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**Welcome to the Warminster Town Council Newsletter:
May 2023**

Happy Spring

News and events from Warminster Town Council

AGM and Mayoral election

We are delighted to welcome Councillor Phil Keeble as the new Mayor of Warminster and Councillor Stacie Allensby as the new Deputy Mayor. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Councillor Chris Robbins for his term in office and service to the people and town of Warminster. Councillor Phil Keeble has said:

'I thank my fellow Councillors for their support and trust in electing me as Mayor and leader of The Council. It is an honour, and a duty I take seriously and undertake to serve this Council and people of Warminster to the best of my ability.

I wish to thank the former Mayor, Councillor Chris Robbins for his work as Mayor and representing this town so well. I thank him for his leadership, friendship and advice throughout the last 12 months – it has been a privilege to be your apprentice.

For this coming year I look forward to the completion of the review of our neighborhood plan. This is an incredibly important document that reflects the public's wishes for the shape and future of Warminster and has already taken a considerable amount of hard work to this point.

'A common theme on engaging with the public on this review is the number of empty shops in the town and the need for local jobs for local people. I therefore wish to focus on the regeneration of the economy of Warminster. As a Council I believe we



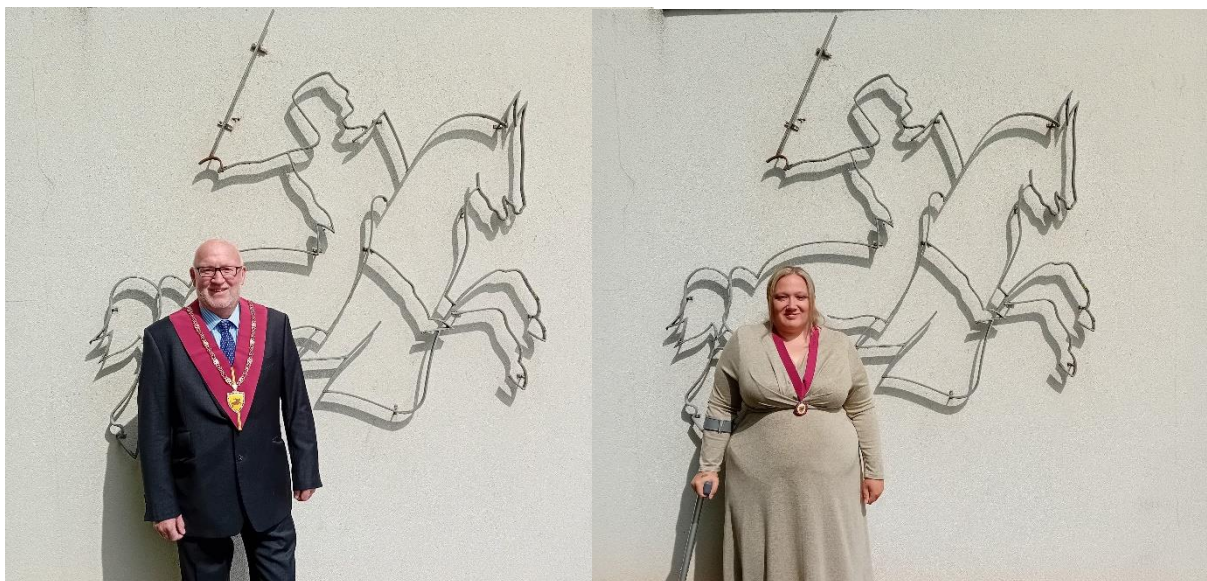
should all do what we can to support existing and encouraging new local businesses, promoting the shop local ethos and partnering with the newly former Warminster Business Network. We should all be setting an example by buying goods and services locally as much as possible.

'I also want to see renewed effort to develop and finalise our Climate Change Action Plan and drive through the changes required to achieve the Council's carbon net zero target by 2030. I am encourage that we are currently tendering for solar panels but there is still much work to be done.

'We are now also days away from the completion and opening of two major projects, namely the tennis courts MUGA refurbishment and CCTV upgrade. I would like to thank the Councillors and Officers of the Council in making these projects happen. Again, I thank you and look forward to the coming year.'

