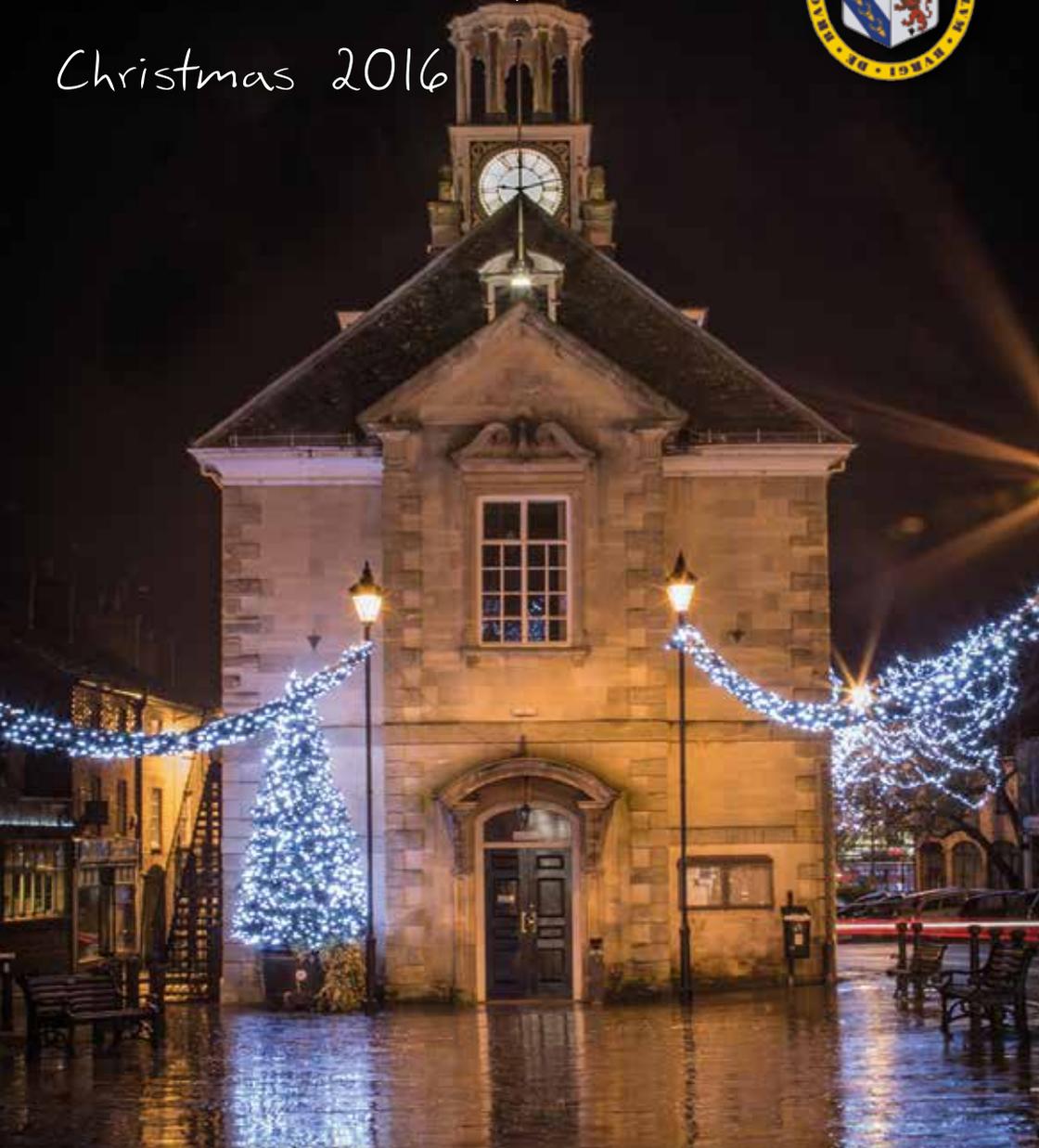


Town Talk

Christmas 2016



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Message from the Mayor

Councillor Fiona Baker

These are certainly exciting times in Brackley. When you open up this issue of Town Talk, many of you will have had the opportunity to enjoy the spectacle of the Brackley Town Firework Display. This free extravaganza for all Brackley residents was made possible by the generosity of Mercedes Petronas AMG, who sponsored the event to mark their third successive victory in the FI Constructors Championship, and by the support and dedication of volunteers from many local organisations who gave up their time to help with planning and provide essential marshalling on the day.

On the Town's behalf, I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone involved.

