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DTC is your local newsletter; created, printed and distributed by Daventry Town Council (DTC) to update its residents on information that is happening in the Town.



A letter from the Chair and Mayor

In 1977 I moved from Weedon Bec where I was born and settled in Daventry. I was worried that moving from a village into a town would be daunting, but how wrong I was! I quickly immersed myself in the sporting community and became familiar with the town's history and surrounding countryside. I became a Councillor as I saw an opportunity of a co-option for a Town Councillor vacancy and so I applied to become a voice for the town. I am now in the fortunate position to be able to vote upon decisions which directly affect our town.

Last year I was elected as Deputy Mayor and I am delighted and honoured this year to have been elected as Mayor of Daventry.

In a very short time I have learnt that the town of Daventry is not only a lovely green place to live, but that the townsfolk are exceptionally lucky to have a dedicated team "looking out" for the people of Daventry, who work extremely hard on your behalf. Once again DTC have organised a full programme of free events throughout the year, which I'm always delighted to attend. This year's events so far have included a variety of children's workshops, providing families with Daventry based activities to keep children occupied out of term time, from Pom Pom making workshop in the May half term to the equally fun packed Summer Holiday Activities Programme which was hugely popular and consisted of an array of activities for residents to get involved with, such as Forest School, Circus skills, Skateboarding, Scootering, Mindfulness as well as drop in Theatre performances.

I would also like to shine a spotlight on the great work



of the Daventry Volunteer Centre who provide social support and services to residents. Their New Street Café is a safe space for people to meet and talk freely, plus they host regular Armed Forces Community hub meet ups alongside baby and youth groups. Please visit their website to find out more information:

www.daventryvolunteers.org.uk

It is always a joy to see the town bursting at the seams when it hosts events, which this year included its first Easter Market and the much missed Motorcycle Festival. Looking to the future we have a full calendar of Autumn events, there is so much to join in with and look forward to in the latter part of the year—see our Museum and Events section in our newsletter.

Mayor, Cllr. Malcolm Ogle

MAYOR'S CHARITY: Each Mayor nominates their own chosen charity - Malcolm Ogle's is **Marie Curie** who offer care and support through terminal illness. Malcolm said *"This Charity is very close to my heart as I lost my Mother, and Aunt, to Cancer. Everyone deserves care in their final months or days and Marie Curie are vital in providing much needed support"*



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Museum

The museum has had an exciting and busy year of exhibitions and events including a nostalgic 'Life and memories of a Childhood in Daventry' exhibition, and the return of the museum's award-winning British Science Week event. Make sure you keep an eye out on the museum's social media platforms for news about next year's science event in March 2023!



QUEENS JUBILEE DISPLAY

To mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, the museum held a special, commemorative Jubilee display marking The Queen's 70 year reign. Displays looked back at The Queen's previous Jubilees, with displays of memorabilia from past celebrations in the town.



EXHIBITION NEWS

BBC—A Centenary of Sights & Sounds 2nd July - 3rd December

The museum is celebrating the BBC's centenary with a commemorative exhibition about the BBC and its impact on Daventry.

On 27th July 1925, the BBC opened its transmitting station on Borough Hill, Daventry. Known as the 5XX, it was the world's first Long Wave transmitting station and enabled the broadcast of a national programme. At the opening ceremony, a poem written especially for the occasion by Alfred Noyes, was recited and coined the saying 'Daventry Calling' which was heard across the nation when the programme started.



Exhibits include radio receivers from the start of the BBC, such as crystal sets, through to the pop music revolution, and an early television in a 1950s room setting entitled, 'Television comes to Daventry'.

Doctor Who Display

Saturday 3rd September – Saturday 3rd December

As part of the BBC's 100th Birthday celebrations, the third and final Doctor Who special will air this autumn, with a new, 14th Doctor being revealed. To celebrate, Daventry Museum will be holding a small display of Doctor Who items and memorabilia alongside the BBC centenary exhibition.



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

The Daventry Experiment & The Birth of Radar
Saturday 17th September, 10am to 4pm

To celebrate this year's Heritage Open Days theme, 'Astounding Inventions', the museum will recreate the Daventry Experiment, with the help of visitors, to show how radar works and tell the story of its discovery.



