

Higham Times

News, Views & Town Events



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Welcome

Since our last Newsletter in May, our town has continued to bloom with lovely wild flowers, floral arrangements in public areas and beautiful gardens which were on show during the Secret Gardens event run by Higham Ferrers Tourism in June.

The 'Bee Squared' project has also helped to contribute to the wildlife friendly flowers in the area and it is great to see more bees buzzing around.

The image on our front cover was captured by our Assistant Clerk, Emily. It shows the lovely fishing lake at Riverside Wharf. If you have any nice photographs of our town which you would like to be included in the Higham Times, please email them to donna@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk.



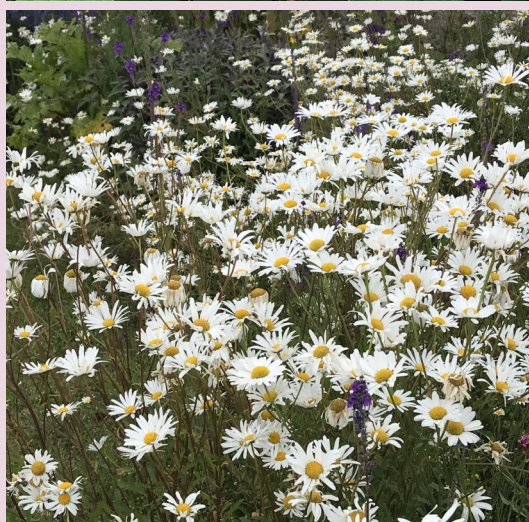
Our fabulous craft volunteers have continued to meet at the Town Hall and managed to give the poppy man a new woolly suit in time for the D-Day Anniversary in June. He will be on display again for Remembrance later in the year along with the poppy tree and other additions. If you would like to be involved with the yarnbombing, please get in touch.

This newsletter is in three sections, Town Focus, Community News 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, council updates, contact information, farmers' market information and a Mayor's report.

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 November then please forward the information to; donna@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk no later than 2nd October 2024.



Thank you for your continued support.

Donna Anderson, Editor

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Business Spotlight...

JOHN LEE & SONS Motorcycles

In this edition of the Higham Times we are looking at another of the wonderful High Street businesses.

WE ALL WELCOME YOU TO OUR FAMILY RUN SHOP!

John started work in the motorcycle trade in 1955, working for two large London dealers for 10 years. His ambition was to own his own dealership, so moved to Northamptonshire and purchased the shop where they are today in Higham Ferrers, that was 1964. In 2008 they became John Lee and Sons, when John welcomed two of his four sons, Jack and Charley into the business. 2024 marks 60 years of High Street business.



John Lee & Sons Motorcycles are your go-to destination for both new and used bikes and equipment from top brands. As a family-run business, they are proud agents for Honda, Yamaha, and Suzuki, along with all major trials agencies. Explore our collection, which includes brand new BETA, GasGas, Vertigo, TRS, Sherco, OSET motorcycles, and Haibike electric bikes, as well as a diverse range of used motorcycles. In addition to their extensive



motorcycle selection, they also offer a wide variety of accessories and equipment, including clothing, boots, headlights, helmets, tyres, parts, and much more.

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of this family run business, they have organised an action packed day on Saturday 10th August in Higham Ferrers Market Square. They will be joined by Adam Raga & On The Edge motorcycle display team so come and join the fun!

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60TH CELEBRATIONS
10TH AUGUST
9AM - 4PM

**ADAM RAGA &
ON THE EDGE
MOTORCYCLE
DISPLAY TEAM**

SIXTY YEARS
1964 - 2024

8 MARKET SQUARE
HIGHAM FERRERS
NORTHANTS

The Blue Plaque Trail

Higham Ferrers

**HIGHAM FERRERS
TOURISM**
BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



5. Chichele College College Street



Henry Chichele was born in Higham Ferrers in about 1362. His father was a substantial landowner in Higham and had been

Mayor of Higham in 1380 and 1381. Following his election to become Archbishop of Canterbury in 1414, Henry had the opportunity and resources to set up three institutions in Higham, the grammar school supporting the young, the Bede House supporting the old, and Chichele College.

