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Autumn 2025

Newsletter

Autumn Message from Mayor of Malvern, Marilyn Birks.

As we welcome the autumn, I have been reflecting on summer and wanted to share some details of what I have been up to over these past few months.



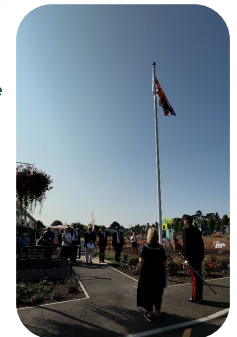
I was honoured to visit the summer programme at Malvern Special Families, my chosen charity for this mayoral year. During my visit, children enjoyed using the wonderful centre at Worcester's Fort Royal School, where I was impressed with the splendid facilities and the dedicated support given to the children as they enjoyed playing and learning. This leads onto my very own Mayor's Bonanza this August that raised over £1700 for Malvern Special Families to ensure they can continue providing these specific learning and playing spaces for those who need it.

I am working with the High Sheriff of Worcester-shire to recognise the work of individuals and community groups within Malvern as part of an awards scheme. He will be visiting us in late October, and I'd be pleased to hear from you about where in the town and who we should visit when considering these awards.

During August I was honoured to host 80th Anniversary Victory in Japan commemorative events. During the two events I hosted, there was a flag-raising ceremony at Victoria Park followed by a reception in the Park View Community Room attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Gilbert Greenall. This was followed by a special edition of Music in the Park, where both the Minims Musical Theatre choir and the Tewkesbury Town Band performed.



As the nights draw in, we have lots to look forward to, including the annual Lights On/Christmas events at the end of November – so put those dates in your diary and know you're also helping raise funds for local Malvern charities.



GREAT MALVERN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

10AM - 6PM

THE LIGHT SWITCH ON AT 530PM AT BELLE VUE TERRACE

22 NOVEMBER 2025



Mayor's Bonanza



The Mayor's Bonanza returned to Victoria Park on 23 August in aid of Malvern Special Families. This event run by Malvern Town Council provided a day packed full of entertainment and activities while raising money for the Mayor's charity this year. Over £1700 were raised, which is an amazing achievement and money that will be spent supporting a worthy cause.

The event saw large crowds join us at Victoria Park, Malvern Link to enjoy an afternoon filled with live entertainment from bands to local dance performers and plenty of activities for all the family including an inflatable obstacle course and base jump, climbing wall, face painting, dart football, fancy dress competition and fete stalls. Plus, a food and drink village supplied by local businesses provided much needed refreshments throughout the afternoon.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Mayor's Bonanza and for helping raise this huge total for Malvern Special Families.

Operations Update

Adam Lee Playground

The new playground equipment has been installed at Adam Lee playground which includes a new zipwire, climbing frame and accessible roundabout alongside the Pump Track.

Bloom 2025

The Operations Team have been hard at work keeping the town "blooming" over the dry summer months with hanging baskets and troughs brightening up areas of the town. The regular watering uses the rain harvesting system at the cemetery which recycles the water.



Heart of England in bloom judging took place on the 17 July with the judges visiting various parts of Malvern Town from the Link Common, Malvern Cube, Great Malvern Cemetery, Victoria Park and the Adam Lee pump track. A small reception was held afterwards in the Park View Community Room at the Community Hub and the much awaited results will be shared in October.



Skatepark at Victoria Park

The contractor for the new Skatepark has now been selected and subject to the approval of the section 100 grant funding it is hoped that this new facility will open in spring 2026.

Upcoming Events



Remembrance Sunday — An important annual commemoration to honour those who had fallen during past conflicts. A service will start at 10am on Sunday 9 November in the Great Malvern Priory Church and will be followed by a parade down Church Street and wreath laying ceremony at Great Malvern Library war memorial.

Armistice Day — Join us as we return to the Priory Church to honour those who had fallen during past conflicts. For our Armistice Day Service starting at 10:45am on Tuesday 11 November with the minutes silence at 11am.

Great Malvern Christmas Lights Switch On — Join us as we kick off the festivities in Malvern with the annual Great Malvern Lights Switch on coming to Great Malvern, on Saturday 22 November from 10am–6pm with a huge amounts of activities and fun running throughout the day. The lights switch on will take place at 5:30pm on Belle Vue Terrace. This will be followed the Malvern Link Christmas lights switch on taking place on Friday 28 November.

As part of the Great Malvern Christmas lights switch on event there will be children's theatre taking place in the Coach House Theatre. "A Surprise for Farmer Christmas" will be running at 11:00am & 2:00pm. For more information and to book your tickets now head over to the Malvern Town Council website or scan the QR code.



Have your Say

At this years Christmas light switch on event, money will be raised for four local Malvern based charities and we are asking you to help us choose who they should be. An online poll will be in place, so please head over to our social media channels to have your say and vote for your preferred charity.

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