

MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S SPRING MESSAGE



It was a great honour to have been elected Mayor by my fellow Councillors last May, and a privilege to have represented the people of Malvern. I think it has been a good year for the town. National chains have opened branches here, which indicates confidence for the future. Rose Bank Gardens steadily improves and becomes more popular. Ties with Mariánské Lázně have grown stronger and a new relationship has been forged with Bagnères-de-Bigorre in France.

The buildings of the old Ellerslie and Hillstone schools, left abandoned for so long, are now changing fast for a new future as a retirement village. St. Richard's Hospice has had a major expansion with their new shop in Malvern Link, and Nigel and Sara Morris of Malvern Post Office continue to forge ahead with projects in Great Malvern. New bells for the Priory have been dedicated by the Bishop of Worcester, and over £4,000 has been raised for my charity, Childline, thanks to the generous spirit of the people of our town and the invaluable help of Colin Butler MBE, Chairman of the Malvern & 3 Counties Friends of Childline.

I heard the first cuckoo this weekend and the buzzards, real and sculpted, continue to fly over the town. The Malvern Bookshop on the Abbey steps is alive and well under new ownership, and St. Richard's Hospice has also opened a well-stocked bookshop in Malvern Link. The future's bright, the future's Malvern.

Julian I'Anson

Mayor, Malvern Town Council

MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS SPECIAL

This edition of the Malvern Town Council Newsletter is a special events edition, focusing on the many events that are planned for the summer months, as well as later in the year - a few highlights are presented below, but read on for full details.

- Bands in the Park returns to the Priory Park Bandstand from Sunday 15 May until Sunday 11 November, from 2:30pm - 4:30pm. Free to attend; bring a chair, a blanket, and maybe a picnic, and enjoy brass bands in a beautiful setting.
- Malvern Outdoor Cinema Season screenings will be held throughout Malvern between June and October - the next film, in Rose Bank Gardens, will be *Casablanca* on Sunday June 5. Tickets are on sale now.
- Illyria Outdoor Theatre will be performing *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in Rose Bank Gardens on Friday 5 August.
- The annual Mayor's Bonanza will return to Priory Park on Sunday 14 August - featuring music, food and drink, fun and games, and other entertainment for all the family!



ARMED FORCES DAY GALA – SATURDAY 25 JUNE, VICTORIA PARK, MALVERN LINK



Saturday 25 June is Armed Forces Day, a national day on which we can celebrate and thank all those who serve, and have served, on our behalf. Malvern will once again be taking part in this national show of support with an Armed Forces Day Gala, taking place at Victoria Park in Malvern Link, from **12 noon until 6pm**.

Featuring a wide range of fun activities for Malvern residents of all ages, as well as displays and information from Malvern's cadet groups, ex-Service associations and veterans' groups, plus a WW1-era cavalry recruiting station, displays of military kit and vehicles from throughout the last century, exciting aerial stunt displays, *and* a flypast from a Hurricane fighter from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, plus music, food, drink and much more. Make sure you mark Saturday 25 June in your diary and join us at Victoria Park to show your support for our Armed Forces.

MALVERN EVENTS GUIDE 2016

Malvern Heritage Festival – 23 April, Great Malvern

On Saturday 23 April, the inaugural Malvern Heritage Festival was held throughout the town. The Mayor, Cllr Julian I'Anson, hosted a Civic Service of Thanksgiving for his Mayoral year, featuring the choir of Regent's Theological College, followed by a St George's flag-raising ceremony at Malvern Library. Throughout the day, there were also craft workshops, face painting, and Morris dancing.

Residents were transported back to 1193 in the Priory Church grounds, where a group of Norman pilgrims had set up camp on their way to Glastonbury from the wild Marches. Visitors discovered how ordinary people lived in the 12th Century; how they cooked, dyed fabric, and where the rarest spices came from. An archer and a Man-at-Arms were also on hand, demonstrating the martial skills of the period and allowing visitors to get their hands on arms and armour alike.



