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Foreword

Welcome to the September issue of My Mansfield magazine, filled with news and updates about what's happening at your council.



t's been a busy summer as we've organised our popular summer festivals and the new specialist markets.

Although the weather wasn't always on our side, it was great to see local people out and about, enjoying all that was on offer. See the festival round-up on page 12.

Well done to the Parks Team which has retained seven Green Flag Awards for another year. Congratulations also to this year's Best Kept Garden competition winners. See more on page 15.

It was wonderful to welcome the OVO Energy Tour of Britain to Mansfield and to see so many people turn out to give the cyclists such a warm welcome. I'm proud so many of us were able to be part of this thrilling event. See pages 4 and 5 for more.

There's still time to knit or crochet a poppy for Remembrance Day. Support our campaign by helping us to create a huge display of poppies in the town centre. See page 22 for details.

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It was wonderful to welcome the OVO Energy Tour of Britain to Mansfield and to see so many people turn out to give the cyclists such a warm welcome.



The first two meetings of the Warsop Commission have taken place and were very informative in highlighting the issues that are of concern to local residents and which the Commission will report back on. Find out more on page 11.

Work is currently taking place to update areas of the Civic Centre and the main entrance has now moved to Rosemary Street. Some of the services you use may have moved too. See page 14 for details.

Remember, the quickest and easiest way to receive frequent news updates is to sign up to www.mansfield.gov.uk/signup.

Keep up to date with council business

Don't miss out on what your council is doing for you.

You can find the dates of all future committee and Full Council meetings, along with the agendas, on the council's website. If you can't make it to a meeting, don't worry because you can also find minutes of all public meetings as well as audio recordings of Full Council meetings online on the committees page.

Decisions are made by the Mayor, Cabinet, Portfolio Holders, committees and senior officers. As well as decisions that have been made, there is also information about up-coming key decisions, which involve significant spending, savings or impact on communities.

The next Full Council meetings are planned for 26 September and 21 November, both at 6pm, and 24 January 2018, at 4.30pm, all in the Council Chamber.

For more information visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/article/5712/ Mayors-councillors-and-meetings.

Youth Mayor election race underway

The battle to become Mansfield's next Youth Mayor is hotting up as the four candidates give their campaigns a final push, ahead of the election.

bony Maddison, of All Saints' Catholic Academy; Jake Davis, of The Brunts Academy; Rebecca Kerrison, of The Samworth Church Academy, and Ryan Guy, from Meden School, have been on the campaign trail in the hope of attracting votes from the young people of the district.

Once elected, the Youth Mayor will represent voung people in the district and take their views to the Mayor, councillors and officers of the council, partnership organisations and the community. The winning candidate will take over from last year's Youth Mayor, Anna Rigby, from The Samworth Church Academy.

The election is due to take place at participating schools and colleges on Thursday 12 October.

Ebony wants to ensure young people receive more education on mental health and life skills such as budgeting and cooking, as well as promote equality and diversity through events.

Jake plans to help students to access good quality work experience and careers advice, urge leisure providers to provide more entertainment for teenagers, and encourage young people to make use of Mansfield's open spaces.

Rebecca wants to raise awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol, combat negative stereotypes of young people, and show off their talents.

Ryan wants to make Mansfield more sustainable. provide more help for young people with mental health issues, and tackle homophobia and other kinds of discrimination.

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YOUTH MAYOR

Ebony

Maddison

in brief...

How to get more out of your council

Did you know that there's a wealth of useful information on the council's website about its policies, plans and services? Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, most things can be found easily using the search facility.

Over the past 12 months, half a million people have visited the website to find information on different topics. The most popular pages on the council's website are:

- Palace Theatre homepage
- Online payments
- Palace Theatre what's on
- Pay for it Business
- Planning applications
- Council Tax
- Jobs and careers
- Bins and recycling.

An alternative approach is to contact your local councillor. They're here to help. Your councillor can be found on the website www.mansfield.gov.uk/councillors and they're all listed in the back of this magazine. If you don't get a prompt response, contact the Elected Mayor, Kate Allsop, by emailing mayorkateallsop@ mansfield.gov.uk.

If you are still not happy, you could always put a formal question to a Full Council meeting www.mansfield.gov.uk/ article/5918/Full-Council.

You should submit written questions to Hayley Barsby, Interim Chief Executive, seven days prior to the meeting.

As a last resort, you can submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to the council. It is always worth asking if the information you need has already been published or if it's available without having to go down the FOI route.

The biggest event to be bested by Manafield since the

The biggest event to be hosted by Mansfield since the Olympic Torch Relay in 2012 had the town buzzing with excitement as thousands of people gathered to watch the OVO Energy Tour of Britain 2017 cycling race.

ocal people and cycling fans from around Britain lined the streets as Mansfield hosted the start of Stage
Four of the prestigious round-Britain cycling event on Wednesday 6
September, which saw some of the world's top cycling superstars race through the town centre and around Nottinghamshire.

The race – the biggest free-to-attend sporting event in the UK – featured 120 of the world's top cyclists. It was the first time the event had come to Nottinghamshire, the only county in the Midlands to host one of the eight stages.

The 113-mile route through the county took in more than 45 towns and villages as well as landmarks including Clumber Park and Newstead Abbey, before finishing at Sconce and Devon Park in Newark.

