



BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

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Town Council Dates for your Diary 2012

Saturday 24 th February	Mayor's Royal Signals Concert, Corn Exchange (tickets available from the address above, the TIC and Set Fair 4 Trade)
Saturday 24 th March	Mayor's Charity Dinner Dance, Crown Hotel (tickets available from address above)
Saturday 31 st March	Mayor's Charity Easter Bingo, Corn Exchange
Wednesday 25 th April	Town Assembly, Corn Exchange
Monday 7 th May	Blandford Georgian Fayre (organised by Georgian Fayre Committee)
Sat 12 th – Sun 13 th May	Blandford Booty, Town Silver and Memorabilia display, Corn Exchange
Friday 25 th May	Mayor Making, Corn Exchange 11am

Blandford Community Showcase & Corn Exchange Exhibition

Saturday 11th February 2012, 10.00am - 4.00pm in the Corn Exchange

Local clubs, groups and voluntary organisations will be promoting what they do and explaining how you can get involved in your local community. The proposals for the regeneration of the Corn Exchange will also be on display. The Town Council would like everyone to become involved in a new living history 'Past, Present and Future' project by bringing in photos or pictures of the Town Hall and Corn Exchange showing how they have changed over the years. The event will showcase all our wonderful community groups who work tirelessly to make our local community so vibrant in the central civic buildings that we hope to transform so that they too can continue to contribute to local life. Please come along to see the display.



Town Council Budget

Although Blandford Forum Town Council's budget for 2012–2013 has been increased in line with inflation, there is no increase to residents' council tax due to the increase in the number of properties within the town. The Town Council will be identifying actions for its new Strategic Plan for 2012–2016. This includes the redevelopment of the Corn Exchange, for which a planning application has been submitted, and the expansion of the cemetery as it is nearing capacity. The £50,000 contribution to Blandford Leisure Centre will continue and £22,000 has been set aside for grants to local organisations. Throughout the year the Town Council will continue to manage its venues, facilities and services provided for the residents of Blandford Forum and visitors to the town.



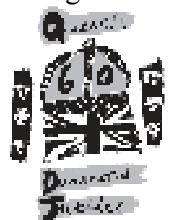
Police Number for Non-Emergencies

101 is the number to call when you want to contact your local police when it is less urgent than 999. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 101 to contact the police to report less urgent crime and disorder or to speak to your local officers. For example, call 101 if your car has been stolen, your property has been damaged, if you suspect drug use or dealing in your local area, to report a minor traffic accident, to give the police information about crime in your area, or to speak to the police about a general enquiry. If you have a non-emergency problem to report but cannot call 101, you can contact your local police force on their alternative non-emergency number (01202 222222).



Join us to celebrate 60 years of HM Queen Elizabeth II

The Blandford Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Group is a group of local people who are busy organising events to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee from February 2012 and the big weekend of celebrations takes place in June 2012. A full programme of events has been published and is available from the above address, the TIC, library and at various events. Events include nominating a senior citizen to be Blandford's 'Queen of Diamonds' to represent the town in 2012, a civic service, a Jubilee Riverside Party, Blandford's mini royal flotilla, and the lighting of a beacon at Larksmead. Groups and individuals are being asked to make personalised bunting. For further details please visit www.blandford-tc.co.uk/jubilee.html or telephone 01258 480756.





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Community Newspaper

A recently formed group are trying to start up a 'community newspaper'. The group are seeking anyone with editorial and page layout experience, volunteers to write material and also to deliver the paper. Please contact Nicci Brown on 01258 459346 if you would like to get involved.



Olympic Torch in Blandford Forum

Just a reminder that Olympic Flame is going to be passing through the town for no more than half an hour on the morning of Thursday 12th July 2012. The Blandford Torch Group has been given the remit by the London Olympic Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) to manage the journey of the torch through Blandford Forum as a recognised "community en route" for the Olympic Flame. The aim is to involve every single aspect of the community in this event. Any new information will be published as and when it becomes available and it will also appear at www.blandford-tc.co.uk/torch.html. Let's make this a wonderful event for the town and put Blandford on the map!

The Mayor, The Blandford Torch Group

Town Council Meetings

Members of the public are welcome to attend council and committee meetings and can make comments via the public sessions held at 7.00pm at the beginning of meetings, which are held on most Monday evenings in the Community Room at the address above. The public can also contact councillors or officers through correspondence/email, by telephone, or in person at the Town Clerk's Office, which is open Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 12.30pm. The Town Clerk is Linda Scott-Giles. Linda can be contacted using the details above or by emailing linda@blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk.

Forthcoming meetings are listed below:

Monday 13 th February	Town Council	Monday 27 th February	Recreation & Amenities
Monday 20 th February	Planning	Wednesday 5 th March	Finance & Staffing

Contact Your Councillors

WARD	TOWN COUNCILLOR	HOME ADDRESS	TEL NO (01258)
DAMORY DOWN	Esme Butler	7 Staverton Walk DT11 7TN	480756
	Roger Carter	2 Greenhill DT11 7TX	455903
	Rosemary Holmes	16 Liddington Crescent DT11 7RP	480451
HILLTOP	Tony Harrocks	1 Mortain Close DT11 7XA	480062
	Steve G Hitchings	27 Kings Road DT11 7LD	455840
	Jackie Stayt	29 Damory Street DT11 7EU	456999
LANGTON ST LEONARDS	Bob Brannigan	1 Hambledon Gardens DT11 7SE	459452
	Harold F Galpin	Russell House, Durweston DT11 0QA	454294
	Hugo Mieville	4 Albert Street, DT11 7HY	480366
OLD TOWN	Sylvia Hixson Andrews	15 Bryanston Street DT11 7AZ	458911
	Sara Loch	The Old House, The Close DT11 7HA	450278
	Andrew Pemberton	The Rectory, The Tabernacle DT11 7DW	459672
	Peter Clark	Outhays House, 2 The Plocks DT11 7AA	489991
STATION	Lynn Lindsay	31 Barnes Close DT11 7NG	456209
	Mike Owen	63 Damory Street DT11 7HD	459170
	Haydn R White	79 Salisbury Road DT11 7LP	453666

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