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*Welcome to the Warminster Town Council Newsletter:*  
***June 2022***

## ***Warminster Splash Pad is Launched***



**Cllr. Allensby Chair of Parks and Estate Committee**

Warminster Town Council launched its new space themed splash pad on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 10am.

The splash pad was opened by Mayor of Warminster, Councillor Chris Robbins. Speaking before he cut the ribbon, Councillor Robbin said:

“Members, Distinguished Guests, WTC Staff and Members of the Public,  
We are gathered here today to officially open our Space themed Splash Pad.

This new facility replaces the paddling pool which was over 70 years old and could no longer be repaired. The Space themed design includes the Sun, Earth, Planets, Stars and Space Craft. There are a number of water features including a blaster, tipping buckets, water jets and a paddling area.

The Splash Pad has been eagerly awaited by both parents and children and I’m sure will bring much enjoyment to hundreds if not thousands of our community over the next 20 years. It’s a fantastic addition to the Lake Pleasure Grounds and makes a great park even

better.

My Children used the Paddling pool, now my Grandchildren can use the Splash Pad. This facility is another major investment in the Lake Pleasure Grounds by the WTC, and if as popular as the Skate Park will be a wonderful addition.

There were many hurdles to overcome, we had to bring in more power to work the pump, a new water connection and build a water storage tank. We have invested in a water recycling system which goes along with our pledge to become a more responsible Council, delivering a brighter greener future for all. We calculated that in 10 years' time hopefully the savings on water will pay the bill.

This project has been a major investment by the Town Council. A large part of the bill has been financed by the Dewey Trust, and the Community Infrastructure Levy structure payable by developers. (We thank the Trustees of the Dewey Trust for their support)

Finally I wish to praise and thank my fellow Councillors for their considerable efforts, the Staff at WTC for their continued hard work, and our employees who will no doubt keep this facility flowing.

Completion of this project was of course planned just before the celebration of HM Queen's Platinum weekend of festivities whose reign has outlasted our retired Paddling Pool.

I now declare this Splash Pad Officially open"

Users of the splash pad are reminded children must wear swim nappies. Ordinary nappies must not be worn as these can block filters and require the closure of the splash pad. Swim nappies are available from the Pavilion Café in the Lake Pleasure Grounds. Food and drink must not be consumed on the splash pad. Pets, scooters, bicycles and anything that might damage the safety surface are not allowed.

Imagination, laughter, smiling and being splashed are allowed.

Local interest in the splash pad has been huge with people from nearby towns and villages planning trips to Warminster to have a go. Over 43,000 people have been reached on Facebook in just 4 days!



## **COUNCIL ELECTS NEW MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

At Warminster Town Council's annual meeting on 16th May, Councillor Chris Robbins was unanimously appointed Mayor for the ensuing municipal year. Councillor Phil Keeble was unanimously voted in as Deputy Mayor.

Chris lives in Warminster, is married to Debra and has four children and five grandchildren. Chris Robbins is a former employee of Lloyd's Bank and the long-standing proprietor of C J Robbins Butchers in the town center.

Councillor Robbins previously served as Mayor of Warminster in 2020. Speaking after his appointment, Councillor Robbins said:

'I thank my fellow councillors for electing me Mayor and it is an honour to be representing the town again in the coming year. My first period of office was rather limited due to the pandemic. I will do my utmost to attend and cover as many of the duties attached to the role, and with the support of the Deputy Mayor, I am hopeful we can achieve that goal.'

'We now have a new team working at Warminster Town Council and I am sure they will continue to work hard, achieve great things and provide quality services.'

'There is lots going on, we are in the process of renewing the Neighbourhood Plan, an important document that will shape the future of Warminster. In the Town Park, we are days away from completing another major project, a brand new Splash Pad and, like the Skate Park, will be well used by the younger community. We acknowledge Warminster needs investment and will over the coming months prompt and encourage all to improve our town. I am particularly interested in developing and improving our cycle / walking routes and would encourage all to ride or walk to school and work if they can.'

'I would like to donate the Mayor's collection this year to help the youth of the town; to discover the outdoors, to join clubs, whether sports or organisations like scouts, even horse riding. Get out there and do it! We may need to fund training as is required these days.'