The cyclists set off from Mansfield Market Place at 11am, pedalling along Leeming Street to Chesterfield Road South.

From there they went along Rosemary Street, Nottingham Road, past Titchfield Park, and onto Atkin Lane and past High Oakham School, and on to Sheepbridge Lane past Mansfield i-Centre.

They left the town via Sutton Road at the Sir John Cockle pub, heading towards King's Mill Hospital in Sutton-in-Ashfield.



This was a fantastic coup for Mansfield... The day went smoothly and really put Mansfield on the map.



It is estimated that the event could have boosted the local economy in the county by as much as £4m, based on previous stages in other parts of the country.

It is also hoped that the event will leave a lasting legacy in encouraging more people to get on their bikes and get active.

Mike Robinson, Mansfield District Council's Director of Economic Growth, a keen cyclist himself who was instrumental in helping to bring the event to the district, said: "This was a fantastic coup for Mansfield and I am sure many businesses in the district felt the benefit.

"The day went smoothly and really put Mansfield on the map. My thanks go to all the council staff, partners and spectators who helped to make this great event such a resounding success."





About the Tour of Britain

It was re-launched in 2004 after a five-year absence from the calendar and is now the UK's largest free-to-watch sporting event.

It attracts 1.6 million spectators and is broadcast to 17 million homes across the UK and around the world. A single stage attracts £2.8m worth of media coverage.

It is the highest ranked professional stage cycle race, attracting the world's top cyclists, including Olympic and World Champions and Tour de France stage winners. They included Mark Cavendish and Geraint Thomas.

The Nottinghamshire stage was delivered in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council, Marketing NG, Perfect Motion, Mansfield District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council, Ashfield District Council, Broxtowe District Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Gedling District Council, Nottingham City Council, Via East Midlands, Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.



Ramping up the party atmosphere

Hundreds of people joined an all-day welcome party in Mansfield Market Place on Tuesday 5 September to celebrate the OVO Energy Tour of Britain 2017 coming to Mansfield.

The day, hosted by Mansfield District Council, with cycling themed entertainment to get visitors into the spirit ahead of race day, included breath-taking ramp and rail demonstrations by world champion riders from the Action Sports Tour team. Headed by James Thorne and Ben Savage who combined, have over 25 years' experience as professional action sports athletes, four world titles, one world record and 25 national titles.

The team specialises in action and extreme sports, including freestyle

BMX, mountain biking, free running and skateboarding.

For children, there was face painting, entertainers and the chance to make a shaker to rattle during the race the following day.

Promotional stands had a cycling theme and a mini stage show saw performances by East Midland Performing Arts Academy.

Bryan Steel, former professional and Olympic racing cyclist who represented team GB, gave an inspirational talk about his career and experiences.

For more than 20 Mansfield schoolchildren, September 6 will be a day they will remember for the rest of their lives.

The pupils from King Edward Primary, Sutton Road Primary, St Philip Neri with St Bede Catholic Primary and Forest Town Primary took to two wheels with police escort to form a grand opening parade for the start of the Stage in Mansfield Market Place.

The children, aged seven to 10, were chosen by their schools, which are all participants in the national School Games Initiative, and have also signed up to the Mansfield School Sports Partnership, which together aim to help children be more active and healthy.

Businesses and residents in the district also got involved by taking part in a best dressed house or business competition. Those who took part were: Lloyds Bank. Charmingly Yours Boutique, Laminate Master, in Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield Museum, Corner House Care Home and Sally Twinkles.

The winner who achieved the most likes on the council Facebook page was Corner House Care Home which received two VIP tickets to the Tour of Britain village in Mansfield Market Place. Lucky resident Warren – who's always one of the first to get involved in any event - and his support worker, Danny, enjoyed the day. Warren also spends time cycling with Danny at Sherwood Pines.

Other local companies sponsoring the event and the decorations around the town had promotional stands at the welcome party and stage start event. They were British Bike Hire, Mansfield Cycles, Laminate Master, Mansfield and Ashfield 2020, JTF, Berry Hill Mansfield, Mansfield, Ashfield and Warsop News Journal and Veritas Management.



Understanding planning



What is planning permission?

Planning permission is the formal permission from the local authority for the erection or alteration of a building, for a change of use of buildings or land, adverts, works to listed buildings and protected trees.

Do I always need planning permission?

Certain projects don't need planning permission from the local authority as they qualify under something called permitted development rights (PD).

Is my project covered by permitted development?

Generally, PD rights cover minor extensions, demolition and certain changes of use, such as a loft, garage or cellar conversions. While most houses have PD rights, flats and maisonettes do not, so planning permission is required. PD rights are also reduced in conservation areas. If you are unsure whether your project requires planning permission you should contact the planning department for advice. We offer a fee-based preapplication advice service prior to the

submission of applications and for a small fee, will also confirm in writing if a proposal is permitted development.

I want to extend my house but there's a tree in the way, can I cut it down?

You should contact the council to find out whether the tree has a preservation order or whether it is protected because it lies within a Conservation Area.

How do I apply for planning permission?

An application needs to be submitted to the council. The forms can be accessed, completed and uploaded via www.planningportal.co.uk. You will need to submit scaled plans of your proposal and a location plan based on an up-to-date ordnance survey map. Certain types of application require other information, which the council can clarify for you.

