free

2 Where would Sutton Hill be without this site and John.

3 The people of St Georges would of never got to find out what there local councillor has been up to without this site.

4 Freedom of speech.

Kath I think you must have a realy old pc to have all the problems you have, might I surgest you tip Lord Hoop up till all his money fall's out of his pockets and run off to PC World and buy a new one:dry:

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Re:New Look

Posted by Kath - 2008/09/02 13:37

You're over-reacting a bit there Carol :)

I'm one of the biggest supporters of this site and have spread the word about it a great deal. I also have the greatest admiration for John and all that he does. I know that he knows that.

That has nothing whatsoever to do with the fact that I find the site layout cluttered and far too busy, plus it has features that can cause problems in some browsers.

He certainly seems to attract the motherly protector types though, don't know how he does it :)

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Re:New Look

Posted by Kath - 2008/09/02 13:40

John, the Ad-block extension in Firefox isn't just about ads, I can and do block all the video thingies you put down the right and a bunch of banner-type things as well. Clocks, all that kind of stuff - don't want or need it.

I'm really just interested in the conversations that go on here, not the fluff.

But if most people like it, obviously you should go on doing it.

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Re:New Look

Posted by Carol - 2008/09/02 14:28

Kath I am pleased your one of TCW big supporters and you talk to a lot of people about this site. I still feel I did not over-react but it might be hard to tip our Lord Hoop upside down, keep up the good work.:woohoo:

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Re:New Look

Posted by Kath - 2008/09/02 14:49

Luckily for me, Lord Hoop does not have sole control of the purse strings :)

And come on, just because you might think somebody is wearing a silly hat or something, doesn't mean you don't like them. I don't judge people by their clothes - or the look of their websites ;)

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Re:New Look

Posted by HOOP - 2008/09/02 18:07

I say ladies, this is all getting a bit personal!

If we can get the contents of my pockets out of the way first (feel free to speculate about the rest of the "trouser area", but that's a matter that I'd rather remained a matter for myself and my tailor), death duties and the activities of those money-grabbing swine at the Treasury have ensured that (like the Queen - tight-fisted old bitch) I NEVER carry cash with me - it's just TOO common!

On the more prosaic subject of this web site, I agree with Kath, purely from the utilitarian standpoint - we need to make it available to as many people as possible, not just those with the latest operating systems and browsers. I'm typing this on an old iMac - it's a nightmare even accessing the site, but I know users of modern PCs with relatively up to date software have similar problems.

PLEASE - don't regard any technical suggestion or criticism of this site as a death threat aimed at John - they're probably coming from his keenest supporters!

Two things to remember - content is ALWAYS more important than style, in the long term, and (if you're still bothered about style) - MORE IS LESS.

.....and as some unpleasant little American said "keep it simple, stupid"...

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Re:New Look

Posted by johnfranklyn - 2008/09/03 00:09

I think its great.

All of a sudden, accessing the site is a nightmare and its a train wreck.

Not one person has contacted me say any of this, until I started this thread.

Its not just about someone having old machines (and the 4 I use range from 4 weeks old to over 10 years old) , its also someone electing to add an extension that adds to difficulties.

If you were having such big problems, that have clearly caused you problems for sometime, couldn't you have sent me a pm, email, phoned, rather than coming out with comments like,

"its a train wreck"

Sit back and think about it, and maybe, just maybe, you might realise that someone sat on another computer, thinking they are doing the best by all, now feels quite hurt by those comments and by the fact that people have had problems, but never had the courtesy to say anything.

Thank you.

Am I offended, not so much, but my feelings are certainly dented and from now on, i'll not do another thing.

Banners Off
Analog clock Off
TCW Podcasts Off
Shout box Off
Template Chooser Off
Rss Feeds Off
Extended Menu OFF
Translator Off

If there's anything else you don't want, let me know please.

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Re:New Look

Posted by Kath - 2008/09/03 00:37

Well, I'm very sorry you're offended, John. I thought you had bigger shoulders than that.

I've heard people complaining about difficulties with the site and thought it was time someone actually came out and said something - I thought as you'd opened this topic it might be up for discussion.

Telling you privately doesn't get over the problem that no-one is discussing the appearance and technical function of the site - again, this has nothing whatsoever to do with the immensely impressive work you're doing or how important the existence of this site is.

If ten people turned up and said they thought it was great (the appearance!) - love the clock, the translator, the video things, then I might think it's just me and a few others who have difficulties. The extension doesn't cause problems, it allows me to block most of the extra stuff you put on as fast as you add it, which means I can at least use the site without constant crashes and delays.

Please calm down John - what you're doing is much bigger and more important than some details about website design. You're a brave man who stands up and says what he thinks - please allow some others of the gobby persuasion to do the same without taking it personally.

Also please think - will you ever get honest opinions if you react like this, or will you scare people off from telling the truth?

