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This newsletter is produced to help keep Prescot Residents up to date with the activities of the council, and local events of public interest. If you represent a local community organisation, or philanthropic group, and you would like to be featured in our next edition please send us your communication and we will do our best to accommodate you. Please be advised, inclusion will be on a first come first served basis.

Prescot Remembers

In addition to Knowsley's Remembrance Sunday Service, for the last four years Prescot has also had an Armistice Day Service. The service is organised by the Town Council and supported by the Friends of Prescot Churchyard and Cemetery who do a great job in decorating the area around the salvaged BICC memorial. The memorial formally stood within the BICC complex and remembers the fallen from both World Wars. Cannon John Taylor of Prescot Parish



Church led the service, which was well attended by residents and local school children from St Mary and Paul's Primary, Prescot Primary and The Prescot School (even though it was a Saturday! what a credit to the Town). The Mayor of Prescot Cllr Jennifer Chadwick is pictured above laying a wreath on behalf of the Town with an aerial image of the memorial (left), kindly provided by Steve Samosa, (local photographer).



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Merry Christmas Prescot

Its that time of year again, when the Town Council teams up with other local stakeholders and business to light up the Town and spread a bit of Christmas Cheer. This years Christmas Light Switch on Event took place on the 2nd of December and was graced with a wide array of local talent as the winners of Prescot's Got Talent - Charlotte Codack (under 16's) and Nichola Doran (over 16's) took to the stage along with Freshco Crew, Jan Williams Theatre School and Shine Gospel Choir to entertain all those in attendance.

Once again Miss Prescot (Kirsty Hornby) joined the Mayor of Prescot (Cllr Jennifer Chadwick) to switch on the Lights and give away over 300 selection packs to local children. Staff and elected members of the Town Council where also on hand to provide hot drinks and biscuits free of charge,

whilst the Mayor took the opportunity to raise some money for her chosen charities

with a name the Teddy competition.

The event also included 'Little Donkey' rides, face painting and children's fair-ground rides.

The Town Council

would like to thank Prescot Town Team, Market Village (Prescot Shopping Centre) and First Ark for their continued support of the event.



Town Council to meet with KMBC to fully understand proposals

Browns Field

As many local residents will be aware, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council have recently announced that they would like to sell off Browns Field (aka King George V Memorial Playing Fields Prescott) for housing development. The proceeds of any such sale being used to create an endowment fund, the interest from which would be used to meet the costs of parks maintenance across Knowsley through the formation of a trust.

On the 13th November 2014 Prescott Town Council formally relayed its objection to the release of Greenbelt Land in Prescott to Knowsley Council. This is a position the Town Council still holds, and the realisation of greenspaces raises great concerns. The Town Council currently hold a lease on Browns Field which is not due to expire until 2090, therefore KMBC cannot sell the land without consent from the Town Council or the legal dissolving of the lease through the courts.

The Town Council cares passionately about the maintenance and quality of parks and green spaces in the Town, which it considers to be a vital contributor to quality of life, health and well-being. We also fully appreciate the need for Knowsley MBC to look for creative solutions to respond to the very challenging funding environment it is faced with.

The Town Council is committed to a collaborative relationship with KMBC, a future Parks Trust and any other body that can make a positive contribution to the quality of life of Prescott residents, and will now meet with representatives from KMBC in the coming weeks to fully understand their proposal before agreeing its position on the matter.



New Developments for Prescott

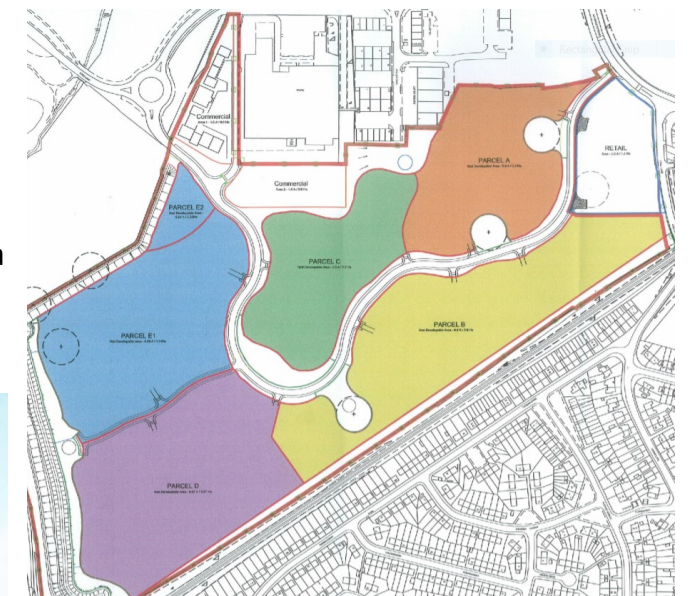
A recent planning committee meeting at Knowsley Council agreed the long awaited final designs and application for the New Shakespeare North Theatre which will sit at the heart of the Town. The modified design now includes a dedicated Exhibition and Education Centre, the design of the external glazing façade has been refreshed and the building will no longer include a basement.

The main contractor will be appointed in December and pre-construction work will start from February 2018 with all construction expected to be completed by April 2020. The first Masters students are expected to start their studies in October 2020.



At the same meeting approval was granted for 119 new homes on the former BICC site and a new Shakespeare themed hotel. The new homes will form parcel E of the master plan for the site.

Whilst proposals for the new hotel include a 27 bed hotel, set across five floors, along with a restaurant, bar, function rooms and



car park. The hotel will be on the site of the old Imperial Hotel pub on Bridge Road opposite Prescott Railway Station, which is also set for some major improvement works.