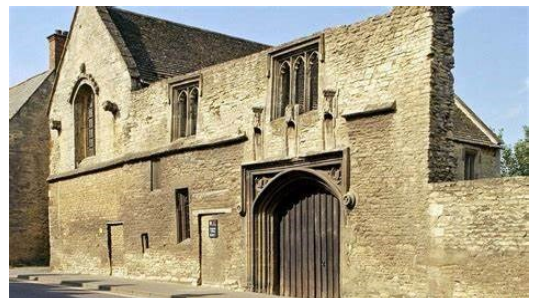
In 1422 Henry Chichele petitioned the Pope, (Martin V) and the King (Henry V) for permission to build the college. He held a public meeting for the mayor and the free tenants of the Borough asking if they approved of his proposal. A loud cheer went up as those present unanimously agreed with the idea .

Henry Chichele funded the college through the rents of his various properties in Essex, London and Higham, including revenue from the swan.

The term 'college' was used at the time to describe a community of priests who shared a communal life that was less strictly controlled than that within a monastery. The college survived in its original purpose for just over 100 years. In 1543 the building was taken into the King's hands with the dissolution of the monasteries. The repossessed sites were then offered for sale and Robert Dacres bought the College and

it remained in his family until 1734. It has since been used as a farm building and as a public house.

The college was first listed as a scheduled monument in October 1981. It is now in the care of English Heritage but managed by Higham Ferrers Tourism and Business Partnership on a day-to-day basis.



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



Chichele College today

Chichele College and the adjoining Duchy Barn Garden are an important community asset for the town. A wide range of art, cultural, heritage and community events are held from Easter to Christmas Sparkle and the gardens are open for free all year round for visitors to enjoy.

As an English Heritage Free to Enter site, it provides a welcome retreat for the Spring Social Prescription group of men who meet weekly throughout the year and is a welcome summer venue for the Gateway Club, a charity for adults with a learning difficulty. A team of enthusiastic volunteer gardeners work throughout the year and the large recreational area is used for playing croquet during the summer.

Many events have already been held this year: Chichele Garden Fair; three art exhibitions, (including one by local school children); a live jazz night; the Great Big Green week involving schools and the Gateway Club.

Still to come this year ...

HIFARS ARCHAEOLOGY ALLSORTS

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 July

Higham Ferrers Archaeology and Research Society (HiFARS) will be in Chichele College all weekend with displays and finds identification.

FREE ENTRY

LIVE MUSIC AT CHICHELE COLLEGE

Friday 9 August 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)

Shannondore ... a local Irish Band

FREE ENTRY | LICENCED BAR | REAL ALE

SHARE PHOTOGRAPHY –

Saturday 31 August and Sunday 1 September

A group of local photographers who like to exhibit and share their photography with enthusiasts and the general public.

FREE ENTRY

HIGHAM FERRERS HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Saturday 7 September 11am-4pm

Higham Ferrers Horticultural Show is open to everyone, young and old, beginners and experienced producers. You don't have to live in Higham Ferrers to take part – all entries are very welcome.

Santa's Grotto – Saturday 23 November

A very important part of Christmas Sparkle!



HIGHAM FERRERS TOURISM

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

MEDIEVAL MUSINGS, MONKS, MUSIC AND A SPECIAL MENU

Higham Ferrers' schoolchildren have just had a special history lesson and some of them even sampled a recipe from a bygone era. They had been invited along to the town's medieval Chichele College and the neighbouring Duchy Barn Garden by Higham Ferrers Tourism to celebrate The Great Big Green Week.

"We organised creative activities for them in keeping with the medieval origins of Chichele College when the college was a monastery and was home to monks who grew herbs and plants for cooking. The herbs and plants were also used to cure people of sickness," said Carol Fitzgerald, a Tourism Committee member and chairperson of the sub-committee, the Chichele College Management Committee.

More than 100 children from Higham Ferrers Junior School and the Henry Chichele Primary School visited Chichele College over two days and the pupils from the Higham Ferrers Junior School also got the chance to sample pottage, made from vegetables grown at the time the college was a monastery. Made by two guest chefs, the pottage was flavoured with medieval herbs that are still grown in the college garden. "It was a different type of taste and although not everyone enjoyed it, most did," Carol said.

Pupils also got creative and made medieval-style pendants with the help of members of HiFars, the Higham Ferrers Archaeology and Research Society. And they helped to make music with percussion instruments as they accompanied the visiting folk group, *2 Steps 4 Words*. Then, to encourage biodiversity, the local "Hedgehog Mother", Jackie Bestwick told them how to encourage hedgehogs into their gardens and how to make hedgehog nests.

