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Higham Times

News, Views & Town Events



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Welcome

Since our last Newsletter, we have had lots going on in our town including celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III and the 21st birthday of our monthly Farmers' Market. You can find reviews and photos of these events and much more in this edition of the Higham Times.

Our wonderful community and craft volunteers created and assembled yarnbombing decorations around the Market Square and High Street to celebrate King Charles III's Coronation. We had a visit from BBC Radio Northampton's Tom Percival who spoke to some of these volunteers about the project in the Market Square.

We hope that you like the new layout of the newsletter which now has colour coded sections for Town Focus, Community News, Advertising and Council News. Town Focus will be a spotlight on our local businesses, landmarks and heritage. Community News will have updates from Higham Ferrers Tourism, St Marys Church, Hope Methodist Church, local schools and community groups. Council News will include council events, contact information, a Mayor's report and a council update on current projects such as the Community Centre Project, Community Library and Minibus Service. There is an opportunity for local businesses to advertise in this quarterly newsletter so please get in touch if you would like more information about this.

For the most current information about what is happening in the town, we encourage you to check the Town Council website (www.highamferrers-tc.gov.uk) and social media pages for regular updates. There is also a Town App with lots of useful local information.

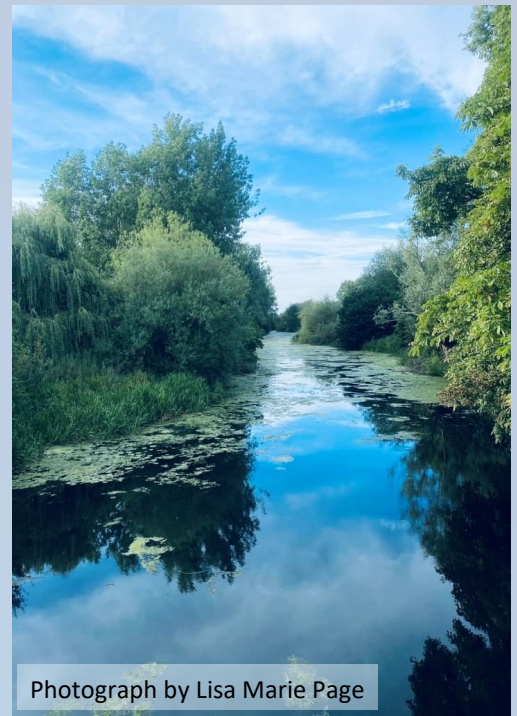
If you have an article about local news or events which you would like to be included in the next edition of the Higham Times in November then please forward the information to;

donna@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk no later than 2nd October 2023.

Thank you for your continued support.

Donna Anderson, Editor

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Photograph by Derrick Laundon

Business Spotlight...

In each edition of the Higham Times we will be taking a look at one of our local businesses. We start with one of our High Street shops, Millers Yarns and Crafts, which is celebrating four years of trading here in August.

The shop has a wonderful range of yarns, craft kits, craft books, accessories and haberdashery.

The owner, Ann Hurley, is a local lady, born and raised in Rushden. She decided to open her shop in Higham Ferrers because she liked the unique, independent businesses in our town. Ann said that she has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know other local business owners and loves the way that they support each other. They have championed fellow local businesses, facilitated sales and collections for each other and during the hot weather in June, her neighbour at Willow & Grey even tempted her with some delicious Gallone's ice-cream from Savour the Flavour to keep cool.

Ann has built a good customer base and many friendships with customers popping in for a chat as well as to pick up some items. She is pleased to be starting a monthly Knit and Natter group from September which will include a buffet lunch from Savour the Flavour. This will be held from 11am - 1pm(ish) on a Monday and spaces are limited so please contact Ann if you are interested.

Some may think that Ann had gone slightly crazy recently, celebrating Christmas in July with a festive window display. She explained that although it may seem odd, if you want to create gifts for people, it takes time so you should think about starting soon to be prepared for Christmas.

Craft books are popular for getting some inspiration or to learn a new skill and there are some new ones arriving in the shop soon. If you haven't mastered crafting yourself yet, they also sell several wonderful knitted and crocheted items in the shop so pop in and have a look.



Opening times: 9.30am - 4pm Tuesday - Saturday.