How much will it cost?

Application fees vary depending on the nature of the application. For example, an application for a residential extension is £172.

How soon will I have a decision?

The council will advise you of a target determination date when validating your application. For small-scale projects, we aim for eight weeks from validation to decision.

How are decisions made?

Planning applications are dealt with by planning officers where no objections are made by members of the public. Applications receiving up to three objections are presented to the Chairman of the Planning Applications Committee and another member of that committee, for their consideration and authorisation if they agree with the officer's recommendation.

Applications with more than three objections are referred to the Planning Applications Committee, made up of 11 councillors. This is a public meeting and people who objected to the application and those supporting it can register to speak at the meeting. Members of the committee may seek clarification on some matters by asking the speakers questions, but neither the speakers nor other members of the public are allowed to ask questions of the councillors or officers at the meeting. The Committee will consider the information they have before them and that which is presented at the meeting before debating the application and making a decision.

What if my application is refused?

You have the ability to appeal the decision to the Planning Inspectorate. Your planning refusal notice will outline whether or not you can appeal and specify a time period in which an appeal must be submitted. An independent planning inspector, who will take into account national and local policy, as well as the impact of the proposal, will then consider the appeal.

For advice on planning matters, email pbc@mansfield.gov.uk or call 01623 463077

Do you know your bottle tops from your yoghurt pots?

Everyone knows we can recycle plastic - but did you know that some plastics should go in your blue recycling bin while others must go in your general waste green bin?

ansfield district has the worse rate for "contaminated" recyclable waste in Nottinghamshire. And if we don't do something about this, it's going to end up costing council tax payers thousands in extra landfill charges.

of the waste collected the district's blue bins is deemed to be

At the moment 20% of the waste collected in the district's blue bins is deemed to be contaminated - that means it is unsuitable for recycling and is rejected by the Veolia recycling facility in the town and sent to landfill instead. If this happens, it can incur charges of £100 a tonne.

There is a tolerance of 5% for contaminated waste in Nottinghamshire so Mansfield has to improve if it wants to avoid being charged for all the waste ending up in the wrong bin.

One material that causes the most confusion for householders is plastic because some plastics can

and others cannot. And Mansfield district's rules on this may differ from other areas of the country.

Would you know if butter and marge tubs should go in the green or blue bin? What about takeaway tubs or milk bottles and their tops? Can plastic food trays be recycled? Or plastic bags?

Take a look at our guide so you can wise up on what plastics to throw out where in this district.

be recycled in the district

contaminated

✓ Yes please

- Plastic drink bottles (milk,water, fizzy drinks)
- House cleaning plastic bottles (bleach bottles)
- Shampoo bottles
- Margarine tubs
- Yogurt pots
- Vitamin bottles

No thanks

- Carrier bags
- Ice cream tubs
- Food cartons/trays
- Plastic film/bubble wrap
- Bottle tops





For more advice on recycling see the council's website at www.mansfield.gov.uk/recycling.

in brief...

Coming soon: Consultation on the Draft Local Plan options



The council's Planning Team is working on the next stage of the Local Plan, which will involve a consultation on the draft Local Plan Preferred Options. This consultation will set out the council's preferred sites for residential and employment development.

The Local Plan identifies the land to be used for building development meet the district's housing and business needs until 2033. It also determines which areas will be set aside for recreation, and those that should be protected.

Details of the consultation are currently being finalised, and we will keep you informed. Updated information will be made available on the website at: www.mansfield.gov.uk/localplan.

Posters will be placed in libraries, community centres and supermarkets.

Check out the council's Facebook and Twitter accounts for details. and we will also issue information to the local media.





Mansfield girls can!

A campaign has been launched in the district to encourage women and girls to be more physically active.

ansfield Girls Can is part of a nationwide Sport England campaign called This Girl Can which aims to get women and girls moving. regardless of shape, size and ability.

The local campaign is being coordinated by Mansfield District Council, Sport Nottinghamshire and Mansfield District Leisure Trust and was to be launched on Thursday 21 September in Titchfield Park from 11am to 6.30pm.

Research by Sport England reveals that two million fewer women than men aged 14 to 40 play sport regularly. Despite this, 75% say they want to be more active. Many women cite a fear of judgement on appearance, ability or how they chose to spend time on themselves, as their main deterrent from exercising.



Activities at the campaign launch included tennis, a buggy walk for mums and children, and pétanque. Mansfield District Leisure Trust, which runs the district's leisure centres, put on outdoor gym sessions, boxercise and walking football. It also offered free swimming passes at the event.

For more details see www.mansfield.gov.uk/ mansfieldgirlscan or the campaign's Facebook page @ThisGirlCanMansfield or email leisure@ mansfield.gov.uk or call 01623 463470.

Who are your sporting heroes?

Nominate your unsung sporting heroes in the Mansfield **Sports** Recognition Awards 2017.

Mansfield District Council, in association with the Armchair Club and the Chad, is seeking nominations in ten categories before the deadline of Friday 10 November.

Nominations are sought for achievements between 1 November 2016 and 31 October 2017 in the following categories:

- **Junior sportsperson** of the year
- Junior team of the year
- Junior disabled sportsperson of the year
- Junior sports leader of the year
- Club of the year
- Sportsperson of the year
- **Disabled sportsperson** of the year
- Team of the year
- Coach of the year
- Volunteer of the year (this also includes referees, officials, administrators etc).

