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WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

On Remembrance Sunday, 13th November, 2016, townspeople are invited to attend the Remembrance Day Service and Parade. The Parade will assemble outside the St Bartholomew's Primary School yard, The Fairways, Westhoughtton at 9.20 a.m. and will depart at 9.40 a.m. for a service at the Parish Church of St Bartholomew at 10 00 a.m., followed by a short Service of Remembrance and the wreath laying at the War Memorial, and a Parade.

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

On Friday, 25th November, 2016, at 7.00 p.m., townspeople are invited to attend the Community Carol Service, at the Parish Church of St Bartholomew. The Rotary Sleigh and father Christmas will be present and Primary School choirs will perform Carols. At 8.00 p.m. the Town Mayor, Cllr Ms Anne Graham, will light the Christmas Tree and displays from outside the church and then refreshments will be served.

CIVIC MEDAL AND HAROLD DANIELS TROPHY

Members of the public are invited to write in to the Town Council with nominations for a Civic Medal, and the Harold Daniels Trophy which will be kept for one year. Nominees must have provided over 20 year's service to Westhoughtton in any field. They do not have to be residents of Westhoughtton to qualify and nominations will be accepted for individuals who have been previously nominated but have not yet received an award. Nominations, giving as much detail as possible, should be sent to the Town Clerk by Monday, 5th December, 2016.

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Members of the public are invited to write in to the Town Council with nominations for a Young Citizen of the Year Award. Nominees must be under 30 years of age and have provided service to Westhoughtton in any field. They do not have to be residents of Westhoughtton to qualify. Nominations, giving as much detail as possible, should be sent to the Town Clerk by Monday, 5th December, 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Members of the public are invited to nominate a voluntary group, a school, a church, an individual or a business which enhances an area of Westhoughtton by working on environmental initiatives and litter picking. Nominations, giving as much detail as possible, should be sent to the Town Clerk by Monday, 5th December, 2016.

PRETORIA PIT DISASTER ANNIVERSARY

Wednesday, 21st December, 2016 is the 106th anniversary of the Pretoria Pit Disaster, in which 344 men and boys lost their lives and the Town Council has organised two services of Remembrance. At 7.40 a.m., at the Pretoria Pit Disaster Centenary Memorial, Ditchfield Garden, Market Street, Westhoughtton, a short Service of Remembrance, with maroons fired at 7.50 a.m., which was the time of the explosion at the Pretoria Pit. At 10.00 a.m., at the Parish Church of St Bartholomew, the usual Service of Remembrance will take place, followed by the laying of floral tributes at Pretoria Pit Monument in the churchyard.

TOWN COUNCIL

Below are listed some of the Town Council's projects and achievements:

1. No increase in the 2016-17 Precept
2. Funding and organising a Centenary of the Start of World War 1 Commemorative Event
3. Funding improvements to Local Nature Reserves and Public Rights of Way
4. The Get Active Westhoughtton Youth Project
5. Town Centre CCTV scheme
6. Town Centre Christmas Lights
7. Organising the Remembrance Day Parade, the Community Carol Service and two Pretoria Pit Disaster Memorial Services
8. Civic Medals Awards, Young Citizen of the Year Awards and Environmental Award for outstanding service to the community
9. Siting of Solar Powered Driver Feedback Signs
10. Employ a Homewatch Liaison Officer
11. Independent audit of the Town Council Accounts with no matters requiring attention
12. Financial support for Daisy Hill in Bloom
13. Funding 50% of the cost of re-lettering the names on the World War 1 War Memorial
14. Funding the cost of enhancing the names on the World War 2 War Memorial
15. Free dog waste bags
16. Funding a hire car for a Policing Team Vehicle
17. Free Westhoughtton Town Guide
18. Funding plants and the ongoing maintenance of planters on Market Street
19. Organising an Anti-Litter artwork competition for school children
20. Bolton Lads & Girls Club Westhoughtton Outreach and Detached Programme