Contacts: - Telephone: 01933 311392
Email: sales@millersyarnsandcrafts.co.uk

Website: www.millersyarnsandcrafts.co.uk

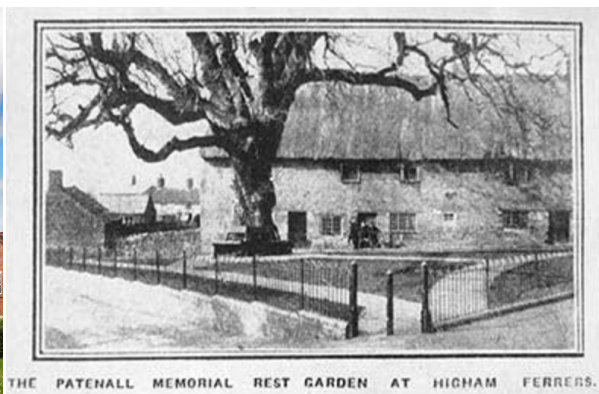
Address: 46 High Street, Higham Ferrers, NN10 8BL

The Blue Plaque Trail

Higham Ferrers



1. The Walnut Tree North End



THE PATENALL MEMORIAL REST GARDEN AT HIGHAM FERRERS.

The walnut tree in Higham has been a notable landmark for centuries. Situated on the old village green, it has been suggested that the present tree was 700 years old and growing during the reign of Henry VIII, although this would be unusual as most walnut trees live for about 150 years, so the current one is probably the last of a succession of such trees. In 1740 there was great concern expressed about people who were “splitting trees for great profit” as “walnut trees in diverse places have

suffered this calamity”. The wood was used for windmill posts, dresser boards and gun stocks and because of these various purposes, some people believed that the trees were being damaged beyond repair.

The land immediately surrounding the walnut tree has been central to life in Higham for centuries. A test pit dug by Oxford Archaeology between 1992 and 2002 found, among other things, an 1884



Penny, a pencil made of slate for use on a school slate (commonly used in the Victorian period) and a silver Sixpence from the reign of Henry VI.

In 2017, the Higham Ferrers Archaeology and Research Society (HiFARS) excavated three test pits in the grassed area of the Walnut Tree to trace the settlement of the late Anglo-Saxon people as recorded in Domesday.



DISCOVER the stories behind the plaques

In each edition of the Higham Times we will take a look at one of the steps along the Blue Plaque Heritage Trail. You can find out more at www.blueplaquetrail.com





HACHENBURG - HIGHAM FERRERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our twin town is Hachenburg which is situated in the Westerwald region of Germany. The town has many similarities with Higham Ferrers in that it has a well preserved town centre with many beautiful old buildings in a style called fachwerke in German and half timbered in English. The town is in the heart of a beautiful region and has an area close by called the Kroppacher Schweiss which is an area very reminiscent of Switzerland with small villages nestling in wooded valleys, and the magnificent abbey at Marienstatt which is nearby.

The town lies about 95 kilometres to the east of Cologne and is an ideal touring centre. There is a Twinning Group which organises visits on a bi-annual basis with a group visiting Higham Ferrers on the alternate years.



- We are a friendly, welcoming group based in Higham Ferrers and the surrounding area.
- We promote friendship with Hachenburg, our twin-town near Cologne in Germany.
- We visit Hachenburg every other year, staying with families, and enjoying local cities, places of interest and good food and drink.
- In the other years we welcome them to stay with us. This year we are hoping that they will come to stay in Northants.



Interested in joining in? Individuals, friends and families are all welcome. You don't have to speak German!

*For more information, please contact
Gill Mercer on
07875 337 404 or email
compiforce@yahoo.co.uk*

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

HIGHAM TOURISM TEAM A HIT IN KNOCK-OUT TOURNAMENT

The recent Great Big Green Week proved a hive of activity at Higham Ferrers' landmark Chichele College.



From the left: Terry Webbley (Tourism team), Ron Johnson (Chichele Management), John Akers (Tourism) and Sue Lander (Chichele Management).

