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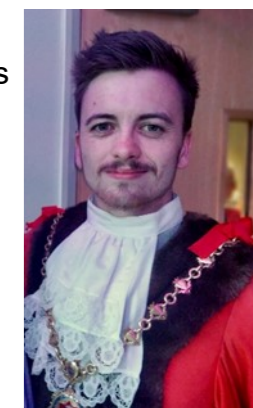
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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

So, it's that time of year again when we enjoy festivities and, for many, observe religious events. We can learn a lot in our current social and political climate from Christmas and its history; for it can act as an allegory for the present. Christmas has not always been the way we currently see it, in fact, it borrows many of its rituals from old faith celebrations such as Saturnalia – the Roman festival of Saturn in which much merrymaking and indulgence occurred... the event also took place in December. The other big inspiration for the early Christian celebration of Christmas was the pagan festival of Yule which occurred on the mid-winter solstice. It is believed that Christianity adopted some of the pagan rituals of Yule such as: bringing inside trees and making evergreen wreaths, also feasting. These adoptions were made to make the budding religion more palatable as the church spread its message far into western and northern Europe. So, we can see today how these faith rituals of other cultures have become endemic to our festivities, but how is all this relevant?

We are a diverse society, made up of people from all walks of life and different cultures, many of the things we assume to be a harbinger for "our" identity simply would not exist without external influence. We are able to evolve ideas and create when we merge cultural and social boundaries. We are greater when we are a sum of all our parts rather than a collection of individuals. Christmas has shown why this school of thought is so beneficial.



As a council, we are essentially a hotpot of individuals who have different ideas and approaches for how they wish our community to look and grow; it is when we come together that great things can happen. But the same also applies when the council accepts influence and works with other organisations such as that of the Chamber of Commerce or other essential groups in the town which provide fantastic services.

This holiday season is a time for togetherness, a time for breaking bread with loved ones and catching up with those significant to you. It is also a time for charity and giving, and a time for humility. We have such a large and tremendous voluntary sector in this town, the unsung heroes who provide their labour at no cost to benefit those around them; thank you for what you do. We have a responsibility to try and leave this world in a little better condition than we found it in, and doing so need not require much effort. We are communal creatures who physically and mentally deteriorate in isolation, so spare a smile for someone or even a hello as you pass a stranger on the street in this holiday period – the little things truly can have a big impact.

The council are engaging in some exciting projects which will hopefully fully transpire in the new year – we are proceeding with setting up an allotment site, looking into the viability of taking on the former youth centre, planning and looking to further promote significant events in the calendar year and most importantly, looking to further engage with our community partners, for without you, much of what we support would not be possible.

So, on behalf of myself and all councillors and staff, I'd like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and extend warmest regards for the coming year.

Cllr Henry Brown—Mayor of Honiton

Honiton's Health Matters - A Year Later

The purpose of Honiton Health Matters is to provide a network for organizations and groups to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for people living in Honiton and surrounding parishes. The inaugural meeting was held on 18th January 2018, followed by meetings on 6th March, 17th April, 21st June and 8th October 2018. The response to talking about what we know, where there are gaps/challenges and how, as a community we will address these to ensure collaborative approaches to co-design and co-produce local health services/activities in the future that meet the needs of all the people in our communities has been extraordinary. Communication is a fundamental challenge for all of the stakeholders and community groups alike. To this end, the April forum included a presentation from Honiton Surgery offering the Surgery Alcove for staged Community Service Displays. In December, the emphasis is on loneliness, isolation and the downside of Christmas. Our Honiton groups involved will be TRIP/Acorn Befrienders, Open Arms East Devon and Honiton Carers Support Group. The website is in the process of design, and 'the paper for Honiton' is fast becoming an extremely valuable community asset.

Honiton Health Matters has been supported by Honiton Town Council, East Devon District Council, Devon County Council and the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital Trust, all of whom have helped with funding for our Community Conversations, publicity and website development. The next meeting will be on 24th January 2019, for further details please see our website page www.honitonhealthmatters.org. Led by local people, for local people, living in Honiton and its neighbouring villages, Honiton Health Matters will welcome everyone.

Cllr Sheila Edwards

Town Clerk

It is often said a week is a long time in politics, well having now come to the end of my first year with Honiton Town Council, I can truly say that a year in politics feels at times like centuries!!

The year has seen the Council make progress in a number of areas and it has been pleasing to be at the heart of these. It has been an interesting year to say the least.

The long awaited allotments are coming into being in the coming months, with the lease having just been signed off and sealed. The Council has taken on the Christmas Lights this year and thanks to the work of a number of people, especially Cllr Sheridan-Shaw, donations have come from numerous groups and individuals to light up the town spectacularly. Charter Day and Hot Pennies were a fantastic success and Remembrance Sunday took on a special poignancy for so many reasons.

In the coming year we will need to work hard to make Honiton Market a success once again. It has been and can be one of the jewels in Honiton's crown. With this in mind, I and members, are looking to see more themed markets along the lines of the highly successful Gate to Plate event that was arranged with the assistance of EDDC.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mark Tredwin
Town Clerk

(Please note the office will close on Friday 21st December, re-opening on Wednesday 2nd January 2019)

Grants

Organisations contributing to the health and well being of Honiton residents and visitors may be eligible for a grant from Honiton Town Council in 2019. Application forms and details can be downloaded from the Honiton Town Council website or contact the Council on 01404 42957.



Town Management Committee

2018 has been a year of transition and unification for the town centre, high street and associated businesses.

This year we set up the Town Management Committee with the clear directive to support and promote Honiton as a progressive, popular and rewarding place to shop, work and socialise.

We have all seen many changes across the breadth and width of England, shops closing, huge multinational corporations changing the way they operate and we here, in the EX14 area, have decided to tackle this head on. Over the months we have built stronger relations with the Chamber of Commerce and Trade, we have supported the opening of new shops and we have endeavoured to listen to citizens of our community.

It has been the drive of the community that instilled in us a passion to raise the funds and the profile of our Town's Christmas Lights.

As a council we have noted, from the feeling of our traders and attractions that there is a huge demand and recognition for the use of social media. We continue to explore all avenues open to us in this regard.

We now have a firm foundation from which we can push forward with events such as the Gate to Plate food festival & the ever successful Charter Day. Making these highly popular events even more entertaining and successful, is high on our agenda.

I choose to remember the words of Alfred Lord Tennyson "To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield"

I wish the happiest of seasons greetings to you all.

My most sincere regards

Cllr Duncan Sheridan-Shaw
Deputy Mayor

Community Engagement Forum

On 12th May 2016, the Community Engagement Forum was inaugurated. This Committee was comprised of, and open to, all community groups, associations and institutions within Honiton. The purpose of this Committee at that time was to discuss and provide feedback on projects being undertaken by Honiton Town Council. We are now in the process of reconvening this Committee with the specific view of regenerating Honiton's Neighbourhood Plan and is now open to everyone. All will be welcome. If you would like to join us, please contact the Council Offices. Public notice will be given of the date of the next meeting, which will be sometime in January.

Cllrs. Roy Coombs & Sheila Edwards