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

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The Mayor of Warminster, Cllr Phil Keeble

Mayor's message

What a busy last few months it has been. I've had great pleasure in attending a number of local events: opening of our upgraded 'state of the art' CCTV system that is widely seen as a model for others; opening our newly refurbished tennis courts and MUGA, that are already seeing an increase in use; starting the Alzheimer's Walk to Remember; Warminster Philharmonic Orchestra Concert; opening the Carnival Fun Day; hosting delegates from Warminster PA, USA, celebrating 10 years of twinning of our two towns; Warminster School Gala Dinner, celebrating 50 years of co-education; Harvest Concert by the Military Wives Choir to raise funds for the Warminster Food Bank; visiting the Friendship Chat Café to meet everyone and support the work of the volunteers (the Open Door Chat Café is one of my nominated Mayor's Charities); and more besides.

All of these events do their bit to serve, enhance, support, celebrate or promote the town and the community and we should be proud of them all and the hard work of the many volunteers who make them all happen. It has been my privilege to support them in a small way. Looking forward we have our fabulous Carnival, pumpkin carving competition, Remembrance Day Parade and Service and the Christmas Lights Switch-On and Christmas Market. I look forward to seeing many of you there.



Rob Fryer at Spring in the Park 2018 - Wiltshire Times

Remembering Councillor Rob Fryer

Rob, born 13/3/1939, was first elected to the Council in 2007 and was twice elected Mayor of the town during 2012-2013 and again between 2017-2018. A keen river swimmer and writer, Rob, of Portway, Warminster, learned to swim in the River Cherwell while at school in Oxford. He moved to Warminster, in 1965, and soon started swimming at the Farleigh & District Swimming Club in the River Frome near Trowbridge.

The current Mayor of Warminster, Cllr Philip Keeble said: "Rob will be deeply missed. He had such enthusiasm and passion for Warminster and for getting things done. He was instrumental in securing the return of boat hire on the Lake.

"He was Mayor at the time of the first Spring in the Park and would make a special effort to attend any event in the Park. He loved the return of Bands to the Bandstand and innovations like the splashpad. Rob had a mischievous sense of humour and would sometimes lob a comment in at meetings just to stir things up. Although a Conservative, he always viewed himself as a bit of a rebel. RIP Rob Fryer."

Warminster Remembrance Service and Parade - Sunday 12th November

The public are invited to the 2023 Remembrance Day Service which will be held at the War Memorial, Portway. Ex-service and other local organisations will attend.

The Town Crier will lead the parade assembling in Station Road at 2.30pm. The march off will be at 2.40pm.

Service sheets can be obtained in advance from the Civic Centre, Warminster Community Hub and Warminster Library, they will also be available on the day or can be downloaded from the Town Council website.

A collection will be taken on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

The service will be broadcast live by Warminster Community Radio 105.5 FM, or you can listen on www.wcrfm.org.uk

Warminster Business Network appeals for members

The Town Council is encouraging local business to become members of the [Warminster Business Network](#).

The network, which was reformed in March 2023, is a modern version of the Chamber of Commerce and is designed to support growth, share knowledge, and increase local prosperity.

The group was set-up after initial discussions between a group of local businesses and Warminster Town Council.

The network hopes to support growth, tackle key issues and drive forward, with a focus on economic sustainability in the wider town as well as helping the town centre thrive.

For more information and to join visit: [WarminsterBusinessNetwork](#) or email:

info@warminsterbusinessnetwork.co.uk



Visitors from the USA included Leo Quinn III (middle)

Talk of the town

Warminster Town Council welcomed guests from Warminster, Pennsylvania [to commemorate a 10-year twinning relationship](#) in September. In 2013 some Councillors from Warminster, Wiltshire, visited Warminster, USA, and were shown around the American town; a delegation has now returned the favour with a visit to Wiltshire. Visitors from the USA included Leo Quinn III - who was previously Chairperson for Warminster Board of Supervisors (the USA equivalent of Mayor) - who was joined by Claudia B Quinn, Kevin J O'Leary, and Mary C O'Leary during their visit.



Warminster Neighbourhood Plan

Progress continues to be made with the review of the [Warminster Neighbourhood Plan](#).

Feedback has been gathered from the initial public consultation. This has enabled the Warminster Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to shape the draft Warminster Neighbourhood Plan in preparation for the next stage of public consultation, known as Regulation 14.

The current Warminster Neighbourhood Plan is being updated to take advantage of changes to local and national planning policies. The Plan aims to improve environmental and design standards of new buildings. It strives to protect valued local green space & heritage assets and assist in renewing the town centre.

The updating of the Plan provides an exciting opportunity to shape our town and our future.