And not to be left out of The Great Big Green Week, members of The Gateway Club which caters for adults with learning difficulties and who meet up at Chichele College and the Duchy Barn Garden, had a special painting session. Their paintings of bees, butterflies and flowers are now on display at Chichele College, alongside the artwork of local schoolchildren who recently entered Higham Ferrers Tourism's children's art competition.



Jack, left, and George, of Henry Chichele Primary School, get a lesson in how to make a hedgehog nest from "Hedgehog Mother" Jackie Bestwick.



Pupils of Higham Ferrers Junior School got the chance to taste medieval pottage.



Members of the Gateway Club also got creative as they painted bees, butterflies and flowers to mark The Great Big Green Week.

SETTING THE BENCHMARK

DOWNTIME AT THE DUCHY GET STUCK IN

It did not take long for the men in Higham Ferrers's new social group to get going on their special project.

Set against a backdrop of the town's medieval Chichele College – founded by locally-born Henry Chichele who became the Archbishop of Canterbury – and the neighbouring historic Duchy Barn Garden, the team got cracking constructing an all-in-one circular picnic table and bench. After a cup of tea and a bit of banter in the College, the *Downtime at the Duchy* group headed outside to the Duchy Barn Garden to tackle their project.



The team could not wait to get going!. From the left: Ron Gregory, Garry Inskip, Tony Sibley Trevor Strutton, Simon Falla, William Acquah, Ramesh Tailor and Stuart Smith.

All have long-term health conditions but had never met before joining the group. They have been brought together by *Spring*, a social prescribing and well-being service and community-driven support network which helps people manage their various conditions. *Spring* is run by the Northamptonshire Carers Association.

When the Association was looking for a green space so that it could run a gardening group, Carol Fitzgerald, chair of the Chichele Management Committee – a sub-committee of Higham Ferrers Tourism – offered the College facilities, having received the blessing of English Heritage. *Downtime at the Duchy* members meet every Thursday to chat, play cards and dominoes and support each other. But as they have also been planning to turn their hands to gardening during warmer weather, they needed somewhere suitable to sit now and then whenever they needed to take a breather.

Higham Ferrers Tourism stepped in and turned to their friends at the town's Co-op, who promptly presented Liz Barnatt, Chair of the Tourism committee and Carol Fitzgerald, with £150 for the picnic table and bench, with *Spring Social Prescribing* co-funding the project.

One of *Downtime at the Duchy* members, Trevor Strutton, had previously made two benches for visiting children to the venue, complete with carved artwork and the *Downtime at the Duchy* men appointed him chief carpenter for the picnic table task. And a few hours later, after the team got stuck in, the picnic table and bench had been assembled. Then, there were smiles all round as they tried it out for the first time.



The job completed, it was time for the *Downtime at the Duchy* men to try out their handiwork.

"It was great to witness their camaraderie as they worked on the project," Carol said.

£30 PER PERSON

Including materials & tuition provided by Eden Flowers, mulled wine/prosecco & a mince pie.



Friends of
Higham Ferrers Nursery & Infant School
Registered charity no. 1045824

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

27.11.24

AT 7PM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL
AT HIGHAM FERRERS
NURSERY & INFANT
SCHOOL

Book your place now using the QR Code above or the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/YVXPa1BYuk>

If you can't attend, **MAKE AT HOME KITS** can be purchased for £26, including materials, a video tutorial, a mini bottle of prosecco & a mince pie.



Meeting in the meadow: Carol Fitzgerald, secretary of The Friends of St Mary's and Brian Behagg, the treasurer, welcome Higham Ferrers Junior School pupils, Olivia, Lucy, Miley and Alfie. PICTURE: Neil Smith

SCHOOL CHILDREN LEAVE A LOVELY LEGACY

THE Friends of St Mary's have a long-term management plan for wildlife in the churchyard which involves developing appropriate habitats for the flora and fauna, and involving members of the community.

Recently four very enthusiastic pupils from Higham Ferrers Junior School, accompanied by teachers Lara Maple and Neil Smith, swapped their maths lesson for a fascinating tour of the grounds and some expert advice about insects, flowers and small mammals.

The Friends, whose management plan is now in its fifth year, invited the pupils along "to encourage them to start to care about the environment," explained Brenda Lofthouse, the new chair of The Friends who are volunteers dedicated to supporting the maintenance of the exterior of the Grade I listed buildings in Higham Ferrers.