Junior categories are for ages 18 and under. Nominees must either live or pursue their sport within Mansfield district.

Nomination forms are online at www.mansfield.gov.uk/ sportsawards and also available from sports clubs and leisure centres.

For further information or tickets to the awards ceremony on Monday 11 **December, contact Sports Development Officer Shaun** Hird at shird@mansfield. gov.uk or on 01623 463371.



mental health problem can feel just as bad as, or worse than, any other physical illness – only you cannot see it.

The World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) works to raise awareness of mental health and the prevention of mental and emotional disorders through proper treatment and care.

In 1992 the WFMH hosted the first World Mental Health Day on 10 October, and this has continued every year since.

This year's theme is "Mental Health in the Workplace" and highlights the value of promoting well-being in the workplace. It will focus on removing the barriers and stigma associated with mental ill health to enable people living with mental illness to get the help they

One in four adults will experience mental ill health and yet prejudice and discrimination still exist which deprive



these people of their dignity and, in some cases, affect their recovery.

It requires action in the community and, importantly, in the workplace.

Good mental health enables people to realise their full potential, cope with the normal stresses of life, work productively, and contribute to their communities.

Show your support and willingness to maintain a mentally healthy workplace by going to the WFMH website and signing the Workplace Pledge. This is a pledge for employers, bosses and

managers to show their employees that they intend to provide an environment which is mentally healthy. Find the form at https://fs3.formsite.com/jpaleo/WMHD17/index.html

Sign the pledge and send them your logo so that you can be listed on their website to promote mental health and wellbeing.

The council will be celebrating this year's event with a mindfulness activity at the Civic Centre on 10 October. There will be information to raise awareness of issues and point people to organisations that can help. Come along between 10am and 2pm on the day to find out more.

Visit www.mind.org.uk/ information-support/ for more on mental health.





Pets prove popular at Museum

Mansfield Museum's free summer exhibition was once again a roaring success with thousands of visitors taking part in a range of animal-themed activities.

he exhibition called Animal Allsorts attracted more than 3.600 visitors in the first two weeks of the school holidays which is more than last year.

Over 900 people came to see animals including a tortoise, mice, gerbils, snake and spiders from White Post Farm.

The most popular events included a visit from Hunter the Sinraptor dinosaur, an encounter with Holly the Shetland pony and Lego Day. Over 900 people came to see animals including a tortoise, mice, gerbils, snake and spiders from White Post Farm.

A visit from the local Guide Dogs UK group including Geanie, Tina and Hudson allowed the public the chance to meet them and find out more about how they work.

The exhibition, which provided a lighthearted look at the British and their animals, also looked at the countless ways animals impact on our lives such as in TV advertising, pub names and in art.

There were plenty of activities in the gallery for young visitors including toy farms, animal dress up costumes and art and craft activities.

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos of their pets for the Picture Perfect Pet wall in the exhibition.

Visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/museum for more information on future exhibitions and events.



in brief...

Warsop Commission up and running

The first two meetings of the Warsop Commission took place on 20 July and 17 August. They provided an opportunity for Commission members to meet together and consider the issues that had been raised by the residents of Warsop.

The Commission will look at issues to do with housing. roads and public transport. health, leisure, education, economic regeneration and support for local businesses and facilities for young people.

The Terms of Reference and the proposed programme for future meetings were approved at the first meeting. Concerns at the first meeting focused on vehicles speeding along the A60, lack of school crossing patrols to support children crossing the road as they walk to school and pot holes. It was also felt that the lack of car parking was an issue for Warsop.

The minutes for future meetings and further updates can be found at www.mansfield.gov.uk/ warsopcommission

Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month as follows:

- 21 September
- 19 October
- 16 November
- 21 December.

Warsop residents can contact the Commission with any issued they'd like to raise by emailing warsopcommission@ mansfield.gov.uk

News Summer Festivals

Great fun
was had by all and
we look forward
to welcoming
you back again
next year.



ww.mansfield.gov.uk/whatson



Thousands of people attended this year's Mansfield Summer Festival held on three award winning parks during the school holidays.

he events took place at
Titchfield Park, King George
V Park and Carr Lane Park
this summer and a bit of rain
didn't dampen the spirits.

With Mansfield hosting the OVO Energy Tour of Britain, the council wanted to make this the summer of cycling - it was just that! The events aimed to encourage cycling and physical activity within the district to inspire the next generation of world class cyclists.

There were BMX cycling competitions, pedal go-karts, free bike servicing and safety checks, cycling themed walkabout entertainers on penny farthings, stilt bikes and uni-cycles, not forgetting the have-a-go race sprints provided by British Bike Hire.

Plus children had the chance to make shakers to take along to the big race

on 6 September.
There were other arts
and crafts stalls inside the
marquee too where children
made masks and decorations
for the home.

Other fun activities included a climbing wall challenge, sports sessions, pony rides, Punch and Judy shows, giant garden games and plenty of opportunities for selfies with the selfie frames and mascots ToBi, Warren the 103.2 radio rabbit and Environmental Health's Chip the dog.

