

Higham Times

News, Views & Town Events



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Welcome

Since our last Newsletter, there has been lots going on. It was wonderful to see so many attending the Service of Remembrance on the Market Square, particularly as it was such a wet day. The much loved poppy tree, poppy man and other poppy decorations were out on display thanks to the craft volunteers who had been busy mending and assembling and the British Legion.



Then it was time to create and install the Christmas yarnbombing decorations around the Market Square and High Street to celebrate the festive season. Our craft community created lots of knitted and crocheted angels in keeping with St Mary's Church Angel Festival theme. These were added to a new Christmas tree light display which was a beautiful addition. The Christmas Sparkle kicked off the festivities on 18th November and the December Farmers Market on 23rd had music from Rushden Town Band and a delicious hog roast.



There are four sections to the newsletter, Town Focus, Community News, Advertising and Council News. Town Focus is a spotlight on our local businesses, landmarks and heritage. Community News has updates from Higham Ferrers Tourism, local Churches, schools and community groups. Council News includes council events, contact information, farmers market

information, a Mayor's report and a council update on current projects such as the Community Library and Minibus Service. There is an opportunity for local businesses to advertise in this quarterly newsletter so please get in touch if you would like more information about this. For the most current information about what is happening in the town, we encourage you to check the Town Council website (www.highamferrers-tc.gov.uk) and social media pages for regular updates. There is also a new Town App with lots of useful local information.



If you have an article about local news or events which you would like to be included in the next edition of the Higham Times in May then please forward the information to; donna@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk no later than 2nd April 2024.

Thank you for your continued support.

Donna Anderson, Editor

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Business Spotlight...

In this edition of the Higham Times we will be taking a look at another one of our local businesses.

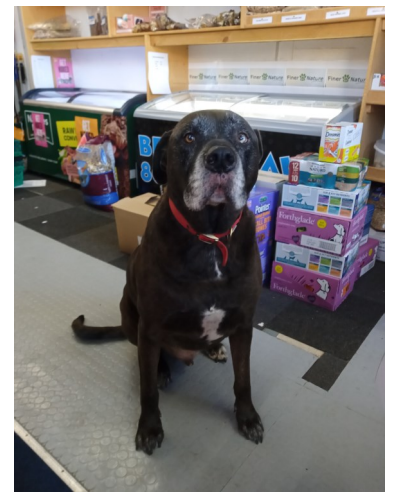
Berties Pet Shop was opened in 1997 and was taken over in 2017 by Peter Mortimer who is very well known to all of his customers and their humans.

This little gem of a shop caters for most pets and specialises in natural raw dog food and natural treats for dogs. Pete is very accommodating and if he does not stock what you need, he will source any requirements.

Berties has a great local customer base and their customers really do become their friends. The shop can resemble a community centre at times, with many people popping in, not just to stock up on supplies for their beloved animals, but sometimes just for a chat. It is wonderful to build these relationships and the team enjoy when people pop in to visit, sharing both tears and laughter with them. Another important part of Berties Pet Shop is Bob (pictured right), Pete's dog, who is a friendly giant waiting to greet everyone.

Apart from the regular visitors, Pete does get some slightly stranger happenings occasionally. He recalls that last year, a gentleman came into the shop asking for bedding for a tortoise, after purchasing some hay, he returned an hour later with a large box and placed it on the counter. He wanted to check if the animal he had was actually a tortoise. The man said he had been touching it to try and get its head to come out. When Pete looked inside, it turned out to be a huge snapping turtle, about 50cm round, which the man had found crossing the road by Ditchford Lakes. The man was lucky that it was not a feisty specimen. Pete advised him to return it to the lake where found.

If you want pet supplies, advice or a chat, you know where to visit!
By shopping local you are supporting small, independent businesses who are invaluable to our community.



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The Blue Plaque Trail

Higham Ferrers

**HIGHAM FERRERS
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3. 52 College Street The White Hart

At one time there were ten public houses in Higham Ferrers. Directories used to be published detailing the various amenities in a town, and the details were often gained from postmen who regularly walked around the area.



The information was then collated and published. Nine public houses were listed for Higham Ferrers but there also used to be one called The Red Cow at the junction of Kimbolton Road and Station Road.

