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Honour for Alison: 'Focus on what brings us together'

Boston's newest honorary freeman has stressed the importance of volunteering, teamwork and positivity .

Alison Fairman, currently the chairman of Boston's gold award-winning in-bloom committee, told a packed council chamber: "Volunteering is very important to me; it is all about being a member of a team. Yes, we have challenges ahead in this time of austerity; we have the same challenges as every other town, we are not unique in that.

"Let's not focus on what divides us, but let's focus on what brings us together. We have got to be positive in what we are and what we can do together.

"Thank you for these amazing gifts and thank you for this singular honour, I hope to be worthy of it."

The ceremony, attended by Boston Borough Councillors

and Alison's family, friends and colleagues, was the first since 2006.

Cllr Claire Rylott, nominating Alison, gave details of Alison's active involvement in the community since arriving in Boston in 1979.

A long list began with her work with Boston Citizens' Advice Bureau in 1980 through to the latest in-bloom gold award this year.

The official wording recognises "the significant contribution she has made to numerous organisations in the Borough area".

Cllr Rylott said: "It gives me the greatest pleasure to be able to nominate Alison. She is such a good role model as a volunteer in the community.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2fAAEce>



Alison, third from left, with her Honorary Freedom of the Borough scroll. From left, Mayoress Catharine Woodliffe, Mayor Cllr Stephen Woodliffe and the council's Chief Executive Phil Drury

Vote for memorial garden

An appeal has been issued for support for a bid for funding for a project to develop a memorial garden near Boston for all of Lincolnshire's road accident victims.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2eU7Zw3>



Is your chimney clean?

With the colder weather setting in residents are being reminded to be sure their chimneys have been swept clean before lighting their winter fires.

The reminder comes after Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue crews attended a recent spate of chimney fires. These were caused by soot build up, debris build up and a bird nest.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2f00hAE>



Consultation on prescription cuts proposals

There will be opportunities to ask questions in Boston about proposals to restrict the prescribing of over-the-counter minor ailment medicines used for short-term, self-limiting conditions, the prescription of gluten-free products, baby milk (including specialist infant formula) and oral nutritional supplements.

These will still be available for some patients on clinical assessment.

The consultation event will be held at Parkside Medical Centre in Boston from 10am to noon on Thursday, November 17.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2e9P7aK>

Child prodigies wanted

Channel 4 is working on the next series of Child Genius and is looking for gifted children aged eight to 12 (and their families) to take part.

An open workshop will be held in London on Saturday, November 26, and parents can register their children for this whole-day event. This is an opportunity for eight to 12 year olds to get involved in Mensa challenges, quick-fire quizzes, strategic puzzles and more, and also meet with other families.

Anyone interested in hearing more about it should call Craig Smaaskjaer on 0207 241 9259 or email child.genius@walltowall.co.uk



Trustees' Week

With Trustees' Week coming up (November 7 to 13), Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service (LCVS) wants people to consider the difference they could make as a trustee.

The week is all about highlighting opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2f66oFB>

