

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

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Remembrance Events in Blandford Forum

Sunday 3rd November at 10.45am

Everyone is welcome to attend the Royal British Legion Memorial Service at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) section of the Blandford Cemetery in Salisbury Road.

Friday 8th November at 10.30am

Local schools will be laying crosses in the churchyard of St Peter and St Paul followed by a two minute silence. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Church Service on 10th November from 2.45pm

Watch the wreath laying against the war memorials on the front of the Corn Exchange, hear music from The Blandford Stour Valley Band and join your family, friends and fellow residents in singing a Hymn in the open air prior to the church service, which everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact us if you would like to lay a wreath or take part in the parade, which is open to all.

Monday 11th November at 10.45am

The Town Council will be joining the national silence on **Armistice Day** in the Market Place. At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month a Two Minute Silence is observed on Armistice Day, the day which marks the end of the First World War when the guns fell silent.

The printing for the Remembrance Sunday event is kindly sponsored by Purely Print at Unit 3, Vanguard Works, Blandford Heights Industrial Estate, DT11 7TE.

A Christmas Carol in the Corn Exchange



Friday 22nd November 2019 at 7:30pm

Part of the Blandford Literary Festival

Licensed Bar

Tickets are £8 each from the Town Council or:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/blandford-forum-town-council

Performed by Gerald Dickens, the great, great grandson of the author Charles Dickens. Using his own adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic Christmas tale, Gerald Dickens plays over 30 characters using vocal and physical talents to bring each scene vividly to life.

*This event has kindly been sponsored by
Blanchards Bailey LLP,
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and Lesley Shand Funeral Directors.*



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Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

Cllr Lynn Lindsay, the Mayor of Blandford Forum invites you to create the official Mayoral Christmas Card for 2019. Please submit a hand drawn picture, digital art or photo in the theme of '*Blandford at Christmas*' to the address above by **Friday 15th November 2019**, including the name of your design/picture/art, your name and contact number. **Good Luck!**



November Events in the Corn Exchange

- Friday 1st Comedy Exchange, 7pm
- Friday 15th Last Night of the Proms, tickets are £6 adults and £3 for children. Performances by the Stour Valley Band and Dorset Rural Music School. All proceeds are for the Mayor's Charity, The Community Kitchen. 7.30pm
- Saturday 16th Mill Singers Male Voice Choir, 7pm
- Monday 18th Strictly Come Tea Dancing! 2.30pm-4.30pm
- Friday 22nd Christmas Craft Market and A Christmas Carol (see overleaf)
- Saturday 23rd Blandford Literary Festival, various venues throughout town, all day
- Friday 29th Vintage Fair 9am-5pm
- Saturday 30th Panda Pre-School Christmas Fair 9am-1pm
- Saturday 30th Dabbers at the ready! Come along to the Mayor's Charity Prize Bingo. Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. All proceeds are for the Mayor's Charity, The Community Kitchen.

Christmas Window Competition

The Town Council is continuing to run its Window Competition this year, encouraging shops and businesses to enhance the Town's image and create a wonderful atmosphere for its residents, and visitors to the Town, during the festive period.

This year the decorated windows will be judged over the weekend of the 7th-8th December by a judging panel consisting of The Mayor's Scout and Guide, the Chairman of the Town & General Purposes Committee, the editor of the Forum Focus and the Town Mayor. The Mayor, Cllr Lynn Lindsay will then present the prizes to shopkeepers at their premises on the evening of Wednesday 11th December, during the Blandford Yuletide Festival. Good Luck to all!

Christmas Trees and Christmas Lights

The Town Council is taking on the installation, connection and removal of the small Christmas trees in East Street, The Market Place and Salisbury Street from this year, as well as their maintenance, the brackets, fixtures and fittings. This was done previously by volunteers from the Blandford Yuletide Festival, who are no longer able to do it after many years of sterling work.

The Christmas lights around the lampposts have also been extended to include a further 11 columns, in Wimborne Road and West Street, decorating these entrances to the town centre.

As the Town Council does not have the means to install the trees and lights, Councillors approved expenditure of £6,700 for the installation, connection and removal of the small Christmas trees and the 21 column lights, using a local contractor.

The yew trees in the church yard will be decorated with new LED curtains, to enhance the Christmas spirit in the town centre. We are looking forward to seeing the impact of these additions to the town's lights and, with the help of shops and businesses, making the town feel special during the festive season.

