

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2022



COUNCIL SURGERY

Thursday 7th July, 6pm - 7pm,
on Zoom

Saturday 6th August, 10am – 12pm,
The Broadway*

Saturday 3rd September, 10am –
12pm, Bradley-Moore Square

*with our partners from Thames Valley
Police neighbourhood team

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

You can read a copy of our
Annual Report 2021/22
on our website at: <https://bit.ly/38aOVt8>

COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Council meetings are held in
Thatcham Town Council Chamber at
7pm unless otherwise stated.

**Recordings of all Council &
Committee meetings can be
viewed on our YouTube channel.**

Members of the public are warmly
invited to attend the following
meetings:

Planning & Highways
Tuesday 7th June

Events
Monday 13th June

Recreation & Amenities
Monday 20th June

Full Council
Monday 27th June

Planning & Highways
Tuesday 28th June

Town Centre
Monday 11th July

Finance & General Purposes
Monday 18th July



NEW MAYOR ELECTED

On Sunday 8th May a new Mayor was
elected at a ceremony at the Frank
Hutchings Community Hall.



Photos by Alan Woolfenden

New Mayor, Councillor Jeff Brooks,
announced Daisy's Dream and Thatcham
Tornadoes as his chosen charities for the
year. In his acceptance speech, Councillor
Brooks thanked fellow Councillors *"for
providing your faith in me to carry out
our Mayoral duties in the coming year.
It is a source of great pride and sense of
achievement to be your Mayor and in this
year of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee"*.
Councillor Brooks has been a local
councillor for over thirty years,
representing Thatcham at both Town and
District level.

Councillor Brooks announced Mandy Cole
as Mayoress and Reverend Mark Bennet as
his Chaplain for the year.

Councillor Brooks will be supported by
Councillor Mark Lillycrop as Deputy Mayor
for the year, who announced his wife Jenny
as Deputy Mayoress.

As a new Mayor was elected,
outgoing Mayor, Councillor John Boyd, paid
tribute to all who had supported him in his
Mayoral year 2021/22. During his year in
office, Councillor Boyd raised £1,000 each
for his chosen charities; Swings & Smiles
and Thatcham Town Cricket Club, with
the charities collecting their donations at a
special reception held at Thatcham Town
Football Club.



COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF



Way was a popular choice, in recognition
of Malcolm's contribution to Thatcham. The
[then] Mayor, Councillor John Boyd, had
the pleasure of unveiling the road sign at a
ceremony with Malcolm's widow Carole and
family, former colleagues, and many friends.

In April the Town Council
conducted a road naming
ceremony in memory of
Malcolm Langford, a local
Thatcham historian and
pillar of the Thatcham
community. The Council
was asked for road
name suggestions for
the former Crown Yard
development. Langford

If you've visited the town
centre recently you will have
noticed that the Broadway
Green and public toilets have
been refurbished, and new
waste and recycling bins
have also been installed.



THATCHAM'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Photo by Alan Woolfenden

As the country celebrates Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year, Thatcham Town Council will be providing and supporting an array of events and activities taking place over the June bank holiday weekend, as well as a legacy project which will last the whole year.

The opening event will be a Beacon Lighting ceremony and festivities on the evening of **Thursday 2nd June** at Dunstan Green Playing Fields, when Thatcham will be combining simultaneously with over 1,500 beacon lighting events across the U.K. and Commonwealth.

The Town Council's commemorative beacon will be lit by the Deputy Lieutenant of Berkshire and the Mayor of Thatcham at **9.45pm** which coincides with the lighting of beacons as well as community choirs singing across all nations. Thatcham Town Council has commissioned Pedro Santos to work with Thatcham's five Primary Schools to create a mass choral choir who will sing a specially written and composed 'Song for the Commonwealth' which will also be sung by the many community choirs taking part throughout the U.K. and Commonwealth. This specially selected song has been written and composed by Lucy Kelly, from Australia and Vincent Atueyi Chinemelu from Nigeria.

At **12.30pm on 2nd June**, in Thatcham Town Centre, a town crier will declare a special written proclamation announcing the start of the Jubilee celebrations. In the evening, from **8.30pm**, at Dunstan Green RG18 4JS, families will have the chance to join in the festivities and make a Union Flag windmill or Jubilee badge. There will be dance displays, street theatre and music from Cold Ash Brass Band. At **9.40pm** a specially written bugle call, entitled "Majesty" will officially announce the lighting of the beacon. The primary school's choir will then sing the specially commissioned music just before 9.45pm and the lighting of over 1,500 Platinum Jubilee Beacons. At **10pm** the evening will close with a 6 minute firework display set to music.