Amongst the thousands of people who attended will have been new families now living at Radstone Fields, which is developing at a rapid pace. They will have been able to see first hand the tremendous community spirit that characterises our Town, and I am sure that they are pleased to have joined our community. We extend a warm welcome to them all.

The Old Fire Station is already proving a popular venue for a variety of Community activities, including the newly revived 'Mayor's Coffee Mornings'. These take place on the last Friday of each month from 9.30am. to 12.30pm, with all monies raised going to the Mayor's charity – 'Dogs for Good'.

A surprise guest at a recent gathering was Brackley's very own Dog for Good 'Connie', who also made an appearance at a Bingo session and at the 'Hope & Glory' charity concert held at The Brackley Town Football Club. Needless to say, she worked her charm on everyone she met.



Like many of you, Connie will soon be able to explore the delights of St James' Lake and Pocket Park using the newly created path that encircles the lake. This has been installed to improve access for everyone, and especially for parents and carers with buggies, the elderly, and those who use wheelchairs and mobility scooters. For many, the new path will bring the first opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the lake and its surroundings, together with its abundant wildlife.

Christmas will once again soon be upon us, with a host of festive activities to look forward to. Many of these are listed at the back of this edition of 'Town Talk'. I hope to see as many of you as possible at these traditional and always highly enjoyable events.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year – a year which I am sure will bring even more exciting developments for our great little Town.

Councillor Fiona Baker
Town Mayor

HS2 Community Engagement

Lydia Smith

Hello, my name is Lydia Smith and I am a Community Engagement Manager working for HS2. I live in Northamptonshire and have worked in the county for over 5 years, predominantly in South Northamptonshire and Daventry.

As a Community Engagement Manager, it is my job to work with communities along the route between Brackley in Northamptonshire up to Southam in Warwickshire, to help make sure that local people are kept up to date with the project and are made aware of any impacts that might affect them.

I will be pulling together events which will help share information with local people about different aspects of the project, from our property compensation schemes to noise and vibration impacts. I will also be looking to identify opportunities for us to attend existing community events, to try and make our engagement activities more locally focussed.

What is happening with the project at the moment? The Hybrid Bill, which gives us the necessary powers to start to build the railway, is still going through the Parliamentary process.

It is currently in front of the House of Lords who are listening to petitions from local people and community groups who have particular concerns about the project.

Once this has been completed, then the Bill will be passed back to the House of Commons before being sent for Royal Assent, which we anticipate being granted

towards the end of 2016. Petitioning issues that arise as part of the Hybrid Bill process will still be dealt with by the Hybrid Bill team.



I hope that over the coming months that I get to meet as many of you as possible, in the meantime, if you do need any help please do get in touch; Lydia.smith@hs2.org.uk



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Christmas Festivities in Brackley

This year's Christmas festivities will begin on Saturday 26th November with the annual Christmas Lights switch-on event. Proceedings commence on the Market Place and Burgess Square at 4.30pm. After the success of the town's new Christmas lights last year, there will be an added attraction this year, but you have to be there to see what we have planned!

On Sunday 27th November, St. Peter's Church is hosting the Town Mayor's Civic Advent Carol Service at 5.00pm.

Join in with the annual Community Carols on Sunday 18th December when crowds gather on the Piazza to sing traditional songs and carols accompanied by Brackley & District Band and warming mulled wine provided by Waynflete Lodge.

Blow those cobwebs away and stroll down to the Market Place on Boxing Day Monday 26th December to see Brackley Morris perform their traditional dance set outside the Red Lion at 12 noon. The Morris will also perform at 11.00am in Turweston and 1.00pm in Croughton outside the Blackbird Inn.

Another opportunity for a wander through town presents itself the following day, an additional Bank Holiday. Come down to the Market Place and Piazza to view a gathering of Classic Cars from 10am until 2pm on Tuesday 27th December.

Regular up dates are posted onto the Brackley Town Council website and Facebook 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.

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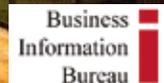
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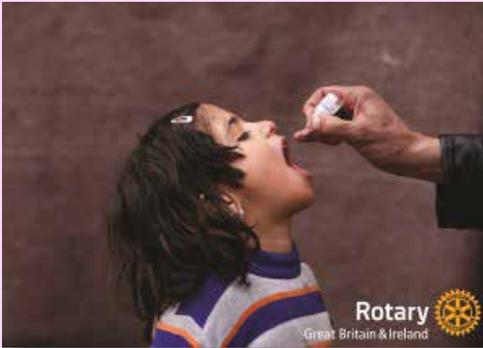
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Eradication of Polio

Brackley Town Council linking with Brackley Rotary Club

Brackley Town Council is linking with Brackley Rotary Club to provide a springtime carpet of purple crocuses in the town, promoting worldwide awareness of the “Eradication of Polio” project.



