

# Town Talk

Autumn 2017



**BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

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## Message from the Mayor, Councillor Don Thompson

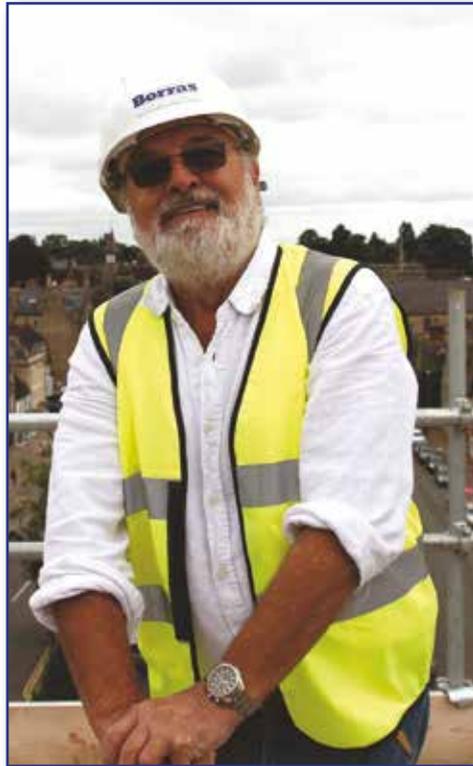
As I write this contribution to Town Talk I can hear the rain hammering on the roof of my office, I feel quite cosy and dry but the rain presents a good opportunity to reflect on my duties and the events that I have attended so far.

Firstly I have not seen much of the Sea Cadets as they have been out on the water in their new Trinity boat now called 'Freedom' thanks to the input requested at the Community Carnival.

In my first 3 months as Mayor I have attended a number of events in the town, the first was to present certificates at Brackley's Danceathon which raised an incredible amount of money for Cancer Research, Brackley Soap Box Derby, Community Carnival, and The Chicken Run, I have to say the thoroughly enjoyable 'One Act Plays' and of course Folk in the Park (sorry I missed the Beer Festival I was away on holiday).

I know how much hard work and worry goes into putting these events on, I am glad to see they are well supported. By the time you read this the Brackley Festival of Motor Cycling and Classic Vehicles in the Park will have happened, with a few more events to come like the Community Fireworks. I know they will receive the same support.

In my last contribution to this publication I said that we would be looking at putting a youth facility behind the Old Fire Station, I am afraid our planning pre-application was rejected and we are going to have to work hard to get some issues resolved before we can re-submit. There are many concerns in the town but I



can assure you that your town council and staff are working hard to resolve them.

Recently I had a tour of the Town Hall, which has been totally gutted, and now the refurbishment work has begun. I saw the roof tiles being put back on but the high light for me was to be able to stand where the weathervane was and survey our lovely town and the surrounding countryside.

Best wishes

*Cllr Don Thompson*

## Trefoil Guild – lending a hand



Trefoil Guild is a branch of Girlguiding (Guiding For Adults). The council was recently contacted by Brackley members who, as part of their annual activities, were required to undertake voluntary work within the town. After discussing various options the group decided to undertake a litter-pick along the footpath leading from St. Peter's Road down towards the river.

A supply of bags, pickers and Hi-Viz jackets were supplied for the two day operation, during which a vast amount of rubbish was collected. Brackley Town Council is grateful for a job very well done, which helped to enhance this area of town for the benefit of the local community.

Thank you Ladies for a job well done.

*Image: Trefoil Guild litter-pick*

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## Brackley & District Band



Brackley & District Band is a friendly, sociable and hardworking brass band, who regularly perform at a variety of local and national events and competitions. Throughout the year we are proud to support our local community at events such as Brackley Carnival and the Remembrance Sunday parade as well as accompanying Christmas carols in the market place.

Our rehearsals are spent working on a variety of music to play at our own concerts or at the competitions we take part in. Recently we have been involved in an exciting project with composer Chris Long in which he is composing pieces especially for the band. The first of these, Farewell, was premiered at a concert last year.

