



BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

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Acts of Remembrance in Blandford Forum



Sunday 7th November at 10.00am

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Rededication of the Town Hall WWI Memorial Plaques** at 10am followed by the **Rededication of the Cross of Sacrifice at Blandford Cemetery** at 11am. 2021 is the centenary of their original erection and dedication. Peter Snow CBE has kindly agreed to repeat the words his grandfather, Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas D'Oyly Snow, KCB, KCMG, presented at the original dedication in 1921.

The annual Commonwealth War Graves Memorial Service at the Blandford Cemetery will then be led by the Blandford & District Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Thursday 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.

Friday 12th November at 10.30am

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

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Church Service on 14th November from 2.45pm

Watch the wreath laying against the war memorials on the front of the Town Hall, 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.

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

Charitable and voluntary organisations can apply to the Town Council for a grant subject to meeting criteria. The next deadline to receive an application is Friday 26th November 2021. As part of the Town Council's pledge to support environmentally friendly and supportive actions the Green Grant has been launched, which offers two match funding grants of £500 per year to community groups wishing to start up an environmentally friendly initiative.



If you would like to receive updates from the Town Council in your inbox, please complete the form at: <https://blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk/contact>





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Christmas Window Competition

The Town Council is continuing to run its Window Competition, 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 26th - 28th November by a judging panel consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman of the Town & General Purposes Committee, the editor of the Forum Focus and the Mayor's Cadet. The Mayor will then present the prizes to shopkeepers at the Yuletide Festival on 3rd December. Good luck to all!



Events in the Corn Exchange

November

Friday 5th Last Night of the Proms, 7pm, £5 per ticket with all proceeds going to the Mayor's Charity - Blandford Forum Gymnastics Club

Monday 15th Strictly Come Tea Dancing, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Friday 19th Ring Wrestling Stars, 7pm

Friday 26th Forever Queen Tribute Band

Saturday 27th Panda Pre-School Christmas Fair, 9am-1pm

Sunday 28th Artsreach - Roberts & Lakeman, 7pm

December

Friday 3rd Yuletide Festival

Sunday 5th Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir, 3.30pm

Saturday 11th Lions Christmas Fayre

Monday 20th Strictly Come Tea Dancing, 2.30pm - 4.30pm



Christmas Trees and Christmas Lights

The Christmas tree in The Market Place will be installed mid-November, followed by the column lights and small Christmas trees in East Street, The Market Place and Salisbury Street. The Town Council took on the installation from the Blandford Yuletide Festival Group in 2019. Since then, the Town Council has engaged the services of a local electrician to carry out the installation, connection and removal of the small Christmas trees and the 21 column lights.

Woodhouse Gardens will also be lit up again from early December until early January. The lights in the gardens will be turned on between 4.30pm and 9.00pm every day during the festive season (apart from Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day). Enjoy the festive display!



For the fifth year running, the Town Council has created a calendar to showcase the natural beauty of Blandford Forum. The theme for 2022 is 'Historical Buildings and Hidden Gems in Blandford Forum' and photos have been taken by local residents. The calendar costs £5 and proceeds will go to the Mayor's charity, Blandford Forum Gymnastics Club. Available from the Town Clerk's office.



Please pick up after your dogs to help keep our lovely town clean and safe for everyone.