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Mayor's notes

Greetings, my name is Fraser Bowe and in May I not only had the privilege of being elected as one of Thorpe St Andrew South East's Councillors on Town and District Councils, I was also elected as Town Mayor by my fellow Town Councillors.

I was born in Lancashire - my parents were both serving in the Royal Air Force at the time - and two years later we moved to my father's hometown of St Helens. I left the town age 17 to realise my childhood ambition to be in the RAF.

I served for 10 years, before being injured on exercise, which resulted in a life-changing disability and a medical discharge.

During that time, I came to Norwich a lot for the night life at weekends and there I met my wife of 37 years (and counting!).

Two children and three houses later (all in Thorpe St Andrew) I studied for a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from Norwich Business School at the UEA. I then moved into the private sector, just after I was elected onto the Town Council for the first time.

There are not many things that I've not heard before, either through personal or professional experience, so I'd like to think that informs my outlook on life and on politics and helps me have empathy with other people.

I'm available via the council office, email or telephone call, and while I can't necessarily promise you the solution that you might like, I will promise to do everything that I can to explore solutions.

Finally, my term in office as Mayor started with a change at the top of the council staff, with Dr Thomas Foreman closing the door on his time with our council.

Thank you, Thomas, for everything that you've done to support the Council and Councillors over the last eight years and for the Council being in a better place than it was when you started.

However, with the appointment of Michelle Barron into the Town Clerk/CEO post, we have another experienced public servant, who will take the Town Council forward into the future.

I look forward to welcoming her into the office.

I'd also like to thank all of the Council staff for their hard work and support of the Council.

Cllr Fraser Bowe, Town Mayor



A fond farewell to Town Clerk Dr Thomas Foreman

We were both on the panel of Councillors who interviewed applicants for Town Clerk in 2015.

The list consisted of existing Town Clerks and Thomas Foreman, who was Scrutiny Officer at Cardiff Unitary Council, and being 25 was the curved ball in the pack. After interview he was the unanimous choice of the whole panel.

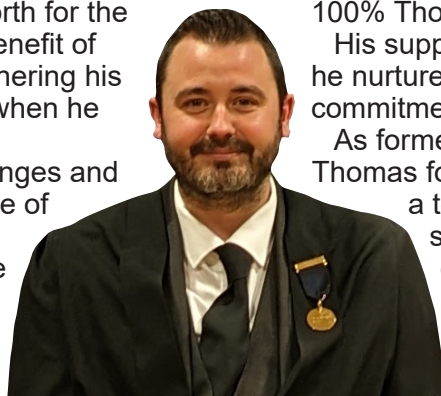
Fortunately he brought a wealth of experience from a larger council and, over the years, Thomas proved what an excellent choice the panel made.

His first project was the refurbishment of Roxley Hall, which turned out to be a first class project, delivered on budget.

Whilst Thomas proved his worth for the Council, they recognised the benefit of supporting his ambitions in furthering his education and were delighted when he completed his PhD.

Covid presented many challenges and Thomas realised the importance of communication. He organised an "I'm Isolating" window notice and distributed it to every household within 48 hours.

A food voucher scheme was



set up with Sainsbury's for vulnerable residents. He even chauffeured Father Christmas round the town!

Thomas was always very involved with the Town Council events, having been introduced to them early on with the 70th Anniversary of VE Day a few weeks after joining us. Thomas went on to move the popular Firework event to online ticketing and introduced Street Food and business events to help promote local businesses.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee event received many plaudits, and ensuring full protocol was adhered to with the mourning of the Queen's passing and the Coronation of King Charles III was 100% Thomas: "Things have to be done properly".

His support for Councillors and the relationships he nurtured with four Town Mayors is a credit to his commitment to Thorpe St Andrew.

As former Town Mayors we would like to thank Thomas for his outstanding service and input into a town which adopted him warmly from the start, with which we hope he will have an enduring and fond relationship, and more importantly a community upon which he has definitely left his mark.

Sue Lawn & Cllr John Fisher

We have been busy through the spring and summer, maintaining all the green areas of the town, the warm and wet conditions have provided the perfect growing conditions for the grass and plants.

Verge maintenance has been carried out regularly in order to keep Thorpe St Andrew looking tidy and respectable.

As a Town Council we are constantly looking into ways to improve the verges, both in planting schemes and the reduction of herbicide use.

Early in the season we replaced the planter on the roundabout located outside St Andrew's Park, this will give a colourful entrance to the town for those coming in off the A47 for many years to come.

Trees which were planted over the winter are doing well, many of the apple trees in the community orchard have begun

to bear fruit and the community allotment areas around the town are well used.

The parks team have all completed a ROSPA play equipment inspection course and have remedied many issues with the play parks. These inspections will be carried out on a regular basis but if you find any issues please contact the Town Council office on 01603 701048.

The re-roofing of the Town Hall was completed over the summer holidays, and will make the hall safer for all users.

The two spring events were successful despite the weather and were well received by the residents, which makes it all worthwhile for our team on the ground. We will now get ready for the annual firework display and the Christmas event, both being held at the Fitzmaurice Park.



A community gardening project is being launched to help support well-being and mental health in Thorpe St Andrew.

Set up by Cllr Jonathan Emsell, the project will build a group of gardeners who want to look after the town.

The plan is to improve footpaths with litter picking and undergrowth maintenance. The community team will also support residents who need help with their own gardens.

In situations where someone can look after the garden but struggle to maintain a big hedge, a team of keen gardeners turning up will help reduce stress the resident might be feeling.

Cllr Emsell said: "This is an exciting community project made possible by using my own Councillor grant and a grant from Veolia, our waste contract partner, who have a Sustainability Fund available for community activity like this."