Higham Ferrers Tourism organised the first croquet tournament of the summer between four teams and took top spot in the clash. Following a training session on the grassy court by expert, Susan Perkins, the four teams of four players – representing Higham Tourism, Chichele College Management, the Bedesmen and the Volunteer Gardeners – took on the challenge, as supporters, sipping icy drinks on the sidelines, watched the tournament unfold.

“It took us many years to get permission from Historic England to stage croquet on the lawn” explained the Chair of Chichele College Management. “We eventually got permission to play last year on condition the hoops are not inserted too far into the ground.”

And pupils learn how to help hedgehogs

Earlier, some 80 Year-5 pupils from the neighbouring Higham Ferrers Junior School spent the day at the College where they learned about medieval farming. With music provided by English Heritage, pupils were also shown how to make a bug hotel and hedgehog nests and how to position a hedgehog house. And they planted a mini floral meadow, forerunner of the college's plans for the green recreational area to be edged with meadow plants, part of King Charles' wish to increase meadow areas.



Year 5 pupils helping to build a bug hotel

A Year-5 teacher, Alex Morris, contacted Carol later to say that they had all had a wonderful time and that, once back home, some pupils had already made hedgehog nests and helped a family member with gardening.

To finish off the special week, a planter which doubles as a bike rack – courtesy of English Heritage – was ordered for the college. “The idea is that with somewhere safe to store their bikes, more people will be encouraged to visit the site,” Carol said.



HIGHAM CHICHELE SOCIETY

The Higham Chichele Society meets in the Bede House (in the grounds of the Parish Church) The meetings commence at 9.30am (doors open at 9am) Admission is £3, including refreshments. The annual subscription is £5 (singles) £8 (couples) due at the May meeting. Check our website: www.highamchichelesociety.co.uk

Speakers for 2023:

25th August: Peter and Gloria Wright - Lions, Tigers and All That.

29th September: Emily Purnell - Chester House.

27th October: Peter Hill - The Green Man.

24th November: Chris Rowe - Tales from the Tudor Table.

NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME, PLEASE COME ALONG.

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4. REGISTER AND PAY when you bring your entries to Chichele College

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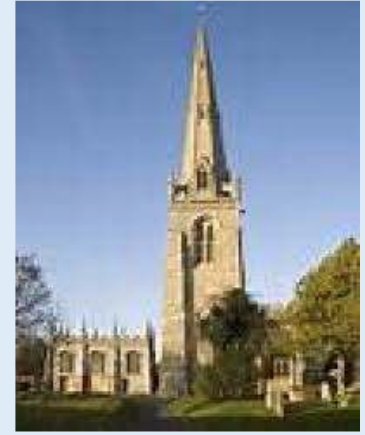
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Introducing myself as the new Vicar of St Mary's Higham Ferrers and St John's Chelveston-cum-Caldecott.

On the 5 July it was my great privilege and joy to be inducted and installed as the Vicar of the united benefice of St Mary's and St John's. A huge vote of thanks is due to the whole team in the benefice who have kept things going in the vacancy, with all the extra responsibility that involves, and who have been so welcoming to us as a family.

We, that is me, my husband Alan, son Alex and adored cat Pumpkin are now living in the newly refurbished vicarage. We are getting used to the novelty of living in the middle of a town and right next to the church which we now really like. Moving in that glorious spell of weather gave us time to sit in the garden, watch the birds and listen to the church bells. We are now slowly unpacking and turning the vicarage into a home. You may have noticed some of the slightly overgrown trees have been given a haircut!

So why here, and why now you may ask? The short answer is I don't know yet, but somehow God led me here. After an initial visit I felt compelled to apply for the vacant post, there was something about this town and the villages that would not leave me. It is both different and not so different to my past experience of church life, from small village to busy town. It has history in spades, it is a beautiful part of the world, but the biggest draw is the people we have met through this process. So very friendly and welcoming, not just those within the church communities though they have been amazing, but the people of the town and villages.

And now my new ministry begins, and it starts with getting to know the parishes and the people within them. Finding out the local things that happen here for say Remembrance Sunday or Christmas, the ones I've heard of but not yet experienced like Snowdrop Weekend or Christmas Sparkle.

