

**Council meeting****15 APRIL 2014****Report of the Chief Executive****NOTABLE ACTIVITIES****1 Purpose of report**

This report is presented as a monthly update on notable activities that have taken place or are planned and relate to the council's PRIDE objectives.

**2 Items of note****2.1 INTERNATIONAL WAENDEL WALK**

Advance registration is now available for the 35<sup>th</sup> International Waendel Walk, which takes place in Wellingborough over the weekend of 9-11 May.

The Waendel Walk, the only event of its kind in the UK, kicks off this year on the evening of Friday 9 May with the two friendship walks of 5km and 10km. They are followed by a weekend of different routes throughout the borough ranging from 5km up to a marathon-distance 42km.

Pre-booking to take part in the Waendel Walk is cheaper and avoids queuing on the day. It is available at The Castle's website: [www.thecastle.org.uk/waendel](http://www.thecastle.org.uk/waendel) until Thursday 8 May, after which people will have to register in the main hall of The Castle.

More information about the Waendel Walk, including details of route information and start times, entertainment, and tips for keeping safe, is available on the council's website: [www.wellingborough.gov.uk/waendel](http://www.wellingborough.gov.uk/waendel)

**2.2 WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The Mayoress, Councillor Lora Lawman, attended the annual Women's World Day of Prayer service on Friday 7 March at the Mill Road Baptist Church. This year's service was prepared by the women of Egypt and was entitled "Streams in the Desert." Lady councillors and councillors' wives were also invited to the event.

**2.3 YOUNG ENTERPRISE AREA FINALS**

The Northamptonshire area finals of the Young Enterprise company project were held at the Core at Corby Cube on Monday 10 March. The Mayor, Councillor Graham Lawman, was one of the judges on the day and awarded certificates to the managing directors of all 15 Young Enterprise companies taking part.

The Young Enterprise company project gives young people aged 15-19 years old the opportunity to set up and run their own company over the course of a year. Students compete with other schools and colleges in their region, across the UK and internationally, to become Young Enterprise Company of the Year. Wellingborough School's Horizon team, with their recycled hessian products, was a runner up on the day and will now move forward to the county final held at the University of Northampton on 1 May.

#### 2.4 DA VINCI COURT OPENING

The Mayor joined representatives from the borough council and the county council, as well as Wellingborough Homes, to celebrate the opening of the town's first independent living scheme for adults with disabilities. Da Vinci Court, off Croyland Road, is now home to 19 permanent tenants and five people living in reablement flats. The pioneering housing scheme is a result of a partnership between Olympus Care Services (a limited company owned wholly by the county council to provide adult social care services), Orbit Independent Living, Orbit Homes, and Seagrave Developments.

#### 2.5 BOROUGH OF WELLINGBOROUGH PLAN

The council is currently consulting on the first stage in the preparation of a new plan to guide the future of the borough over the next 15 years or so. Consultation is open until 2 May 2014 and details about taking part are on the homepage of the council's website.

#### 2.6 EARLS BARTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The draft Earls Barton neighbourhood plan is now being consulted on by Earls Barton Parish Council. People have until Wednesday 30 April to submit their views, and details about taking part are on the homepage of the council's website.

#### 2.7 MINERVA WAY SIDE WASTE

Household rubbish left out on a Wellingborough street will be monitored over the coming weeks as part of a pilot project to stop excess landfill waste. Minerva Way in the town has been identified as a hotspot for 'side waste' – additional black bags of rubbish left out with wheelie bins.

The council is not supposed to collect black bin side waste as it increases landfill costs and reduces recycling rates. But a number of areas in the town regularly leave out additional bags which, if not collected, can end up as litter that has to be picked up by street cleaners.

The pilot project will see employees from Wellingborough Norse monitoring the excess rubbish on Friday mornings before the bins are emptied. They will then visit any addresses they consider would benefit from advice and support. It is not intended to take enforcement action at this stage – just identify where the extra bags are coming from and whether or not the contents could be recycled rather than dumped in landfill.

#### 2.8 MAYOR'S CHARITY QUIZ

The Mayor held a charity quiz on Friday 28 March. Around 40 people took part in the general knowledge contest, and a team featuring both Cllr Scarborough and Cllr Henley was victorious on the night. The sum of £308 was raised during the evening, which will be added to the Mayor's charity fund and distributed to good causes at the end of his term of office.

#### 2.9 SUPERSONIC 70s SHOW

Celebrated tribute show Supersonic 70s is coming to Wellingborough on Saturday 12 April with a special performance in aid of the Mayor's charity fund.

The six piece live band has taken the UK by storm, being described as the ultimate 70s tribute show and generating critical and public acclaim. The set list covers some of the biggest classics from the era, including hits from Queen, The Carpenters, ELO, 10cc, Wings, Andrew Gold, Donna Summer, David Essex, Abba, Sweet, Suzi Quatro, David Cassidy, T. Rex, the Bay City Rollers, and many more.

Tickets are still available for the energetic show, which will be coming to The Castle on Saturday 12 April. Tickets cost £15 each and are available from the box office on 01933 270 007 or online at [www.thecastle.org.uk](http://www.thecastle.org.uk)

<p><b>3. Proposed action:</b> <b>Council is invited to RESOLVE to note the report.</b></p>
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**5. Consultees**  
The Mayor, Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council, Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Chief Executive, Heads of Service.

