

## Midsomer Norton Town Council Mayor's announcements January 2025

January can be a difficult month for many of us. After relaxing holidays and the festivities of the Christmas period, combined with gloomy, cold and wet weather, it can be difficult to remain positive. Fortunately, we live in a beautiful town and surrounding area, and we have many fantastic shops and services available to us. There are also many clubs, organisations and events for us to join and take part in.

I hope that all our residents have a positive start to the new year and find much in the town and surrounding area to enjoy and engage with.

### The Town Environment

The Town Council grounds staff, Dave and Pete, continue to do excellent work, keeping our town environment looking clean and attractive. Despite the gloomy weather our parks and green spaces look wonderful, as does the river on the high street.



### The Town Hall and Island

Great progress continues to be made on the Island development, with the construction company working hard to complete it on time. The first event on the site will be our annual Wassail celebration, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February, organised by Somer Valley Rediscovered, supported by Midsomer Norton Community Trust.



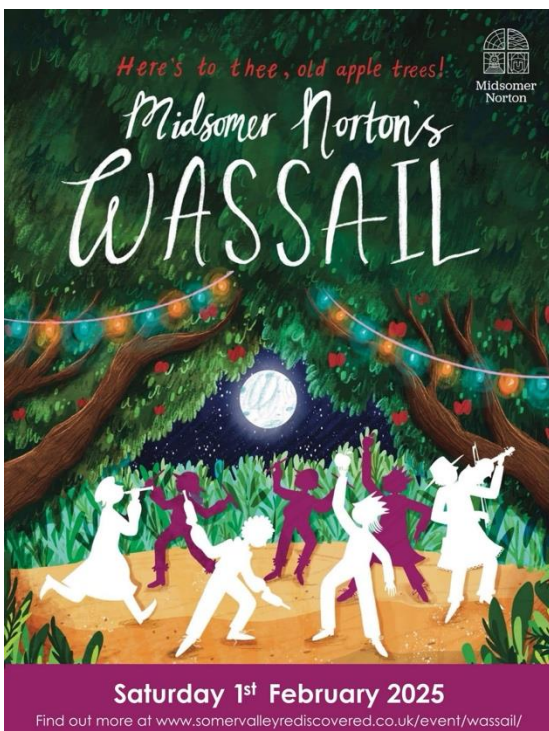
The Town Hall has encountered several unexpected issues during its refurbishment, but happily work has recently begun again, and we are looking forward to it's reopening.

## Events, attractions and activities

There are many small and larger scale events and activities to enjoy around the town. Several cafes and businesses organise events, classes and activities that many of us already appreciate, and there are quizzes, sporting activities, music performances, and other creative activities to take part in.

The high street is ever changing, and this month we sadly say goodbye to some shops that have brightened the high street with their presence, whilst also welcoming others that are opening imminently. We wish the owners and business well for the future.

The monthly Farmers Markets returns on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February, on the Hollies Garden. On the same day the Wassail celebration takes place on the Island, before proceeding to the Town Park.



**Somerset Farmers Markets**



## Annual Town Meeting and Civic Awards Ceremony

This event will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at the Somer Centre. Information about categories and making nominations for the awards is available on the Council website and has been shared online and in other forms.