

UPTON NEWS

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Now that the dust has settled following the recent election campaign, may I take this opportunity to thank all those in the Upton area who took the time to vote for me in May. It is a great honour to have been returned as Member of Parliament once again and to be given the opportunity to continue to work hard on behalf of local residents. As Member of Parliament, I represent all those who live in the West Worcestershire constituency, regardless of what they voted at the General Election. If you would like to discuss any local or national issue of concern, I can best be contacted by writing to me at the above address or by attending one of my monthly interview sessions at the Memorial Hall in Upton. Details can be found in the local press, by calling 01684 573469 or logging on to my website www.sirmichaelspicer.net

Although the focus of politicians and commentators at election time is often on national issues, I am acutely aware of a number of local issues that remain of particular concern to residents in this constituency. In particular, the focus must now be on the campaign for a new Community Hospital in Malvern. It really is time for the decisions to be taken, generalisation to stop and a real proposal to be put in front of us. Now all the politics is over, I trust we can all work together to ensure a speedy resolution to this major issue.

After many anxious months, I am delighted that the new viaduct at Upton is now open and that traffic movement and the convenience of local residents has been much improved. It has been a tremendous logistical effort to secure the new structure in a relatively short period of time and I am pleased that on the whole, strenuous efforts were made to keep disruption to a minimum.

On a different subject, I was interested to hear of the launch of Upton's Heart of England in Bloom bid for 2005. I look forward to learning of the specific proposals which will hopefully enable the town to repeat the success it has enjoyed in the last two competitions. It really is important that the local community are involved in making the competition a success; I am sure Upton residents will rise to the occasion.

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