

November and December 2021

Hello Everyone



November saw us paying tribute to the fallen and those who have served in the forces. I was honoured to be asked to place a poppy wreath on the “Poppy Train” heading for Paddington where our wreath and others were placed on the War Memorial at Paddington Station by the train crew. I also attended the Armistice Service at the Priory and the Remembrance Sunday Service, placing a wreath on the War Memorial at the library.

As usual, it has been a busy few weeks leading up to Christmas, turning on the lights in Great Malvern and in Malvern Link, attending the late night shopping event in the Link and the Christmas Fayre at Barnards Green. Unfortunately, some other events that I was to attend in my capacity as Mayor representing Malvern were cancelled as once again we were advised to keep up social distancing and not hold any non-essential events.

I am pleased to report that the annual Christmas window competition has been a great success this year with traders designing their own Christmas wreath. We had thirty very imaginative entries! Congratulations to the overall winner, Abbey Road Coffee, who created an inspired wreath using recyclable coffee cups and jute coffee sacks. Look out for all the wreaths either on the windows and doors of the traders who took part or pictured on social media.

Christmas for most of us is a family time but there are some in the community who live alone and have little or no family to celebrate with. I have sent a Christmas card to every care home resident in Malvern to wish them a Happy Christmas but ask you to please consider popping round to a neighbour who lives alone and checking in with them.

For those families who need a little extra help at Christmas time, Malvern Town Council has once again put together one hundred Festive Cheer bags to those who need them. Donations have been received from supermarkets Morrisons and Co-op, the Plough and Harrow Pub, and cash donations from many individuals, so thank you to you all. Many thanks also to Lyndsey at the council offices for packing all the bags.

However you celebrate the holiday, please stay safe and have a relaxing Christmas.

I cannot solve every problem in Malvern, but I will listen and do what I can. We are a council of twenty councillors and all are working hard to support our community.



Cllr Nick Houghton