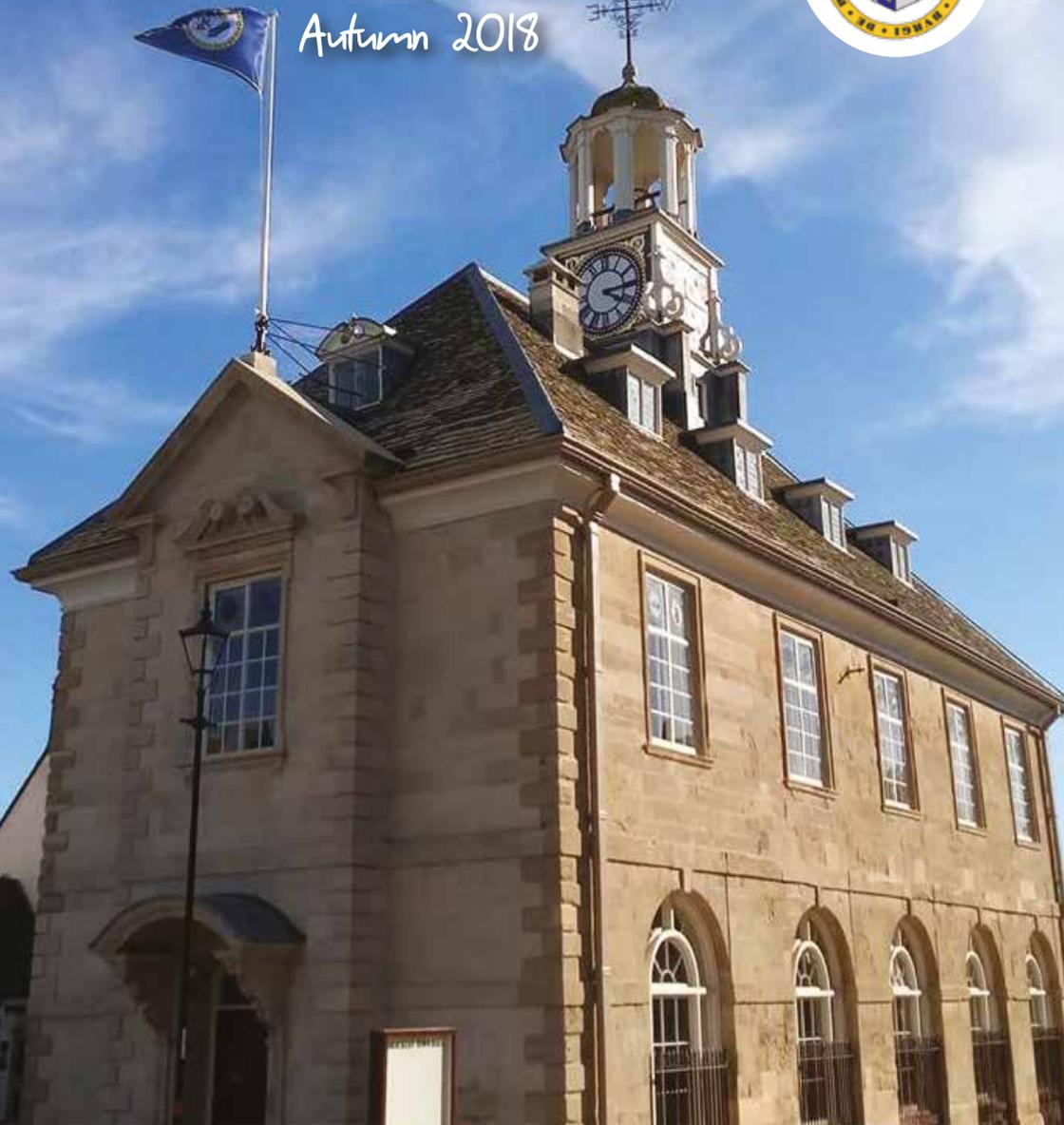


Town Talk

Autumn 2018



BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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Message from the Town Mayor

With autumn upon us, let's take a minute to recall what a great summer we had in Brackley this year. We saw record numbers of people at most events apart from the Brackley Festival of Motorcycling, which unfortunately experienced the first rainy day since the event was first held 10 years ago. However, thousands did attend as the weather improved. I enjoyed meeting so many visitors to our town who love coming to Brackley for all the festivals and events held throughout the year.