We are the newbies in town, you have my photo above, so please say hello when you see me. I look forward to meeting you,

Mother Louise

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St Mary's
Higham Ferrers



Presented by
The Friends of St Mary's
to celebrate their
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7.30 pm
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TOWN TOUR IDENTIFIES TOP TEN TOURISM HOTSPOTS

HIGHAM FERRERS PUPILS TURN TOUR GUIDES

HIGHAM Ferrers school children have come up with their top 10 favourite places in the historic town and have now released a slick YouTube video to tell the world about them.

It all started when Carol Fitzgerald who is on Higham Ferrers Tourism Committee, chair of the sub-committee and the Henry Chichele College Committee visited the Higham Ferrers Junior School to give pupils a talk about the town's landmark buildings and places. Pupils then listed their favourite "must see" hotspots.

"The idea was to explain to the children about their local heritage, to put them in the picture about a range of interesting places and to train them to be tour guides. They now know so much about Higham Ferrers that they will be able to explain all about the town's historic and notable places to their parents and friends," she said.



The Tourism Committee called in professional video maker Gareth Hughes to record their choices. With the children narrating their various selections, their video, *Higham Ferrers Junior School Town Tour* was launched at a recent school assembly by Mayor, Councillor Nigel Brown and the Mayoress, Jackie Brown.

"The Mayor and Mayoress were very impressed and the entire school loved it, heralding the premiere with huge applause," Carol recalled. "The timing could not be better as May is local history month," Carol added.

The YouTube video has been jointly sponsored by Higham Ferrers Town Council and All Souls College, Oxford – founded by Higham's most famous son, Archbishop Henry Chichele.

It is due to go on show at the Discover Northamptonshire Visitor Hub at Rushden Lakes.

The Top Ten Tourist spots are:

1. Their own school which was built in Victorian times.
2. The Market Square with its limestone buildings and a notice board about the town's historic charters.
3. St Mary's Church, which dates back to 1220. The spire burned down in 1631 and had to be rebuilt.
4. The Chancery Chapel next to the church, a one-time grammar school where 100 years ago two naughty boys turned to graffiti to carve their names into some wooden furniture.
5. Bede House, founded by Archbishop Chichele for 12 poor men (Bedesmen) and for a Bedeswoman to care for them. Also of interest is the bug palace in the grounds for bees and tiny creatures, while an impressive granite obelisk next to the church honours assistant surgeon, Dr Richard Hacon, who put his own life at risk by treating patients from cholera before succumbing to the disease himself in 1871.
6. Midland Road, with its special architecture and Blue Plaques.
7. Castle Field which was demolished in 1523 by Henry VIII. The stone went to build Kimbolton Castle. It is now a school.
8. Chichele College founded by Archbishop Henry Chichele.
9. The Cup and Saucer Pond behind the skateboard park, once used for farming fish.
10. The Skakeboard Park.





Higham Ferrers Nursery and Infant School

Care Share Enjoy Respect Friendship

As we get ready for the new academic year, we are so proud of our school, our staff and pupils. We have an exciting and stimulating learning environment right through from Nursery to Year 2 with lots of wonderful things planned. We have a few spaces available in our Reception year group to start in September so please contact School Admissions at North Northants Council if you wish to join our school family.



What an amazing year we have had at Higham Ferrers Nursery and Infant School, with some fantastic events hosted by our Friends of the School. The most recent being the "Colour Run" which was a resounding success and everyone who took part had a brilliant time as well as raising lots of money for the school!!



Higham Ferrers Nursery and Infant School

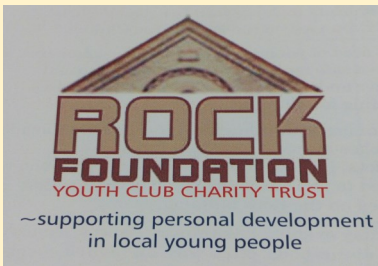


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<https://www.highamferrersinfants.org.uk>

Finally, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Linda Ward who is retiring from her role as our Headteacher after 7 years and having taught at the school for a total of 35 years!!! We shall all be very sad to see her go but we are looking forward to welcoming our new Headteacher Mrs Jane Toyer in September.



