



NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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GALA WEEKEND GETS CLOSER

The Gala weekend is drawing closer and you should see the programme available in the Town from the end of August. It gives you all the information that you need for the BIG weekend as well as some of the events that are held throughout September. We are still accepting teams for the 'It's a Knockout' competition on Gala Sunday so please get in touch if you want to enter.

NORMANTON MARKET

The Town Council has been working with the District Council in an effort to protect the future of Normanton Market. This process has included a series of meetings with the District Council and the local MP, Yvette Cooper. The Town Council believes that the Market is an important part of Normanton's heritage and should be protected so that shoppers can enjoy their Shopping experience in the Town Centre. It also believes that the Town Centre would suffer as a result of the possible future closure of the Market. If you are interested in the Market then keep a look out in the local press for details of future meetings and progress reports.

TALKING NEWSPAPER

We are once again looking for a small number of readers who can help on a Friday afternoon and someone to operate the basic recording equipment on a Friday morning at the Talking Newspaper.

If you think you might be able to help then please contact us.

Major Gas Works in the Town Centre are due to cause travel problems during August and possibly through to November as a gas main is replaced in the High Street. Please allow a little extra time to complete your journey if you are travelling through the Swan Crossroads or in the area of the High Street during this time.

NEW TOWN COUNCILLORS TAKE THEIR SEATS

Four new Town Councillors took their seats on Normanton Town Council after being elected unopposed at the May elections. Lisa Blezard, Gary Croft, Deryck Scott and Keith Wilson attended their first Council Meeting on Tuesday 17th May 2011. Miss Blezard continues a long family tradition, her mother, Councillor Mrs Elaine Blezard and grandfather Councillor George Jordan, both former Mayors, are also members of the Town Council.

Despite these four new councillors taking up their roll the membership of the Town Council fell five members short of its maximum twenty two Councillors. Five additional members were co-opted to the council at its meeting on 14th June 2011 - Debbie Mayne, Alexandra Moran, Carol Moran, Roy Seal and Martin Walker have now joined the Town Council and are looking forward to supporting its work in the coming years.

NORMANTON REWARDS ITS HARD WORKING GARDENERS

Normanton Town Councillors have recently carried out their annual allotment inspection to determine which of its plot holders should be selected as prize winners for their dedicated effort and enthusiasm in growing a variety of vegetables, fruit and herbs. In determining their decision Councillors took into consideration the variety and the amount of crops being grown, the overall layout of each plot along with the tidiness of the plots. Prizes are awarded to the winners, runners up and third places at each of the Council's allotments sites along with offering commendations to plot holders who have shown improvement and enthusiasm.

In addition to the individual site winners prizes are also awarded to the overall winner, runner up and third place throughout the Normanton and Altofts area.

The overall winners are Ron and Sheila Farrar who occupy a plot at the Newlands Lane site. Ron and Sheila have held their plot for 44 years which in itself is an indication to their commitment and enthusiasm. Things may have changed in 2001 when Ron suffered a stroke and the couple considered giving up their hobby. However, they decided to continue and are pleased they did as this is the second time they have won this coveted prize having been overall winners in 2009. Ron and Sheila enjoy growing a variety of crops and are particularly pleased this year with their red cabbage and giant tomatoes.

Second place went to Julie Taylor from the Ellins Terrace site and third place to David Sunderland from the Wentworth Terrace site.

Julie's success maintains a family tradition following her mother Mary's success who won a similar prize in 1987. Julie's plot at the Ellins Terrace site was previously looked after by both her father and grandfather before him.

David has only held his plot for 4 years and has worked particularly hard having had to remove two skips full of rubbish (including two mattresses, rolls of carpet and a motorcycle !) before he planted his first seeds. In and amongst his vegetables David grows marigolds intended to attract insects which eat caterpillars.

The Newlands Lane site has been awarded the prize for the best allotment site and the Hey's Building site as most improved site.

The Mayor of Normanton Councillor Denton Jones, who is also the Town Council's Allotments Liaison Officer, commented on how pleased he was of the efforts of the majority of the allotment plot holders. He added "the plot holders clearly put in many hours of hard work tending their crops and I would like to congratulate all the winners for their effort and achievements".



Sheila and Ron Farrar
Newland Lane



Julie Taylor
Ellins Terrace



David Sunderland
Wentworth Terrace

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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 6th September 2011

Tuesday 11th October 2011

Tuesday 8th November 2011

EVENTS IN 2011

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

Normanton Gala

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.

MacMillan Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning

Friday 23rd September
Come along and help raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support

Talk & Slide Show

John Hodgkins will present a talk and slide show on Normanton at 7.00pm at the Town Hall. Free Refreshments will be provided

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 .