Brass band contests are a unique event with the traditional format being that all the bands play the same piece of music to an adjudicator who is judging the performances “blind”, usually in a tent in the middle of the hall! We also take part in more varied entertainments contests where each band has to select a programme of music they think will entertain an audience. This can quite often include soloists, choreography or even fancy dress!

Amongst the more formal concerts and competitions we keep ourselves busy with appearances at local beer festivals, summer fetes, parties and other similar engagements. As well as an opportunity to share our love of music, these performances also allow the band to have fun together outside of the band room.

The band is based in its own premises in Brackley Band Club which has a large rehearsal space as well as its own bar and darts team! We also have a development band which offers everyone, young and old, the opportunity to learn and take part. New brass and percussion players of all standards are always welcome and we will provide instruments where possible.

Visit:  
[www.brackleyband.org.uk](http://www.brackleyband.org.uk)

or email us on  
[info@brackleyband.org.uk](mailto:info@brackleyband.org.uk)

Image: Brackley & District Band Members  
Image credit: VHB Photographs

# Carved Pumpkin Competition



## Sunday 29th October 2017

Bring your carved pumpkins to the Old Fire Station at 4pm

Judging at 5pm

Age categories are:- 0-5, 6-9, 10-13, 14-99

No open flame candles, if you would like it lit, it must be battery operated!

£2.50 per pumpkin (includes a hot chocolate)

Fancy dress welcome.

## Summer Round-Up

In his message Town Mayor Councillor Don Thompson has already highlighted some of the amazing events which have taken place in Brackley over the summer organised by a lot of great people. Many of the events have raised significant amounts of money for the benefit of national and community based charities. Here is a selection of some you may have missed:



Image: Mayor Councillor Don Thompson with the race winner.

### Brackley 10K Chicken Run

This annual event, organised by Brackley & District Running Club took place on Sunday 19th June with lots of help and co-operation from club members and the local community. The race starts at Brackley Park, heads to Turweston and around the airfield before returning to the finish line at Brackley Park.

The race is sponsored by Faccenda Foods Ltd, which helps support all aspects of the event including prizes and trophies. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit a local charity, yet to be confirmed.

### Brackley Danceathon

With the help of Starlight Academy two local dancers organised Brackley Danceathon in May. The event took place from 8am until 8pm with eleven teams and individuals taking part. In addition money was raised by selling refreshments and cakes with the addition of a raffle with prizes having been donated by numerous members of the local business community. Over £6,500 has been raised so far in aid of Cancer Research UK.



Image: Brackley Danceathon

### Brackley Soapbox Derby

Brackley Soapbox Derby is now a firm favourite on the town calendar. This year's event attracted 33 entries from various parts of the country with David Cullimore from Cheltenham winning the Premier Class and Bilal Gilgil and Louis Cain both from Brackley winning the

Senior and Junior class respectively. This year's charity effort during the event managed to raise the sum of £500 which has been donated to the Towns Mayor's charity.



Image: Best Cart Competition: Chris Brown

### Brackley Community Carnival

What a fantastic Carnival we had this year, the 10th of June was a glorious day, the sun was shining and the community came out in force to support this year's Carnival. This year's theme was Magic & Mystery and the procession was very well supported with over 600 entrants cheered on by the local community along the route. We also had some great entertainment this year including the Community Stage showcasing local acts, and in the Main Arena we were captivated by Vander Space Wheel of Death, Jez Avery Stunt Rider and Van Buren Magic Show. Once again we were treated to fabulous performances by the talented Starlight Dance Academy and Moylan School of Dance, and the PreHee Men were back by popular request putting smiles on everyone's faces as they got up to their



Images Southfield School – Alice in Wonderland

naughty antics!