The new Deputy Mayor, Councillor Phil Keeble, is married to Bernice and has lived in Warminster since 1993. A retired MOD Civil Servant of 43 years he enjoys all sports and also runs a national cancer support group for the RUH Bath catchment area.

Speaking after his appointment, Councillor Keeble said:

'I would like to thank my fellow councillors for electing me Deputy Mayor for the coming year. It is an honour and privilege to hold this office and I shall do my best to support the new Mayor during his term in office and to serve the council and town of Warminster to the best of my ability'

Clare Collier, Town Development Officer

This is a new post which has been established to help the Town Council deliver important projects in the town.

This will include:

Flood Plan and Flood Wardens

Neighbourhood Plan

Climate Change Action Plan

Town Centre Regeneration

Funding applications.

## Just some of the things the Town Council is responsible for:

- The Lake Pleasure Grounds
- The Pavilion Café
- 9 Play Areas
- Hanging baskets
- Street sweeper – ‘Basil Brushes’
- Public Toilets in central car park
- The Obelisk and War Memorial
- Yeates Meadow
- CCTV for Warminster and Westbury

### Volunteer Flood

#### Warden

We are looking for a volunteer Flood Warden for the town centre.

##### **Flood Wardens can help by:**

- Reporting blocked drains, ditches and streams.
- Making notes when heavy rain occurs so better preventative measures can be put in place.
- Supporting residents in a designated area by directing them to to where they can get advice.

### Volunteer CCTV

We are looking for CCTV volunteers to support the monitoring of the CCTV system and make a valuable contribution to our community.

##### **Do you have:**

- Strong powers of concentration.
- Good communication skills.
- Are you discreet?
- Able to react quickly and calmly.

If you are interested in this fulfilling role, please contact Warminster Town Council.



Full training is provided along with protective clothing, equipment and support.

Please contact Warminster Town Council if you are interested in this role.

### **WARMINSTER LAKE PLEASURE GROUNDS**

#### **BOAT HIRE**

Rowing Boats £5 for 30 minutes

Canoes £3 for 30 minutes

#### **PAVILION CAFE**

Open 10am - 5pm daily

#### **PUTTING GREEN**

£1.50 per person and £5 deposit

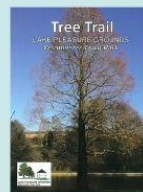
#### **SPLASH PAD**

Open 10am - 5pm daily

#### **TENNIS COURTS**

Free to use, racquet and balls £2 hire  
and £5 deposit

#### **SKATE PARK , PLAY AREAS, TREE TRAIL**



Visit our beautiful park and enjoy the many facilities available.

## Upcoming Events

- Inspire - Free live music event, Sunday 3rd July, 1pm - 7pm, Warminster Lake Pleasure Grounds
- Warminster Garrison Health, Sports and Wellbeing Fair, Wednesday 27th July, 12 noon 4pm,
- Waterloo Sports Pitches / Opposite St Giles Church / Elm Hill , just off Imber Rd.
- Film Shows - third Wednesday of every month, doors open 1.30pm, Warminster Civic Centre, please see our website for film listing.

## Pavilion Café

The Pavilion Café is open during the summer from 10am – 5pm every day. Enjoy delicious snacks, sausage rolls, cakes, ice creams and hot and cold drinks.

### **Feedback from initial consultation on the review of the Neighbourhood Plan**

As part of the Warminster Neighbourhood Plan review, held earlier in the year, Warminster Town Council invited residents and those who work in the town the opportunity to put forward their key issues and priorities for Warminster over the next 20 years. In addition, to members of the public being asked to complete a short survey, a drop-in event for invited stakeholders was also held for them to submit their thoughts and opinions.

To view the full feedback report and the summary of all the comments from the



opening consultation, please visit <https://www.warminsterplan.com/post/feedback-from-the-opening-consultation>.

Thanks must go to all those members of the community who took the time to give their feedback, all comments have been collated and will help to develop a shared vision for the town. Feedback focused upon three key areas: highlighting what the community values, matters of interest that should be protected and strengthened and those areas that should be considered for review and development.

