

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL



As Town Mayor of Braunstone Town I am delighted to send Christmas greetings to all residents for 2016. On looking back at my year so far, I am honoured to have met so many local residents and seen the work of our local groups and organisations that offer support and community life for so many of residents. It has been very humbling to see the work that volunteers undertake in our community to help those less fortunate and our thanks go out to all those residents for the work they do. I have also been delighted to attend many of the events that have taken place in Braunstone Town including services to remember our armed forces and commemoration of the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme, civic events to celebrate Diwali and to support the nomination of one of our unsung heroes in Braunstone Town at the Blaby District Council Outstanding Achievement Awards. I was also delighted to attend a Royal Street Party to celebrate HRM Queen's 90th birthday. During the year I have also attended many fundraising events organised by local groups to raise funds for their ongoing support and work within Braunstone. Our future events for the Christmas season include Christmas quiz, children's disco, Christmas band concert and the annual pantomime. Net proceeds from the pantomime will be donated to my chosen charity for the year – Arthritis Research UK – and so I hope you will be come along and help support the event to raise funds for this very worthy cause. All that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy and joyous Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Berneta Layne, Braunstone Town Mayor

MEDICAL ROOMS - THORPE ASTLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE



Earlier in the year, the Town Council undertook a consultation with the community concerning the use of the Medical Rooms at Thorpe Astley Community Centre, which have remained unoccupied since the Centre

opened in 2010. The overwhelming desire of the community was that these rooms should be put to use to provide health services to the community.

The Town Council has been working closely with the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group who have confirmed that there is not likely to be an outreach Doctor's surgery operating from Thorpe Astley in the short to medium term due to the capacity of local providers to run such a service. However, there is a desire from the NHS to use the facility to provide Children's Health Services. Discussions are ongoing, which includes further meetings in November to work out practical arrangements for such services to be provided from the Centre.



FRANKLIN PARK COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Franklin Park Community Orchard has now been open to the public for a year and is well used by the

local residents who are invited to come along and pick the fruit produced. Maintenance of the area is undertaken by our ground staff but the pruning of the apple trees in the orchard is due to take place in January 2017. Local residents are invited to come along and help with this annual task and learn a little about caring and maintaining apple trees. The pruning will take place on Wednesday 18th January 2017 10am – 1pm. If the weather is not suitable for the pruning on this day then it will go ahead on Wednesday 25th January. Following the pruning soup and refreshments will be provided at Braunstone Civic Centre. If you are interested in attending on the day to help with the work please contact Mrs Pauline Snow on 0116 2899270 or pauline.snow@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk

Last November residents of Thorpe Astley raised concerns with the Town Council concerning the Lubbethorpe construction and in particular the construction of the new bridge over the M1 and the opening of the new access road. As construction completes, we have been in discussion with the various parties involved concerning the potential for the land adjacent to the new road being landscaped and planted with trees to provide both screening for residents of Thorpe Astley from the new road and woodland walks for the community. Discussions are ongoing and to date have been positive and constructive. As proposals are put together we will keep residents informed of progress, which will include an opportunity to have your say.



Christmas is a very busy time of the year for everyone, including criminals. It may be the season of Goodwill to all, but **DON'T LET CRIMINALS ENJOY CHRISTMAS AT YOUR EXPENSE!** Take care with



Christmas shopping and Home Security over the festive season. Please remember the following:

Your car:

- * When shopping for gifts, keep them out of sight – if they can be seen they can be stolen;
- * Never leave keys in the ignition – even for a short period;
- * Always close windows, engage steering lock and lock all doors;
- * Take all valuables (purses, wallets and sat-nav) with you;
- * Park your car in a well-lit area or in an attended car park.

Your house:

- * Ensure all doors and windows are locked;
- * Present should be kept out of view;
- * Never leave car keys or handbags downstairs or near the front door;
- * Going on holiday? Consider using automatic lights, cancel milk and papers and ask neighbor to keep an eye on your house and put your bins in and out;
- * Only open the door after you have identified the caller and sure who they are;
- * Do not keep large amounts of cash at home – use a bank/building society.



OPENING HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS

23rd Dec - 9.00am - 4.30pm

24th Dec - 27th Dec - Centre closed

28th Dec - 30th Dec - 9.00am - 4.30pm

31st Dec - 2nd Jan - Centre closed

3rd Jan - back to normal

For the Bar at the Civic opening hours please check with the bar.

What's on

'Harvest Community Church Carol Service'

Sunday 11th December
6.30pm—7.30pm
Tickets - FREE
Braunstone Civic Centre

Christmas Fun Concert

Friday 16th December
7.30pm
Tickets - £6.00 Adults
£5.00 Conc.
Under 16 FREE
Braunstone Civic Centre

'ALADDIN' Family Pantomime

Saturday 7th January
2.00pm
Tickets £7.00 Adults
£6.00 Children
£24.00 Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children)
Braunstone Civic Centre

Customer Service Shop, Braunstone Civic Centre

Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

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