



As Town Mayor I am delighted to send Christmas greetings to all residents for 2018. It continues to be a pleasure to meet so many local residents at a wide variety of events organised by our local groups and organisations who are at the heart of our community. Events have ranged from community fetes and open days, through cultural events and commemoration concerts to a children's disco.



The significant event this year was the commemorations of the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War/World War 1. If like me you attended the Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade or if you have passed by the Civic Centre, you will have been moved by the 14,178 hand-made unique poppies each commemorating the life of a Leicestershire man lost during service in World War One. My thanks go to the hard work and dedication of the volunteers from Braunstone Community Life who joined together to create the Poppy Cascade. We don't know the amount of time it took to create the hand-crafted poppies but the team spent well over 2,500 hours sewing the poppies onto the meshes, which is approximately 55 square metres.

The Group also had the vision to refurbish the memorial garden with the two memorial stones. The garden and memorial garden will provide a focal point in the years to come for acts of remembrance and dedication to our service personnel through Armed Forces Day and other events.

Both Harvest Community Church and Ratby Co-operative Mid Band will be hosting Christmas events at the Civic Centre this month (details below) and the Town Mayor's Carol Service is at St Crispin's Church on 16th December at 6.30pm, with donations to my chosen charity for the year RSPB Leicestershire Branch, Woodside Animal Centre. All are welcome.

All that remains is for me to wish you a happy and joyous Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Cllr. Sharon Betts, Braunstone Town Mayor



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 a neighbour 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.



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 6th December, 7.30pm
- Planning & Environment Committee – Thursday 13th December, 7.00pm
- Community Development Committee – Thursday 13th December, 7.45pm
- Policy & Resources Committee – Thursday 10th January, 7.30pm
- Planning & Environment Committee – Thursday 17th January, 7.30pm
- Council – Thursday 25th January, 8.00pm

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 27, Fri 28 & Mon 31 9am – 3pm
- * Civic Centre open from 6pm on 31 Dec for New Year Celebrations
Normal Opening hours from Wed 2 January.

Sports and Recreation Facilities

The Town Council has an ambitious capital programme for improvements to its parks and recreation spaces, including improvements to sporting facilities, for example the Sports Pavilion and Pitches at Shakespeare Park. Have your say on Sporting and Recreation Provision and priorities for improvements, including how we fund these. The consultation is available on our website and from our Community Centre receptions. The consultation closes on 2nd January 2019.

Sunday 9th December
6.30pm
Braunstone Civic Centre

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH BRASS BAND CAROL SERVICE

Tickets: FREE
Available at the Civic Centre

For further details call 0116 290045 or www.braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk

Braunstone Town Mayor and St Crispin's Church warmly invite all residents to attend a

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

To be held at St Crispin's Parish Church, Turnbull Drive

SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER
6.30pm

Refreshments and mince pies will be served after the Service

FOR FURTHER DETAILS TELEPHONE 0116 2890045
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