Representatives from various council departments including Leisure, Mansfield Museum and the Waste and Recycling Team were also available to give advice.

Great fun was had by all and we look forward to welcoming you back again next year.



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As My Mansfield was going to press, the district was waiting to hear the results of the East Midlands in Bloom competition.

ack in July competition judges were given a tour of the district's awardwinning parks, open spaces, community projects and town centre.

Judges met with the council's Parks and Town Centre teams and Mansfield Business Improvement District (BID), as well as volunteers and school pupils carrying out work on community projects.

Each town that enters the regional competition is judged on the work carried out to improve surroundings and how they create sustainable environments and develop community projects.

Speaking during the judging, East Midlands in Bloom judge, Diane Moore, said: "I'd like to thank all the teams involved for their hard work. We thoroughly enjoyed speaking with the community groups and can appreciate the amount of effort that has gone into each location."

Afterwards Andrew Chambers, the council's Parks Development Officer, said: "The competition gave us the



The competition gave us the chance to show some of the great work taking place across the district



chance to show some of the great work taking place across the district in our parks and open spaces by council staff, Friends' Groups, volunteers and school children."

Last year Mansfield gained the silver gilt award in the East Midlands in Bloom cities category. It also achieved the Judges' special award for improvements made to the River Maun conservation area and the environmental education and involvement of children.

East Midlands in Bloom winners were due to be announced this month. Updates will be posted on www. mansfield.gov.uk/mansfieldinbloom and on our Facebook and Twitter pages so don't forget to check in.

Mansfield does it again!

Mansfield has some of the best parks in the country it's official!

For the second year in a row the district has received seven Green Flag Awards for Yeoman Hill, Carr Bank, Peafield, Titchfield, King George V parks and Quarry Lane and The Carrs local nature reserves.

The parks are among a recordbreaking 1,797 UK parks and green spaces that have received the prestigious Green Flag Award, which is the mark of a quality park or green space.

The award, run by Keep Britain Tidy, is a sign to the public that the space boasts high environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

Mansfield District Council's Parks and Development Manager, Jo Waldron, said: "We are delighted to have held on to all seven Green Flag Awards for the second time. We are very proud of our parks, open spaces and local nature reserves and recognise just how important they are to people living and working in the district.

"These awards celebrate the dedication that goes into maintaining our parks to such a high standard. Each Green Flag is a celebration of the hard work carried out by employees, volunteers and our Friends' Groups, who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award."

Any green space that is accessible to the public is eligible to enter for a Green Flag Award. Awards are given out annually and winners must apply each year to renew their Green Flag status.



News

Civic Centre work underway

The entrance to Mansfield Civic Centre from Chesterfield Road is closed until around February 2018.

If you are visiting the Civic Centre,

please use the entrance via the council car park off Rosemary Street.

This is to allow work to take place near the reception area to accommodate the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) which is moving into the ground floor of the Civic Centre in March 2018.

There will be a Job Centre, fitness for work assessment centre, finance and back office functions.

As a result of this, and in order to improve the layout of the Civic Centre so it works better for customers and council staff, some building work is currently underway.

The current reception area will be refurbished to provide improved facilities for customers. There will be separate receptions for council, housing and DWP enquiries all within the same shared space. There will also be new self-service points, where customers will be able to apply, update or process a range of DWP and council grant and benefit applications.

The current reception area does not currently support the sort of customer care that the council aspires to provide as a 21st century local authority.

These improvements will make it a lot easier for customers to access council and DWP services all in the same place at the same time. While the disruption will be an inconvenience in the short term, the changes will bring real long-term benefits.

No council services are affected and any disruption is being kept to an absolute minimum during the necessary work. The council apologises for any inconvenience.

You can still contact the council in all the usual ways, please find full contact details for all departments on the back page.



Green-fingered residents across the district have shown what it takes to be a great gardener after impressing judges during this year's Best Kept Garden competition.

he standard was high again this year as the search began to find the best garden in the Mansfield area. Judges visited a variety of gardens that ranged from small, perfectly manicured lawns and patio areas to flower-filled gardens and vegetable patches.

Many congratulations to the winners, who were:

- 1st place and Gold Award Tony and June Harvey — £100 sponsored by John Sankey Estate Agents
- 2nd place and Silver Gilt
 Award Sean Batho £50
 sponsored by Mansfield
 District Council and afternoon
 tea for two at Titchfield Park
 Tearooms sponsored by
 Titchfield Park Tearooms
- 3rd place and Silver Gilt
 Award Jean Goodall –
 Afternoon tea for two at Carr
 Bank Teahouse sponsored by
 Carr Bank Teahouse

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Thank you to all those people who entered our competition and shared their beautiful gardens with us.



Mansfield District Council's Parks Development Officer, Andrew Chambers, said: "Thank you to all those people who entered our competition and shared their beautiful gardens with us. All of the entrants should be very proud of the gardens they created.

"The standard was again very high this year and reflected the hard work and dedication that goes into shaping a garden. It was great to know that so many people living across the district love and enjoy the space around their homes and work so hard to maintain their gardens. I hope that they will inspire many others to get out and be creative in their own gardens."