Malvern Health & Wellbeing Fair – 30 April, Rose Bank Gardens

Another new event for 2016 was Malvern Health & Wellbeing Fair, held in Rose Bank Gardens on Saturday 30 April. This was the opening day of a new partnership event weekend, Malvern Water Festival, and scores of people flocked to Rose Bank Gardens to try alternative and complementary therapies, and tasty vegan recipes, get nutritional advice, and find out more about health and fitness from fourteen Malvern practitioners, businesses and organisations.



Malvern also formally twinned with the French Spa town of Bagnères-de-Bigorre, as the Mayors of both towns signed the Twinning Oath on behalf of their respective communities. Mayor Jean Bernard Sempastous, his wife Gabrielle, and Deputy Mayor Stéphane Barthe were met by the Malvern-Bagnères Twinning Association, took in the dressed Wells and awarded a special prize - the *Prix de l'Eau* - to the Evendine Spring, dressed by Aquartet.

Malvern Town Council has received very positive feedback from these two new events, and will be refining and expanding them for 2017 - please get in touch if you have any comments on **01684 566 667** or email to eadbrown@malvern-tc.org.uk.

Bands in the Park 2016 – 15 May to 11 September, Priory Park Bandstand

Priory Park will once again resound with fantastic music every Sunday afternoon from Sunday 15 May - the first Bands in the Park concert of 2016. We're delighted to welcome the Malvern Salvation Army Band back to the Bandstand, and the programme will continue until Sunday 11 September. All Bands in the Park concerts are free to attend - just bring along your own blankets and chairs, and a picnic.

For the full programme, scan the code to the right with your smartphone, call Malvern Town Council on **01684 566 667**, visit www.malverntowncouncil.org/events, or 'like' the Bands in the Park Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BITPMalvern.



Additionally, Malvern Town Council are hosting a special 90th Birthday Afternoon Tea in the Park in honour of Her Majesty the Queen on **Sunday 12 June**, featuring the Lydbrook Band - an opportunity for the whole community to come together and enjoy free tea, coffee and cake courtesy of Scene Bistro at Malvern Theatres. We also invite all attendees to bring and share a picnic for this special occasion.



Malvern Outdoor Cinema Season 2016 – Sunday 5 June, *Casablanca* in Rose Bank Gardens

Following the success of *Jaws* in 2015, Malvern Town Council and Malvern Hills District Council present a season of outdoor cinema screenings throughout 2016. Join us in the stunning surroundings of Rose Bank Gardens on Sunday 5 June, for the 1942 classic *Casablanca*, described by the *New York Times* as "... a picture which makes the spine tingle and the heart take a leap."

Bring your own chairs, picnic blankets, and warm clothing (just in case). Refreshments will be available, but bring your picnics along too. Tickets are on sale from Malvern Theatres box office, priced £8.50/£5.00 (concessions). Book online at <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk/events/event/malvern-open-air-cinema-season-casablanca/>, or call **01684 892 277**.

Somme Centenary Vigil – Friday 1 July, Malvern Library War Memorial

At 7:28am on 1 July 1916, whistles blew to send men over the top in the opening day of the Somme offensive, which would last until 18 November. Almost 60,000 British and Imperial casualties were suffered in that single day, of which over 20,000 were killed - the bloodiest single day in the history of the British Army.

On **Friday 1 July 2016**, a Somme Centenary Vigil will be held between **7am and 8am** at the war memorial in Malvern Library grounds, to remember the sacrifice of those who fell one hundred years ago and to commemorate in particular the men of Malvern who were among them. More details can be found online at www.malverntowncouncil.org/events or by contacting Ead Brown on **01684 566 667** or eadbrown@malvern-tc.org.uk.

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Alternative Bands in the Park – 16 July to 27 August, Priory Park, Victoria Park, and Barnards Green

Following 2015's trial programme of concerts from youth bands and young performers, and in response to feedback from audiences, Malvern Town Council is delighted to announce a new series of free concerts, taking place from 2:30 - 4:30 on Saturday afternoons from 16 July.