In 1841 James Sargeant was the publican at The White Hart. The pub was listed continuously until 1861, and then again in 1876. Abraham Brown was the last person recorded as having a licence but he died in 1871, so the recording of the pub's existence in 1876 would suggest human error. Women were not officially allowed to be licensees of pubs at this point, although some

records do suggest that they did have a major part in the running of such enterprises, often as the chief brewer. In White's directory of 1896, Mrs Eliza Sargent is listed as the publican of The White Horse. The old White Hart has been a private property for many years. The present owner, who is the fifth generation of the same family to own the property, has done much to restore both the exterior and



interior. The original fireplace has been opened up and the beam exposed.

The house has a long heritage. On the 1591 map of Higham Ferrers, it is possible that the footprint of the home today was present in the 16th century. If so this, together with The Old House and Church House, would make it one of the oldest buildings in the town to have been continuously inhabited.

DISCOVER the stories behind the plaques

In each edition of the Higham Times we will take a look at one of the steps along the Blue Plaque Heritage Trail. You can find out more at

www.blueplaquetrail.com



The Bedesmen of Higham Ferrers Celebrate Bedesday

This year the annual Bedesday was held on 20th December. After a procession from the Town Hall a short service was held in the Chantry Chapel followed by the traditional roast beef lunch in the Bede House. Guests included the Vice Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire Mrs Morcea Walker, the Mayor Cllr Nigel Brown and Mother Louise Bishop who was taking part in her first Bedesday in the town.



The day was organised by the Trustees of Higham Ferrers United Charities with thanks to a host of volunteers from Hope Methodist Church who gave up their time to prepare such an excellent meal.

Thanks must also go to the many businesses and individuals of Higham Ferrers whose generous donations ensure the continuance of this 600 year old tradition.

The Bedesmen have held a Bedesday celebration every December for the 600 years since they were founded. They would have originally all lived together at the Bede House, and 6 centuries on the Bedesmen are proud to still hold this tradition in the same wonderful historic building.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOURISM'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT AIDS THE NEEDY

Higham Ferrers Tourism (Tourism) are always thinking of projects for the benefit of the town and the local community. And they have been plotting one for months that will help those in need over Christmas and beyond. They have been earmarking proceeds from various events throughout the year for the Higham Ferrers Food Bank, run by the local charity Encompass. Members have also been rattling the collection bucket at some of their functions to boost their year-end donation to the food bank.

Now they have just donated a much-needed £500 to Encompass, which will convert it into grocery and household essentials – and some extra Christmas cheer – for local families facing financial hardship. “This donation will definitely help people over Christmas and into the new year,” said Jo Burns, chief executive of Encompass, when members of Tourism visited the Higham Ferrers Working Mens’ Club where food parcels are sorted out ready for distribution every Tuesday morning.

They also met volunteers – Mayor Nigel Brown, Mayoress Jackie Brown and Councillor Jennie Bone – described as the “backbone” of the organisation by the chief executive. The Mayor pointed out that Encompass was particularly grateful to the Working Mens’ Club for making a room available to them free of charge as without it, they could not operate.

Liz Barnatt, chair of Tourism, said that the charity did such “wonderful and worthwhile” work for the community that there was no debate among members about which organisation should receive the end-of-year donation.

Encompass provides food parcels to a total of 600 households in Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Raunds and Thrapston, with 94 families in Higham Ferrers benefitting from the charity. “Families receive food parcels six times a year, but if they are in real dire straits, we can increase it to eight times,” Jo explained.

The charity relies on donations from companies as well as organisations and individuals and donations had dropped during the year. “Households and businesses are facing hard times and cannot give as much. At one stage, donations dropped to almost nothing and as a result, we had to cut down on some of the items in food parcels,” Jo said. “However, donations are slowly increasing again, largely due to Harvest Festivals and the festive season,” she added.

Kind-hearted local people remember the charity at Christmas and just as we were leaving the photoshoot, a local woman arrived at the club with £100 cheque from her elderly neighbour.

Encompass has food collection points across the county in local supermarkets and doctors’ surgeries and Jo said the charity was particularly grateful for the regular donations from the Higham Ferrers Co-op which donates fresh food which it has left over at the end of the day.

As well as helping people in poverty, Encompass also caters for those in addiction and homelessness.



Meeting up at the Higham Ferrers Working Mens’ Club were, from the left: Carol Fitzgerald (Tourism), Diane Eaton (Tourism and Encompass), Councillor Jennie Bone (volunteer), Liz Barnatt (Tourism), Mayor Councillor Nigel Brown (volunteer) and Jo Burns, chief executive of the Encompass charity.