"If the children have access to flora and fauna, they may well go on to look after things in their own garden as every little bit helps," Brenda noted.

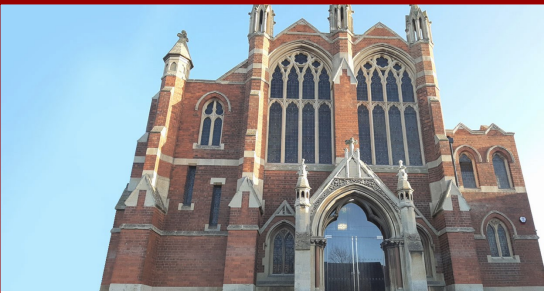
The pupils (Alfie, Olivia, Lucy and Miley) may

also help The Friends in their ambition to achieve a gold award from the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust – responsible for conservation in churchyards – for work that has been undertaken.

The pupils left a legacy of their visit, planting sunflower seedlings – and other plants – in the Bede's Woman's Garden which are an important source of seeds for birds.

Carol told how The Friends would continue to develop opportunities for wildlife, including improving butterfly and moth habitats. "We even have a dead hedge where lots of things are rotting in there and that's good for wildlife too," she said, telling the pupils that The Friends would also continue carrying out surveys on the various types of insects, mammals and flower populations.

"Did you know, we also have a white flower in the churchyard, which has never been here before?" she asked, explaining that it was a Common Cornsalad. "However. it is very small, so it is easy to miss," she added.



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Moving on can be something we do as a matter of routine e.g. changing schools, or something we do as a matter of necessity e.g. health reasons. We respond to such situations with a variety of emotions like anxiety, confidence, joy, or regret.

After her allotted 5 years with the Nene Valley Methodist circuit, the Rev'd Lesley Dinham has moved on into retirement, becoming a supernumerary minister following her circuit leaving service on Saturday 27th July. Our new superintendent minister, the Rev'd Ruth Charlesworth's move will officially take place at her welcome service on Thursday 22nd August at 7.30pm. On this occasion, the new Northampton Methodist District Chair, (similar to a bishop), the Rev'd Dr Sonia Hicks, will be present. All three named ministers continue to move forward, following very different paths, in obedience to their individual callings from God.

The congregation is staying but, importantly, also continuing to move on in faith and action. The Methodist President and Vice-President's theme for their year in office is 'seeking justice' and focuses on how the church can 'learn to do right, seek justice and defend the oppressed'. (Isaiah 1 v 17a NIV). A challenging and inspiring time practically as well as spiritually ahead.

As regards the building, we are seriously starting to consider the vision, plans and hopes for the upstairs area and getting ready for action. Much more information will follow as these dreams and reality advance.

Some future fundraising events, all with refreshments, include a Bollywood film on 17th August, Breast Friends Northamptonshire Choir on 12th Oct and Rushden Town Band Concert on 7th December 2024.

This year certainly seems to have moved on apace and there is still plenty before us.



The Trustees of the Rock Foundation Charity Trust held their AGM recently.

It is pleasing to report that in the last financial year the Trust has awarded grants amounting to just over £2,400 to enable various local young people - in the words of our constitution, *"Through leisure activities to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities"*.

Since 2000 the Trust has donated over £45,000 with this aim in mind.

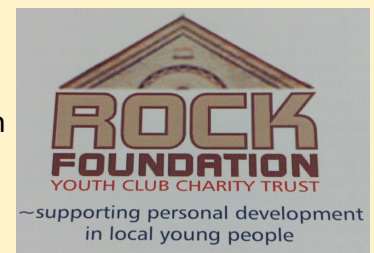
Registered Charity No. 304242

The grants have been awarded to both individual young people and those in social, sporting, craft, musical or uniformed groups.

All applications are considered confidentially and provided that the individual falls within our remit, namely, that they live in Rushden, Higham Ferrers or the local area, and they are between the ages of 11 and 21 years, the Trustees will be interested to hear about their project. Grants may be to cover the cost of a small item, or as part of the total cost of something larger. Previous funding has included specialist play equipment, outings, activities, books and sporting items.

The Trustees would be pleased to hear about YOU and YOUR hobbies and interests.

