



NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Serving the Local Community

NORMANTON & ALTOFTS SAYS GOODBYE TO ITS LONGEST SERVING COUNCILLOR



It was with deep regret that we learned of the death, in January of our good friend and colleague Councillor Cyril Marshall after a long suffering illness. Councillor Marshall has been a member of the Normanton Town Council since May 1979 and has for many years been an active member of not only the work of the Town Council but also of the Planning, Highways & Street Lighting Committee. Cyril always had a keen interest in footpaths and tried his best to make sure that footpaths were open and accessible for the people of the town.

In May 1992 Councillor Marshall received the ultimate accolade by being elected as Mayor of Normanton.

Council Marshall enjoyed his annual role inspecting the many allotments throughout the Normanton and Altofts area and his expertise was vital in the selection of best prepared plots and sites. Prior to his illness he also enjoyed organising the Town Council's Gala Parade in Altofts.

The public of Normanton and Altofts has lost a truly remarkable member of its community – a member who will be hard to replace.

Councillor Marshall passed away at his home on 6th January at the age of 73 and leaves behind his devoted wife Sheila, daughter Andrea, son David, son in law Mick, daughter in law Kath and his five cherished grand children.

Our thoughts remain with Sheila and family.

THE 2011 CENSUS IS COMING

The census has collected information about the population every ten years since 1801 (except 1941). The next census in England and Wales is on March 27th 2011.

The Census tells us how many people live where and the types of people they are (young, old, married, single). This means decisions, like working out who needs facilities in the future, are focussed on accurate, relevant details.

Millions of pounds shared out

The Department of Communities and Local Government and the Department of Health, allocate money to local health authorities. Census statistics feed into that process, that's why you need to be counted to make sure that your community is properly represented in the decision making process.

Your community and family benefit

You need to complete and return the Census form so that the services and facilities your community / family uses can be identified. These services include schools, hospitals and emergency services. Census statistics help work out the amount of funding allocated to facilities in communities.

2011 Census—Help Tomorrow Take Shape

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON—A BIG SUCCESS

The public of Normanton and Altofts were treated to the biggest and best Christmas Lights Switch On. Friday 26th November 2010 saw hundreds of Christmas revellers flock to the Normanton High Street throughout the day to purchase many of the Christmas gifts on sale at the special Christmas Market, treat themselves to a hog roast sandwich, enjoy a hair raising fairground ride, or simply look forward to the arrival of Father Christmas.

Prior to the early evening lights switch on a parade of Civic dignitaries from Normanton and Altofts and from neighbouring Town and Parrish Councils left the Town Hall to the sound of Christmas Carols. Led by Father Christmas the parade made its way to the town's obelisk where the Christmas lights were switched on by the Mayor of Normanton, Councillor Mrs Elaine Blezard, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs Denise Clay and Member of Parliament for Normanton, Pontefract & Castleford Yvette Cooper.

The lights switch on was greeted by a "white-out" of imitation snowflakes. The Mayor of Normanton Councillor Blezard commented "the public of Normanton, Altofts and from afar have been treated to a very special day. Our Christmas Lights Switch On is a vital date in our civic diary and will continue to be so. May I thank all those who have once again supported this festive event"

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The 5th May 2011 is an important date for your diary. Not only will votes be cast for your local District Councillor but you will also be able to vote for prospective members of the Normanton Town Council.

To be eligible to vote your name must be entered on the Electoral Register – if it's not you won't be able to vote – so now is a good time to check that you are registered. The Electoral Register can be inspected at your local library or by contacting the Election Office at Wakefield Council on 01924 – 305023 who will add your name if you aren't registered.

REGISTER NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO

How to contact your local Councillors

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Councillor Mrs Mabel Betts Tel: 894048
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23 Newlathes Crescent, Normanton, WF6 1SX

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65 Sandal Hall Mews, Walton Lane, Sandal, Wakefield,

Councillor Bill Wood Tel: 893882
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Council

Meetings

Members of the Public are welcome to attend meetings of the Town Council.

Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday in each month (except August) at 6.30pm

at the Town Hall

Tuesday 8th February

Tuesday 8th March

Tuesday 12th April

Tuesday 17th May

How to Contact Us

You can contact the Town Council in the following ways:

In Person:

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9.30am—1.00pm

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Town Council Officers

Mrs Donna Johnston AILCM
Town Clerk

Mr Terry Crook
Deputy Town Clerk

Ms Louise Finnegan
Admin Assistant

TALKING NEWSPAPER NEEDS YOU!

The Town Council's Talking Newspaper is currently looking for volunteers to help with the recording of the tapes for blind and partially sighted people of Normanton & Altofts

If you can spare two hours per month then please contact us.

COUNCIL AND POLICE SURGERIES

Normanton Town Council will be holding its normal Councillors Surgeries on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month at the Town Hall, in addition to the Councillors, a representative from the local Police will also be in attendance on the following dates: 8th Feb, 22nd March, 12th April, 24th May. You will be able to talk to a Town Councillor or Police Officer in total confidence about issues affect you.

EVENTS IN 2011

There will be a number of events held during 2011. Provisional dates are detailed below and further information will be featured in future editions of the Newsletter.

Normanton Gala Weekend

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September. Stall reservations being taken. Fundraising, Information and Trades welcome.

Funfair for children and young adults with Special Needs

Monday 12th September

Please contact the Office for further information

Horticultural Show

Saturday 17th September

Look out for a copy of the Schedule later in the year. Features flowers, vegetables, home baking and children's section.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 13th November

Christmas Lights Switch On

Friday 25th November

Reservations being taken for the Christmas Market. Fundraisers, Information Stands and Traders welcome.