Image: Robert Barnatt

To contact Encompass, telephone 01933 733001 or email: info@compasscharity.org.uk

**Downtime at the Duchy Barn
Supporting Men's Wellbeing
Chichele College, College Street,
Higham Ferrers**

Thursdays 11am to 1pm

**Throughout January, February and
March**

The Chichele College Garden and its close neighbour, the Duchy Barn Garden, have long been a place of wellbeing for visitors, volunteer gardeners and, in recent years since the pandemic, the Gateway Club. Now it continues to weave its restorative magic with a new venture supported by the Social Prescription initiative with **Downtime at the Duchy Barn**.

Join other men for low level grounds and garden maintenance, with other odd jobs thrown in. Spend time pottering outdoors or inside a heritage building when the weather is bad. Chat and make friends. Tea and coffee provided.

Already the compost has been sorted, bulbs planted and birdfeeders made to hang from the trees. Both Higham Ferrers Tourism and English Heritage look forward to more activities at this special community site.

Please book a place with your Social Prescriber



What is Social Prescribing and what do we do?

The SPRING social prescribing service can be referred to by local agencies, or professionals or people can self-refer.

Our Social Prescribing Link Workers will take it from there, giving people the time to focus on 'what matters to them' and taking a holistic approach to their health and wellbeing. They connect people to community groups and statutory services for practical and emotional support across Northamptonshire.

Eligibility

SPRING is a free, confidential service and the eligibility criteria must be met to be accepted into the program.

- Live in Northamptonshire
- Be over 18 years of age
- Diagnosed with at least One long-term physical health condition
- Be willing to commit to the program and engage in positive lifestyle changes.

More information

Please visit **www.springnorthamptonshire.org** for more information and access to the online referral form.

ACCESS TO CHICHELE COLLEGE GARDEN

The side entrance will be closed until repairs to the barn are completed at the end of March.

The Saffron Road gate will be open during daylight hours in January, February and March to allow visitors to enjoy the garden throughout the winter.

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COFFEE AND A CAKE.





Looking forward to Spring!

Spring bulbs have been planted in their thousands both in the churchyard, public gardens and spaces around the town.



We were fortunate to have been donated 5000 purple crocuses by the Rushden Rotary Club. These have not only been added to the wonderful drift along Church Walk and other areas of the churchyard but also in the little Castle Field, the cottage border at Chichele College, the Duchy Barn Garden and the town's troughs and fountains supplied by Higham Ferrers Tourism.

Donations of purple crocus by the Rotary Club began in 2016 to raise awareness of their mission to eradicate polio from the world. A purple crocus was chosen to represent the colour of the dye marking the finger of a child that has been immunised. Over many years we have received several thousand corms to ensure a colourful display in early spring and we look forward to the rewards of their planting across the town.

The Friends of St Mary's continue with planting daffodils along Station Road thanks to a donation by Higham Ferrers Tourism. Daffodils, alliums and tulips have also been added to the churchyard, so we are looking forward to an especially cheerful spring display.



Each year we visit Spalding Auction House to buy bulbs to sell at our Autumn Coffee Morning to cover the cost of planting. We add any unsold bulbs to the churchyard and plant miniature daffodils in pots for sale at the Spring Coffee Morning.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
Spring Coffee Morning Saturday 16 March

The Friends of St Mary's hope that you will visit and enjoy the emergence of these colourful blooms as the winter recedes and spring evolves. So much to look forward to!



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HIGHAM CHICHELE SOCIETY

The Higham Chichele Society meets in the Bede House (in the grounds of the Parish Church) on the last Friday of each month at 9.15am. Admission is £3, including refreshments. The annual subscription is £5 (singles) £8 (couples) due at the May meeting. Check our website: www.highamchichelesociety.co.uk

Speakers for 2024

- March - History of Kimbolton, A thousand years of history.
- April - A history of Christian names
- May - Elizabethan grammar schools, Elizabeth I to the present day.
- June - Rushden pot makers, the story of iron age potters.
- July - The history of Yelden, including the origins of the castle.
- August - Irthingborough's Waterloo. Archive film from before the first world war.
- September - Incas of Peru with the speaker's personal memories.
- October - The Home Guard: Lest we forget our brave men of Northamptonshire.
- November - Stanwick handbell ringers: followed by seasonal refreshments to end the year.

NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME, PLEASE COME ALONG.

1st Higham Ferrers Girls' Brigade - Calling all 'Old Girls'!!!

