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UPCOMING MEETINGS

11 th December	Special Full Council
16 th December	Finance
18 th December	Planning & Full Council

8 th January	Planning
13 th January	Town Projects
20 th January	Northam Burrows
27 th January	Finance
29 th January	Planning & Full Council

Agendas are published 6 days before the meeting and can be found on the website and on notice boards around the area.

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NORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL WINTER NEWSLETTER 2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

In the first eight months of this new Council the Councillors, Town Clerk, Staff and Maintenance team have all worked exceptionally hard to take forward existing and new projects for Northam, Westward Ho! Appledore and Orchard Hill, but there is still much work to be done. Since the last newsletter in the summer, Catherine and I have enjoyed representing the Council at various events. I have included some details and photographs below.

With Christmas fast approaching I would like to wish you all a Joyful Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year.

MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE



I would like to thank all those who attended the service, in particular the Reverend Derek Arnold, the Church organist, the Church Choir, Northam Choral Society, Appledore Band and the Bideford Youth Pipe Band. It was a very memorable occasion and a collection raised a considerable sum for my two charities; Appledore RNLI and Devon Air Ambulance.
Image courtesy of Graham Hobbs

TWINNING



The Chairman of the Twinning Association and I were invited to Mondeville to celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Twinning. We shared a coach with other Twinning Members and set off from Northam car park on 3rd October. We were joined by the Pipes and Drums from Bideford led by Mike Harper and accompanied by Chieftain of the Gathering.

Our first duty in Mondeville was to take part in a tree planting ceremony with the Mayor of Mondeville. The Bideford Pipes and Drums entertained us and our Twinning French friends, and we had a wonderful time enjoying their hospitality.

(L) Mayor of Mondeville, Mayor of Northam and the Chairman of Twinning at the tree planting.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE CONT.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Attending the Remembrance services at St Margaret's, Northam and St Mary's, Appledore was a very moving experience. The weather held and we were able to parade to the war memorials without incident. The Mayor's Cadet, Samuel Johnson, took part as a Standard Bearer and the Appledore Band provided the music for the hymns and the bugler for the act of Remembrance. The Reverend Derek Arnold took both the services assisted by other members of the clergy.

Image courtesy of Raymond Goldsmith.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

The Town Hall will be closed over the Christmas period. The office will close at 1pm on Friday 20th December 2019 and will reopen on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

Members and Staff of Northam Town Council would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ALDERMAN BRADFORD

Alderman Richard Bradford MBE sadly passed away on 19th October 2019. His funeral was held on Monday 11th November and was very well attended. Tea was served in the Council Chambers afterwards, where friends and family remembered him fondly. He served as Mayor three times whilst on the Council (1980-81, 1992-93 & 1999-2000). He was appointed as Alderman in 2012 in recognition of his hard work and dedication to the Council. In 1994, whilst also a Member of Torridge District Council, he was awarded an MBE for services to Local Government.

CAROL SERVICE

The Town Council's annual Carol Concert will be held on Saturday 14th December in St Margaret's Church at 3.30pm. All are welcome to attend and join in with the young singers from the Schools. Appledore Band will play and Father Christmas will be taking a break from his busy schedule to attend.



L-R: Alderman Mrs Whittaker, Mayoress Mrs Himan, Mayor Cllr Himan, Alderman Langton and Alderman Eastman.
Image courtesy of Graham Hobbs.

NEW ALDERMEN

At a special Full Council meeting on 25th September, it was resolved to appoint former Councillors Mrs Jane Whittaker, Mr Andrew Eastman and Mr Charles Langton as Honorary Aldermen of Northam Town Council. The Mayor presented the awards at a ceremony held at the Town Hall on 14th November which was attended by current Councillors and personal guests.

Jane Whittaker first joined the Council in 2001 on a casual vacancy but unfortunately, she wasn't re-elected in 2003. She was co-opted back on to the Council in 2010 and stayed until 2019 when she decided not to stand for election to spend more time with family. During her time with the Council, Jane served as Mayor in 2012-13 and was also appointed as Leader of Torridge District Council.

Charles Langton, known personally as 'Chas', joined the Council in 2007 and served as Mayor in 2010-11. He was Mayor for a year and half after stepping into the role when the then Mayor stood down. He oversaw many popular projects including the acquisition of Northam Hall and the Burrough Farm allotments.

Andrew Eastman was co-opted onto the Council in November 1992 and was re-elected at each election until 2019. He served as Mayor twice, in 2000-01 and again in 2007-08. Andrew served on Torridge District Council between 2003 and 2019. He is also the County Councillor for our area and is Chairman of their HATOC meetings. He regularly attends our Full Council meetings to give updates on Devon County Council issues.

WINTER NEWSLETTER



BUS SHELTERS

Northam Town Council has recently completed the purchase and installation of 4 new bus shelters along Golf Links Road Westward Ho! to replace the 4 very old ones which had been damaged beyond repair in the storms earlier this year.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

At a Town Council Meeting on 28th August, a Climate Emergency was declared. As a result, a Sub-Committee has been created to prepare a carbon reduction action plan by the end of March 2020, aiming to achieve net zero carbon emissions relating to the Council's buildings and assets by 2030.



Ideas and information are welcomed, please participate in our planned public events. We had a stall at Kingsley School Earth Day on 26th November, which attracted a lot of attention. The Council has also resolved to plant 120 trees in its open spaces over this winter and also wild flowers. Image courtesy of Cllr Shelley.



LORD'S MEADOW SURVEY

A survey is currently being conducted by the Town Council regarding improvements to Lord's Meadow and can be completed online at www.northamtowncouncil.gov.uk/lords-meadow-survey or can be emailed to the Town Council Office and should be returned by 10th January 2020. Hard copies are also available at the Town Hall.

WHAT'S ON



CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON EVENTS

Appledore, Friday 6th December 5.30pm - 8pm.
More information from the Appledore Visitors
Association website - www.appledorelife.co.uk

Westward Ho!, Saturday 7th December 5.30pm -
7.30pm More information online at
www.visitwestwardho.co.uk

OTHER EVENTS

Northam, Friends of St Margaret's Church
Christmas Tree Festival. 14th December to 17th
December. Trees will remain in place until 26th.

Appledore, Torchlight procession. Monday 16th
December 7pm - 8.30pm

Westward Ho! Ho! Ho!, Monday 23rd December.
Events starting at 12noon on the Green and Slipway.
More information online at
www.visitwestwardho.co.uk