



NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Serving the Local Community

Major Gas Works in the Town Centre that were due to begin in August have been delayed until January 2012. Please be aware that there may be some delays to your journeys in the vicinity of the Swan crossroads, High Street and Snyderdale Road during this time.

NORMANTON GALA WEEKEND

The weather forecast was poor during the early part of the week leading up to the Gala weekend and many wondered whether the **Normanton Gala Weekend** would once again be a success, but we never let the weather get the better of us in Normanton and the Gala was a huge success and witnessed by thousands over Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September 2011.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Normanton, Councillor Denton Jones and Mrs Susan Batty and other Normanton and Altofts Councillors were joined in the parade from Altofts to Haw Hill Park in Normanton by civic dignitaries from a host of councils including Wakefield, Featherstone, Harrogate, South Kirby, South Elmsall, Hemsworth and Keighley, proving once again how popular our Gala weekend has become.

Our thanks must go to those who provided the entertainment over the two days - the 3 Sixty Mountain Bike Display Team, Normanton Sports Acro, the Ambassadors of Borrowash Band, Normanton Dog Training Club, singer Lindsey Brian, Moonlight Majorettes, Melissa Radway School of Dance, JP Baker School of Dance, Normanton Nightingales Cheerleaders, and Free Spirit Cheerleading Troupe.

The firework display on Saturday evening was once again well received with messages of congratulations being received immediately after Gala weekend.

Sunday witnessed our first "It's a Knockout Competition" which provided fun for competitors and spectators alike. Teams from All Saints Church, Normanton Common School, Charlston Cricket Club, City Slickers, Altofts & Normanton Brass Band all finished as worthwhile runners-up to the Mayor's Team, who swept to victory lifting the coveted trophy.

Thanks must go to all those who supported the Gala weekend and residents from Normanton and Altofts and beyond can rest assured that arrangements are already being discussed to make next year's Gala weekend even better than in previous years.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF NORMANTON

Christmas will be upon us very soon, a period when myself and the Mayoress will be very busy. Starting with the Christmas Lights Switch On in November. This will be followed by visits to local schools, churches and care homes where I am already looking forward to sampling the mince pies and Christmas cake.

The Lights Switch On, like the Gala is one of the highlights of my mayoral year and I hope that the people of Normanton and Altofts once again turn out in great numbers, to see Santa and his sleigh in the precinct.

I always think that Christmas is a great time especially for the Children and even with the financial restraint which many are experiencing, I'm sure that they will still receive their presents on Christmas Day.

May I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councillor Denton Jones

Mayor of Normanton 2011/12

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER, COUNCILLOR B SMITH

It gives me great pleasure to write this message. As you will appreciate everything has to go to the printers well in advance of the publication date so I am doing this at the beginning of October almost before the holiday season has passed and certainly before the winter is upon us. We have had a really good September weatherwise and also the beginning of October when some records were broken in relation to temperatures for the time of year. All that I hope gives us a good start to the winter and what it might bring.

Christmas and a New Year are approaching and no doubt will be here before any of us are ready. 2011 has not been an easy year with the economy being in a difficult state causing us all to have to pull our belts in and look at our expenditure. We hope that as we go into the New Year in 2012 things will begin to improve not only in this country but across the world.

As we all have to manage with less money currently, some more than others, I am sure we can all look around and see people in our own community who are far less off than we are not just materially but in health and family. I think the beginning of a new year is a good time to reflect on what we have, not only how much money we have or might need, even though that is important and cannot be ignored by any of us but we need to look at the whole picture to see what we really have. Most of us have friends and families who make a massive difference to our lives and just a quick word to a lonely neighbour, or a telephone call or a piece of apple pie leftover from our lunch can make so much difference to that person who is feeling depressed, lonely and very vulnerable.

Let us not forget as we approach Christmas that although we want to give our children all they ask for and see their faces light up on Christmas morning we should also remember the true meaning of Christmas and the birth of Jesus in a stable.

I hope and pray that you will all have a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and that in 2012 things overall will improve and we can look forward to the coming year with anticipation that things will get better at the same time remembering all that we have.

Let us thank God for everything we have and pray for all those in our community who are alone, have health problems, have been bereaved and feel they no longer have a purpose in life.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Councillor Barry Smith

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EVENTS

The Town Council's main events for the year are almost finished but the hard work continues behind the scenes in arranging next year's events. Keep an eye on the Newsletter and our website for further information.

Events for the remainder of 2011 are:

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 13th November

The parade musters at the Alice Bacon Centre at 9.45am and departs at 10.15am. The Service takes place at the Cenotaph in Haw Hill Park at

10.30am. The Altofts service commences at 11.30am.

Christmas Lights Switch On

Friday 25th November from 5.00pm in the High Street.

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

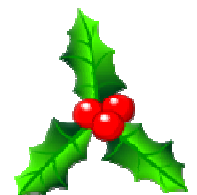
Children's Christmas Party

The Town Council has invited the year 1 children from all the schools in Normanton and Altofts to its annual Christmas Party.

This event is by invitation only so please make sure that you return the reply slips in good time to secure your place.

Christmas Celebration

The Town Council, Normanton Lions and Churches Together will present a Christmas Celebration on Thursday 15th December at 7.00pm at St John's Church. The event will feature Altofts & Normanton Brass Band, Normanton Junior School and others.



Town Council Officers

Mrs Donna Johnston MILCM
Town Clerk

Mr Terry Crook
Deputy Town Clerk

Ms Louise Finnegan
Admin Assistant

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 November 2011

Tuesday 13th December 2011

Tuesday 10th January 2012

(January meeting to be confirmed)