This year Higham Ferrers Girls Brigade are Celebrating
110 years of service in the local community!

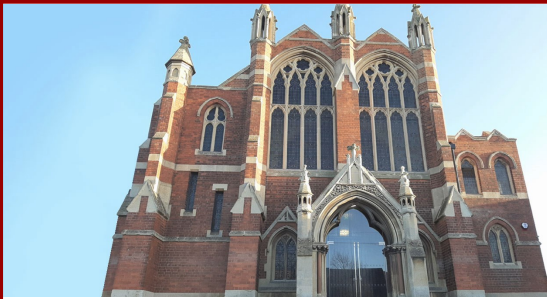


To commemorate this achievement, a Service of Thanksgiving is to be held in May, and Faith Tea in the summer. Both will take place where it all began at Hope Methodist Church, Higham Ferrers.

Were you a Girls Brigade or Girls Life Brigade member with 1st Higham Ferrers Company? Or do you know of any past members who may have moved away from the area and would like to be invited to the Celebrations?

Do you have photographs and stories of your time in the Brigade that you would like to share? If so, we would be very interested in borrowing them for our 'Found memories of my time in GB' display.

If you, or someone that you know, would like to be invited to our celebration please contact either Lisa Adams or Jane Tomlinson at highamgb@gmail.com or if you prefer to write; 66 Patenall Way, Higham Ferrers, Northants. NN10 8PL.



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Decisions, decisions! A normal part of life. Some are quick and easy to make, others take much longer and a lot of heart searching, even heartache. Some are forced upon us due to circumstances changing, others we readily choose by ourselves. Some affect individuals, others, many people. We respond to their results with various emotions including joy, grudging acceptance, sorrow, enthusiasm, reluctance and optimism. Some have little impact on us, others are life-changing.

David Hudson decided, after 62 years of faithful service, that it was time for him to 'sit down', to retire as a Methodist Local Preacher. He is not idle though, having chosen to accept the task of box office manager at our community film afternoons. Tickets for these showings are £5 on the door and include a free hot drink and biscuits afterwards, if you decide to come along sometime.



(Pictured right; David Hudson, wife Carol, daughter Sally)



We rejoiced as five people recently decided that they wanted to be received into full membership at Hope. Reverend Lesley Dinham and the congregation officially welcomed them at a special service. Others are seriously considering whether they want to take the same step. Members or not, all are equally welcome at Hope.

In January, the church took part in the annual Covenant service, another important occasion for Methodists. The worshipping community, as a whole body, renewed its commitment to God, to one another and to our local communities for another year. We willingly chose to publicly affirm our promises to continue to follow where God leads, as summed up in the powerful Covenant prayer.

Many people enjoy coming to our regular busy coffee mornings on the second and last Saturday of each month, 10 -11.30am and to the quieter ones on Thursdays 10.30-11.30am. Some look out for notices about our special social events, whether a model railway exhibition, a musical entertainment, quiz, or something else. If you decide to join in with one or more of them, you'll be very welcome.



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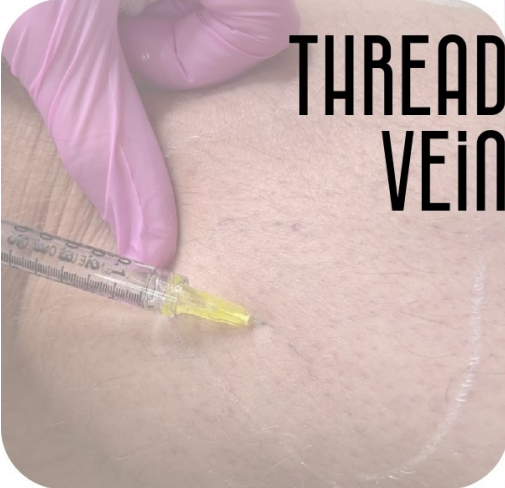
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Bee Squared Project 2024

After the success of the 'Bee Squared Project' in 2023, Higham Ferrers Town Council allocated funds to replicate the project in 2024.

Higham Ferrers Junior School, Henry Chichele Primary School, Higham Ferrers Nursery and Infant School and The Ferrers School are eager to be involved in the project to specifically help solitary bees survive by encouraging all pupils to add a square metre of bee loving plants to their gardens in the ground or in pots.

Each pupil will receive a packet of seeds which contains a seed mixture of Corncockle, Cornflower, Corn Chamomile, Corn Marigold, and Common Poppy and instructions on how to sow the seeds in late March/early April.