The biggest, and best yet Classic Cars in the Park was a great success, having The Great Central Big Band playing live was enjoyed by so many people. Not only was it a fun day for all, £1700 was raised for my charities. The Brackley MIND stall had people access support that they did not know was there without a doctor's referral.

On Tuesday 11th September 2018 Brackley was due a Royal visit by HRH Duke of Gloucester to officially open the newly refurbished Town Hall after undergoing a £3.2million project. Unfortunately, the Duke was taken unwell that morning and was unable to attend. HM Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, Mr David Laing took his place to open the Town Hall, accompanied by the High Sheriff of Northamptonshire James Saunders Watson with their wives. They spent most of the day in Brackley visiting Brackley Town Football Club, The Almshouses and ended the day conducting the official opening of The Radstone School. My wife Lorraine and I were lucky to be able to spend a great deal of time with local dignitaries during their visit. Both the Lord-Lieutenant and the High Sheriff had nothing but praise for our town from how great it looked to the community spirit and warmth they received. Comments were made about what a good example Brackley can be for other towns by working together.

We had thousands visit the Town Hall over Heritage Open Weekend, most of whom were impressed by the new facilities especially seeing the Civic Hall returned to its former glory. We are aware that not everyone agrees with the changes made, but hope this will change once the building is up and running 100%.

Looking ahead, we have some important events to look forward to over the next few months, starting with Brackley Community Fireworks on Saturday 3rd November. Please see details concerning this year's Remembrance Commemorations in this issue along with details relating to Christmas Lights switch-on, Lantern Parade and Community Carols.

Best wishes

Councillor Mark Morrell
Town Mayor



Brackley Town Hall officially open!



After 2 years, the Town Hall finally opened its doors having undergone a full restoration. After David Laing, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire officially opened the building on the 11th September, over 2500 Brackley residents and visitors came to have a look around over Heritage Open Day weekend. There was a queue for visiting the attic the whole weekend and people spent a lot of time reading all the information supplied by the photography team, the builders and the architects. Experts from the building team were on hand throughout the weekend and everyone got the chance to really see every new and old space inside the building and ask questions.

On Friday 14th September after a busy Heritage Open Day, the building took a step back in time as we welcomed Georgian Dancers and a traditional music ensemble to bring the building back to life as it would have sounded and looked in 1707 when the Town Hall opened. 50 Brackley residents dressed up like people from the 18th century, and danced the night away in our now resplendent Civic Hall.

The building will soon be open to the public every day, and the Civic Hall is now available for bookings. Please call the Town Council on 01280 702441 for more information. The Holiday Let in the attic is available through the managing agents Mulberry Cottages by visiting www.mulberrycottages.com.

There is a group for those interested in keeping the Town Hall heritage alive; Town Hall Heritage Group. Please email Sally on activities@brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk if you are interested in becoming a member. The aims of the group include communications, looking after the council records and hosting events or tours to celebrate the Town Hall and Brackley's past.



CLASSIC CARS

Classic Cars - Hailed a great success again!

A superbly attended show again, with over 170 classic cars on display and lots of people supporting the event looking at the cars.

This year's show was supported by the "Great Central Big Band", who provided a nostalgic atmosphere with their wonderful music & vocals throughout the day. The event raised over £1,700 for the Town Mayor's charity.



This year the Mayor is supporting the mental health charity Mind UK, which has a local branch here in the Town. Former Rally Champion and BBC Top Gear presenter, Tony Mason was on hand to assist the Mayor in presenting the various awards to the winning classic car entrants.

A big thank you from the Mayor, Cllr Mark Morrell to everyone who came along and enjoyed the day and helped to swell the funds of his charity.

Cllr. Chris Cartmell Event Organiser



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2018

On Sunday 11th November 2018, the United Kingdom and its friends overseas will mark the day 100 years ago when the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War.

Brackley will play its part in remembering the sacrifice of millions of men and women by joining a unique series of events throughout the day involving organisations and communities throughout the length and breadth of the country and many countries overseas.

