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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



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New Chancellor

On Sunday the 24th September, Julia and I attended the the installation of the new Canon Chancellor, the Reverend Dr Megan Daffern, at Wells Cathedral.

We enjoyed a lovely service in the splendid setting of Wells' magnificent Cathedral. It was also good to see fellow Mayors and Chairs in attendance.



The Chain Gang with Reverend Dr Megan Daffern.

It was an honour to meet the Right Reverend Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells who was the assistant to King Charles III at his recent coronation.



The Right Reverend Michael Beasley



With Scout leaders, Helen, Judith and Neil

Scouts Bingo Night

The 1st Midsomer Norton Scouts fundraising campaign for their Big Roof Appeal continued on Saturday 23rd with a successful charity Bingo and raffle evening.

With tables of donated prizes up for grabs, hot food, dabbers and refreshments on sale, around eighty people supported the event which raised nearly £500 to go towards funding essential roof repairs for the Scout Hall on Radstock Road.

This latest fundraising event follows a busy summer for the Scouts with a successful tombola at the Midsomer Norton Town Fayre and children undertaking sponsored activities throughout the holidays such as litter picking.

Every week 1st Midsomer Norton Scout educates and entertains around 150 people (young members, leaders and helpers), developing skills for life on their scouting journey.

All contributions are gratefully received and the group have created a donation page for anyone who wishes to contribute. <https://wonderful.org/pay?ref=305629>

Welcome to Our New Staff



With Jo, Katie and Kate

Our new Town Clerk, Katie Mason has taken up her position, joining Deputy Kate who started in August. I'm very excited for them and the Town Council. We now have a fantastic team to take our Council and town forward.

My biggest thanks to Jo for all she's done while the Council recruited the new members of the team.

I'd also like to thank Peter Finnis and Paul Russell for providing invaluable Locum support over this period.

Heritage Open Day

The Heritage Open Day was on the 16th September. Featuring a mini-market and entertainment outside Unit 14, with activities and crafting inside. It was great fun giving residents a peek inside the Town Hall and explaining how this asset will be so important to the regeneration of our high street. Feedback was very positive.



Town Hall Tour

My thanks and appreciation to all the hard work which went into this project and a special mention to Beth Whalley who has done the most amazing work with the Community Trust and Cultural Consortium delivering so many brilliant heritage events, a new audio trail and the lovely town brand, to name a few things. Beth will be moving on soon and will be sorely missed. I'd personally like to thank Beth for all her hard work and wish her the very best for the future.



Hazel Mullen of 'Green Bath' had a stall at the mini-market



Beth at the Music Festival in June which she helped organise along with many other events

High Sheriff of Somerset's Garden Party

Martyn and I attended the High Sheriff's Garden Party on the 14th when awards were handed out including one for Sam Plummer from Youth Connect South West.

The shrievalty is a non-political and independent appointment which provides support for the Royal Family, the Judiciary, the Police and the emergency services without resort to the public purse.

The High Sheriff offers encouragement to those supporting the charity and voluntary sectors and actively encourages crime prevention. The key to the role is to uphold and enhance the ancient office while making a meaningful contribution to the county of Somerset.



Martyn and me with the High Sheriff



Pictured above are recipients of the High Sheriff's Awards - (l-r) Sam Plummer of Youth Connect (South West), Justin Fudge of the Lieutenancy Office, Tessa Armstrong of Voices for Life, Eric Deyes on behalf of Yeovil Street Pastors and Ali Sanderson of West Somerset Food Cupboard.

highsheriffsomerset.org.uk



Cllr Sarah Moore, Chair of Bath & North East Somerset Council



Mayors and Chairs with the High Sheriff, Robert Drewett

Farmers' Market

The September Market was a great morning for all in Midsomer Norton with sunshine, music from [Martin Redford](#) and a good turnout of visitors and Councillors.



Always good to see the Bearded Brewer
thebeardedbrewer.co.uk



With Cllr Moxham. Ok, so the hat is *similar* to a pirate-hat



Sarah from Wookey Farm with some excellent cheese on offer
www.wookeefarm.com



Debbie Chatting from Somer Valley FM's Great Outdoors Brunch Show
www.somervalleyfm.co.uk



Midsomer Norton Rugby Club Reunion

The Midsomer Norton Rugby Club Reunion was held on Saturday the 23rd, before the 1st team match against Clevedon.

Nigel Rowels was kind enough to invite Town Councillors and it was great to see Lynda and Tim there on the day.



I had the pleasure of meeting the legendary Terry Moon, one of Midsomer Norton's finest players who represented the club and contributed to some famous victories notably winning the Somerset Cup in 1980 and 1990.

midsomernortonrfc.rfu.club/information/club-history