Because of the demand for the seed packets in 2023 from the residents of Higham Ferrers, we have produced packets for the general public which will be freely available at a number of the Town's shops and at the Higham Ferrers Town Council Office after the seed packets have been distributed to the schools in late March.



Photo Credit: Alison Bates

Information about Bees:

In the UK alone, there are 267 species of bee. Over 90% of them are not social and do not live in colonies - these are solitary bees. Solitary bees vary considerably in size, appearance, and where they choose to nest. Roughly 70% are called mining bees and nest in underground burrows. Bees that nest in houses are called cavity-nesting bees. Solitary bees



Photo credit Kassi Bass

do not live in colonies, produce honey, or have a queen. While honey bees use wax to construct the cells inside their nest, different species of solitary bees use all sorts of materials to make their homes - for example, leaf-cutter bees use tiny leaf pieces within their nests, which might be in a hollow plant stem, dead wood or a crack in a weathered wall. They don't have pollen baskets for carrying pollen, meaning that each time they visit a flower they lose far more pollen than social bees. This makes them much better pollinators: a single red mason bee is equivalent to 120 worker honey bees in the pollination services it provides. As they do not return to a hive, they need to 'refuel' via flowers every few metres.



Saturday 18th November was the much loved 2023 Higham Ferrers Christmas Sparkle event.

The Market Square was filled with, fair rides, live entertainment, food, drinks, craft and charity stalls.

The festivities spread throughout the town with Santa's grotto at Chichele College which was organised by Higham Tourism, stalls and refreshments in the Bede House and Chantry Chapel.

St Mary's Church held their Angel Festival again which was very popular. The angels created and displayed in the church were amazing. There was a craft fair, refreshments and activities in the Hope Methodist Church throughout the day.

The Mayor Cllr Nigel Brown opened the event on stage, met lots of local residents and volunteered for various activities during the day. He finished by leading the count down to the light switch on in the evening.

In true Higham Ferrers style, the residents attended on mass and it was wonderful to see so many families out enjoying the festivities.





The stage was filled with a wonderful range of entertainment throughout the day. We started with festive performances from our amazing local school choirs followed by fabulous dance performances from the children at Emily Dee School of Dance and then singing from Higham Ferrers Rock Choir. Local singer Odette closed the show with a set before the Christmas lights were switched on at 5pm and another set until the end of the event.



This year there was a 'Happy Hour' at the fair with reduced ride prices which was well attended.



We are already in the early stages of planning the Sparkle event for 2024 so watch out for updates on this years exciting festivities.



A huge thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers without whom the event could not be a success

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HIGHAM FERRERS TOURISM
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Happy New Year from everyone at Higham Ferrers Farmers Market!

You can find all of the market dates for 2024 on the back page of this newsletter.

For November and December we had to snuggle up and fit all of our wonderful local traders into the Market Square around the beautiful Christmas tree and we were surrounded by the amazing festive yarn-bombing display. To add to the festivities on 23rd December we also enjoyed music from Rushden Town Band and a delicious hog roast from New Lodge Farm. There was a great atmosphere and it was brilliant to see so many people shopping local at the market and in the High Street businesses.

Find us on 



In 2024, we look forward to celebrating events such as the market's birthday in April, Love Your Local Market in May, Harvest in September and Christmas again in December. Please follow our facebook page for more information and updates.



Community Library and Wellbeing Hub Update.



Further to the good news update in the last edition, we have now appointed Natasha Fountain in the role of Community Connector, and she started the role on 2nd January 2024. Natasha has a strong community background, and we would like to welcome her to the position.

By the time this edition comes out we are hoping that we will have an opening date for the hub, so please keep an eye on the new

Community Library and Wellbeing Hub page on the council's website,

www.highamferrers-tc.gov.uk/community-library-and-wellbeing and of course, on our social media pages for updates on progress.

We had a great response from our request for volunteers to help with the hub, and we thank you all for your interest and should have already been in contact with you, but we would still welcome interest from anyone wanting to volunteer. We see volunteers as an important part of this hub and need a wide range of skills and experiences to make it work, so if you fancy volunteering, but are not sure what you can offer, yourself is all we need, please apply anyway as you will have more skills than you realise. Please contact us on 01933 312075 or email connector@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk





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NEW AND IMPROVED FOR 2024

HIGHAM FERRERS -TOWN APP-

The aims of the app are for all to:

- Support local business
- Access special offers and promotions
- Keep up to date with local events and information

Do you run a Higham Ferrers based Business or Community Group? Scan the QR Code below and complete the form to get your details added to the new app.