Just like the long-running Sunday brass band concerts in Priory Park, Alternative Bands in the Park performances will be free to attend - just bring your chairs or blankets, a picnic, and enjoy excellent local music in Malvern.

Confirmed performers so far include the Jazz Friday Band, playing in Priory Park on Saturday 23 July, and Martin Thorne & Company, playing in Priory Park on Saturday 20 August - and more will be announced in the coming weeks. Visit www.malverntowncouncil.org/events for more details, or like the Bands in the Park Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BITPMalvern).

Alternative Bands in the Park will present a wide range of different performers, from Jazz to Spoken Word, and we'd like to hear from you if you're a musician, or if you have a favourite local band that you'd like to see more of. Contact Ead Brown, Events Coordinator at Malvern Town Council, on **01684 566 667** or eadbrown@malvern-tc.org.uk.

Malvern Outdoor Cinema Season 2016 – 24 July, TBC in Victoria Park

Malvern Town Council's next outdoor cinema screening will take place at Victoria Park in Malvern Link, on Sunday 24 July. The film will be announced very soon, and at this venue it will be a well-loved family classic. Bring your own chairs, picnic blankets, and warm clothing (just in case). Refreshments will be available., but bring your picnics along too. Tickets will be on sale soon from Malvern Theatres box office, priced £8.50/£5.00 (concessions). Book online at <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>, or call **01684 892 277**.

Illyria Outdoor Theatre – 5 August, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Rose Bank Gardens

Perennial favourites Illyria Outdoor Theatre will return to Malvern in August with their production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, one of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies.



Theseus, the Duke of Athens, is to marry the beautiful Hippolyta, but the couple, in company with many and varied others, stumble into an enchanted forest where they fall under the power of the fairies who dwell there...

Tickets are on sale now from **Malvern Town Council** and **Iapetus** on Belle Vue Terrace, priced at **£16 per adult and £10 per child**, or alternatively visit www.illyria.uk.com. Tickets will also be on sale on the gate. Join us in the stunning setting of Rose Bank Gardens for what is sure to be a delightful evening courtesy of Equity-compliant Illyria. Please bring along your own chairs, picnic blankets and warm clothing. Light refreshments will be available. Please note that the performance will **only** be cancelled in the event of a hurricane!

The Mayor's Bonanza – 14 August, Priory Park

The Annual Mayor's Bonanza will return to Priory Park, behind Malvern Theatres, from **1pm until 6:30pm** on **Sunday 14 August 2016**. This fantastic event will feature music, dance, face-painting and balloon modelling, traditional fairground rides and everything from circus skills workshops to delicious food.

The beautiful surroundings of Priory Park make a perfect venue for a pleasant Sunday afternoon enjoying the stalls and performers, along with a picnic and perhaps an ice cream. The Mayor's Bonanza is free to attend, and will be fundraising in support of the Mayor's charity (to be confirmed at the end of May, when the new Mayoral year begins).



More Dates for your Diary

- Armistice Day: 11 November, Malvern Priory Church
- Remembrance Sunday: 13 November Great Malvern Library Grounds
- Christmas Festival: 26 November, throughout Malvern



Council News - Malvern in Bloom

Make a note for your diary and welcome the Heart of England in Bloom judges on **Thursday 21 July**. The route will start at the Cube and finish at Malvern Priory Church. Over a two-hour period, residents can meet the judges, who will be travelling throughout Malvern in a Community Action minibus, which has been kindly donated for this occasion.

If you would like to be part of the town's entry into the Heart of England in Bloom or would like more information, please contact Lyndsey Davies on 01684 566 667 or email ldavies@malvern-tc.org.uk

The Bloom committee are also looking for volunteers, donation of plants, seeds and pots for a stall they are running on 11 June 2016 at the United Reformed Church in Malvern Link. This event is being organised by Community Action.

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Residents of Malvern are welcome to attend any meetings of the Council. If you have a question or query that you would like to put forward to any of the Committees, please note that this must be done 10 days prior to the meeting taking place, in writing (either by post or by email) to the Town Clerk.

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