Warden wins award for bid to save a life

A former Mansfield District Council Neighbourhood Warden who tried to save the life of a young woman, has been awarded a commendation by the Executive Mayor of Mansfield, Kate Allsop.

atharine Spowage spent 40 minutes trying to resuscitate the woman, who collapsed in Mansfield town centre in January. Sadly, she was later pronounced dead at King's Mill Hospital in Sutton-in-Ashfield.

"You don't have time to think in situations like this," explained Kath. "You just try to do what you've been taught. I am only sorry that in this case there was not a happy ending but at least we tried our best."

To nominate an individual or group, which has gone the extra mile for the community, for a Mayor's Commendation, email mayorkateallsop@mansfield.gov.uk, giving the reasons you think they should be rewarded.

Have you returned your electoral register form?

Residents in Mansfield district will now have received a form asking them to check and update information that appears on the electoral register relating to their address.

The forms were sent to homes in July as part of the council's annual voter registration canvass to ensure the electoral register is up to date. Reminders were sent out in August to those who had not yet returned the forms.

It does not take long to respond online, by telephone or by post using the pre-paid reply envelope. It is especially relevant for people who may have moved house in the past year.

However, anyone who is added to the form will not automatically be registered to vote and this will need to be done separately at www.gov. uk/registerto-vote once they have responded to the form. Alternatively, we'll send you information explaining how to do this in the post.

Anyone who has yet to return the form will be visited by one of our canvassers in October or November to help complete it. It is a legal requirement to provide the information requested and if you don't, you could be fined £1,000.

I would encourage everyone to register to vote to ensure that you are able to have your say at future elections.

This is an opportunity for residents to make sure that when elections take place they will easily be able to take part.

Jacqueline Collins, Electoral Registration Officer at Mansfield District Council, said: "I would encourage everyone to register to vote to ensure that you are able to have your say at future elections. To do this simply check the form and respond as quickly as possible".



For more help, contact the council's Elections team on 01623 463345.

Regeneration



Warsop couple Colin and Sandra Campbell have been running a successful bakery business for three decades and were able to give their shop front a revamp recently, thanks to a council grant.

For cake-loving Colin and Sandra Campbell, baking is not just a job but their life's vocation – they even confess to reading recipe books in bed at night.

The couple decided to go for selfemployment after Colin, a trained chef, had been working for Tesco as a bakery manager.

After a generation of trading, Campbell's Bakery was in need of re-investment in its fabric and equipment, and this is where Mansfield District Council was able to step in and help the couple with a grant towards their new shop front.

"The old one was dropping to bits," explained Sandra. "We have been here 30 years and it is time to upgrade the machines and the ovens, so this was an extra expense.

"The new sign cost nearly £2,500 and we got half of that from a Mansfield District Council shop front grant – we wouldn't have been able to do that if we had not got help from the council."



Sean O'Connor was out of work when a bad experience with a removals company spurred him to start his own company which he did with help from a business start-up grant from Mansfield District Council.

hey say moving house is the third most stressful thing that can happen in life but Mansfield businessman Sean O'Connor is on a one-man mission – possibly even as far as Mars – to change all that.

After a couple of spells of employment and some time without a job, his entrepreneurial spirit was fired up by a bad experience while moving house.

"I thought, there is no reason why I can't do this myself – but better," he said.

And judging by the growth of his business after just two years' trading, it would seem he has succeeded. "I should be looking at buying my third vehicle any day now," he said.

As well as a loan and mentoring from the Prince's Trust and advice from NBV, an EU-funded business support agency, Sean's business O'Connor and Co Ltd was also boosted by a £1,000 There is an immediate goal of becoming the biggest removals firm in the East Midlands, but the sky is no limit to Sean's ambition...

Mansfield District Council business start-up grant, which he used to sign-write his second van.

"I am really proud of the service we offer," he said. "We try to make moving a happy and exciting occasion – not something stressful. It just seems that this is what I was born to do."

So what of the future for O'Connor and Co? There is an immediate goal of becoming the biggest removals firm in the East Midlands, but the sky is no limit to Sean's ambition: "Richard Branson, watch out! You know in 30 or 40 years, when Earth is colonising Mars... I'll be doing the removals!"



To find out more about the range of business development grants available from Mansfield District Council, see http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com for details or call **01623 463174**.



Your local market really has got the lot! The regular market runs from 8am to 4pm, Tuesday to Saturday, with everything from fresh fruit and veg, plants, flowers and sweets, to baby wear, fashion accessories, cosmetics and perfume. Specialist markets run every month, too, with hand crafted products and locally sourced traders.

Here's what's coming up...

Artisan and Craft Market

First Sunday of every month 10am to 3pm

Mansfield Market Place

- 1 October autumn market
- 5 November pre-Christmas themed market
- 3 December Christmas themed market



International Mini Market

Second Wednesday of every month 10am to 4pm

Mansfield Market Place

- 11 October autumn market 8 November pre-Christmas
- themed market
- 13 December international Christmas themed market

Continental Market

9am to 6pm

West Gate Tuesday 24 - Sunday 29 October





A Nutcracker Wonderland **Christmas market**

10am to 6pm. Open til 8pm on Thursdays for late night **shopping**

West Gate Monday 20 November -**Sunday 3 December**

Organised by



Housing

in brief...

An extra pair of hands

The council's Handyperson Service can help with any small repairs in your home.