The next stage in the review process will be for the draft policies to be screened for environmental impacts. This procedure will need to be undertaken before public consultation can commence. Early indications would now suggest that public consultation will start early in the new year.

After the consultation, the draft Plan may be amended before going to a Planning Inspector for consideration and then the final proposals will have to be ratified by a referendum of Warminster residents.

- To find out more about the Warminster Neighbourhood Plan visit: www.warminsterplan.com
- Sign up for the mailing list: admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk
- Follow the Town Council Facebook page: [Warminster Civic Centre and Town Council](#)

Your councillors

- **Broadway Ward:** Andrew Cooper, John Syme, vacancy
- **North Ward:** Steve Jeffries, Bill Parks
- **East Ward:** Denis Brett, Andrew Davis, Jack Jones, Chris Robbins
- **West Ward:** Stacie Allensby, Sue Fraser, Phil Keeble, Paul Macfarlane
- For full contact details visit: www.warminster-tc.gov.uk/administration

Some of the things Warminster 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

Nominate your local heroes

The [Warminster Town Council Civic Award nominations are now open](#) with residents encouraged to celebrate local heroes in our community.

The four awards now open for nomination are as follows:

- The Civic Award (over 18 years of age) made to an individual who has made a significant difference for the community of Warminster
- The Junior Civic Award (under the age of 18) given to an individual for achievement within the community
- The Green Civic Award for environmental issues – for setting an example or changing behaviour of others – which can be awarded to an individual, or group
- The Environmental Award for businesses to recognise their contribution towards tackling climate change and working towards net zero

The four Civic Awards are held in equal standing and judging of nominees will be based on:

- Highlighting the example of community spirit
- Focussing on those who have ‘gone the extra mile’
- Motivating others to act positively, which will be considered as important as individual efforts

In December 2022, Jessica Williams, John Walpole, Clive Thomas, and Michael Coleman were given framed certificates and a floral display when they were honoured in the 2022 Warminster Civic Awards. They were joined by family and friends for an afternoon tea with the Mayor and other councillors.

Do you know someone or a group who dedicates themselves to helping others or is involved in voluntary work for the benefit of Warminster? Then nominate them for the 2023 Civic Awards here:

[2023 The Warminster Civic Award Nomination Form 2Download](#)

Forms need to be returned by Monday 13th November 2023 to: Town Clerk, Warminster Civic Centre, Sambourne Road Warminster BA12 8LB or admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk

Nominations must be treated as confidential, and the nominee should not be aware that they have been nominated.

[Pavilion Café](#)

- Reminder Autumn drinks are still available from The Pavillion Café in the Warminster Lake Pleasure Grounds 🍂🍁🍊
- Opening hours for October: Thursday to Sunday, 9.30am to 3.30pm



Flood advice

With the winter months ahead and weather potentially getting worse, below is key information to protect against the risk of flooding.

- Blocked drains are to be reported via [MyWilts](#)
- Residents and businesses at risk of flooding should sign up to the [flood warning service](#)
- If residents/businesses experience internal flooding a detailed account including photographs is to be sent to WTC admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk
- Properties at risk of flooding should consider investing in defence measures and prepare a [personal flood plan](#)

Warminster Town Council is looking for additional flood wardens. 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 by directing them to where they can get advice

Full training is provided along with protective clothing, equipment and support. Please contact Warminster Town Council if you are interested in more information.



Anyone for tennis?

The [Warminster Lake Pleasure Grounds tennis courts](#) looking ace from above.

In total there are five tennis courts and a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) for public play. The MUGA is free to use all the time, and the tennis courts are £6 per one hour session or £40 for a year's membership, which allows up to 4 hours a week playtime.

For more details visit: www.lta.org.uk/play

PUMPKINS IN THE PARK

CARVING CONTEST

BRING YOUR OWN BEST CARVED PUMPKIN TO THE
LAKE PLEASURE GROUNDS, WARMINSTER



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- PRIZE FOR THE WINNERS
- FACE PAINTING
- LIGHTS PROVIDED
- FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL
- PUMPKIN DISPLAY LIT UP

PUMPKINS IN THE PARK | SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER
REGISTRATION FROM 4.30PM | JUDGING 5.30PM

WARMINSTER LAKE PLEASURE GROUNDS, WEYMOUTH STREET, BA12 9NP



Pumpkins in the Park

Warminster Town Council will host its first ever Pumpkins in the Park event and is welcoming residents to take part. People are invited to [bring their own carved pumpkins](#) at 4.30pm to the Lake Pleasure Grounds, Weymouth Street, Warminster on Sunday 29th October for a chance to win a prize.

Dates for your diary.