It will not be possible to park at Dunstan Green on the day of the event and we ask the public to make alternative arrangements. Nearest parking is at Bradley-Moore Square car park or the Kingsland Centre car park in the Town Centre.

On **Sunday 5th June**, the UK public are being encouraged to put on their own community party as part of the celebrations. West Berkshire Council has created a pack with suggestions, ideas and information for organising your own street party, which you can find at: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/jubilee>



Free arts & crafts Thursday 2nd June

Thatcham Historical Society and The Old Bluecoat School are hosting a FREE Jubilee Exhibition at The Old Bluecoat School from **2nd to 5th June**. The event will help promote the history of Thatcham and the history of the Old Bluecoat School, as well as celebrate the Queen's remarkable achievement. The exhibition will include a timeline and photos of the Queen's reign, world events and events in Thatcham during that time.

Entry is free. Opening times are: 2nd June, 1pm to 4pm, 6pm to 9pm 3rd to 5th June, 10am to 4pm



Celebrate The Queen's reign Be part of Thatcham's legacy project



Thatcham Town Council is also creating Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Legacy Project. The vision is to work with the people of Thatcham to develop a large visual commemoration of Her Majesty's reign, to display in the Town. The intent is to create 45 scenes in a variety of mixed media, and this will be displayed in the town as a record of the major events in Her Majesty's life since becoming Monarch. The project can include Embroidery, Weaving, Applique, Cross stitch, Patchwork, Photography, Painting, Marquetry, Mosaic, Felting, Beading, Crochet and others that might be suggested. The project will run throughout 2022 and anyone interested in www.thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk

being involved should contact Thatcham Town Council at: enquiries@thatchamtown-council.gov.uk or call in to collect a leaflet.

Alternatively, on **Sunday 5th June**, Churches Together In Thatcham are organising The Big Jubilee Lunch at Kennet School playing fields where from 10.00am until 4.00pm families can enjoy live music, games, activities, stalls and a BBQ.

The Churches of Thatcham invite you to
The Big Jubilee Lunch
Sunday 5 June 10am - 4pm
Kennet School Field, Stoney Lane, Thatcham
(inside if wet)

Family Games & Activities
Local Community Stalls
Free Barbecue in our Marquee
Live Music & Good News Stories
on our Stage featuring Spice Band The Scarce

Competitions for All with prizes presented by the Mayor of Thatcham:
♦ Jubilee Crown
Make your crown in advance. Wear it on the day. Take part in the parade after lunch!
♦ Jubilee Cake
Bring along your cake. Enter it in the competition. Share it out after lunch!
♦ Five-a-side Football
Competitions start at 11.00am. All ages welcome. Play for the honour of your team! To enter, please contact us on 07932 129463 by 29 May.

After a brief rest the celebrations will continue as the annual **Thatcham Family Fun Day**, on **Sunday 26th June** at Henwick Worthy Sports Ground, adopts a Platinum Jubilee theme, with a Kings & Queens and Princes & Princesses fancy dress competition and a Best Dressed Stall competition.

Mayor of Thatcham, Councillor Jeff Brooks says:

"There is a terrific program of events that we have organised or been helping with, starting with the ceremonial lighting of the beacon on Dunstan Green. I look forward to enjoying this event on the Thursday evening and meeting with lots of people enjoying the very large, amalgamated school's choir. I also look forward to joining people at the Jubilee lunch on Sunday and continuing to promote our ambitious Legacy Project, capturing 45 instantly identifiable scenes from the Queen's reign. The Council will continue to be at the centre of these celebrations, and frankly I can't wait for the Jubilee weekend!"

