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## **TWO MORE COUNCILLORS ARE NEEDED**

Following the May elections Normanton on the Wolds local parish council found themselves two members short of the seven they should have, and are now looking for someone interested to fill those spaces by being co-opted to make up the numbers.

The Clerk, Mike Elliott at 19 Main Street, Keyworth, Nottingham. NG12 5AA, tel. 0115 937 6506 will be happy to take details from anyone interested. To be a member a councillor has to live in the and be on the electoral roll, or live within three miles and be aged 18 or over.

## **NEW CHAIRMAN APPOINTED FOR PARISH COUNCIL**

Newcomer to the parish council Mrs Kay Cutts — well known for her work for Notts County Council — was appointed to the position at the annual meeting in May.

After taking office Coun. Mrs Cutts thanked Mrs Mason for her work as a member over a number of year and for her leadership as chairman.

### **Mobile Library visits**

The Mobile Library visits the village on every four weeks on a Thursday morning. It stops on The Leys between 9.45am and 10.15am and The Plough from 10.20 am to 10.35am. The dates for 2019 are:- 26<sup>th</sup> September, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## **VE Day Celebrations**

Next year is the 75th anniversary of VE Day, and the Council have been considering how we should celebrate this. We thought we should join with our neighbours in Plumtree as we share the Burnside Hall with them. If anyone who is interested in organising or taking part in the event, we should love to hear from you.

## **PLANTERS GIVE WELCOME TO VILLAGE VISITORS**

At the last Parish Council meeting, members discussed the possibility of having planters at the main entrances to Normanton.

It is possible for the Council to apply to Nottinghamshire County Council for one through the Local Improvement Scheme, which would be provided free of charge. Members were concerned that, unless the planters were maintained and watered, especially during dry spells, that they would look unsightly.

Anyone who would be prepared to help maintain the planters, would be welcome to come forward and contact either myself as Chairman of the Parish Council or the Clerk, Mike Elliott, at [mike@admin.pariah.email](mailto:mike@admin.pariah.email).

## **Enhancing Wildlife Diversity**

The new council is very interested in keeping our village not only looking tidy, but also enhancing the diversity in the grass verges. We have a policy already in place to reduce the number of cuts annually.

If anyone would like to have wildflower seeds to plant in the verge outside their home, I am sure the Parish Council can obtain the correct varieties.

# TREES, TREES AND MORE TREES

By Coun. Jodi Gray

We have all seen the news about tree being destroyed, so I was pleased to be invited in June to a Tree Warden training day at Rushcliffe Country park, to learn how, in some small way, we could make a difference. I have always been a keen gardener, belonging to several garden groups and have had our garden open for charity, so wanted to add to my knowledge.

I met people from lots of villages and towns in this area, volunteering to be Tree Wardens.

John Stokes from the National Tree Council, who advises the Queen and gave her a collection of 50 best trees in Britain, was our speaker. The council was started after the storm in 1987 destroyed thousands of trees.

He outlined the importance of identifying trees so we can look out for disease, such as Ash pom pom die back, Oak procession caterpillar, Chestnut bleeding cancer etc. He also alerted us to the importance of looking after newly planted trees with plastic guards, and keeping a weed free area, around them to give them the chance to get established.

Some trees are entirely unsuitable for planting in our gardens, obviously Giant Redwood, Monkey Puzzle and Conifers, as they are better suited to parks and arboretums. Conifers can grow up to 240ft. We have had some taken out of our garden, they were bought for half a crown a time from Woolworths, back in the day, and 50 odd years later, turn into monsters, taking all the moisture from surrounding soil

Paul Phillips, tree warden for Rushcliffe told us how we can get free trees to plant for our area, Rowan and Crab Apple this year and hopefully Field Maple and Wild cherry. We are planting trees for the benefit of our Children and Grandchildren, so in these uncertain times, we can do something for their future.

I did a brief tree survey in our village and we have mainly Ash, one is a Veteran Tree and has been identified by the council with a notice attached to it! (See if you can find it, on your walks around the village) no prizes, but you can email me!

We have about 20 Oaks and a few Copper Beeches some of which may be veterans! And of course the avenue of Horse Chestnuts coming into the village. At Avenue Farm Lime trees have been planted to re-establish the line of trees after which the farm is named. Some of you may have them in your garden, please contact me, so we can add them to the list. We may also have some ancient hedgerows.

TREES ARE OUR LUNGS, so we need to appreciate and protect them.

It would also be good to organise a wild flower count in this area, and great to have some of you along to help identify and list them. When we get the free trees for our village, we will need a working party to plant them, so start building up your muscles!!

I am going to the Tree Wardens Autumn Forum, which is being held at the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas Staffs, which will be attended by wardens from all over the country, should be really interesting.

All offers of help welcome, Jodi Gray - grayjodi@gmail.com great deal has been said recently over recycling plastic and reusable cardboard, and I know all of you take seriously the collection in the blue bin by

the Borough Council. We don't have a great deal of litter in Normanton that is casually discarded, but it would be helpful if everyone would pick up pieces outside the curtilage of their homes and dispose

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