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# NORMANTON NEWS

## Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council

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## Chairman's message.....

*Dear Resident,*

Welcome to my first Newsletter as Chairman of the Parish Council. I took over from Ged Fletcher at the Annual Meeting in May. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ged for all his hard work on behalf of the Parish during his time as Chairman.

The Parish Council has seen other changes in recent months due to the resignation of several members. Dave Gray left in May resulting in two vacancies which have since been filled by David Page and John Brook – welcome to both of you.

Since our July meeting Miles Shippside and Steve Waring have resigned and I thank them both for the contribution they have made during their term of office. They both intend to continue their community spirit by channelling their energies into an informal group to arrange social events in the village. This now leaves two further vacancies which it is hoped to fill, if no election is called, by co-option at our meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September – please see parish notice boards for more information.

Following the new rules on data protection which came into force at the end of May this year many of you have submitted email addresses to the Clerk, Mike Elliott, for inclusion in the village round-robin emailing list. *##continued on page 2##*

*The chairman's message (continued)*

Mike will be administering the emailing list and hopefully a copy of this newsletter has popped into your inbox. Any resident who would like to join the residents' email list please contact the clerk giving your email address and consent to be included in the list. Following GDPR all Parish Councillors have been allocated a parish council email address and these are listed alongside our names at the side of this newsletter.

Thanks to all residents who helped tidy the village in preparation for the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition. Despite our efforts, including a very well attended litter pick, we were unsuccessful in making it to the second round of the competition although the judges' comments about our village were very complimentary.

I hope you have all been enjoying the warm Summer weather in your own gardens and with walks around our lovely village.

Kind regards,

*Fiona Mason*

Chairman Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council

## BOOK READING RESIDENTS

A reminder is given to let residents know the mobile library visits Normanton once a month.

The van calls on a Thursday first stop being on The Leys between 9.45 and 10.15 before moving to its second stop on Old Melton Road opposite The Plough between 10.20 and 10.35.

Dates for the rest of 2018 are Sept 27th: Oct 25th: Nov 22nd: Dec 20th and Jan 17th 2019.

Using the mobile library is no different from joining any other library in Nottinghamshire or even in Nottingham city. Books borrowed from the mobile library can also be returned to any local library. You can also renew books over the phone or online; contacts are Southwell Library 01636 812148 or Email:

southwell.library@inspireculture.org.uk

## NO LUCK IN BEST KEPT VILLAGE EFFORT

Normanton's entry in the 2018 Notts Best Kept Village competition was praised, but not sufficiently enough to get it a prize.

The comments from the judges who visited the village said Normanton is an attractive and well maintained village. "The performance again this year was good but slightly below the performance of those going forward to the Second Round. The margin was very small"

The report added: "Entrances to the village were very attractive. Road side verges were not always neatly trimmed. Considerable amount of street furniture— attractive Golden Jubilee signs, benches, post box, etc. Phone box used as a library/book exchange—very clean. Attractive footpaths, BKVC notice and poster thanking people for taking part in a litter pick."

It was stated in the comments from the judges that the Plough pub in the village provides an attractive feature, and seems to be a focal point and provides information about events. Attractive outside area.

## KEEP CLEAR PLEA ON WATERCOURSES AND FOOTPATHS

The Parish Council are reminding and requesting residents who have a watercourse running through their land to ensure the stream and banks are clear of debris to allow the free flow of water.

Please could residents ensure that any overgrown shrubs or overhanging branches encroaching on or over footpaths are cut back as there are instances where shrubbery is growing over footpaths making it difficult for pedestrians, wheelchair users and those with prams to negotiate the paths.

## 'TREES FOR FREE' FROM RUSHCLIFFE

Rushcliffe Borough Council has launched a free tree scheme and is inviting parish councils to apply for up to 10 trees. The trees supplied are from a list of alder, aspen, crab apple, oak, field maple, lime, white willow or wild cherry. The parish council is currently considering the offer. If anyone has any ideas for the possible location of a tree contact a parish councillor.

The Borough are also offering two free trees to any resident.



## Bus shelter goes

The old dilapidated bus shelter on Cotgrave Road has been removed. The bus stop had not been in use for many years making the shelter redundant. Bollards in the central reservation on the A606 Melton Road have been replaced following their earlier disappearance. Pavement resurfacing due to tree root damage has taken place on sections of the footpath on The Leys.

## Quite time on Planning

It has been a very quiet time with no recent planning applications in the village. A local application of interest is 18/00460/Hybrid on land south of Landmere Lane adjacent the A52 (near Wheatcrofts not the same site as that previously granted for a Waitrose) The application comprises Full planning permission for the erection of an Aldi food store (Use Class A1), together with car parking, landscaping and associated works, and Outline planning permission (all matters reserved except for access) for a care home and extra care apartments. This application is still pending a decision by Rushcliffe Borough Council.