The service is available to our vulnerable council tenants, private or housing association tenants or homeowners living in the Mansfield and Ashfield districts. If you are a council tenant, you can still use the council's Handyperson Service for any repairs you are responsible for as a tenant.

To find out more, email assistservice@mansfield.gov.uk or call 01623 463076/ 463341 (during office hours) or 01623 463050 (outside office hours).

Sign up to Direct Debit and take control of your rent payments



Take control of your rent payments with Direct Debit. It's by far the easiest way to pay your rent. quickly and securely.

What's more, once you've set up the agreement you can avoid arrears and penalties without fear of forgetting payments because they be paid on time automatically.

Direct Debits are easily set up so that you can make payments on time, putting you in control. You are also protected by the Direct Debit Guarantee, which promises to repay your money straight away if anything goes wrong.

Just fill in the housing direct debit form at http://www.mansfield.gov. uk/article/6272/Pay-for-it.

It's accessible from the 'Pav For It' link on the front page of the website. We'll take care of the rest.



f so, they may qualify for help to reduce their heating costs as part of Mansfield District Council's Warm Homes on Prescription programme.

According to Government statistics, 4,395 households in Mansfield - 9.6% of all homes in the district - are fuel poor.

Assistance offered by the council depends on the financial means and health of the occupant, and can include:

- Grants for boiler repairs, replacement, or improvements, insulation and draught proofing (homeowners only)
- Help to make heating more affordable, such as guidance on switching energy supplier, ensuring all benefits are claimed, and using heating efficiently
- Advice on keeping warm and safe.

People with heart, blood pressure, respiratory and circulation problems, Fuel poverty and low incomes are more prevalent in the private rented sector with



of households being fuel

osteoporosis (brittle bones), strokes, diabetes and cancer can seek this support.

The council can also negotiate with landlords to secure energy efficiency improvements to privately rented properties, subject to a property assessment.

Fuel poverty and low incomes are more prevalent in the private rented sector with 19% of households being fuel poor. Properties in this sector are also more likely to have poor energy efficiency ratings.



To apply for help, contact the council's Private Sector Housing Service at adminpsh@mansfield.gov.uk or on **01623 463212**.



his is the highest figure achieved in the past three years, during which it has brought more than 70 empty properties back into use in the district.

Some have been renovated by the owners with help and advice from the council while a few have been bought and developed by the council for letting or shared ownership.

The council currently has about 120 properties on its empty homes radar, which it is endeavouring to return to occupation. This can take anything from a month to several years to achieve, depending on the circumstances and property condition.

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The house pictured is in West Drive, Mansfield, which had been recorded as empty ever since council tax records began in 1993. The council has been working with its owners since 2009 to bring the property back into use, which was finally achieved in October last vear.

A homeowner has a legal responsibility to keep their property and land safe, secure and free from infestation by rats and other pests. If they do not do this. the council can instruct the owner to rectify problems.

If the owner fails to act, the council can do the work and bill the owner and can even enforce a sale of the property to pay the bill if it remains unpaid.

There are other actions the council can take to deal with empty homes.

Details can be found at www.mansfield.gov.uk/article/7879/ Tenancy-support

Lifeline in your home 24/7

Lifeline is a 24-hour response service run by the council. It works by giving people who live alone the security of knowing that someone is available at the push of a button if they need help.

The service helps people to stay in their own homes and is particularly useful for people who may feel vulnerable due to ill health, age or isolation.

The Lifeline includes a unit which is plugged into a socket near a telephone and a lightweight pendant that is worn at all times at home or in the garden.

The unit is linked to the council's Central Control Centre, where a team is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all year round. When assistance is needed, the button is pushed on the pendant or unit and this goes straight through to the Central Control Team.

On signing up to the service, contact names and numbers will be taken, along with the doctor's contact details. This will come up on a screen in the Central Control Centre when the button is pressed, so the team knows immediately who has alerted them, where they are and who to contact.



The service is available throughout Mansfield district and surrounding areas, for council, housing association or private tenants, or homeowners. To find out more, including installation in any area, visit www.mansfield. gov.uk/lifeline or call 01623 463076/ 01623 463341.

What's On

Mansfield

Opening times

Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm Except bank holidays

Entry to the museum is

FREE!



of her life and characters



Saturday 23 September -Saturday 18 November

FREE Agatha Christie was one of the most prolific crime writers of her generation. She wrote over 91 books, short stories and plays. Her books have sold over a billion copies in the English language alone.

This exhibition gives an insight into the actors who have performed in many different stage, television and film productions of her books.



October half-term

Monday 23 - Friday 27 October A fun filled week of crafts and games £1.50 per person

Valuation days with Bamfords **Auctioneers**

Monday 2 October 2017, 1pm to 3pm

Monday 6 November 2017, 1pm to 3pm

Monday 4 December 2017, 1pm to 3pm

1pm to 3pm

Monday 5 March 2018, 1pm to 3pm

Monday 9 April 2018,

Friday 1 December, 10am to 4pm

Saturday 2 December, 10am to 4pm

Monday 5 February 2018.

1pm to 3pm

Mansfield Museum Christmas Market

Thursday 30 November, 10am to 4pm

Over 40 stalls and it's free to get in!