The app will soon be available from the App Store and Google Play. Look out for further promotional material.

The Walnut Tree - The Circle of Life

You will all be familiar with the walnut tree that was located on the triangular open space at the junction of Kings Meadow Lane and Station Road. The Walnut tree has a dedicated blue plaque and is also point 15 in the town's Heritage Trail. From the trail the accompanying text states:- The Walnut tree is reported to be 500 years old and as far back as Henry VII's reign as the 'Ancient Tree'. H E Bates' grandfather George William Lucas lived in one of the cottages close by.

Surrounding the walnut tree are 3 younger walnut trees, that were cultivated from the tree, and planted some years ago with the intention of being replacement trees for the main walnut tree. Like any tree, the walnut tree has a lifespan. Walnut trees can be long-lived (100 to 300 years) and can thrive in the right conditions for centuries. The walnut tree in Higham Ferrers has thrived for centuries but unfortunately it reached the end of its life and was felled on the 21st December.



In June of this year an independent tree survey noted the tree had extensive basal decay and fire damage. Contractors carried out work to remove ivy which was becoming more dominant and was preventing full inspection. Removal of the ivy revealed the area of degradation to be extensive. The tree was deemed unstable and presented as a risk to the public accessing the area. The open space area was therefore barriered to prevent public access.

Given the significance of the tree within the town the advice to fell the tree was initially challenged. Instruction was given for detailed inspection with sonic tomography. The test confirmed the severely decayed stem with further degradation inevitable and in subsequent years the disconnect of the stem from the ground.

The Council considered the options for the tree.

Propping the tree was possible. Given the condition of the base of the tree, whilst propping would stop it failing, it would not stop further degradation. Propping the tree came at a cost in the region of £10,000 for initial installation, with adjustment cost to the framework in subsequent years.

Cutting back the tree to a standing monolith is possible, but again, this will not stabilise the tree, nor stop further degradation and its ultimate failure.

With this knowledge the council reached the difficult decision to fell the tree.

During the felling, sections of trunk that were not presenting severe decay were left at the site to create dead wood habitat. The council is also assessing the condition of felled sections and the scope for creating a small wood carving as a legacy in the community. Cuttings have been taken from the tree and residents are reminded that previous cuttings that grew to form the 3 younger walnut trees are present on the triangle and will continue to be nurtured as they grow and flourish for future generations.

If any residents have queries or require further information regarding the walnut tree please do contact the council on 01933 312075 or email info@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk



Mayor's Report

I wish you all a very Happy New Year. My diary was full of events towards the end of 2023, including the Town's Christmas Sparkle Event, where I was fortunate enough to turn on the lights for the second year running, as well as open the Angel Festival at St Marys Church. Over the festive period, I was invited to the United Charities Christmas Party, Bedesmen Day, The Gateway Club Christmas Party, Rotary Club of Rushden Chichele Charter Night and two events at The Shrubbery. We had the Town's Annual Civic Carol Service, which was a lovely candlelight event in the church.

Since the last edition, I have welcomed a new business, Spinney's Sandwich Deli, to the High Street, been visited by the Rainbows at The Town Hall and awarded Ava with first place in my Christmas Card Competition.

I have a Quiz Night coming up on 2nd March and a Race Night on 4th May. I hope to see you there

cllr Nigel Brown



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Who to contact...

Town Council deal with;

- Cemeteries/Burials.
- Local Open Spaces/parks & Recreation Grounds
- Public Conveniences.
- Markets.
- Off Street Car Parking.
- Grants to Voluntary Bodies.
- Civic Events/ Local Tourism.
- Closed Churchyards.




deal with;

- Environment - Refuse Collection, Dog waste, Recycling, Food Safety, Pest Control and Noise Nuisance.
- Education.
- Highways/Transport/Street Doctor.
- Libraries & Information Services.
- Trading Standards.
- Electoral Registration/Elections.
- Council Tax & Business Rates Collection.
- Social Services.
- Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths.
- Building Control.
- Housing Register.

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FEBRUARY	24th	AUGUST	31st
MARCH	30th	SEPTEMBER	28th
APRIL	27th	OCTOBER	26th
MAY	25th	NOVEMBER	30th
JUNE	29th	DECEMBER	 21st



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