If you or someone you know could benefit from a donation from the Charity, an application form can be obtained by email: rockfoundationrushden@btinternet.com





Celebrate their 10th Anniversary



Islip WMC welcomed Cando Care in hosting their 10th anniversary. Clients, their families, staff, guests, volunteers and families both past and present enjoyed the entertainment from Chas and Dave style duo "Bread n Drrippin".

As the centre is based In Irthlingborough we were pleased to welcome Irthlingborough Mayor Cllr Ethan Hopkinson and his Mayoress on what was their last public engagement of their term of office, along with some members of Irthlingborough Council.

Kath said " It was such a delight to see everyone enjoying themselves and joining in the singing, some of them even had a dance, and that was what today was all about, celebrating Cando's ten years and letting your hair down". She added "In the ten years we have had tough times , but with the togetherness of staff, volunteers and support from families and the community it has enabled us to get through those times". Cando are very thankful for support and donations of raffle prizes, people purchasing tickets for events and making purchases from their fundraising stalls.

Terry Gunn from Islip WMC presented a cheque to Cando for £1722 which was raised from skittles league pool matches and raffles, this followed a cheque he presented to us at the day centre last year for £1253.

The centre charges a nominal fee as it makes it accessible to most and includes refreshments, activities and a two course lunch. Although this service is based in Irthlingborough Library, it covers all surrounding areas.

If you would like to volunteer in our centre or as a driver, contact Kath on 07741 651170. You can also follow our posts on facebook.



Sarah Kent from The National Lottery presented a cheque for £120,879 to Cando's Managing Director Kathleen Meredith at their day centre in Irthlingborough Library.

This tremendous support from the National Lottery Community Fund will not only go towards funding a fourth Carer but will also help with added costs that go with employing a staff member and to do more for their Service Users in the centre and in the community.

Co-founder of Cando Care and MD Kathleen Meredith said "last month we celebrated 10 years and this funding over the next four years will make such a difference for all the service users and their families and to us as a team".

Cando Care is a not-for-profit company who support vulnerable, lonely, elderly and those with dementia.



Along with our four Carers we have a good team of Volunteers who help in the centre as well as Voluntary Drivers.

Many thanks to the millions of National Lottery players for helping to make this happen.





We have a wonderful time at our unit meetings and are proud to wear our uniform. We do lots of activities including crafts and badge work which the rainbows enjoy receiving.

2nd Higham Ferrers Rainbows have a fun filled year taking part in many activities such as Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas events. A day out to Willow Farm, seeing Peter Rabbit and Friends which was a bit windy but a lovely day.

If anyone aged 4-7 years old would like to join us, we meet every Thursday, term time, 6pm - 7.15pm in Higham Ferrers.

Please call Carole - 07811516357 or Jennifer - 07817585108



In the heart of Higham Ferrers on Vine Hill Drive, lies a sporting gem that has been a cornerstone of the community for generations. Higham Ferrers Town Bowls Club, with its lush green and welcoming atmosphere, stands as a testament to the timeless appeal of lawn bowls, a sport that combines skill, strategy, and social interaction in equal measure.

As the season unfolds from the end of April to October, the club becomes a hive of activity. Members of all ages and abilities converge on the green, united by their love for the game and the camaraderie it fosters. Whether you're a seasoned player or someone looking to roll your first bowl, the club extends a warm invitation to join in the fun. The club's philosophy is simple: bowls for all. It's a place where newcomers can receive coaching and advice on equipment, where training shoes are the only initial requirement, and where the spirit of inclusivity shines brightest. Most evenings buzz with the chatter of members and the clinking of bowls, as the community comes together to share tips, laughter, and friendly competition.

Success at the Higham Ferrers Bowls Club isn't just measured by the trophies that adorn its shelves, although there are plenty, thanks to the Ladies & Men's teams' triumphs at County and National Championship levels. Success is also found in the smiles of members enjoying a 'roll-up', the handshake of opponents after a well-fought game, and the shared celebrations of personal milestones and achievements.

It is the everyday moments – the casual games, the post-match drinks at the licensed bar, and the sense of belonging – that truly define the Higham Ferrers Bowls Club experience.

So, whether you're drawn by the allure of competition or the simple pleasure of a leisurely game on a sunny afternoon or pleasant evening, the Higham Ferrers Bowls Club awaits. Embrace the tradition and join a community where every roll tells a story.

Open from 26th April 2024, New Membership for the first year £35 normal price £65.

