



BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 21st April 1926 — 8th September 2022

Following the demise of HM Queen Elizabeth II, residents and visitors to Blandford Forum filled three Books of Condolence, with a total of 735 signatures. As Books are not received by Royal Households, they were intended to be archived in the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester. However, due to the historic significance of HM The Queen's passing, the Town Museum has agreed to exhibit and store the Books along with a record of the Reading of the Proclamation, the civic church service and the national one-minute silence. As with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June, these events brought the community together. Thank you to everyone who contributed to, supported or attended the events which were, of course, held at short notice. Pictured below is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bench at the Marsh & Ham (left) and the Mayor of Blandford Forum, Cllr Colin Stevens signing the Book of Condolence with his wife and consort, Chris Stevens (right).



Acts of Remembrance in Blandford Forum



Sunday 6th November at 11am

The annual Commonwealth War Graves Memorial Service at the Blandford Cemetery will be led by the Blandford & District Branch of the Royal British Legion.
Please meet at the Cross of Sacrifice at 10:50am.

Friday 11th November at 10:30am

Local schools will be meeting in the Parish Church prior to laying crosses in the churchyard of St Peter and St Paul and a two minute silence in the Market Place for **Armistice Day**.
Members of the public are welcome to attend and refreshments will follow in the Corn Exchange.

Remembrance Sunday Wreath Laying, Parade and Church Service on 13th 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 Hymns 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 provided by Purely Print at Unit 3, Vanguard Works, Blandford Heights Industrial Estate, DT11 7TE.



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Events in the Corn Exchange

November

Friday 18th - Artsreach event, 7pm

Saturday 19th - 80's Night, Live Band, 7pm

Monday 20th - Tea Dance, 2.30pm

Friday 25th - Evening of Mediumship, 7pm

Saturday 26th - Panda Pre-School Christmas Fair, 9am

Saturday 26th - Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir, 7.30pm

Tuesday 29th - Wellbeing Walk-In, 9am

December

Friday 2nd - Yuletide Festival, 5pm

Friday 9th - Stour Valley Dog Rescue Prize Bingo, 7pm

Saturday 10th - Lions Christmas Fair, 9am

Saturday 10th - Ambassador Big Band Charity Night, 7pm

Friday 16th - Mayor's Charity Christmas Bingo, 7pm.

Monday 19th - Tea Dance, 2.30pm

Please contact us for more information.

Christmas Lights



The Christmas tree in The Market Place will be installed at the end of November, along with the column lights and small Christmas trees in the town centre. 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 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 9pm every day during the festive season (apart from Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day). We will also have a surprise for younger visitors to the Gardens this year!

BLANDFORD CALENDARS 2023

For the sixth year running, the Town Council has created a calendar to showcase the natural beauty of Blandford Forum.

We are really pleased with this year's photos, all taken by local residents from as young as six years old! The calendar costs £5 and proceeds will go to the Mayor's charities; Blandford Opportunity Group and Marie Curie. Available from the Town Clerk's Office in Church Lane.



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