Brackley Community Carnival is organised by a small group of keen volunteers, and we are always looking for new members, so if you'd like to volunteer why not get in touch we meet on the second Wednesday of the month and preparations are already underway for next year's event, so save the date Saturday 9th June 2018. To find out more about the Carnival and view pictures of this year's event visit [www.brackleycommunitycarnival.org.uk](http://www.brackleycommunitycarnival.org.uk) or contact [chairman@brackleycommunitycarnival.org.uk](mailto:chairman@brackleycommunitycarnival.org.uk)

### Brackley Players

Brackley Players presented an evening of 'One Act Plays' at Brackley Town Football Club on behalf of the Town Mayor's Charity, Brackley Sea Cadets in July with rapturous response from all who attended. Three plays were performed, including 'So, You're Telling Us' a comedy to tickle your fancy, performed by Alice Adams, Fran Hollyoake and Lisa Saffrey (pictured). Tickets for this event included a cheese supper to enjoy during the interval. See our events calendar for next year's dates. [www.brackleyplayers.org.uk](http://www.brackleyplayers.org.uk)



Image: 'So, you're telling us'

## Who's who, Councillors, MP and MEP's

### Brackley Town Councillors

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## A message from Andrea Leadsom MP



I am very grateful to have been re-elected in June as your Member of Parliament and, whether you voted for me or not, my door is always open should you ever need to contact me on any issue. You can find out more about my work on your behalf through my website [www.andrealeadsom.com](http://www.andrealeadsom.com) where I post regular updates, or you can get in touch via email at [andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk) or through my constituency office on 01327 353 124.

A key focus for me in Brackley is helping to secure the new Brackley Medical Centre with a range of outpatient services and NHS step-down beds for the community. Since the Brackley Cottage Hospital closed there has been a clear need to expand medical provision in the town and I am working closely with Dr Philip Stevens, our Locality GP Chairman, to ensure that work on the new site can get underway.

Additionally, many residents have spoken to me about the need to increase the number and frequency of bus services in and around the town, as well as through the surrounding villages. I have raised this with Northamptonshire County Council as well as with the service providers, and I do hope that people took the opportunity to attend the Bus Users UK event earlier in the year and provide feedback directly to Stagecoach Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire Highways.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me if there is ever anything I can do to help you.

*Andrea Leadsom MP*



# Brackley Town Fireworks

Children's fun fair, charity stalls and refreshments available.

NO fireworks or  
Sparklers

NO glass or bottles

DO come early, bring a  
torch, wrap up warm,  
walk if possible and  
DO have fun!

Magdalen College School, High Street.

4th November

Gates Open at 5, Fireworks at 7

Sponsored by Mercedes-AMG Petronas Motorsport



## Brackley Markets

### Brackley Charter Market

The town is very proud of its weekly market, which continues to operate every Friday on the Piazza throughout the year. Stall holders start trading from 8.30am and continue through to mid-afternoon offering a wide range of goods including:

- Fresh Fish
- Fruit and Vegetables
- Plants, Shrubs and Bird Feed
- Cheese, Olives
- Bread, Cakes and Savouries
- Greetings Cards, Gift Wrapping & Diaries and Watch Batteries



### Brackley Country Market

#### Home Made - Home Grown - Hand Crafted

We marketers love to bake, craft and grow, But we do need our lovely customers to maintain our cash flow. Now is the time for harvesting, for preserving, for jam, For pickling and making chutneys for that lovely Christmas ham!

We take orders for gluten free, dairy free, sweet and savoury too; If you cannot make it in to us, we can deliver straight to you.

If you would like to be a producer and enjoy doing what we do Come along and see us, we would love to chat to you.

You can always leave an order on our Face Book page on line, Or come in and talk to us producer's that will be absolutely fine.

When we are in full attendance, there will be for sale: Free range eggs, fresh local meat, local honey, jams, preserves and chutney. Sponges, fruit cakes and many other bakes. Savoury pies, sausage rolls etc. Hand crafted cards, knits, sewn items, and jewellery. Seasonal flowers, plants, fruit and veg.

