



As Town Mayor I am delighted to send Christmas greetings to all residents for 2017. I am honoured to have met so many local residents and to have seen the work of our local groups and organisations at the heart of our community life, many work hard to raise funds for their ongoing work and it has been very humbling to see the work that volunteers undertake in our community to help those less fortunate. My chosen charity for the year is Rainbows and in September I abseiled down the tower of Southern Fire and Rescue Station raising over £1,000, thank you to all those who sponsored me. 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 Rainbows – so I hope you will be come along and help support this event. Also this year the Parish Council was 90 and my thanks go to the hard work of the Braunstone Heritage Archive Group who have published a fascinating account into how life changed in Braunstone in the 1920s & 1930s when the small manor village quickly grew into a sub-urban community. Copies of the publication are available for £5 from the Civic Centre, the net proceeds being donated to my charity Rainbows. Finally I had the pleasure of meeting a very special resident, Lilian Wignall of Fairbourne Road who reached the grand age of 110 on 1st October. I presented Lilian with a card and flowers on behalf of the Town and wished her happy birthday. Lilian is a remarkable person, she is engaging and clearly lives for every moment. All that remains is for me to wish you a happy and joyous Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

**Cllr. Bill Wright, Braunstone Town Mayor**



## Highway Issues - Thorpe Astley

Following a meeting in June concerning highways issues in Thorpe Astley, the following progress has been made:

- \* Leicestershire County Council have commissioned surveys which once completed and analysed will enable them to propose solutions to address the concerns raised in relation to traffic, safety and parking. We will keep residents informed of progress.
- \* the Local Police Beat Team are keeping a regular eye on parking in Thorpe Astley, particularly from Meridian. They have been working with local businesses and where necessary have placed advisory notices for dangerous/obstructive parking on vehicles.
- \* Concerning speeding, thank you to all residents who signed the pledge of support for a Community Speedwatch scheme, we have 211 valid signatures which is enough and therefore we have made an application to establish Community Speedwatch in Thorpe Astley. We will keep residents informed of progress and advise on how you can get involved.



## Forthcoming Budget Meetings

The Town Council will be setting its budget, Capital Plan and council tax in January. Before this Committees will be considering service levels and savings. Meetings are held at Braunstone Civic Centre and will be open to the public and contain a public participation item on the agenda

- Citizens' Advisory Panel – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm
- Planning & Environment Committee – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm
- Community Development Committee – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.45pm
- Policy & Resources Committee – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm
- Council – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 8.00pm

Braunstone Town Council and Ratby Co-operative Mid Band Presents

## CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm  
Braunstone Civic Centre

**Tickets: Adults £6.50  
Under 16 FREE**

Available to buy at the Civic Centre

## Bowjangles

★★★★★ "ACTION PACKED" (THE GUARDIAN)  
★★★★★ "PURE GOLD" (THE TIMES)

## EXCALIBOW

ONE BOW TO RULE THEM ALL



**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 satnav) 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;
- \* Presents 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.



## CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

24 Dec – 1 Jan Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre CLOSED except for:

- \* The Bar@ the Civic Centre will be open over Christmas and New Year – check with the Bar or our website for opening times
- \* Customer Service Shop @ Braunstone Civic Centre OPEN Thu 28 & Fri 29 9am – 3pm
- \* Civic Centre open from 6pm on 31 Dec for New Year Celebrations

Normal Opening hours from Tue 2 January.

THORPE ASTLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE (LE3 3RU)  
Sunday 21 January 7:30 pm £7.00 (Standard)

THE ANTI-MONOPOLY FUN FOR ALL PARTY GAME

## Dick Whittington AND HIS PRATE ADVENTURE

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6th January 2018, 2pm  
Braunstone Civic Centre  
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