Giving money AWAY! At our recent AGM, the Trustees were pleased to see that during the last financial year, the Trust has given £3,601 to local individual young people or to the groups they attend. By **Local**, we mean Rushden, Higham Ferrers or the near towns and villages around them. By **Young People**, we mean those aged between 11 and 21 years. We award grants in order to fulfil the aims of the Trust, set out by our Founder *"For the purpose of helping and educating children through leisure time activities to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities"*

Applications for grants are welcome from any young person or on behalf of young persons falling within our remit. We consider anything - from a football to a donation towards the cost of going on a Third World aid visit.

In the last two decades the Trust has awarded grants amounting to nearly £43,000, by the end of 2023 YOUR grant could be added to that list!

For more information and an application form, pick up a leaflet from Higham Ferrers Town Hall, Rushden Library or by email to: rockfoundationrushden@btinternet.com



Patient Participation Group

Hello - the Higham Ferrers Surgery Patient Participation Group was reformed recently, so now is a good time to remind patients of our role and responsibilities and outline some of the activities we are planning for the next 6 months.

Aims and Objectives

- Act as a critical friend to the surgery.
- Communicate regularly with the patient population to:
Encourage patients to take greater responsibility for their own and their family's health.
Promote health literacy & understanding of the Surgery and the services it offers.
- Research the views of patients to gain insight into the responsiveness and quality of services offered and work with the Surgery to implement changes.
- Organise health promotion events to increase awareness of particular health conditions and the help resources available.

One key measure of progress will be the annual GP Patient Survey, due out soon.

Events

We recently hosted a talk at The Bede House entitled 'Improving Your Mental Health and How to Get Help.' The slides used in the talk are on the Surgery website. We are intending to hold at least 2 or 3 each year, to highlight specific health conditions and the resources available to help manage them.

Suggestions

Listening to suggestions for improvement are an important way for the Surgery to improve its services. Please use the Suggestion Form on the Surgery website.

We will also canvas patients for their feedback from time to time and work with the Surgery to improve the services offered. We are planning to host a stall at the Farmers Market to provide an opportunity for feedback and discussion.

Complaints - must be addressed directly to the Surgery, please contact reception or use the complaints form on the website.

Meetings

We meet quarterly to discuss issues and progress. The next meeting is in October. Minutes of the meetings are posted on the Surgery website.

Thank you, Graham Snuggs.

Chairman, Patients Participation Group



HIGHAM FERRERS GIRLS' BRIGADE



2022/2023 has to be one of Higham Ferrers Girls' Brigades best ever years!



We have had such a packed year; full of friendship, fun and fellowship! After the Covid lockdown years, we found ourselves without as many members as before 2020. So, we held a recruitment drive and got the word out to our local schools promoting The Girls' Brigade and the fun that could be had on a Thursday night. It was a great success and we have welcomed many new members from the local Primary and Secondary schools to the group.

Here are just a few of the activities that our members have been part of over the last 10 months.....



Remembrance Sunday



Christmas Crafts



Learning about & meeting Guide Dogs for the Blind



Our Coronation Party



Local Park Run



Receiving Certificates

If your daughter would like to join our group of very friendly girls, then please get in touch. We spend our evenings learning about our community and new skills. We share our experiences and talents. We grow our friendships and understanding of one another.

We meet during school terms on a Thursday evening 6:00pm until 7:30pm at Hope Methodist Church, on the High Street. Our members are aged from Reception to Senior School Years Drop us an email highamgb@gmail.com to find out more – we wouldn't want your daughter to miss out on becoming a member of The Girls' Brigade, it really is a lot of FUN!!

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

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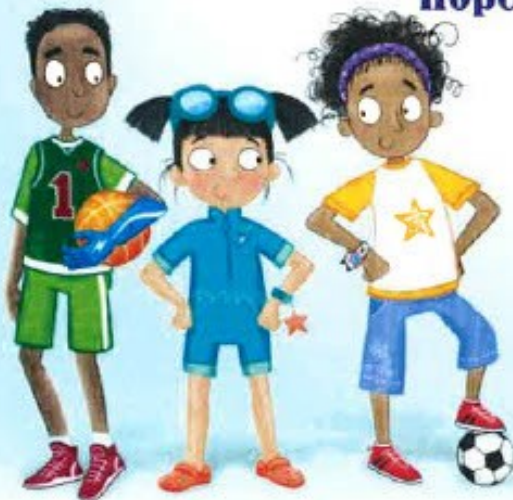
Are you aged between 4 and 11 years old?
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They won't cost a penny!

