

Newsletter



Winter 2021

Seasons are changing and, the parks and grounds are slowly turning Autumnal in colour.

It may be a little early to start thinking about Christmas but if you are looking for a great Christmas gift for under £10 maybe think about buying the Malvern Town Council Charity Calendar for 2022.

I teamed up with Beacon Camera Club and organised a competition to take photographs of places owned and/or maintained by the Council. The Beacon Camera club did not disappoint and we have a fantastic calendar. I was able to get sponsorship for 125 calendars so the purchase price will be donated into the Mayor's charity fund, which this year is supporting two great local charities (as below)



You can buy your charity calendar and charity Christmas cards by visiting the Malvern Town Council website. www.malverntowncouncil.org/shop/

On the 18th September I had the great pleasure of handing out medals to the humans and dogs that completed the Help For Heroes Malvern Hills challenge and was joined by Harriet Baldwin our local MP. It was a great afternoon and excellent to see how much money was raised for Help for Heroes. I also had the privilege to attend the Bridge at Hanley Swan school to talk about what it is like to be the Mayor of Malvern, I was asked some great questions and I hope to visit the school in person soon to see first hand the great work the school does for its students.

This year we were once again awarded 'GOLD' status by the Heart of England in Bloom campaign for our parks, gardens and floral displays. This is an excellent achievement for Malvern; thanks to the hard work of all those involved. Malvern in Bloom really is a team effort and the floral displays within the town looked fantastic this summer.

Exciting changes are being made to Malvern Town Council planting schemes and there are more details inside this newsletter. Our current planting regime will be completely reversed to use 80% perennials plants and 20% annuals. which will encourage wildlife and sustainable planting. Our hanging baskets although less amenable to perennial planting will now contain 50 % insect friendly plants and also be peat free!

I am busy planning fundraising events, so please watch this space as I hope you will be interested in attending some or all of them and helping to raise valuable funds for my two chosen charities which do fantastic work in the local community.

"I cannot solve every problem in Malvern, but I will listen and do what I can. We are a council of 20 councillors and all are working hard to support our community."



The Mayoral Charities for 2021/22 are two local charities
What Makes You Beautiful Makes You Different
And The Outreach Project



News from the Ground

Environmental Panel and Town Council Planting Schemes - The Town Council have formed an Environmental Panel who will meet throughout the year to oversee the Council's works to protect and improve the environment through good management and by adopting best practice.



COP26 international climate talks began on 31 October which seemed the right time for the Town Council to announce changes to its current planting policy. The Operations Team use 15,000 plants in beds at Victoria Park, the Cemetery, and Rosebank Gardens. Plants have always been changed twice a year with bedding displays made up of approximately 80% annual plants which then have to be disposed of each year. The newly agreed planting scheme will consist of 80% perennials (those that come back every year) and 20% of annuals which will be composted at the end of their life. Councillor Sharon Taylor, Vice Chair of the Environmental Panel said "It has been agreed that the Town Council will no longer use peat as from 2022 and all hanging baskets and trough plants will be insect friendly, which is another important step in implementing our environmental strategy."

Tree Planting Victoria Park - on a very wet and cold day in October, the Mayor along with the U3A planted a Worcester Black Pear Tree in the old orchard at Victoria Park, to celebrate their 25th anniversary. This area used to have several black pear trees but these had been lost. The Black Worcester Pear dates back to the middle ages and was grown by monks as early as 1388.



Jenny Lind Water Feature and Sculpture - This autumn/winter, work begins on a new water feature and sculpture in Rosebank Gardens marking Jenny Lind's link with Malvern. Known as '*The Swedish Nightingale*' Jenny was the greatest Soprano singer of the mid to late 19th century, renowned throughout Britain, Europe and America. Her country house was at Wynds Point, British Camp, where she died in 1887. After her funeral in Malvern Priory, thousands of people lined the streets and Queen Victoria sent a wreath. Her grave, in Great Malvern Cemetery beside her husband, Otto Goldschmidt, is visited by people from all over the world.

Jenny was the most generous benefactor, especially to hospitals, and worked with Florence Nightingale to establish the world's first School for Nurses, at St Thomas's Hospital, London. Funding support has been given by Malvern Town Council, the Autumn in Malvern Festival, private sponsors, and the Jenny Lind Society of Stockholm, regular visitors to Malvern, and whose Chair, Dr Inga Lewenhaupt will unveil the completed



The Mayor Cllr Nick Houghton launched an exciting photographic competition earlier in the year, for budding photographers to photograph Malvern Town Council assets, with the winning entries appearing on the Council's charity calendar and Christmas cards. These are now on sale in the Malvern Book Co-operative, Great Malvern, What Makes You Beautiful, Makes You Different charity shop at Link Top, (Mayor's charities) Malvern Town Council Offices and on our website.

All proceeds from the sale of the cards and the calendars go to the Mayor's charities. Pack of 6 cards are £5.95 and the calendar is £9.95. To purchase Christmas cards and calendars please visit

www.malverntowncouncil.org/shop/



January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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26	1	2	3	4	5	6
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CHARITY
CHRISTMAS CARDS
AND CALENDARS



Events Corner

Summer 2021

Town Council events made a welcome return in summer 2021 with a programme of ten bands playing in Priory Park on Sunday afternoons. From Jazz and Blues to traditional Brass Bands and Indie alternatives, audiences enjoyed the wide range of bands in the park this summer.

The Annual Mayor's Bonanza was held this year at Victoria Park along with the opening of the long awaited new basketball courts! This event was enjoyed by many, including over 500 basketball players using the new courts and it raised a whopping £3,000 for the Mayor's chosen charities. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event.

December 2021

The **Christmas Charity Concert** is back on Saturday 18 December and this year is being held at St Matthias Church in Malvern Link at 1.30pm. This festive concert is jointly organised by Malvern Town Council and Malvern Hills District Brass Band, who will be performing along with the Hills Singers. Tickets are £5 each and children under 14 are free.

All monies collected are split between Malvern Hills Brass Band and the Mayor's charities 'What Makes You Different, Makes You Beautiful' and 'The Outreach Project'. Tickets can be purchased from the Town Council offices on Belle Vue Terrace or from our website.

As part of this very festive occasion, we will also be holding a Mince Pie Bake Off with the Mayor and Town Clerk judging the best offering from local traders. All mince pies are being provided for attendees to enjoy with a hot chocolate!

For the second year running, the Town Council is providing **100 FESTIVE CHEER BAGS** to Malvern Salvation Army who will deliver them to those who are in need of a little extra cheer this Christmas. Local supermarkets, Morrisons and Malvern Co-operative, are very kindly supporting this campaign, however we still need your help and every donation however small or large will make a difference.....



Save the Date 2022!

We have lots of events being planned for 2022. Keep an eye on our website and social media pages for more information regarding this in the coming months.

For further information about any of our future events and to donate to the Festive Cheer Campaign, please visit the Town Council's website www.malverntowncouncil.org or contact:

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How to contact your local councillor

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Please check our website for details of upcoming meetings and where they will be held.

Council meetings start at 6pm.

The next Full Council meetings: Thursday 16 December 2021, Thursday 3 February 2022

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