**For more information visit our official website: highamferrersbowlsclub.org.uk or Higham Ferrers Bowls Club on Facebook or contact the club on: 07831 347173
alternatively email: hftbc1@gmail.com**

HIGHAM FERRERS BOOK EXCHANGE



At the Sports Pavilion, opposite the skate park, Vine Hill Drive

The Community Book Exchange celebrated its 1st birthday in May and has continued to grow, offering a free book borrowing service to the residents of Higham Ferrers and surrounding areas.

Recently, I made some small blue and yellow flowers to raise money for Dementia UK and am pleased that the total amount raised was £142.52, so thank you to everybody that contributed to the cause.

I now have a number of volunteers that assist with the running of the book exchange, I am very grateful for your time.

Thank you to everyone that has visited us, donated books, displayed a poster, spread the word and shared my social media posts, your support over last year has been incredible.

**Large range of
fiction books
for all ages**

**Now also stocking:
Travel books
Autobiographies
Classic Cookbooks
Jigsaw Puzzles**

Open Hours

Monday 10am-2pm

Thursday 3.15-6.15pm

Farmers Market

Saturdays 9am-1pm

Higham Ferrers Christmas Sparkle

Volunteers are needed for Saturday 23rd November. If you can spare an hour or two please call 01933 312075 or email info@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk. This will be to welcome the public as they arrive and act as a general information point, circulate the selfie frame, and if you are able to, put out and take down barriers, before and after the event. We are a very small team and your time would make a huge difference.

Thank you.

A Sunny, Event Filled Saturday in Higham Ferrers...

There is always a buzz around the town on the last Saturday of each month, with lots of reasons to venture in and have a look around. On 29th June, along with the usual monthly Farmers Market, there was the Armed Forces Covenant signing in the Market Square and many other local events.

It was lovely to see so many people attend the Armed Forces Covenant Signing with cadets, representatives from the Armed Forces, Councillors, Bedesmen, Mayors and Mayoresses from other towns and many members of the public.



The event started at 10am with a procession to the Market Square for the Signing of the Covenant.

In 2011 the Government established the Armed Forces Covenant, a commitment to all those who serve, who have served, and their families, that they will be treated fairly and not be disadvantaged because of their service.

Higham Ferrers and the surrounding area is home to both current and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces, and their families. These individuals form an important part of our local community, bringing with them skills and a contribution that is unique and valuable.

The signing of the Armed Forces Covenant demonstrates the town council's commitment to supporting the Armed Forces community.



Following the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant, visitors were invited into the town chambers for some refreshments. We purchased artisan breads, sausage rolls, pastries, cheese, fruit and preserves from our market traders for the civic reception so that visitors could sample the produce which is available.



We thought this would be a lovely way to welcome our visitors to the town and a great way to promote the traders who attend our monthly market.



The Farmers Market brings lots of visitors to



the town which is also good for many of the local businesses. We are lucky to have such a diverse range of shops and services in our High Street and it is wonderful to see them being so well utilised.

There was a fabulous end to the market day with a fly pass by the Red Arrows which was a spectacular sight on this sunny day and very fitting for the Armed Forces celebrations across the county.

Other events on the day...

Hope Methodist Church had a coffee morning & mammoth jigsaw & book sale with bacon baps from 10-11.30am.

The Bede House hosted their usual coffee morning from 9am to 12noon which is held on market day.



There was an art exhibition by Margaret Finch at Chichele College from 10am - 4pm. Another great free event in the town.



A wonderful range of produce from many award winning local traders including, cupcakes, brownies, bread, cheese, pies, poultry, eggs, fishcakes, meat, honey, chilli sauces, dog food, plants, confectionery, hot food & drinks, soaps, accessories, fruit and vegetables.

AUGUST	31st
SEPTEMBER	28th
OCTOBER	26th
NOVEMBER	30th
DECEMBER	21st



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9am - 1pm



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D-Day 80th Anniversary Beacon Lighting



6th June 2024 marked the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Along with hundreds of other town councils, groups and organisations we were honoured to light a beacon at 9.15pm at the Market Square that represented the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of war.

The Mayor read the International Tribute recognising the sacrifice made by both the people fighting on the front but also those working behind the scenes to care for the wounded, tend homes, work on the farms and in the factories, raise families, and so much more.



A wreath was laid at the War Memorial on behalf of the people of Higham Ferrers.