The Daventry Experiment was demonstrated by Robert Watson Watt and Arnold Wilkins in a field in Litchborough in 1935 and proved that the detection of aircraft by radio means was possible. This significantly contributed to winning the Battle of Britain and changed the outcome of the Second World War. There will be lots of fun inventor activities for all the family to get involved in, including trying out Morse Code.

Guided Walks

To celebrate Heritage Open Days this September, the museum is holding two guided walks in historic Daventry; one of Borough Hill and one of the Town Centre. Visit the Museums 'What's On' page on their new website for details—*Booking is essential.*



Events

Daventry Town Council (DTC) has been super busy with events since our Spring newsletter. DTC has raised the flag for various civic ceremonies, held numerous community litter picks under the 'Daventry Litter Heroes' banner with the Community Ranger, and supported the Operation Unite 'Knife Angel' event and Emergency Services Fun Day.

Earlier in the year we introduced the Daventry Mindful Mile campaign to encourage people to take the time to walk round the town and enjoy our open spaces. Then in late spring the bunting and hanging baskets lifted everyone's spirits which we hope you will agree made the town look lovely.

The Easter Market, which went all the way around town, was hugely popular and included a stilt walking Easter Bunny who handed out Easter eggs to all the children who came to say hello.

A Crafty Crown Making Workshop was held on the Queen's Birthday and DTC also supported the Motorcycle Festival (back for the first time since 2018) where the Community Ranger and DTC Sponsored PCSO provided free bike marking.

DTC held a Buzzy Bees Activity day helping families learn all about bees and how important they are, as well as doing lots of fun bee craft activities.

This year we introduced the Summer Activities Programme which was a huge hit with all the children and families that took part. Children performed skateboard flips, made magic wands, tent pegs, tree faces and shelters, learnt to unicycle and juggle plus watched amazing theatre productions as well as take part in Tai Chi, drumming and mindfulness activities.

Knit & Crochet and Children's Pom Pom Workshops were held in support of the **Daventry Crochet Christmas Tree Project**. This community project involves asking everyone to crochet 15cm x 15cm squares that will be sewn together to make a giant Christmas tree to go on display in Daventry town at the end of November. Younger crafters can even make pom pom baubles. *(Deadline: 15th Oct to Museum & DTC Office—see website for details)*



What's Next

FARMERS' MARKET: Will be returning on Saturday 17th September from 10am—3pm where once again there will be a huge range of independent artisan food and drink related stalls to tempt your tastebuds and get your creative juices flowing. With added free fun family entertainment introduced after the success of the Easter Market.



DAVENTRY HERITAGE BUS TOURS: As part of Heritage Open Days Daventry Museum will be open on Saturday 17th September and Northampton Transport Heritage will be bringing some of their heritage buses to Daventry. They are recreating Local United Counties and Midland Red Bus Routes free for all to enjoy on the day. Programmes will be available to purchase on the day which go toward the upkeep of these historic vehicles.



DAVENTRY FIREWORKS: Saturday 5th November will be the annual Daventry Fireworks Spectacular event at the Parker E-Act Academy. Gates open at 6pm and there will be lots of amazing hot food and drink stalls including those all important fresh doughnuts!



CHRISTMAS MARKET & FESTIVE FUN: The last big event of the year will be held on Saturday 26th November where we have been told Santa will be making a special visit plus his reindeer! There will be lots of lovely independent festive stallholders all the way around the town selling unique Christmas gifts, crafts, decorations plus yummy hot food and drink to help get you into the Christmas spirit. Plus lots of extra free festive fun for all the family—including a giant snow globe and face painter.



Visit our website or follow us on our social media pages to be kept up to date on our all free events as we announce more details nearer the time.

Community Litter Picks!



Join our Town Ranger
at 11am until 12pm

The Inlands - Saturday 24th September

Middlemore - Saturday 29th October

All ages are very welcome - no need to book
(children must be supervised at all times).

ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED

DAVENTRY MUSEUM

Tuesday-Friday from 9.30am-1.30pm
+ the first Saturday of the month from 10am-4pm

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Free Entry!

IMPORTANT: The Museum will be closed from 4th December and will reopen 14th January 2023 with a brand new exhibition.

EVENTS @ DTC 2021

FARMERS' MARKET

FIREWORKS

CHRISTMAS MARKET



Saturday 17th September

Saturday 5th November

Saturday 26th November

CIVIC EVENTS

MERCHANT NAVY DAY

ARMISTICE

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Friday 3rd September

Thursday 11th November

Sunday 13th November

   

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