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# NORMANTON NEWS

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### **Meetings 2018:**

May 15,  
Jul 17, Sep 18  
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Residents in Normanton on the Wolds will be sad to learn of the news of the retirement as a parish councillor of 'Ged' Fletcher, chairman for the last seven years. Here Ged gives his final Chairman's report :: —

### **Dear Friends of Normanton on the Wolds.**

By the time you read this you may know I have resigned as Chairman and as a member of Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council. I had been on the Council several years and felt it is time to give new residents the opportunity to engage in Parish affairs.

The Parish Council and Social Committee have organised several events over the past few years including Garden Trails, Street Parties, Queen Elizabeth celebrations, Christmas village light up, and the Best Kept Village competition. I trust their enthusiasm will continue. This year we have the commemoration of 100 years since the end of World War I November 1918 and a Royal Wedding in May.

When I came to Normanton in 1986, I didn't appreciate what a beautiful village it is.

It is a credit to the residents who make every effort to keep the village tidy, assisted through the litter picks and the Parish Councillors past and present who ensured that any new properties and developments meet the requirements of the Conservation Area. If we, as a council, have failed I express my apologies especially for not getting a lot of the potholes made good. The County Council map is covered in "X's" for reports I have made.

Please note the "b. c." resident's email list I have used to keep you informed of various activities, police notices, will cease, this is required to comply with recent data protection legislation. In future, your email address will only be used if you give the P.C. written approval. I understand that they will issue a notice to this effect. The Normanton on the Wolds website is also a good point of reference.

I take the opportunity to thank all the Councillors past and present, Mr Mike Elliott (clerk) and his colleagues for their support and advice during the time I served Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council.

Carol and I thank you for your support and friendship over the years. (Note my house name "Xatome" is a Spanish dialect word that means "pfffft / we have had enough"). As friends we will still be around and you are welcome to call any time.

**Ged Fletcher Chairman retired.**

### CHAIRMAN RETIRES FROM PARISH COUNCIL

After many years' service on the Parish Council including several as Chairman Coun. Ged Fletcher has resigned. Ged has worked tirelessly for the village helping arrange social events along with the village social committee, organising litter picks and footpath inspection walks, liaising with the highways department at the County Council over repairs and the Borough Council over planning applications, representing the village at events and conferences, as well as keeping us all informed on local matters via village newsletters and the village emailing list.

Coun. Dave Gray has also decided to step down as Councillor. He too has worked hard for the Parish in particular with the village social events including the garden trail.

Colleagues on the council give thanks to both of the retiring members. l.

### PARISH COUNCIL AFFECTED BY NEW DATA PROTECTION LAWS

On May 25 new Data Protection laws come into effect nationwide and the parish council, like every other of the 9500 councils in the country, are being affected. The new rules mean councils, amongst other things, have to introduce new steps to ensure personnel data of individuals in the parish is not available to the public where it shouldn't be. Amongst other new regulations is one that the council have to have a Data Protection Officer in place, and Mr Adrian Fretwell has been appointed. The council have approved a Retention Policy of five years, meaning they will dispose of paper material and emails older than that if not needing to keep them under other legal requirements.

### RUSHCLIFFE LOCAL PLAN PART TWO SOON

Part Two of Rushcliffe Borough's Local Plan will be made public for consultation in the summer, and it is understood it is likely there will be new areas of land recommended for additional housing development in the Borough.

### COUNTY COUNCIL TACKLING POT HOLES PROBLEMS

Coun. Richard Butler, parish representative on Notts County Council has told the parish council his authority are working hard to produce a programme to ensure the unacceptable condition of many roads in the county – including Normanton – are improved and that a plan to deal with hundreds of potholes was implemented. An additional £20m is being made available by the County over the next four years for the repair work needed.

## APPEAL FOR BEST KEPT VILLAGE SUPPORT

The Parish Council has decided to enter Normanton on the Wolds into the Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition with the aim of building on the achievement in 2017 when the parish made it through to the final 16 villages.

The competition is organised by Nottinghamshire CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England). Usually over 35 Nottinghamshire Parishes enter the competition in four categories, the largest being for a population of over 2,000 and the smallest for villages with a population under 300 which is the category we will be in. The first round of judging takes place in June with the successful 16 villages going through to the second round of judging during early to mid-July. A champion village is selected for each of the categories and the parish is awarded a plaque and certificate together with a cheque. There is also a "Best of Notts" award and a cheque for £1,000 for the best overall village. Last year the judges commented that "in all categories the results have been close run" so there is everything to play for.

The objective of the competition is to get local residents to take pride in their village, appreciate their surroundings and to harness a sense of community by keeping the village clean and well cared for – so it's time to banish all thoughts of the severe and miserable winter and early spring weather we have been suffering take advantage of any moment of sunshine to and get out into the gardens and do our bit.

As well as care of individual gardens the judges will be checking on the absence of litter, condition of communal areas including public seats, noticeboards and the telephone kiosk, the state of footpaths, stiles, gates and signposting, clear evidence of local commitment and initiative in the care and maintenance of the village and evidence of community spirit.

More about the progress in the competition in the next Newsletter – watch this space!

## Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council takes place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree and commences at 6.30pm with the Parish Meeting followed at 7pm by the annual Parish Council Meeting. Everyone from the village is welcome to attend either one or both meetings.

## Parish Council vacancies

Following the resignation of Couns. Ged Fletcher and David Gray there are two vacancies on the Parish Council. Anyone who is interested in becoming a councillor should keep their eye on the notice boards in the village for more information regarding the vacancies..



A NATION'S TRIBUTE

11TH NOVEMBER 2018

100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

Commemoration activities are planned by the parish council to mark the Centenary of the Ending of World War I on Sunday November 11, exactly 100 years after hostilities against Germany had ended. And which is this year's Remembrance Sunday.

There will be a lighting of a Beacon at 7pm on the evening of the 11th, to tie in with over 1000 other parishes in the country where similar events are planned.

The council have obtained an increased number of the large red poppies that were on show in the village last November and will be displayed during November.