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Re:New Look

Posted by johnfranklyn - 2008/09/03 00:46

Kath, its not a case of calming down, because that would suggest anger, that i'm not.

If your ill, you don't wait for a doctor to ask.
If your running a business and do something wrong, you want to be told, not all your customers first.

I have big shouldres that take alot.

If you had so many problems for so long, you could've said something earlier.

I want honesty, yes and if you don't understand that now, then you never will.

Something should've been said earlier, rather than wait for me to say something and leave meswimming against the tide.

As they say,

"A person with BO, is usually the last to know"

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Re:New Look

Posted by Kath - 2008/09/03 00:52

Sure, John - but I'm the one who stuck their head over the parapet, I've done it many times before and I'm used to the inevitable headshots ;) Great respect for what you do may have held some people back from pointing out technical difficulties - and that's all they are - but I'm also putting myself up to be told it's all fine, we love the way it works, shut up.

Flame suits on ;)

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Re:New Look

Posted by Kath - 2008/09/03 00:58

Oh and Carol - I don't use an old computer, but many people do. They may not have the knowledge or the cash to be totally up to date with their equipment. I favour letting as many people as possible access the site, and I know some people can't, or only with difficulty. I'm sure none of us want to exclude people.

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Re:New Look

Posted by johnfranklyn - 2008/09/03 01:05

Hows your access now then, you've knocked it, at least say if its improved.

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Re:New Look

Posted by Kath - 2008/09/03 01:33

It's fine at the moment, thanks, but then I've knocked a lot of stuff on the head. I don't know if you've removed some stuff.

Once again John, please don't scare people off from letting you know if there are problems. And try not to blame me for being the mouthy one, you should understand that ;)

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Re:New Look

Posted by Carol - 2008/09/03 12:48

Without upsetting anyone I would like to add.

1 John I am not wanting to mother or smuther you but can I have the shout box back please "in red":lol:

2 Lord Hoop says more is less and lets not forget every inch counts.

3 Kath I did not intend to upset you and the more members the better. I do have an old lap top about 5 years old.

I do hope this clears all the mess I have caused.:ohmy:

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Re:New Look

Posted by Kath - 2008/09/03 13:43

No problem Carol, skin of a rhino, me :)

And I switched off my blocker and saw things have been cleaned up a lot, thanks John.

Now the acid test - how's cobbler getting on?

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Re:New Look

Posted by Carol - 2008/09/03 14:06

No problem Kath but I have found in the past if I have a problem with TCW I email John.

And for Mr Cobler well he will be down the pub with Lord Hoop and the rabbit.:dry:

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Re:New Look

Posted by HOOP - 2008/09/04 03:38

"Pub" Carol? Although I have been known to visit a local hostelry from time to time I find it hard avoiding the company of tenants, servants and estate workers and other members of the labouring and commercial classes - one has to maintain a certain air of superiority don't you know?

Now you two girls have made up, I suppose you'll no longer be interested in settling your differences with a bit of healthy mud-wrestling?

I have refereed many bouts in the servant's hall to resolve squabbles among the younger between floors maids, but Lady Hoop has put a stop to it, refusing to accept my argument that the only reason for them wrestling in the nude was to reduce laundry bills.....

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Re:New Look

Posted by Kath - 2008/09/06 13:34

Hmm, an interesting league table of most-viewed threads, this is very popular - not many comments though ;) It's definitely cleaner and quicker now.

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Re:New Look

Posted by ajcobbler - 2008/09/26 06:13

The site is now very clear .It is unfortunate but the number of contributors is low. There is a general laziness but also a tendency for numerous individual blogs. Perhaps the mud wrestling would attract more interest.I was thinking this at the council farce last night.

Miles Hosken mud wrestling Hoop(Peabody)might stimulate interest as well as disgust. I also told JF and Carol that I thought the different parties should attend council in party colors with their baying supporters.The new electronic scoreboard could have a points system or "own goal" or whatever flashing up.

At least the spectators could be allowed to intervene in an orderly manner by catching the chairmans eye and holding up a "crap" card allowing them to point out that what a member has said is indeed utter crap.And believe me there was plenty of that last night.I thought wistfully of the old labour days when trade union members had some idea of how to deal

with multi amendments.LAST NIGHTS SHOW WAS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW BADLY DEBATE HAS DETERIORATED.
Richard Overton is to complain to the Chief executive about it and he is right to do so

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Re:New Look

Posted by HOOP - 2008/09/26 07:11

Miles Hosken mud wrestling Hoop might stimulate interest as well as disgust

.....and any more suggestions like that might stimulate a legal action for libel..... :woohoo:

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Re:New Look

Posted by Kath - 2008/10/11 03:21

Nice! Very tidy now, all the 'Latest Posts' fitted in properly.

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