## KEEP CLEAR PLEA ON WATER-COURSES AND FOOTPATHS

The Parish Council would like to remind and request residents who have a watercourse running through their land to ensure the stream and banks are clear of debris to allow the free flow of water.

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## Normanton flies the flag



The Parish Council is arranging for the Red Ensign, the official flag of the British Merchant Navy, to be flown from our flagpole on Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September.

Merchant Navy Day honours the brave men and women who kept our island nation afloat during both World Wars and raises awareness of our reliance on seafarers and shipping today to defend our shores, for trade and to import food and fuel.

The date, 3rd September 1939 marked the outbreak of World War II. The Red Ensign or "Red Duster" as it is affectionately known has been the recognised flag of the British Merchant Navy since 1854 and has become inextricably linked with worldwide trade. Today 95% of our imports are carried by ship including half the food we eat.

The Red Ensign is the official flag of the British Merchant Navy and those men and women on whom we depend on keep our island nation supplied with food, fuel and other imports.

Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September has been commemorated since 2000 and for the past three years has been the focus of our UK-nationwide campaign to raise awareness of our ongoing reliance on seafarers and shipping.

## WW1 – 100 Years since the Armistice



This November marks 100 years since the end of World War 1 – initially labelled as the war to end all wars.

On Remembrance Sunday, 11th November, commemoration events will take place up and down the country to mark the occasion. Beacons

will be lit at 7 pm and church bells will be rung. The Parish Council is currently discussing how we may best acknowledge and remember those service personnel and civilians who were injured or lost their lives in this terrible conflict. A decision will be made at the Parish Council meeting in September and further details will be given in our next newsletter.

**BATTLE'S  
OVER**  
  
A NATION'S TRIBUTE  
11TH NOVEMBER 2018  
100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

# OVO Energy Tour of Britain visits Normanton – but only just!

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September will see much of the area of Rushcliffe welcoming the national cycling Tour of Britain, including a tiny spot in Normanton. One hundred and twenty top international cyclists will pass through some of Rushcliffe's villages including Keyworth and Plumtree where the route will take cyclists along Station Road, turning up Church Hill and crossing the A606 at the traffic lights (entering the Normanton) at Cotgrave Road and then onwards to Cotgrave.



All villagers on the route are being encouraged to decorate their frontages with green and yellow flags and bunting and even old bicycles painted yellow. The Parish Council hopes to decorate the millennium stone area on Cotgrave Road to support the tour. The event will attract many visitors and supporters and the Burnside Hall at Plumtree will be a "cheer point" where visitors can gather and enjoy refreshments. None stop live coverage of the tour will be captured on ITV4, with motor cyclists film crews and an overhead helicopter providing the coverage.

There will be some disruption on the roads along the route with rolling road closures during the morning. The cyclists are expected at the Cotgrave Road junction around 11.20 am but just before that they and the expected entourage of over 100 travelling vehicles including first aiders, team managers and tour officials accompanied by 50 police motorcyclists will have seen a number of special efforts to mark the big occasion, including an inflatable Bunny rabbit riding a bike in, where else, Bunny, a special yellow decorated tree in, where else, Plumtree and a 50ft wide hay bale bike at the bottom of Gullivers Lane at Clipston which will have taken several hours of the time of staff at Harkers Farm Shop to build, using dozens of 70 stone round hay bales to complete what is expected to be a work of art.

## Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council

Notice is given there are two **CASUAL VACANCIES** existing on Normanton on the Wolds parish council and applications asking to be considered for co-opton as a member are invited.

*Any such applications to be forwarded in writing to the clerk Mike Elliott, 19/21 Main Street, Keyworth, NG12 5AA, email [elliottnews@btconnect.com](mailto:elliottnews@btconnect.com) or any member, with brief personal details in a note of up to 200 words.*

Direct contact can be made with any member of the council but written confirmation and notes are still required.

## =====COUNCIL SNIPPETS=====

THE parish council are appealing for photographs for use on the council website.+++

Fifty-five of the oak trees growing in the Hoe Hill plantation had their girths measured in 2011 at the standard height of 1.5 metres from the ground and the measurements records indicated that the suggested date for planting of them was between the years 1780 and 1800 +++

Action is being placed as a future plan by the parish council to update its emergency plan +++

Members of the parish council are to have discussions at a future meeting as to whether or not the village should have a defibrillator and if so where it should be sited +++

Rushcliffe Borough Council have banned the use of helium balloons or Chinese Lanterns on any land or premises they own +++

In connection with the new complex Data Protection laws that came into effect on May 25 this year the parish council has appointed a Data Protection Officer to ensure the council adhere to the new regulations