30 years ago 1,000 children were crippled or killed every day (that is 350,000 each year) in the world by this cruel, crippling virus. Brackley Rotary Club is sponsoring 15,000 purple crocuses for Brackley Town and Schools, promoting Rotary International's campaign to eradicate polio worldwide.

In 1986 in conjunction with the World Health Organisation Rotary International set out to ensure every child in the world under 5 years old was vaccinated every year. Rotary's substantial fundraising has also received material support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

There has been remarkable success in many countries and last year India was completely free of polio for the first time ever. After 20 years by 2006 only a few countries still remained at risk. Polio has now been reduced worldwide to just 19 new cases so far in 2016. That is a 99.9% reduction in 30 years of annual vaccinations.

There is now a plan for a final push to complete the task by 2019. Purple is the colour of the ink that children have stamped on their hand after vaccination and the Royal Horticultural Society has joined Rotary in a 'Purple4Polio' publicity campaign.



The society is providing 6 million purple crocuses to be planted across the UK to flower in the springtime. Brackley Rotary has donated 10,000 crocuses to the Town Council, primarily for the High Street and 5,000 crocuses for a local schools project for the children to participate in planting and growing and spreading the message.. See the display in the springtime and give generously to Rotary to help us complete this massive task.



If you would like to find out more about Rotary's activities in Brackley and possibly consider joining, then please look at the club's website: www.brackleyrotary.org.uk



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Rest a while on your walk

New benches around the town

You may have seen a number of benches appearing in and around the town over the last few months. All these new benches have been installed by the Council in locations identified by local people for use by both locals and visitors to rest a while and take in the sites of the town or merely wish to rest before walking further.

With the demise of Brackley Buzzer which many people relied on to travel into town for shopping and appointments, Brackley Residents Association identified particular locations where they felt people should have the opportunity to rest during their walk into town.

Brackley Town Council received a donation from Brackley Residents Associations which paid for the supply and installation of the benches and the Council will maintain them on an annual basis. The benches are located on Buckingham Road, Bridge Street, High Street, Oxford Road and Banbury Road.

A commemorative bench has been installed at St. James Lake on behalf of friends and family of local resident Amy Yates. After a very successful fund raising event and donations received from many local people a bench was purchased with the proceeds and has now been installed with a view over the Lake.

This new bench makes a lovely addition to the lakeside and will compliment the works currently underway to improve the pathway surrounding the lake. In addition, a new picnic area and information boards are also to be installed. Works will be completed at the end of this year, with an official opening to be planned in the future.



An additional bench has been installed on the green on Ellesmere Road, which was paid for by a local resident in memory of his wife. The Town Council assisted with the sourcing the bench and installation, which took place in September.



The view from Amy's bench



Regular Groups and Events at the Old Fire Station

Day	Club	Times	Contact details
Tuesday's	Weight Loss Club	5.30pm – 7.00pm	Linda Stanton 01327 359021
Wednesday's	Weight Loss Club	9.00am – 10.30am	Linda Stanton 01327 359021
	Brackley Darby & Joan	1.30pm – 4.00pm	peter@joyce001.force9.co.uk
	3 rd Brackley Guides	Term time only 6.30pm – 8.00pm	Marianne Bosak 01280 840871
Thursday's	Brackley European Association	Last Thursday each month 7.30pm	anita@robbins226.fsworld.co.uk

Regular Markets and other groups in and around the Market Place

Day	Event	Times	Contact details
1 st Wednesday Each month	Northamptonshire Assoc for the Blind	1 st Wednesday each month 10.00am	Tel: 01604 719193
Every Friday	Friday Market	8.00am – 3.00pm	Brackley Town Council 01280 702441
Every Friday	Brackley Country Market	8.00am – 11. am	Diane Jones 01295 711598

Save the date – visit our website, Facebook page and posters around town for further details

Saturday 26 th November	Christmas Lantern Parade & Lights	From 4.30pm	Market Place and Piazza
Sunday 27 th November	Civic Advent Carol Service	5.00pm	St. Peter's Church, Church Road, Brackley
Sunday 18 th December	Community Carols	6.00pm	Market Place & Piazza
Monday 26 th December	Brackley Morris, Boxing Day events	From 12.00 noon	Brackley Market Place
Tuesday 27 th December	'Christmas' Classic Vehicles	10.00am until 2.00pm	Market Place & Piazza

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