

# Newsletter

 **Malvern Town Council**

**Summer 2022**

## **Welcome to this Newsletter**

So, this is my second year as Mayor of Malvern - the first year is always a whirlwind I think, as you are introduced to things one would normally not encounter in an average day! Attending events around the area representing Malvern Town Council has allowed me to meet many people in many different environments and everyone has been so enthusiastic about what they do. I think what I enjoyed the most in my last year was interacting with the community, and meeting some very inspiring people and organisations.



## **Why did I stand for a second term as Mayor?**

The main reason for standing again is to work better and harder for Malvern. I think I can do this better this year due to the experience of being Mayor last year. At least I know what is expected of me this year in real terms rather than being told about things - doing them means you learn first-hand! As twenty councillors we can make small but significant differences to our town and I am proud to lead the council in its work. It has been a great start to the new Mayoral year as we have celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we will soon have the Commonwealth Games Baton coming through Malvern, on 22 July.



## **My Mayoral Charity for 2022/23**

I have chosen Guide Dogs as my Mayoral charity because they help make sure that people living with sight loss don't lose their freedom as well. But more than that, they work with children and adults alike in providing information about sight loss. In addition to guide dogs, they also provide "buddy" dogs to children with sight loss to build confidence and well-being. I have set an ambitious fundraising target for 2022/23 of £10,000 as this will enable us to name and train a guide dog puppy, supporting them through their training. Of course, if we meet our fundraising target, then a competition will be held in Malvern to choose a name for the guide dog puppy, so I do hope you will come along and support our fundraising events, the first of which will be my Mayor's Bonanza in Victoria Park on 28 August.



**Live Music and lots more!**

# **Mayor's Bonanza**

**Free Event**

**Sunday 28th August Victoria Park 12.00pm - 5pm**

# News from the Ground



**Refurbishment of Bus Shelters** - Barnards Green Bus Shelter which is Grade II listed has undergone a major refurbishment. The Town Council decided to change the colour scheme back to that which existed in 1998 with the exterior painted white with dark blue banding and the interior yellow, in keeping with the Art Deco style. The Remembrance poppies which are an integral part of this war memorial's décor have been carefully repainted, new bulkhead lighting has been installed and the existing benches restored.

Another iconic bus shelter situated just below Rosebank Gardens is also currently undergoing refurbishment. The old canopy has been removed and will be replaced with a new steel and Georgian blue glass canopy in keeping with the original design. Works will also be taking place to repair the surrounding walls.

**Jubilee Obelisk** - To celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a special Jubilee Obelisk has been erected in the entrance to Rosebank Gardens. A metal spiral band from top to bottom is adorned with rose blooms and there is a gold Royal crown at the top. Queen Elizabeth II roses have been placed at the base of the structure, which was officially unveiled by the Mayor, Cllr Nick Houghton shortly before the Jubilee weekend.



**Play Areas** - In February/March 2022, the Town Council spent over £10,000 refurbishing the children's play area at Jamaica Crescent and purchasing new springers for Lower Howsell and Victoria Park play areas. These works are part of the annual refurbishment schedule to review and update equipment across the Town Council's 11 play areas. Later this year refurbishment works are planned for Michael Crescent.



**Bug Hotels** - A bug hotel is a manmade structure created to provide shelter for insects and minibeasts and as part of this year's Malvern in Bloom activities, a project that started prior to lockdown has now come to fruition. With the help of Malvern's Men's Shed who made about 20 bug hotels and Travis Perkins who provided the materials to create them, the hotels were then sent to local primary schools and nurseries to be filled and decorated. Congratulations to Play House Nursery and St Matthias Primary School who won their categories for the most creatively decorated bug hotel.

**New Recycling Bins** - Malvern Town Council and Malvern Hills District Council have joined forces to help reduce waste by installing new recycling bins outside schools. Five trial recycling bins have been put in place outside the two main secondary schools within Malvern, Dyson Perrins and The Chase.

It is hoped that engagement with school pupils will encourage them to use the bins and help foster new habits, leading to increased recycling within the town and hopefully expansion of this scheme in the future.



## Mayor's Charity for 2022/23 - Guide Dogs



The Guide Dogs story started in 1931 and since that time 36,000 lives have been transformed through a guide dog partnership.



- ◆ Every six minutes in the UK, one more person loses their sight.
- ◆ Every day 250 more people join the 2 million already living with sight loss and this number is set to double by 2050.
- ◆ There are around 35,000 children and young people living with a vision impairment in the UK.
- ◆ Guide Dogs is working to give people with sight loss the confidence and skills that they need to live the life that they choose.
- ◆ Guide Dogs deliver services and support tailored to individual needs. This includes canine services, in-person services, online and telephone services as well as influencing and campaigning.



# Events Corner

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### **Music in Priory Park Sundays 8 May—18 September, Priory Park**

This year, the Town Council have organised a 17-week music programme featuring a varied selection of bands. These include the usual traditional brass bands, but also jazz, folk, country, blues and rock amongst others. The Town Council are responding to feedback from 2021, when audiences enjoyed a variety of bands over a wider range of music types. Please come and join us on Sunday afternoons in Priory Park from 2.30pm until 4.30pm and enjoy the remainder of this year's programme. We will also be seeking your views on the bands and music styles in this year's programme. Please visit the Town Council website for the link to the survey.

### **Mayor's Bonanza Sunday 28 August, Victoria Park**

After a successful change of venue in 2021, the Mayor's Bonanza will return to Victoria Park in Malvern Link on Sunday 28 August from 12 noon until 5pm. This year's Bonanza will offer fun and entertainment for all ages.

- ♦ Music all day with bands including Candy and the Sound and Main Street.
- ♦ Challenge yourself in our fantastic zorbing arena or form a team and battle it out in our tug of war competition.
- ♦ We are delighted to be joined by Malvern cyclesport and Worcester Wolves who will be running taster sessions in cycling and basketball.
- ♦ Bungee trampolines, bumper cars, fete stalls and face painting are amongst other activities to be enjoyed.
- ♦ We also have plenty to tempt your tastebuds in our tantalising food village.

The Mayor's Bonanza will be raising vital funds for the Mayor's chosen charity for the year, Guide Dogs, so we hope you will come along and enjoy an afternoon of activities in Victoria Park.



### **Mayor's Charity Ball Friday 2 September, Worcestershire Golf Club**

The Mayor is hosting a Charity Ball in aid of Guide Dogs. Tickets cost £35 per person and include a three course dinner and entertainment. There will also be a raffle and an art auction with art kindly donated by local artists, as well as a guest speaker and some Guide Dogs in attendance. You can purchase your tickets from the Town Council website.

### **Mayor's Quiz Night Friday 14 October, Mount Pleasant Hotel**

Are you a wannabee Egghead or always think you could beat The Chaser? If so the Mayor will be hosting a quiz evening in aid of his charity at 7pm on Friday 14 October. The quiz night will really test your knowledge including a specialist round on Guide Dogs. So come along and enjoy an evening with the Mayor. Tickets cost £15 and will be on sale very soon. The evening includes a Fish or Halloumi Supper.

For further information about any of our current and future events please visit the Town Council's website [www.malverntowncouncil.org](http://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.

Upcoming Full Council meetings: Thursday 4 August, Thursday 8 September 2022 to be held at the Council Chamber, Malvern Hills District Council in Avenue Road.

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