Hope to see you soon.



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Our town looked spectacular for King Charles III's Coronation in May. The flags were flying along the High Street, bunting adorned the railings and yarn-bombing creations covered bollards, benches, lamp-posts and post boxes throughout the town. A huge thank you to the many volunteers who contributed

to making and assembling all of these beautiful decorations. We were very sad that unfortunately some of these items were stolen and vandalised but the phenomenal amount of positive feedback from the public who enjoy these projects makes it remain worthwhile. Our amazing volunteers got back to work and replaced the items in time for the Coronation events. We had a visit from BBC Radio Northampton's Tom Percival who had heard about the town's decorations and wanted to meet some of the people responsible. It was lovely to see them getting recognition for their hard work.





What an amazing turnout for our 'Big Coronation Lunch' on Sunday 7th May, in the Market Square. It was great to get our community together to celebrate the King's Coronation with a street party.



There was a wonderful effort from all who attended with delicious picnics, fabulous outfits, accessories and decorations. The live music from a guitar duet, singer Odette and the Over 60's Band created a brilliant atmosphere on the day.



Make your own crown Competition



Charleigh, Age 8 took home the prize in his age group for the fantastic efforts he made with his crown.

Eva, Age 8 also received a runners up prize.

Arthur, Age 3 won his age category and was very pleased.

All prizes were collected at the May Farmers Market. Thank you for joining us!



Best Dressed Coronation Property



1. The Grigg Family House, Residential, Mayor's Choice

2. Marion's House, Residential, People's Choice

3. Georgia's Fish Bar, Business, People's Choice

4. SERVE - Ron Manning Day Centre, Business, Mayor's Choice

Thank you for taking part!

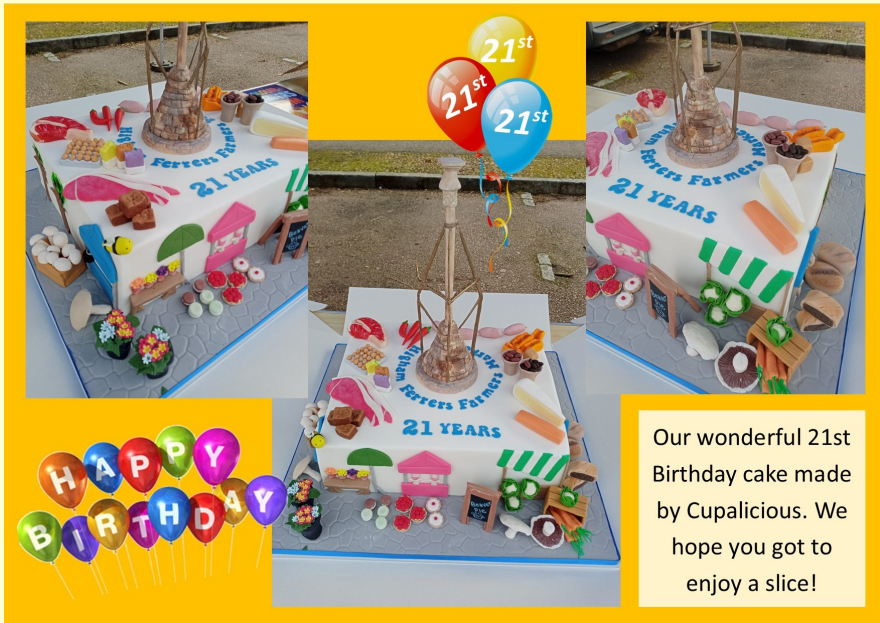




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Farmers Market

We were thrilled to see so many turn up to our 21st birthday celebrations in April. There was a real buzz around the market with customers taking part in our tractor trail and enjoying some of the delicious cake.



Our wonderful 21st Birthday cake made by Cupalicious. We hope you got to enjoy a slice!



We had hidden 21 tractor pictures around the Market Square for customers to find so that they could receive a treat and enter a draw to win a prize. We even hid one tractor on the Mayor to give you a moving target which many of the children found funny. We also had a giant carrot (aka Lauren) helping to distribute the cake to customers and traders. The sun was shining bright and it was a wonderful day for all.