The Mayor and councillors were joined at the beacon lighting by many residents, the CCF (Combined Cadet Force) and representatives from the Armed Forces.

Thank you to all of the Higham Ferrers residents that joined us to help us commemorate this occasion.

Calling all knitters, crocheters, crafters and helpers!



Craft volunteers have been busy again, creating a new woolly suit for the poppy man which was displayed for the D-Day 80th Anniversary in June. There was also poppy bunting adorning the chains around the memorial.

We have now used up all of the poppy reserves so are looking for more in order to refresh the display and add to it for Remembrance. Poppy patterns are available from the Town Hall but we accept any variety of poppy for the display, the more variety the better!

The volunteers meet about once a month to plan the displays, catch up and get creative.

They are already working on items for the yarn-bombing Christmas display too so why not come along to share your ideas for the festive season.

If you can't knit, crochet or craft but would like to be involved, we would love helpers to assist assembling and taking down the displays as this can be a mammoth task in itself.

If you can help to create some poppies for the display, want to join the craft volunteers or help in any way, please contact 01933 312075 or email: donna@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk

HERITAGE FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024
AT RUSHDEN LAKES FROM 11AM-5PM



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The Rushden & Higham Ferrers Wellbeing Bus Service



Rushden Town Council and Higham Ferrers Town Council in partnership with Shire Community Services provide a regular bus service for Rushden and Higham Ferrers Town Centres, shopping and leisure, as well as Home to School and SEND transport.

Membership of this service is now **FREE**, and transport is also **FREE** after 9.30am for those who hold a concessionary bus pass. Non-concessionary travel is available for a small fee.

For more info visit the Town Hall in Higham Ferrers, call 01933 223636, scan the QR code below or visit shirecommunityservices.org.uk




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not already listed on the app? Let us know so we can add you!

MAYOR'S REPORT

It has been a very busy start to my Mayoral year!

I have been representing Higham Ferrers at several Mayor inaugurations in neighbouring towns and also had afternoon tea with the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire at Rockingham Castle.

I have been at the Farmers Markets, Chichele College Garden Fair, where I presented the winners with their prizes and have visited the secret gardens of Higham Ferrers. I was honoured to attend and preside over the lighting of the Beacon to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings.

My first fundraising event of the year was the Mayor's Green Trail Day, with support from residents and local businesses we managed to raise over £1000 for charitable causes. Thank you to all that took part and donated, I hope you enjoyed it!

I am busy behind the scenes, planning further fundraising events, keep an eye out for auditions for Higham's Got Talent, Charity Golf day, Halloween, and a Las Vegas themed evening!

Mr Vijay Pant



Photo: X - Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire



Photo: Northants Telegraph



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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	TIME
30th July 2024	Council	7.30pm
13 th August 2024	Planning and Development Committee	6.45pm
	Policy and Resources Committee	7.30pm
27th August 2024	Statutory Council	7.30pm
10 th September 2024	Planning and Development Committee	6.45pm
	Environment and Recreation Committee	7.30pm
24th September 2024	Council	7.30pm
8 th October 2024	Planning and Development Committee	6.45pm
	Policy and Resources Committee	7.30pm
29th October 2024	Council	7.30pm
12 th November 2024	Planning and Development Committee	6.45pm
	Environment and Recreation Committee	7.30pm
26th November 2024	Statutory Council	7.30pm

All meetings are held in the Town Hall unless otherwise notified. The public are welcome to attend Town Council meetings.

There is a stairlift available if required for access to the Town Hall Chambers which are upstairs.

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HIGHAM FERRERS' SAVE THE DATES 2024

Sunday
22
September

Heritage Day

Rushden Lakes, 11am-5pm



Sunday
10
November

Remembrance Service

Market Sq, Higham Ferrers, 10.45am



Saturday
23
November

Christmas sparkle

Higham Ferrers, 11am-6pm.



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.



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Northamptonshire
Council**

The Unitary Council deal with:

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

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* North Northamptonshire Councillors



Higham Ferrers Community Library and Wellbeing Hub



M

Closed AM

Closed Lunch time

Craftanoon 1400-1600

T

Closed AM

GEM Group 1200-1400

Library Open 1400-1600

W

Library Open 1000-1200

Closed Lunch time

Library Open 1400-1600

T

Library Open 1000-1200

Closed Lunch time

Games Afternoon 1400-1600

F

Closed AM

Closed Lunch time

Closed PM