The new Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stacie Allensby has been a Councillor since 2021. She said: 'I was surprised and honoured to be nominated for the position as deputy Mayor. I have learnt a lot from my fellow councillors and still have much to learn but hope that I can carry on doing my best for the people of Warminster.'

On behalf of the Council we would like congratulate Councillors Phil Keebkle and Stacie Allensby on their appointment and wish them well over the next municipal year.





Spring in the Park HUGE success



On Sunday the 7th of May, Warminster celebrated its annual event, Spring in the Park. There were over five-thousand people in attendance and it was an overwhelming success with an incredibly positive reaction all round.

Spring in the Park brought together the local community with the allure of over seventy stalls of food, drink, entertainment and a host of local charities and businesses promoting their wares.

The highlights were many, but some of the day's standout performance included the Tug of War, won by Harridges Gym, the samba band, Jamma de Samba and the Maypole dance, courtesy of Crockerton School. The delicious food from Barbecue Star, Soul Fries, Wild Pizza and Cosy Kitchen were huge hits.

On behalf of the Town Council and the people of Warminster, the Council would like to thank every single person who contributed to this community event, they all made it a truly memorable day. We would like to especially thank all the charities, businesses, entertainers and public who spent their day with us, we hope those who came had a memorable day and we would love to see you again next year.



Tennis Court

We are delighted to announce that the much-anticipated tennis courts and multi-use game area (MUGA) will be reopening on the 30th of May.

The online booking will be found via the LTA website: 'www.lta.org.uk/play' and via Warminster Town Council dedicated booking platform or on an app. This will make it far easier to find and book a court at the Lake Pleasure Grounds. For a year's membership, it will cost £40 and allow for up to 4 hours per week playtime. However, anyone wishing to use it without a membership can pay £6 for a single court for an hour. The MUGA will be free for all to use.



This has been a project long in the waiting and we hope you can enjoy and appreciate this exceptional community asset. Keep your eyes out for further updates regarding specific dates and booking details.

It has been over 8 years in the making, with the LTA and Warminster Town Council investing £241,000 as part of a national effort to promote tennis in local communities.

Coronation Success



The community and people of Warminster celebrated the Coronation thoroughly and with great finesse. Festivities included the Coronation Window Display competition, won by Wessex MS Trust Charity shop and a screening of the Coronation in the Civic Centre. The local community really banded together to make this a memorable and meaningful celebration. We wish King Charles III well and thank the local community for making Warminster a place of celebration on this auspicious occasion.

CCTV

Warminster and Westbury Councils are delighted to announce their partnership over their new CCTV system. The new network is a collaborative initiative to assist Wiltshire Police forces in their efforts. There are a total of 44 cameras spread over Warminster, Westbury and West Wiltshire Trading Estate.

CCTV is about prevention, deterrence and detection of crime, helping to provide a safer environment for the general public and reducing the fear of criminal behaviour. CCTV operators watch out for issues such as anti-social behaviour, shoplifting, assaults, public order offences, domestic violence, missing persons, drink driving or drug dealing. Even in its testing and early phases of activation, the network has provided some promising results in identifying vandals and anti-social activity.

The CCTV team is made up of both paid staff and volunteers. They are always looking for additional volunteers. If you feel you could spare around 4 hours on a regular basis to help keep our community safe, please contact Warminster Town Council for more info. Training will be provided. Contact Warminster Town Council Tel: 01985 214847. email: admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Over the last year, local volunteers have been working on collecting information and evidence to update the current Warminster Neighbourhood Plan. This will help shape the future vision and development of Warminster.

During March and April, the local community were invited to contribute to the plan by providing their thoughts and feedback on the draft plan and data collected. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the online surveys. In addition to an overview survey there were also a range of topic specific surveys including community facilities, local green spaces and the town centre. Over 1,300 surveys were completed. The data collected from this consultation will now be taken into consideration when updating the draft plan.

The first draft of the full plan will be shared with the public later in the year, at which point, there will be an additional opportunity for the community to comment on the content.

To find out more about the Warminster Neighbourhood Plan and to sign-up to the mailing list please visit warminsterplan.com.

Future Events

Saturday 8th July 2023, Summer Market Warminster Civic Centre, 12 noon - 16:00

The Civic Centre will be hosting a range of local traders and vendors peddling their wares. Come down and support local business at its best!