- Warminster Carnival - Saturday 28th October
- Pumpkins in the Park – Sunday 29th October
- Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 12th November
- Christmas Market & Lights Switch On – Saturday 25th November

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 15th November:

THE FABELMANS

2022 | Director: Steven Spielberg
Rating 12A | Drama | 151 mins

Cast: Michelle Williams, Paul Dano



*New Jersey, 1952. Entranced by his first visit to a movie theatre and haunted by the powerful imagery of Cecil B. DeMille's *The Greatest Show on Earth*, young Sammy Fabelman returns home seeking to recreate it. Encouraged by Mitzi, his doting mother, Sammy discovers an irresistible passion for making home movies, and his creative projects become increasingly ambitious. However, when he discovers a shattering family secret, Sammy has to embrace the slow process of growing up while pursuing his dream to become a storyteller.*

Wednesday 13th December:

BARBIE

2023 | Director: Greta Gerwig
Rating 12A | Comedy/Fantasy | 114 mins

Cast: Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling



"To live in Barbie Land is to be a perfect being in a perfect place. Unless you have a full-on existential crisis. Or you're a Ken." Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans.

Film blockbusters to be screened in Warminster

Blockbuster films are coming to Warminster this winter as Warminster Town Council and the Civic Centre show 'The Fabelmans' and 'Barbie' as part of their [monthly film showings](#).

The Civic Centre currently shows films once a month on a large projector, with plenty of seating and is growing in popularity within the community. A ticket cost just £4 (cash and card accepted) with doors opening at 1.30pm and the film starting at 2pm.

If you are hard of hearing or a hearing aid user, the Town Council has a Roger MyLink hearing system available and all films are available with subtitles – just ask one of the friendly Civic Centre staff members.

For more information: [click here](#).

Civic Centre Regular Groups & Classes

M O N D A Y	Zumba Gold	11am - 12pm	Paula Young 07739 337283
	Wiltshire Young Musicians School term only	4:00 - 4:45pm	Claire Emberson info@wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk
	Elite Juniors Kickboxing Children aged 5-13 years	5:00 - 6:00pm	Francesca Jackson 07554 993873 info@eliteladieskickboxing.co.uk
	Elite Ladies Kickboxing	6:15 - 7:15pm	Francesca Jackson 07554 993873 info@eliteladieskickboxing.co.uk
T U E S D A Y	Pilates	10:00 - 11am	Paula Young 07739 337283
	Tai Chi	11am - 12pm	Howard Mitchell 07725 869238 howardmitchelltaichi@gmail.com
	Tai Chi	7:00 - 9:00pm	Howard Mitchell 07725 869238 howardmitchelltaichi@gmail.com
	Warminster & District Stroke Club	1:30 - 3:30pm	warminsteranddistrictstrokeclub@hotmail.com
	Age UK Wiltshire Fitness & Friendship Club Fortnightly	2:00 - 4:00pm	Tracey Jones 07754 612569 fitnessandfriendship@ageukwiltshire.org.uk
	Boreham WI Third Tuesday of the month	7:30 - 9:30pm	www.wiltshire.thewi.org.uk 01985 300501
	Warminster & Wylde Valley Flower Club Last Tuesday of the month	2:00 - 5:00pm	Barbara Littlewood 01985 214575 floralb@blueyonder.co.uk

W E D N E S D A Y	Yoga School terms only	10:00 - 11:30am	Fiona Fallon 07717 762402 fiona.fallon33@hotmail.com
	U3A Last Wednesday of the month	1:45 - 3:45pm	Antony Robson bussec@warmu3a.uk
	Zumba	6:00 - 7:00pm	Rosie Poolman 07760 496276 rosiepoolman@talktalk.net
	Rock Choir School terms only	7:00 - 9:00pm	01252 714276 office@rockchoir.com www.rockchoir.com
T H U R S D A Y	Pilates	10:00 - 11am	Paula Young 07739 337283
	Matt Fiddes Mixed Martial Arts Various Classes throughout evening	5:00 - 8:00pm	Matt Fiddes Martial Arts 0800 0350 415 enquiries@mattfiddes.com
F R I D A Y	Zumba Gold	10:00 - 11:00am	Rosie Poolman 07760 496276 rosiepoolman@talktalk.net

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facebook.com/warminsterpark

Warminster Town Council and Civic

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facebook.com/groups/217962596401625

Instagram:

www.instagram.com/warminstertowncouncil/

Web: www.warminster-tc.gov.uk

Tel: 01985 21487

Email: admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk

Centre Facebook page:
facebook.com/warminstertowncouncil

Warminster Civic Centre, Sambourne
Road, BA12 8LB



For more information about events in Warminster and the surrounding areas please visit the Upcoming Events page on our website warminster-tc.gov.uk/events/

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