

KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Election of Mayor

At its Mayor Making event on Friday 15th May 2009 at Knaresborough House, the Town Council elected Councillor Mavis Clemmitt as the new Mayor of Knaresborough.



Knaresborough's new Mayor, Councillor Mavis Clemmitt, who pledged to work in the best interests of Knaresborough and its residents

Councillor Clemmitt accepted the chains from the retiring Mayor, Councillor Pam Godsell.

Councillor Clemmitt, who has a background in teaching and coordinating volunteers, has a strong interest in disabled facilities and has always played an active role in community life. She is Chair of the Knaresborough/Bebra Town Twinning Committee.

Grants awarded

The following good causes have benefited from Knaresborough Town Council grants during the 2008/9 financial year:

- St. John's Primary School
- FEVA
- The Blind Jack Statue
- Gracious Street Development—COGS
- Henshaws—Visitor Centre
- Knaresborough In Bloom
- Knaresborough Silver Band
- Knaresborough Football Club
- Town Twinning
- Frazer Theatre—extension
- Christmas Market
- King James's School
- Bed Race - Trophy
- Friends of Bebra Garden

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- **Bed Race**— Sat 13 June
- **FEVA- Festival of Entertainment and Visual Arts**
—Fri 14 to Sun 23 August

COUNCILLORS' CONTACT DETAILS

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New councillor elected

Following an election of a Parish Councillor for the Ward of Knaresborough East on January 22 2009, the Town Council was pleased to welcome Mr John Batt as a Councillor. Mr Batt is the only Conservative Councillor in a council which otherwise comprises solely of Liberal Democrats.

Dog fouling

Public concerns over dog fouling are being addressed by the Town Council in a campaign for an increase in the number of bins and more effective enforcement of penalties for offenders.

Waterside has a makeover

In April 2009, the Mayor of Knaresborough, Councillor Pam Godsell, opened Viaduct Terrace, the newly renovated riverside seating terrace at the side of the Viaduct on Waterside.

It has been transformed into a smart, welcoming area with fashionable metal railings and quality stone paving, together with new seats, bins and lamp posts. The removal of the hedge and resulting open aspect to the river means that this is now the perfect place for the public to enjoy some of Knaresborough's most attractive features.

Knaresborough Town Council has actively supported Renaissance Knaresborough with this project. Negotiations are still continuing over a future development - Weirside Terrace—which will also help make Waterside a lot more pedestrian-friendly.

Traffic calming campaign - high street

Following expressions of public concern at the Annual Town Meeting in March, Councillors are working with NYCC to look at possible ways of reducing the heavy traffic on the High Street.



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See the website for agendas/minutes of meetings of the Town Council

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Miss Suzanne Smith—Office Assistant

If you have a query or concern on a local matter, please phone any Councillor (see overleaf for details) or contact the Clerk's Office.

**The Clerk's Office is open for enquiries
Monday- Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm
Tel: 01423 864080**

Council & committee Meetings June–August 2009

Town Council meetings are held on Monday evenings, in the Council Chamber, Knaresborough House, High Street. Agendas are published the week prior to a meeting and copies are available from the Clerk's office at Knaresborough House. Over the next 3 months, the Council and its committees are scheduled to meet on the following dates:

Council	Monday 1 June	7.30pm
Office Services Committee	Monday 8 June	7.30pm
Council	Monday 22 June	7.30pm
Community Services Committee	Monday 29 June	7.30pm
Council	Monday 13 July	7.30pm
Office Services Committee	Monday 20th July	7.30pm
Council	Monday 3 August	7.30pm
Community Services Committee	Monday 10 August	7.30pm
Council	Monday 24 August	7.30pm

Opportunity to speak

Meetings of the Council and its committees are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Public participation at meetings is encouraged. Should you wish to speak, please contact the Clerk's Office for further details.

B L I N D J A C K I M M O R T A L I S E D

Sunday 22nd February was a proud day for Knaresborough when the much anticipated statue of Blind Jack was unveiled in the Market Place by the Town Mayor, Councillor Pam Godsell. The magnificent bronze life-sized statue is a fitting tribute to John Metcalf, the famous pioneer of road-building from the 18th Century.

Amongst the many generous sponsors, Knaresborough Town Council donated £5000 to the cause.



Blind Jack looks over the Market Square

P E R F O R M A N C E P A V I L I O N C A M P A I G N

At the Town Council's Annual Town Meeting on 2 March 2009, there was strong public feeling that the campaign for a new performance area in the Castle Grounds should be intensified.

The Castle Grounds lost its well-used band stand back in the late eighties and this has left the town devoid of a proper facility to put on public shows.

Initial plans for a Performance Area, which would provide a versatile stage area for all types of performances, date back many years.

Councillors are working hard to move the project forward. The next step is to write a detailed business plan, which will give full details on how the whole project will be managed both before and after the construction phase.

N E W F A R M E R S ' M A R K E T F O R K N A R E S B O R O U G H

Knaresborough Town Council, in conjunction with Otley Partnership, have agreed to start a Farmers' market in Knaresborough one Sunday a month.

The market will take place in the Market Square and will comprise of 30-40 local traders selling fresh produce. It is due to start towards the end of the year.

It is hoped that the market will encourage people to visit the town who otherwise may not, and, being on a Sunday, will not adversely affect business in local shops.

S t a f f c h a n g e s

The Town Council said goodbye to Lavina Beaumont, Admin. Assistant, who retired in January after 5 years of great service. Suzanne Smith is the new Office Assistant.