

Civil Ceremonies in the Corn Exchange

From 1st April 2026, you will be able to get married at your local Town Hall. We have worked hard to keep costs affordable (from under £200) while offering a stunning Grade I listed venue to make your special day truly memorable. An example of a wedding layout for the Town Hall (upstairs room) is pictured below. The venue is fully accessible, so you won't need to worry about excluding any loved ones, and you can even bring your dog! To find out more about our beautiful ceremony rooms in the almost 300-year-old building, and options to suit your wedding party, come along and speak to Linda and Becci on Sunday 8th March in the Corn Exchange. They will be attending the Wedding Fair detailed below, along with the Dorset Council Registrar.

If you are unable to attend, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the Town Clerk's Office or by e-mail to Becci at: cc@blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk. You can also find out more about weddings with us on our website: <https://blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk/corn-exchange/civil-ceremonies>



Wedding Fair
SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026
11AM - 4PM

- Free Entry
- Gift bag for the first 40 pre-booked tickets
- Wedding Dresses and suit catwalk show

Join us for a day of wedding inspiration and planning!

The Corn Exchange
17 Market Place, Blandford Forum, DT11 7AG



Outgoing and Incoming Town Clerk

Town Clerk, Linda Scott-Giles (pictured), will be leaving the Town Council on 30th April 2026 after 22 years of dedicated service. She joined the Council in 2004 as Assistant Town Clerk and has served the community with distinction ever since.



Following a recruitment process that began in December 2025, Claire Commons was appointed as Linda's successor at the Council meeting held on 9th February 2026. A handover period is taking place, and Claire will formally take up her post from 1st May 2026.

We thank Linda for her commitment and hard work over the past two decades and extend a warm welcome to Claire (pictured), who is an experienced and qualified clerk with a passion for the town.



Congratulations to our Committee Clerk, Becci Brady, on passing the Certificate in Local Council Administration!

Becci is not only a fantastic clerk, but she has also shown outstanding dedication and commitment throughout her studies. We are all very proud of her achievement.





Events in the Corn Exchange - March to May 2026
 Please get in touch for more details about any of the events below.

- Tuesday 3rd March and 7th April from 2pm to 4pm – Daytime Disco. Tickets available on the door. See poster for details.
- Sunday 8th March – Wedding Fair. Poster overleaf.
- Monday 9th March at 10am – Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth **FREE**
- Friday 13th March at 7pm – An Evening with Simon Hoare MP **FREE**
- Saturday 14th March at 10am – Community Expo (10am-12pm) **FREE**
- Saturday 14th March at 11am – Talk in the Town Hall with Adrian Fisher on his fascinating work with mazes. **FREE**
- Saturday 14th March at 8pm – Mayor's Charity Concert – Merry Hell Folk Night <https://wegottickets.com/event/683831/>
- Tuesday 17th March, 21st April & 19th May – Soggy Biscuit Dance Band (afternoon session)
- Friday 20th March at 7:30pm – Blues Brothers Tribute. See poster for details.
- Saturday 21st March, 4th April and 9th May – Artisan Craft Market
- Saturday 28th March – Blandford Hospital Spring Fair
- Monday 30th March – Celestial Sounds – Breathwork and Soundbath (morning session)
- Tuesday 31st March, 28th April and 26th May – The Blandford Group Practice's Wellness Walk-in (morning session) **FREE**
- Friday 3rd April at 7pm – Barn Dance with Black Sheep. See poster for details.
- Friday 10th April – Dan Clarke Forever Life Events (evening event)
- Saturday 11th April – Charity Craft Market
- Friday 17th April at 7:30pm – Frankie's Guys. See poster for details.
- Saturday 18th April – Mayor's Charity Bingo Night
- Friday 24th April at 7pm – Talk by Julie Montagu, Countess of Sandwich **FREE**
 See poster for details.
- Sunday 3rd May – Holistic Fair
- Friday 15th May at 10:30am – Mayor Making Ceremony. All welcome! **FREE**
- Saturday 23rd May – Ring Wrestling Stars Night

Tickets for Town Council events can be purchased from the office or on Ticketsource (scan the QR code)



BARN DANCE IN THE CORN EXCHANGE

**TICKETS £20
INCLUDING A SUPPER**

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
 CORN EXCHANGE
 MARKET PLACE
 BLANDFORD FORUM
 DORSET DT11 7AF

FRIDAY
3 APRIL 2026
7PM - 10PM

Ticket
 £20

Tickets available online at:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/blandford-forum-town-council
 or from the
 Town Clerk's Office, Church Lane, Blandford Forum DT11 7AD

ON A MISSION FROM GOD

A TRIBUTE TO...
The Blues Brothers
 Blues, Soul & Timeless Vibes

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2026 AT 8PM
 CORN EXCHANGE, MARKET PLACE, BLANDFORD FORUM DT11 7AF

Tickets £7.50

DAYTIME DISCO

THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL, TOGETHER WITH LOCAL DJ JUSTIN GREARSON, ARE BRINGING SOMETHING BRAND NEW TO THE CORN EXCHANGE IN 2026!

DESIGNED TO BE ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE AND FULL OF FEEL-GOOD FUN, THESE DAYTIME DISCOS AIM TO ENCOURAGE MOVEMENT, SOCIALISING, AND POSITIVITY FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.

UPCOMING DATES
 TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY / TUESDAY 3RD MARCH / TUESDAY 7TH APRIL
 ⌚ TIME: 2PM - 4PM
 📍 VENUE: CORN EXCHANGE, MARKET PLACE, BLANDFORD FORUM DT11 7AF
 🎫 TICKETS: £3.50 (PAY ON THE DOOR - CASH OR CARD)
 🎁 BONUS: A FREE HOT DRINK AT THE FEBRUARY EVENT!

THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WILL ALSO BE OFFERING LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FROM THE KITCHEN, RAISING MONEY FOR THIS MUCH-LOVED LOCAL CHARITY.

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FEATURING STARS FROM LONDON'S WEST END

FRANKIE'S GUYS

THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE CELEBRATION OF

FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS

£15

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2026 AT 7:30PM

**CORN EXCHANGE
BLANDFORD FORUM**

Tickets from the Town Council office or online at:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/blandford-forum-town-council

Thanks to the Friends of Blandford Community Hospital for generously supporting this event!

The Bastard Brothers who rebuilt Blandford after the fire in 1731 designed Mapperton House's staircase!

AN EVENING WITH JULIE MONTAGU COUNTESS OF SANDWICH



Opening Mapperton Estate to the World: Digital Storytelling, Global Audiences, and Funding Restoration

You are invited to the Town Hall for an insightful and informal talk by Julie Montagu.

There will also be an opportunity for questions.

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2026
STARTING AT 7PM
DOORS AT 6:30PM

**TOWN HALL
MARKET PLACE
BLANDFORD FORUM
DT11 7AF**

Tickets selling fast!



REGISTER FOR FREE TICKETS