



NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Serving the Local Community

Community turns out to say final goodbye to Graeme Milner

It is saddening to report the death of Councillor Graeme Milner who died suddenly in March after a short battle with cancer. Graeme was born and brought up in Normanton and was educated at Normanton Grammar School. Graeme studied at several universities and gained three Degree qualifications. His interest in environmental issues led him to stand for the District Council where he represented the Normanton Ward for four years and following that he was a member of the Town Council for four years. Graeme's funeral was held at Pontefract crematorium and was attended by many representatives of our community who showed their respect for Graeme and support for his family. Graeme leaves behind his wife Ida, and children Francesca and Gareth who will miss him dearly. He will be missed by all members of the Town Council.

Town Councillors—Thank you

This year's election on May 5th will see a lot of changes for the Town Council. There are a number of our long serving Councillors who will not be standing at this year's election and it would be remiss of the Town Council not to thank them on behalf of the people of Normanton and Altofts for their hard work and dedication over the years. It should be noted that Town Councillors do not receive pay or extravagant allowances for their work, it is a voluntary role and some of our more senior Councillors have dedicated a huge amount of time to the service of our community.

I would like to place on record our thanks to the following Councillors:

Councillor Mrs Margaret Howard—28 years service;

Councillor Gary Firth—23 years service;

Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Pratt—20 years service;

Councillor Mrs Mary White—16 years service;

Councillor Mrs Mabel Betts—8 years service;

Councillor Mrs Denise Clay—7 years service;

Councillor Richard Clay—5 Years.

These Councillors will be a hard act to follow and their input will be missed.

ELECTION—USE YOUR VOTE

May 5th 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 Normanton Town Council. There will also be a referendum on the alternative voting system

DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR VOTE

Message from the Mayor of Normanton - Councillor Mrs Elaine Blezard

I am proud to have served as the Mayor of Normanton for the past twelve months. I have enjoyed visiting a variety of schools around the area, all of whom have made me feel very welcome. I would also like to thank Atlee Court and Chestnuts Nursing Home for their invitations and warm welcome. I have been fortunate to have made some excellent links with local businesses including DHL who have been very supportive of my Charity Fund. This year I have supported the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and other local good causes and I am proud to have raised over £5000, with donations still being received. I would like to pass on my thanks to the Churches in Normanton and Altofts for inviting me to attend many Christmas services and also to Reverend Barry Lotz who has supported me as my chaplain for the year.

The Town Councillors and members of the public have all been very supportive and attended lots of the events that I have held to raise money for the Charity Appeal. I must also thank Donna Johnston and Terry Crook for keeping me in order and making sure I get to the right place at the right time and to Louise Finnegan for all her administrative support.

It was an honour to have been Mayor when the Town Council received its renewal of Quality Town Council status. This is a recognition of the Town Council's hard work and my congratulations go to the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk for all their hard work in submitting the application.

My final word of thanks has to go to Allan Irvine of Laing O'Rourke, who recently completed building the HSBC data Centre on the Industrial Estate. Allan and his colleagues worked tirelessly, raising money for local projects and completed a major renovation of Robin's Garden at Normanton Library and also provided sensory equipment for the service users at the centre. Laing O'Rourke were very generous in leaving a legacy for the people of Normanton and Altofts in providing the Town with Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's robes. These robes have given the office of Mayor a much more official status when attending civic events in other parts of the district. I am proud to have been the first Mayor to have worn these robes and represented the Town.

EASTER EGG COMPETITION—EGG-CELLENT WORK!

The Town Council's annual Easter Egg colouring competition was a cracking success this year, with record numbers of entries flooding in. Judging was a very difficult task as the standards were very high once again. A list of winners are detailed below, along with some pictures of the overall winners.

Altofts Junior School—1st Katie Golby, 2nd Jessica Proctor, 3rd Kira Fradgley

Newlands Primary School (Infants) - 1st Joel Rylance, 2nd Vade Hall

Newlands Primary School (Juniors) - 1st Megan Newton, 2nd Ebony Fisher, 3rd Jack Thompson

Normanton Junior School—1st Joshua Clayton, 2nd Casy Davies, 3rd Cameron West-Samuel

St John the Baptist (Infants) - 1st Place Eleanor Lynch, 2nd Joseph Horne, 3rd Megan Bently

St John the Baptist (Juniors) - 1st Olivia Barkham, 2nd Christina Fortes-Orgallas, 3rd Patricia Fortes-Orgallas

Normanton Common (Infants) - 1st Regan Newhall, 2nd Toby Philpot, 3rd Tia Beaumont

Normanton Common (Juniors) - 1st Bethany Jordan, 2nd Abbey Bond, 3rd Rebecca Poutney

Martin Frobisher—1st Jack Bradley, 2nd Molly Sutherley, 3rd Jorja Corfield

Lee Brigg—1st Mia Skukowski, 2nd Ellie Glover, 3rd Alex Gordon

All Saints—1st Anara Shaw, 2nd Harry Farrand, 3rd Jessica Lindop

Foundation stage winners as follows: Zoe Morsan (All Saints), Erin Turley (St John's), Erin Cook (Lee Brigg), Kaceymae (Martin Frobisher), Brandon Fletcher (Common School)

Congratulations to the overall winners, whose entries are featured below.



Jack Bradley

Age 6

Martin Frobisher Infants

OVERALL WINNER

INFANTS



Katie Golby

Age 9

Altofts Juniors

OVERALL WINNER

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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 17th May—Annual Meeting

Tuesday 14th June

Tuesday 12th July

No meeting in August

How to Contact Us

You can contact the Town Council in the following ways:

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Town Council Officers

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Deputy Town Clerk

Ms Louise Finnegan
Admin Assistant

TALKING NEWSPAPER

Thank You

We recently advertised for volunteers for the Talking Newspaper and we received an overwhelming response from members of the community. The Town Council would like to thank everyone for their support

COUNCIL AND POLICE SURGERIES

Normanton Town Council will be holding its normal Councillor's 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: 24th May, 14th June and 26th July. You will be able to talk to a Town Councillor or Police Officer in total confidence about issues that 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.