The next step in the review process is for the Town Council to assemble working groups consisting of interested people from the local community who will look into different topics in more detail. The four main topics will be:

- Housing and Communities
- Economy and Town Centre
- Environment, Heritage and Design
- Getting Around

If you feel you could make a positive contribution towards the future vision of Warminster and would be interested in becoming a member of the steering group, please get in touch. We would also like to hear from anyone who would be willing to gather local evidence to update our existing policies and create new draft planning policies. To register your interest please email [admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk) or telephone 01985 214847

Further information about the review of the Neighbourhood Plan can be found at <https://www.warminsterplan.com>

## **Warminster Civic Centre Celebrates in Commemoration of Her Royal Highness' Platinum Jubilee**

On Saturday 4th Warminster Town Council held a commemorative fair in celebration of Her majesty the Queen's 70 year reign, marking her service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

The fair was reminiscent of traditional family fun activities such as hook a duck, pin the diamond on the crown, name the corgi, guess how many sweets in the Jar to name but a few. Throughout the Civic Centre, there was a resounding sound of laughter and good cheer as children won prizes.

The Mayor of Warminster, Councillor Chris Robbins, opened the Fair having judged cakes that were submitted for the Civic Centre 'Bake Off', along with Councillors Phil Keeble and Sue Fraser. The entries varied from three tier show stoppers to a 3d stamp with the Queen's profile and a corgi wearing a bejewelled crown. The winner of the Junior Bake off, Anna, created a three tier Fondant iced sponge cake adorned with chocolate crowns, jelly baby Royal Guards and a union flag flying high on top of the cake. Charlie, the winner of the adult category created an incredible 3d profile of the Queen's head adorned with multiple sugar craft flowers using marzipan fondant icing.

Both winners were awarded a 'Bake off Winner' certificate Star Baker trophy and wooden Spoon. With the runners up receiving a star baker certificate and wooden spoon.

Children were also encouraged to arrive in fancy dress of a royal theme. King Alfred arrived sword in hand along with a couple of princesses and corgis. Winner, Princess Jasmine and Runner up King Arthur were presented with vouchers and certificates. There was also a Royal tombola where revellers would pick out a king or queen that denoted what prize they would win. One special prize, a commemorative £5 coin was won by Imogen who had also won runner up star baker in the junior category.







Mayor, Cllr Chris Robbins awarding Katie, owner of **Yarn for the Soul** a trophy and certificate for the **Best Dressed Jubilee Window** as voted for by the public.



### Spring in the Park a Smash Hit

An estimated 4500 people enjoyed a visit to Warminster's Lake Pleasure Grounds to attend Spring in the Park on Sunday 1st May 2022.



Amongst the star attractions this year were M.K. Garrison, who were dressed as Star Wars Characters - not only were they a great hit on the day, joining in with the Maypole Dancing, their Maypole dancing has been viewed online several thousand times.

The Raft Race saw three teams competing for the Junior Prize and five teams competing in the adult race. The Junior Race was won by the team who called themselves "Over Confidence".

For the adult race the competition was between: Warminster Royal British Legion, Warminster Garrison, Snap Fitness Warminster, Warminster Boats Team and Warminster Town Councillors. Against the odds, the Warminster Town Councillors won.

The winning Councillors were Mayor Steve Jeffries, Andrew Davis, Paul Macfarlane and Stacie Allensby.

Town Clerk Tom Domett said:

"I want to pay tribute to the fantastic work of the Town Council Staff who have worked so hard and with such enthusiasm to plan and run this event. Everyone from stall holders to food vendors to the people providing the entertainment contributed to something really special. Shops and businesses have got behind us with sponsorship and the crowd really enjoyed themselves. The positive feedback has been fantastic. I am delighted so many residents and people from further afield attended, it was a good day for the town. We are already considering what we can do to make next year's Spring in the Park even better.

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<https://www.facebook.com/warminsterpark>

**#Shop Local Warminster**

**Facebook group:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/217962596401625>

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**Warminster Town Council and Civic**



Centre Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/warminstertowncouncil>

Warminster Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, BA12 8LB



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