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As I go to the events to which I am invited, I am struck by the number of people and organisations which are endeavouring to make Todmorden (and other places) a better place to live. Some just enable people to enjoy their hobby or interest, while others find they are promoting it way beyond their locality.

The Paulinus event over the Bank Holiday was very successful and hopefully will continue to be in the future, as more people visit the town as they walk the Paulinus Way. Several Councillors joined the Pilgrimage for part of the time.

It was good to visit the Incredible Edible Todmorden harvest festival and see how that is developing. It is a fine example of something that has grown and benefiting communities outside of Todmorden.

I have noticed since moving up here, how few moans there are about the weather. Far less than in London where it is drier and warmer. Todmordians seem to accept the weather for what it is, just as most of us accept road works etc. I hope we will only complain about what can be changed.

I wish you all a joyful, peaceful happy Christmas and New Year.

Cllr Richard White, Town Mayor

Christmas Light's Switch On

The Town's Christmas lights were switched on by the Mayor, Cllr Richard White on Saturday, 26th November 2011. These included several sets of new coloured, twinkling lights and a new 3-D star on the top of the Christmas tree together with a new Christmas motif light designed by Lucy James, a pupil at Ferney Lee School.

Ms Helen Plaice, Head Teacher at Todmorden High School acted as MC at the event and the carol singing was led by Todmorden Choral Society accompanied by Todmorden Community Band.

The Council extends its thanks to Todmorden Community Band, Todmorden Choral Society, Todmorden High School and Todmorden Rotary Club for all their help in making the switch on event such a success.



CAROL SING CHRISTMAS EVE

The Town Mayor,
Cllr Richard White
and the Town Council
cordially invite members of the
public to join them in the traditional

Carol Sing at St Mary's Church
at 6.30 pm on Saturday, 24th December 2011

The carols will be introduced by
the Rev. Canon Owen Page
and accompanied by
Todmorden Community Brass Band

CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR TODMORDEN

Nominations are invited from members of the public in Todmorden for individuals or organisations who have given exceptional services to the township of Todmorden.

They have shown true community spirit. It could be working with young people or the elderly, helping those in need, or giving time over the years to a worthwhile cause.

There will be up to two awards presented by the Mayor prior to the Annual Meeting in May 2012.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Town Council office, the Tourist Information Centre or downloaded from the Council website.

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Mayor's Charity Coffee Morning

To be held in the Town Hall
 Saturday, 25th February 2012

10 am - 12 noon



All proceeds in aid of the Town Mayor's charity,

Calder Valley Search & Rescue Team

Community Grants have recently been awarded to:

- Todmorden Community Brass Band - £1,000
- Todmorden Riverside Improvement Group - £592.76
- White Ribbon Campaign UK - £217.00
- Todmorden Park Veterans Bowling Club - £300

The following groups have been able to hold fundraising events in the Town Hall following the agreement of the Town Council to refund the hire charges to Calderdale Council

Friends of Overgate Todmorden - Vintage Fashion Show
 £398.60

Application forms for the above grants are available from the Council office or can be downloaded from the Council website 'Grants' page at: www.todmordencouncil.org.uk

RECENT WORK OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council has agreed a grant of £2,000 to Todmorden Civic Society towards the replacement of two war memorial statues in the Garden of Remembrance, Centre Vale Park.

The project is to replace the two Gilbert Bayes statues "Lamp of Memory" and "Shield of Honour" that went missing from the Garden of Remembrance twenty years ago.

The aim is to install and rededicate the statues in the summer of 2014 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the commencement of the First World War.

The work will be carried out by an expert in restoration carving, working from historic and modern photographs including those which Todmorden Civic Society have acquired through public appeals in the local and regional media.

Funding for the project, which will cost £15,000, will come from funds secured by Todmorden Civic Society, the War Memorials Trust, Todmorden Town Council and individual and group pledges.



Right: The "Lamp of Memory" statue

Left: War Memorial, Garden of Remembrance, Centre Vale Park