Saturday 5th August 2023, Ice Cream and Bubbles Festival & Skate Jam Lake Pleasure Gardens, 12 noon - 17:00

Join us for an afternoon of summery fun in the Lake Pleasure Gardens with our 'Ice Cream and Bubbles' day. A family-friendly day for all, we look forward to seeing you in the sun!

WARMINSTER CIVIC CENTRE **FILM SHOWS**

Tickets £4.00 - buy at reception or call 01985 214847 to reserve
Doors open 1:30pm, film starts 2pm | Subtitles will be available for all films



Wednesday 21st June - MATILDA THE MUSICAL (2022)

Director: Matthew Warchus | Rating PG | Musical | 117 mins

Cast: Alisha Weir, Emma Thompson & Lashana Lynch

An adaptation of the Tony and Olivier award-winning musical. Matilda tells the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a sharp mind and a vivid imagination, dares to take a stand to change her story with miraculous results.



Wednesday 19th July - A MAN CALLED OTTO (2022)

Director: Marc Forster | Rating 15 | Comedy/Drama | 126 mins

Cast: Tom Hanks, Mariana Treviño & Rachel Keller

Otto is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around.



Wednesday 16th August - THE WHALE (2022)

Director: Darren Aronofsky | Rating 15 | Psychological Drama

117 mins | Cast: Brendan Fraser, Sadie Sink & Hong Chau

A reclusive, morbidly obese English teacher attempts to reconnect with his estranged teenage daughter.



Monthly Wednesday's Warminster Civic Centre Film Show

13:30 Doors onwards. Come to the Civic Centre and enjoy an eclectic range of highly rated films on a big screen. £4.00 entry fee.

Monday 22nd 2023, Warminster Young Singers Warminster Civic Centre, 16:00-16:45

Warminster Young Singers will be putting on a performance and wish to invite any who wish to join.

Local Groups

Every Wednesday Warminster Art Group

**Lakeside Park Community Hall
14:00-15:30**

Therapeutic, relaxing and fun crafting activities
For people with dementia and family carers to
enjoy together,

To find out more or book your place call:
01380 739055

Every Wednesday, Warminster School Tech Support Drop In

**Warminster Civic Centre,
15:30-16:30**

Students from Warminster School have
offered their help to those struggling with
technology to provide a free consultation and
fixing service.

Monday 29th 2023, Warminster Memory Café Warminster Lake Pleasure Grounds Community Hall, 14:30-16:00

Warminster Lake Pleasure Grounds
Community Hall, An afternoon out for anyone
living with dementia and their families, A
chance to socialise, meet new friends and
enjoy memories.

Every 1st and 3rd Friday, The Chat Café the Old Fire Station 10:00-12:00

If you are impacted by cancer, come along
and spend time in a safe and supportive
environment.

Warminster ART Group



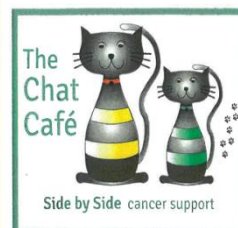
Therapeutic, relaxing and fun art and craft activities.
Painting, drawing, collage, 3D work, printing, crafts,
clay modelling and more.
For people with dementia and family carers to enjoy together.

To find out more or book your place call 01380 739055
or see www.alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk

Registered charity no. 1048314

Standing Side by Side

Are you affected by cancer in any way?

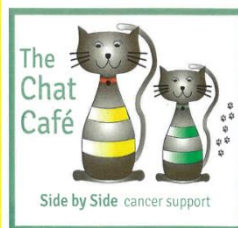


**Then please come and
share your concerns.
Sit in warm, comfortable
surroundings and chat to
someone who has lived
experience of cancer.**

Partly funded by
**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

The Chat Café

**Where everyone leaves with a lighter
heart, knowing that people truly
understand and care.**



**Come to the Side by Side
chat cafe...
Open every 1st and 3rd Friday
10:00am - 12:00pm
The Old Fire Station, The Close
Warminster BA12 9AL**

**No need to book just come
along and say hello!**

Contact

Find us:

Please see our website for councillor contact details:

www.warminster-tc.gov.uk

Warminster Lake Pleasure Grounds Facebook page:

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

Warminster Town Council and Civic Centre Facebook page:

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

Shop Local Warminster Facebook group:

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

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