Brackley Town Council invites the local community to join in the following commemorations:

6.00am – At the town war memorial

A lone piper will play Battle's Over, Sleep in Peace

11.00am – At the town war memorial

Including 2 minutes' silence to mark the Armistice

From 2.30pm – Remembrance Parade & Service

The Parade will commence at 2.30pm from Winchester House School, High Street

Followed by

The Annual Service of Remembrance in the town centre

6.55pm – Battle's Over, the Last Post

At Poppyfields Park

7.00pm – Battle's Over, WWI Beacon of Light

At Poppyfields Park

7.05pm – Battle's Over, Ringing out for Peace

Bell ringers at St. Peter's Church will ring a celebratory peal with a simultaneous recording played at Poppyfields Park

WHATS ON IN BRACKLEY



BRACKLEY CLASSIC CAR SHOW *On the Piazza*

Sunday 30th December 2018

10.00am till 2.00pm on Market Place & the Piazza

• No need to pre-book • No entry fee

Donations to the Mayor's Charity will be most welcome

Run-up to Christmas...

Christmas Lantern Workshops

We would like this year's Lantern Parade to be the best yet! Lantern workshops have again been organised for children to come along with parents or guardians at the Old Fire Station on Saturday 10th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th November.

Session times are available on the Brackley Town Council Face Book pages.



Christmas Lights switch-on & Lantern Parade – Saturday 24th November

Town Mayor Councillor Mark Morrell will commence count-down to switching on the Town's Christmas Lights at 5.30pm once the Lantern Parade has arrived on to the Piazza.

WHATS ON IN BRACKLEY

Santa Claus is coming to Town



Everyone looks forward to seeing Santa on his route through Brackley and surrounding villages during the run-up to Christmas. With his helpers, Santa helps raise much needed funds for many local groups and schools.

A new Santa float build is currently under way with the help of local businessman Mark Groethe Antique Restorations. Donations have been kindly made by Homebase Bicester and Linnell Bros, Silverstone along with many local residents via our crowdfunding page on JustGiving.

Brackley Round Table will confirm dates and routes as soon as they receive word from Santa. All details will be available from www.brackley.roundtable.co.uk or their Face Book page Brackley Round Table.

Community Carols – Sunday 23rd December



Around the Christmas Tree in the town centre, accompanied by Brackley & District Band along with their youth section Majors & Minors. Waynflete Lodge will be serving their traditional warming Mulled Wine, donations to Town Mayor's charities.

Waynfletelodge4452@outlook.com

Brackley Morris – Boxing Day Wednesday 26th December 12.00 noon, Brackley Market Place

Regular updates are posted onto the Brackley Town Council website and Face Book page. Also look out for banners and event posters throughout the town. If in doubt, please call Brackley Town Council Office on 01280 702441 or call in and see us at 9 Market Place.



Dates for your Diary

Brackley Town Council currently meets in the in the Civic Hall, Brackley Town Hall on the 1st Monday of each month.

The Planning Committee meets twice monthly on the 1st and 3rd Mondays.

The Direct Responsibilities & General Purposes Committee and Finance & Policy Committee meet on 3rd Monday of each month.

Agenda's and Meeting Minutes can be found on the council's website:

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Full details relating to events organised by Brackley Town Council can be viewed on the Community What's On Calendar by visiting: www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk or Face Book Page Brackley Town Council.

Weekly

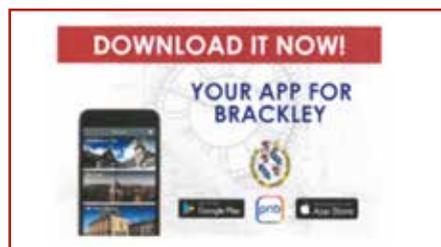
Wednesday	Saints Community Project	Brackley Town Football Club	Various
Wednesday	Majors & Minors	Brackley Band Club, Drayman's Walk	Contact: brackleyband@gmail.com
Friday	Brackley Charter Market	Piazza	8.30am onwards
Saturday	Brackley Country Market	Brackley Library	10.00am – 12 noon
Sunday	Brackley Folk Club	The Greyhound, High Street	8.00pm

Monthly

1st Wednesday	Northants Assoc. for the Blind mobile site centre	Piazza	10.30am - 12.30
1st Wednesday	Brackley History Society	Brackley Methodist Church	7.30pm
1st Thursday	Community Bingo	Old Fire Station	2.00pm – 4.00pm
3rd Thursday	Brackley & District U3A	Brackley Methodist Church	10.00am
Last Thursday	Brackley European Association	Old Fire Station	8.00pm

Future Events

7th, 8th & 9th February 2019	Brackley Players present ... 'Aladdin'	Waynflete Hall, Magdalen College School	Further details to follow
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