**This artisan market has been trading for over 50years;**

**Please don't let this be the last**

**www.brackleycountrymarket.co.uk or Telephone: 07526 588755**

## Dates for your Diary

Brackley Town Council meets on the 1st Monday of each month.  
 Planning Committee meets twice monthly on the 1st and 3rd Mondays.  
 The Direct Responsibilities & General Purposes Committee and Finance & Policy Committee meet 3rd Monday of each month.

<b>September</b>			
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Charter Fair	High Street/Market Place	See posters
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage Open Days	Various throughout Brackley	Old Hall Bookshop, St. Peter's Church & Old Fire Station. See <a href="http://www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk">www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk</a>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Andrea Leadsom MP	Advice Surgery	10.30am – 11.30am <a href="mailto:www.andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk">www.andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk</a>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	'Strictly Georgian Dancing'	Waynflete Hall, MCS	7.00pm – 11.00pm Contact Sally Munday-Webb on 01280 702441
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	County Councillor Advice Surgery	Old Fire Station	9.00am – 12.00 noon
<b>October</b>			
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Brackley Triathlon	Brackley Pool/Winchester House	<a href="http://onyourmarksevents.org/events1/triathlon-events/brackley-triathlon.html">http://onyourmarksevents.org/events1/triathlon-events/brackley-triathlon.html</a>
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	How to look after your listed building	Old Fire Station	Contact Sally Munday-Webb Tel: 01280 702441
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Brackley Players present 'Ghostwriter'	Southfield School	Tickets from usual outlets. <a href="http://www.brackleyplayers.org.uk">www.brackleyplayers.org.uk</a>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Carved Pumpkin Competition	Old Fire Station	4.00pm – 6.00pm Contact Brackley Town Council 01280 702441
<b>November</b>			
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Brackley Fireworks	MCS, High Street	Gates open 5.00pm. Refreshments available. See posters in town or our Facebook page.
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Armistice Day	Town War Memorial	11.00am
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lantern Workshop	Old Fire Station	10am-12.00 and 2.00pm – 4.00pm See <a href="http://www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk">www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk</a>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Parade & Service	Town War Memorial/Market Place	Parade from 2.45pm, Service from 3.00pm
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lantern Workshop	Old Fire Station	10am-12.00 and 2.00pm – 4.00pm See <a href="http://www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk">www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk</a>
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lantern Workshop	Old Fire Station	10am-12.00 and 2.00pm – 4.00pm See <a href="http://www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk">www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk</a>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lights & Lantern Parade	High Street/Market Place	Details to follow

### The following take place regularly at the Old Fire Station and Town Centre:

<b>Monday</b>				
• 1st Brackley Rangers	Old Fire Station	Alternate Mondays		7.00pm - 9.00pm
• Brackley U3A Science & Technology	Old Fire Station	1st Monday each month		10.00am – 12.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>				
• Slimming Club	Old Fire Station	Weekly		5.30pm – 7.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>				
• Slimming Club	Old Fire Station	Weekly		9.00am – 10.30am
• Northamptonshire Assoc of the Blind	Piazza	1st Wednesday each month		10.00am – 12.30pm
• 3rd Brackley Guides	Old Fire Station	Term time only		6.30pm – 8.00pm
• Brackley History Group	Methodist Church	1st Wednesday each month		7.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>				
• Brackley U3A Family History Group	Old Fire Station	2nd Thursday each month		10.15am – 12.45pm
• Community Bingo	Old Fire Station	1st Thursday each month		2.00pm – 4.00pm
• Bella Italia – language & lifestyle	Old Fire Station	Various		
• Brackley European Association	Old Fire Station	Last Thursday each month		8.00pm – 10.00pm
<b>Friday</b>				
• Friday Market	Piazza	Friday		8.00am onwards
• Voluntary Impact Advice drop-in	Brackley Library	2nd Friday each Month		10.00am onwards