In the last few months, we have experienced a sharp rise in unacceptable behaviour from members of the public, both in person and online.

Threats of abuse, intimidation, online harassment and even physical encounters have all taken place



recently and will not be tolerated.

Staff have the right to work in an environment free from fear and intimidation.

If residents have any comments

to make please contact the office and do not approach staff directly.



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Who's responsible for...

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council 01603 701048

Streetlights, parks and open spaces and their bins, allotments, moorings, grit bins, and bus shelters

Broadland District Council 01603 431133

Fly-tipping, graffiti, dog bins, household waste, planning issues, housing, council tax, benefits, parking enforcement and street cleaning

Norfolk County Council 0344 800 802

Over-grown hedges, blocked cycle paths, highways, parking restrictions, highways trees, education and childrens' services, Social Services

Norfolk Police 101 or 999

Cars blocking the highway, anti-social behaviour or issues on crime.

If you are unsure who to call, please contact us and we will point you in the right direction.

Congratulations to Thorpe Dementia Support Group's Jill and Fiona.

The Norfolk Community Champions were recognised and celebrated at the Royal Norfolk Show in June, as part of King Charles' wish to promote Community Cohesion and the spirit of volunteering. Lady Dannatt MBE, The Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, paid tribute to the pair, who volunteer at the Thorpe Dementia group, which meets in Roxley Hall every first and third Wednesday of the month.



The Models 4 Heroes group that I helped set up in the Sir George Morse Pavilion, over 18 months ago, is going from strength to strength.

Thanks to some very generous benefactors we are well stocked for kits to build and with seven regular attendees, we were able to increase the frequency of meetings to every two weeks on a Tuesday evening and extend its hours, so that it runs from 6pm to 9pm.

If you served in the Armed Forces or Emergency Services, you are welcome to come along to the group.

We are currently working on a project that will be a representation of part of the City of Norwich Aviation Museum, centred around their Avro Vulcan strategic bomber aircraft. I hope to be able to show that at one of the Town Council events next year.

If you are interested in coming along to

the group meetings, please contact me.

I'm also working with the Town Council to see how we can offer services to the wider veterans and armed forces community, but it's still too early to describe what that might look like. I'd be really grateful for any volunteers who would like to be a part of setting up and forming a working group.

The Town Council currently has the Bronze award for the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme. It is awarded to employers that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support to defence and the armed forces community, and align their values with the Armed Forces Covenant. We have aligned our employment terms and conditions with the Silver award, which we will apply for as soon as nominations are open again.

Cllr Fraser Bowe

Children with SEND* have been making good use of the tree plantation on Laundry Lane.

Once a week, the Council gives our SEND families exclusive access to the whole area. The plantation is currently shut to the general public every Thursday, so that SEND children and their families can spend time in the woodland.

Families are able to book one hour slots at the plantation on Thursdays.

If you feel this would be something you could benefit from, please email us at office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk

*Special educational needs and disabilities



Poppy collection fortnight is fast approaching, and the Thorpe branch of the Royal British Legion is looking for volunteers to staff the collection point in Sainsbury's on Pound Lane.

If you can give some time at the end of October, up to 11th November 2023, please get in touch with the Chairman, Cllr Stuart Snelling at rb1thorpe@gmail.com; he can let you know what dates and times are available.

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time last year.



Planning and environment update

We are still experiencing a regular number of minor planning applications each month, mainly small extensions or roof conversions of the many traditional bungalows of TSA.

The Pinebanks, Langley School and Griffin Lane sites have not progressed any further forward, although we understand that engagement/meetings between Broadland planning team and Ocubis are taking place regularly to try to resolve issues around affordable housing numbers and nutrient neutrality.

The application for a care complex at the former Oasis site may be withdrawn due to it no longer being financially viable as a result of increased build

costs, mainly those of materials, being impacted upon by inflation.

The Town Council had supported this application so will keep a watchful eye on any fresh planning proposals for the site.

The Town Council is in the process of seeking quotes to refurbish the street lighting columns to LED heads which are brighter and will reduce the Council's carbon footprint.

We are looking to plant more bulbs throughout the town as they provide early food for our bees and will enhance some areas which all residents can enjoy as they walk, cycle or drive past.

Cllr John Fisher

⁶ 2023 events: St George's Day, Coronation Day Party and Street Food Festival



It's been a busy year already, with three great events held in Fitzmaurice Park.

In April, we held our traditional St George's Day Festival, with Morris dancing, a battle re-enactment and archery.

The crowning glory of our 2023 events, we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III in May. With a funfair, Punch and Judy, live music, food, drink and craft stalls and competitions, it was a day to remember - despite the weather!

Outgoing Town Mayor Sue Lawn and entertainer Olly Day buried a time capsule containing photos, news and information about Thorpe St Andrew.

In June, new Town Mayor Fraser Bowe marked Armed Forces Week by raising the flag at River Green. We also held a successful car boot sale at the Sir George Morse park.

In September we held a Street Food Festival. Singer Joe Ringer was there to perform some top tunes.

And we're not done yet - we still have more events coming this year with Fireworks and Christmas. You can see photos from all our events on our social media pages.



Upcoming events

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THORPE ST ANDREW Fireworks

Sunday 5th November

Fitzmaurice Park, Pound Lane

Gates open 4pm
Fireworks 7.30pm

Scan for tickets



Tickets £5

Under 3s free

<https://buytickets.at/tsatc>

Funfair Food Stalls Bar

Advance tickets only



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Coming soon...

FESTIVE FAYRE

AT THE FITZ

CRAFT STALLS ★ FOOD STALLS

★ SANTA'S GROTTO ★

★ WOODLAND WALK ★

FUNFAIR ★ BAR

Saturday
2nd December

12-7pm

Fitzmaurice Park

Free entry

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