In May we joined the national campaign 'Love Your Local Market' with a free raffle to win a hamper containing produce from all of our amazing traders. Customers got a free entry for each purchase on the day, and a winner was drawn at the end of the market. They were very happy with their big hamper of goodies! Councillors were also doing a short survey



to find out where our customers come from, what they like best about the market and what else they would like to see there. We are always aiming to provide a varied and thriving market for traders and customers to enjoy. In September we will have a harvest themed market, October is Halloween theme with pumpkin carving and of course our festive Christmas market in December to end the year.



We could not do our annual Christmas Sparkle without the help of our wonderful volunteers. We need people to marshal the road closures and the entry/exit of the event, and provide general information to event attendees. We provide you with everything you need, including a free food voucher & snacks. We need people from 7am to 9pm and can be flexible to what you can offer. If you can spare a couple of hours please contact us on 01933 312075 email info@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk



Christmas Sparkle

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2023

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Community Centre Project



In the last edition we reported on the results from our Community Centre consultation. At the June Town Council meeting it was agreed by unanimous vote of the councillors not to build a centre to the design and cost that was proposed.



The building required borrowing of £2 million; the repayment for which would have increased the council tax to a level that was not supported through the consultation and to which, in the current climate, council felt was too much to ask you to pay. The council is now reviewing their options for enhancing or extending the community facilities at this site on Saffron Road recreation ground. As a minimum the existing Sports Pavilion will require monies spent on it to bring it to modern standards.

Plans for a Small Community Library with a Big Heart

We hope to shortly be receiving funding to develop and provide library and wellbeing services within the town. Our project is in its infancy but will be based out of the community room at the



back of the former library building now owned by Snowdon Homes. To open the room for these services we seek volunteers to help us man it so it may open as often as possible. If you can spare a couple of hours once a week as we move into Autumn please do register your interest. 01933 312075 or email info@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk

Wellibus



The 'Wellibus' trial door to door service started in April. This offers FREE travel for people with a concessionary (older and disabled) bus pass.

Call on 01933 223636, 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday to find out more.

The new Dial-a-Ride, door to door minibus service is wheelchair friendly and fully accessible for those with mobility needs.

- Book up to 5 days in advance or up to 12 noon on the day before travel.
- Regular bookings can be taken if you attend a weekly group.
- Membership fee of £15 is required for the 6 month trial period.

Towards the end of the trial, both councils will review its level of use and how it is meeting community needs.

New Seating

Have you spotted the new Queen Elizabeth II memorial bench on the Market Square yet? We also have a brightly coloured bench coming to the Saffron Road play area.



Mayor's Report



During May we had some wonderful celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III. We held our Big Lunch event in the Market Square on Sunday 7th May followed by my Coronation Mayor's Market on Monday 8th May. Both events were well attended and I'm grateful for your support. I was invited to the Junior School on Friday 5th May for their crown parade. There were some very imaginative crowns and it was an honour to attend and be the judge. My congratulations to all the children for their crowns.



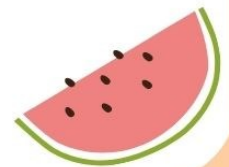
Throughout my 2022-23 Mayoral year I raised £2101 for my nominated charity, Northamptonshire Search and Rescue. I look forward to continuing the honour of being your Mayor for 2023-24. I have already attended many Mayor Making ceremonies in support of my fellow Mayors. I will continue to be at the monthly Farmers Markets so please do support your local market and pop over and say hello.



I have not chosen a particular charity this year but will be taking applications from community groups in January for funds to help with running or project work. I will be hosting several fundraising events. Look out for my murder mystery evening at Halloween. I wish you all a lovely summer.



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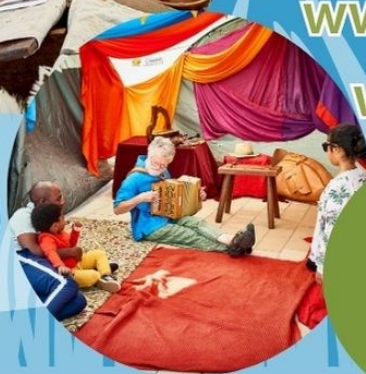
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