BEACON LIGHTING CEREMONY
FOR HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

BE A PART OF HISTORY AS WE CELEBRATE HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S 70 YEAR REIGN

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE FROM 8.30PM
AT DUNSTAN GREEN PARK RG18 4JS.
BEACON LIGHTING AT 9.45PM

MASS THATCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHOIR
COLD ASH BRASS | DANCE DISPLAYS | FIREWORKS
FREE ARTS & CRAFTS | REFRESHMENTS

PLEASE NOTE, PARKING NOT AVAILABLE AT DUNSTAN GREEN, PLEASE WALK OR PARK AT BRADLEY MOORE SQUARE, RG18 4QH OR KINGSLAND CENTRE RG19 3JH

WWW.THATCHAMTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK/PLATINUM-JUBILEE-CELEBRATIONS



THATCHAM ²⁰²² FAMILY FUN DAY

11am-4pm Sunday 26th June

Henwick Worthy Sports Ground, RG18 3BN



★ Street Food

Circus Skills ★

Dog Show ★

★ Petting Farm ★

Community Stalls

★ Classic Cars

★ Interactive Sports

Inflatables

★ Fun Fair

Fancy Dress Competition

★ Kings & Queens, Princes & Princesses

★ Dancers

Best Dressed Stall Competition

★ Free entry: Think Eco Travel ★

To avoid congestion, please park at the nearby Community Hospital car park



ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Thatcham Town Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and established a working party to work to reach carbon zero.

The need for urgent action was underlined recently when the United Nations' scientific community on climate change, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), published a major report in which it gave us what is in effect a final warning that we must do much more to reduce carbon emissions. The following day the UK announced its energy strategy. Both are significant events concerning climate change, but they do not align.

The IPCC report stated clearly that carbon emissions must be made to peak by 2025, and that, even if that happens, CO2 will need to be extracted from the atmosphere on an industrial scale. This is the first time they have effectively said that we have passed the point where reducing emissions will be sufficient to reverse climate change. In contrast, the UK energy strategy did not call for the immediate cessation of the extraction of fossil fuels in the UK, nor did it call for policies to reduce the demand for energy, both of which would be necessary for it to respect the IPCC report.

This contrast between what is required globally and what is committed to in UK policy leaves us in a difficult position locally and individually. The Town Council believes, though, that we must all, organisations and individuals, continue to do all we can to reduce our carbon emissions independently of government policy. As a Council we look to reduce our own emissions, we encourage action on biodiversity and we offer help to our residents to reduce their own carbon emissions. We urge anyone seeking further guidance on this to read the environment section of the Council's website at <https://thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk/environment/>

It is essential now that all governments around the world take notice of the message issued by the IPCC and take immediate action accordingly. We can all lobby our own government to adopt appropriate policies and show the world that it can be done.

Councillor Richard Foster

Chairman, Environmental Working Party

We're supporting Clean Air Day 2022.

Look out for us at Thatcham Station on 16th June!



CONTACT THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCILLORS

Each Thatcham Councillor can be contacted by email using the format name.surname@thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk

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Thatcham Central

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Ⓛ = also West Berkshire District Councillor

REPORT IT...

Have you seen something that needs reporting that we haven't spotted yet? It's easy to let us know about things like broken glass, dog fouling and litter using the "Report It" page on our **website**.

Or call the Council Office on **01635 863592**, message us on **07503 634761** or visit a Council Surgery.

To report a problem to West Berkshire Council visit:
www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem

Follow us on social media to receive regular local news and information.



@ThatchamTC



COMMUNITY UNITED WEST BERKSHIRE

We were delighted to receive a presentation from Carol and Alice, Directors at Community United West Berkshire (CUWB) and hear how they had supported Community Covid Testing at Newbury Tamil School and a vaccination centre at Newbury Mosque, and how they continue to support Afghan refugees temporarily housed at the Regency Park Hotel.

Their inaugural "One Community Cricket & Family Day" held at Falkland Cricket Club proved very successful and will return to the same venue on 25th September 2022.

Find out more about the work of CUWB at: <https://communityunited.uk/>

Hear their presentation to the Town Council on our YouTube channel at: https://youtu.be/QEb_-VeYCJI

WHO DOES WHAT?

Who should you contact, Thatcham Town Council or West Berkshire District Council? Here's a helpful reminder of "who does what":

Thatcham Town Council

- London Road Cemetery
- Henleys Allotments
- Frank Hutchings Community Hall
- Burdwood Community Centre
- Play Areas & Recreation Grounds
- Friday Market
- Broadway public toilets
- Community & Civic Events
- Grit Bins & Bus Shelters

West Berkshire Council

- Highways – Roads, Transport & Parking
- Waste – Rubbish & Recycling
- Planning & Building Control
- Care & Housing
- Tax & Benefits
- Consumer & Environmental Protection
- Leisure, Parks & Countryside
- Schools, Learning & Libraries
- Business & Jobs