Fun Palace... in space! Saturday 7 October

Mansfield

FREE

10am to 4pm

Join us on Leeming Street for another Mansfield Fun Palace as we blast into orbit! Through music, art, science, theatre, dance and play, explore deep space from the tiniest atom to the biggest black hole! All activities are free and there will be something for every age.

For more information contact Sally Evans on 01623 463088.



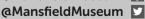


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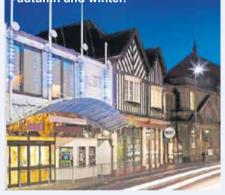


SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2017 SEASON

THE ADELE SONGBOOK

Mansfield Palace Theatre recently enioved their most successful year yet, with 100,000 visitors choosing to see shows in the Leeming Street venue.

As they continue to build on their reputation as the town's premier entertainment offering, they have put together a programme with something to suit all tastes this autumn and winter.



Here's what's coming up:

September

21 - 23 September

Gypsy by Inspirations Theatre Company

27 September

An evening with Gervase Phinn

October

4 October

Beautiful Noise -**Neil Diamond tribute**

9 October

Sooty Show

12 October

Totally Tina – Tina Turner tribute

13 October

FastLove - George Michael tribute

24 October

Beast

Sing-a-Long-a

Beauty and the

19 October

Lee Nelson's Serious Joker Tour

20 October

Mercury -Queen tribute

24 October

Sing-a-Long-a Beauty and the Beast

26 October

Cirque Enchantment

28 October

The Live Aid Experience

WIN two tickets to see the Live Aid

Experience

Live rock band and incredible singers celebrating this ultimate charity concert.

To win, answer this question:

Who didn't play at the Live Aid concert in 1985?

A) Ed Sheeran B) Elton John

Email your answer with Palace Theatre in the subject line and your name, address, email address and daytime phone number in the body of the email to: enquiries@totalproductions.co.uk

Closing date: 11 October 2017.

Terms and conditions apply. Email for full details.

November

7 - 11 November

Acorn Antiques by Masque **Productions**

18 November

Starman - David Bowie tribute

21 - 22 November

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat by New Youth Theatre group

24 November

Someone Like You -Adele tribute



7 - 11 November **Acorn Antiques** by Masque **Productions**

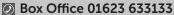
This fun-filled traditional panto runs from Saturday

2 December until Sunday 7 January.

Starring Rebecca Wheatley as Vegetable Fairy, Mark Little as Fleshcreep and comedian Adam Moss as Simple Simon.

> **GET YOUR** TICKETS





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The What's On'

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Events in town this summer included an Armed Forces Day celebration on 25 June, Party on the Market on 9 July, Dog Show with Guide Dogs for the Blind Association on 16 July and a Garden Festival on 2 and 3 September, not forgetting Tour of Britain celebrations on 5 and 6 September.





There's plenty still to come before
Christmas so put these dates in your diary
and keep an eye on the market's Facebook
page @MansfieldMarketOfficial or visit
www.mansfieldmarket.co.uk to read more.

Car show

Sunday 22 October

11am to 3pm

See an eclectic mix of new and classic vehicles in the town's second car show.

October half-term ghost hunt

Tuesday 24 – Saturday 28 October 11am to 2pm

Dare to enter the Market Place to take part in a spooky ghost hunt, plus watch a Halloween movie - outdoor cinema style!



Poppy Parade

On display week commencing 6 November



A display of knitted and crocheted poppies will soon come to town ahead of Remembrance Day. We're helping the Royal British Legion to raise money, too, so sponsor a poppy and show your support for our Armed Forces. www.mansfield.gov.uk/poppyparade.

the big switch on

Sunday 19 November

Join us in the Market Place this year for live music, prizes and much more including PAW Patrol's

Marshall, as seen on Nick Jr, who will be making appearances at intervals throughout the day.

Grown-ups will also be pleased to hear that a Michael Bublé tribute act has been confirmed to perform live on stage.

Full details coming soon...

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Bins and recycling

All enquiries for bins and recycling

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Apply for it

Benefits

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Building regulations

201623 463077

Bus passes

(Notts County Council)

20300 500 8080

Council housing (Homefinder)

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Electoral registration

201623 463345

Planning permission

201623 463207

Report it

Tell us about problems in your area including abandoned vehicles, fly-tipping, graffiti & litter **201623 463463**

Antisocial behaviour

201623 463185

201623 460144 (24 hours)

Pest control

201623 463189

Pot holes

(Notts County Council)

20300 500 8080

Stray dogs

201623 463189

Street lights

(Notts County Council)

20300 500 8080

At your leisure

Allotments

201623 463292

Health development

201623 463470

Sports development

201623 463371

Mansfield Museum

201623 463088

Palace Theatre (Box office)

201623 633133

Parks

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Meden Sports Centre

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Oak Tree Leisure Centre

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Rebecca Adlington Swimming Centre

20345 000 0230

River Maun Recreation Centre

20345 000 0233

Water Meadows Complex

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Businesses

Alcohol licences

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Business premises

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Business rates

201623 463162

Taxi licences

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Trade waste

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Make payments around the clock including Council Tax, business rates, housing rent, garage rent, heating charges, car parking fines & fixed penalty notices

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Crematorium and cemeteries

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Environmental health

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Homelessness

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Land charges & searches

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Shopmobility

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Town centre services including car parks and markets

201623 463733

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