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Meeting Dates

December 4th* and 18th 2013

January 8th* and 22nd 2014

February 5th* and 19th 2014

Have Your Say!

*Councillor Surgeries

6.30pm until 7.00pm prior to first Town Council Meeting each month.

Public Sessions

All Council meetings include a public session when items for a future agenda can be raised.

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Italian Market Sunday 8th December 2013

ITALIA IN PIAZZA

THE REAL ITALIAN FOOD MARKET

The Italians are coming to Atherstone! The friendly Italian Food Market, Italia in Piazza, come to Atherstone for the first time on Sunday 8th December. The market will be located in the Market Square and will run from 10am to 4pm.

Italia in Piazza is the authentic Italian Food Market comprising 16 mouth-watering stalls selling all the wonderful tastes you would expect to get in Italy, such as Parmigiano, prosciutto, salame, olives, extra virgin olive oils and much more.

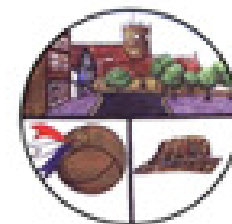
Simon Faro, owner of Italia in Piazza says, "We are extremely happy to be given the opportunity to visit Atherstone for the first time. We will bring you a truly Italian experience, with all the quality produce you would expect to find in Italy, to your doorstep by professional Italian stall holders who will offer you high standard customer service and a vibrant atmosphere, and hopefully some sunshine too."

Markets add an extra dimension to the towns vibrancy especially on Sundays.



This wonderful attraction, which has previously visited many towns in and around the area, is coming to Atherstone for the first time so more shoppers' should be encouraged to visit the town when the Italians set up in Market Square on Sunday 8th December.

Please note the Town Council Offices will close at 11.00am on 24th December and re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2014.



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Newsletter Autumn 2013

Dickens Night 2013



'ICE skates, Samba beats and Daleks are among the varied inclusions for the ever-evolving Atherstone Dickens Night celebrations this year. The showpiece event which has attracted thousands of people to the town for more than quarter of a century is

taking place on Saturday, November 30.

"This year the new committee is trying to "shake things up" a little and looking to make that evolution even more exciting for the town and its visitors," said Atherstone Dickens Night chairman, Peter Farrugia.

"An ice rink will be the focal point of attention in the Market Square and a very exciting visit from

beings from another planet (hint, it's Dr Who's 50th birthday this year) who have threatened to come and exterminate us all, is also planned. "Of course Santa will be leading the procession of mayors and dignitaries invited



by our own Atherstone Mayor, Mejar Singh Gill and Santa will then sit right by the ice rink in his grotto to welcome all the good boys and girls with gifts."

Food will be available around the town and local businesses and shopkeepers will be displaying their Christmas wares and competing in a best dressed window display competition." A Samba band will be playing at new staging areas around the town and John Barker's fun fair will keep people entertained before a firework finale at 9pm.



There are still some stalls available in the market square and memorial hall, which are available for hire.

Mr Farrugia, added: "This year we're intending to make it a really big event.

"The weather was against us last year but we want to hit back this year with an event to remember."

The Town Council invites dignitaries from across the region to visit the town and celebrate the start of the Christmas season with the switch on of the Christmas Lights. This year the Town Council are pleased to announce that lights will be switched on by Atherstone Town Mayor Cllr Mejar Singh Gill and Competition Winner Miss Megan Owen.

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Allotment Holders Reap Rewards

Atherstone Town Council Allotment Awards were presented at the Town Council on Wednesday 18th September 2013. The Town Council manages two allotment sites in the Atherstone area, one off Gypsy Lane and one off Bracebridge Rd.

Over 150 tenants are eligible to enter the annual allotment awards and once again the standard of entries was very high. This year's winners were:

- 1st Prize** Full Plot Mr and Mrs Hart 38 A and B - Gypsy Lane
- 2nd Prize** Full Plot Mrs J. Rollins 36a / 35a, Merevale
- 1st Half Plot** 5C 5D Mr. Lakin, Gypsy Lane
- 2nd Half Plot** 20 b Mr. Chetwynd, Gypsy Lane

Prize for community consideration
Plot 18 Mr P. Aherne, Merevale

Best Newcomer

Gypsy Lane Plot 10b – Mrs B Foster

Commendation certificates at Merevale:

Plot 69 - Mr Stain
Plot 71 - Mr Teasdale
Plots 21a - Mr Perry
Plot 21b - Mr Boulstridge



Cllr Singh hands the trophy to winner 1st Prize full plot Mr and Mrs Hart (Right) and Winner 1st Prize half plot Mr Lakin (left)

MARKET DAY TREASURE HUNT WINNERS

Atherstone Town Council held a Treasure Hunt on the Market Square in the summer holidays and ten prize winners were selected from all the entries by the Atherstone Mayor Councillor Mejar Singh Gill. Each winner received a certificate and a £5.00 book token to spend at the St Giles Hospice Shop in Atherstone.

Winners were:

Race Meadow School Atherstone

Brendan Gibson, Sharanjit Kaur and Maison Ford

Outwoods Primary School Atherstone

Jude Thorpe, Ellie Thorpe and Mabel Smith

Witherley Primary School

Aaron Broadhurst

Michael Drayton School Hartshill

Finley Bates

Dixie Grammar School Market Bosworth:

Alfie Madden and Kieran Madden



Photograph courtesy of Tamworth Herald



Atherstone Town Mayor Councillor Mejar Singh Gill



I have been pleased to represent Atherstone Town as Mayor at many Civic functions recently including a fundraising event at Sketchley Grange in aid of the Mayor of Hinckley's Charity Appeal. Also I attended the Mayor of North Warwickshire's Civic Service held at St Paul's Church in Coleshill in September.

More locally I have attended many interesting and diverse events in Atherstone which all reflect the valuable contribution so many people make to our local community in and around Atherstone.

These included attending the AGM of the Atherstone District Scouts where I met with some of the many adults and youngsters who work as volunteers within the local scout movement.

I was also asked to carry out the opening ceremony of the Atherstone Heritage Motor Show on September 15th which is always a fascinating day, as Atherstone welcomes visitors from far and wide.



Photograph Courtesy of Graham Beale



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Along with my wife Kulwinder it was a great honour to be asked to lay a wreath at the Annual Remembrance Parade and Service on Sunday 10th November.

More recently I went with my fellow Councillor Denise Clews to St Benedict's Catholic Primary School to judge their healthy eating Cook Off Competition. We were both very impressed with the skills and knowledge that all the children displayed and it made our job as judges very difficult.

I also had a very enjoyable evening at the latest Atherstone Dramatic Society production of Calendar Girls at the Owen Street Community Arts Centre where local acting talent was once again at its best!

Finally I attended the Annual St Clements Day Luncheon at the Blue Boar Inn in Mancetter. This event which is supported by the Worshipful Company of Felt makers brings together former employees of the Atherstone hatting industry to celebrate their Patron Saint's Day as they used to in the factories.