

Royal
Wootton Bassett



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*Photo courtesy of local
resident, Mel Hunt.*

Welcome

After a long break due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we are very pleased to be back in this special 50th edition of *Community*. In this issue we take a look back at news from the Town Council over the last 12 months, with articles about the successful tree planting in Stoneover Lane and the new play equipment in Old Court play park; also a few words from our Mayor Councillor Nic Hughes, and a welcome and farewell from our new and former Town Clerks.

Richard and Judy Gosnell have put together a very informative centre-spread article about the nature reserve.

The Town Council has successfully purchased the allotments in Church Street and Manor House along Lime Kiln. We have also taken over trusteeship of the Memorial Hall.

The community of Royal Wootton Bassett has pulled together in times of crisis and will continue to do so. We hope that you all keep safe and look after each other.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue; please let me know if you have any news or feedback about this issue. You can contact us at enquiries@royalwoottonbassett.gov.uk

Rachel

From the Mayor Councillor Nic Hughes

I think myself very fortunate to have selected Royal Wootton Bassett as my home. I grew up in a small rural village but as a teenager I found the English Country life to be very quiet and pedestrian. I am so grateful that my daughters have been able to live in a place with so many opportunities. Market towns offer a fantastic variety of life experiences to the residents that live in them. Our High Street is filled with a mix of Independent retailers and more mainstream brands. We have access to a wide variety of services and our Community magazine lists a huge array of groups who are able to entertain and cater for every taste and hobby.

As I write, we are starting to exit the third lockdown. I work in a different part of the Pharmaceutical industry but many of my hard working colleagues have contributed to the global effort to develop, manufacture and deliver the inoculations that are having a huge impact on this devastating pandemic. The NHS has looked after us well in 2020, as have the scientists working long hours behind the scenes who need to be also acknowledged as heroes.

We have all seen the impact of the lockdown on our High Street with the loss of M&Co, Peacocks, Deacons and TSB. To maintain the character of the RWB that we all enjoy, the whole of our community is going to have to do its part in the recovery. As the restrictions start to ease and we feel safer in our day-to-day lives, we need everyone to get out and partake in our town's flow so that our community can repair itself. Plan an extra shopping trip to the High Street to buy yourself a special treat or get a neighbour a thank you gift. Take up a new hobby or attend a local Amateur Drama production. Say hello to a neighbour who you have not spoken to before or take a walk out to one of the sports clubs and watch a local game. Do all of these activities



Covid-safely and be mindful of protecting yourself and your fellow residents, but do them to ensure that we are still Bassett and that this Town will be there for future generations.

From the Town Clerk

Hello to all Royal Wootton Bassett residents at a very unusual time for everyone, but when there is at last a light at the end of the tunnel. This is now the fifth town council I have worked for in over 20 years and despite them all using the same rules and legislation, each council has operated in quite different ways.

As an ex-soldier, I have had a long association with Bassett; I first came here in 1977 on a KAPE Tour (Keep the Army in the Public Eye) and helped in the arrest of a shop lifter. From 2009, I helped my wife in providing Santa's Grotto every year at the Christmas Lights event until 2019 and will hopefully be involved in a different way from now on; I was the one spraying snow everywhere!

As you might imagine, it has been hard for me getting to know staff when they are regularly working from home at this time. They are very knowledgeable and have put me in contact with many of the local community groups that I am now starting to meet. For those I have yet to see, please feel free to drop me a line at the office as I would like to get to know you all and find how we might support each other for the future.

Stay safe and stay local.

Best wishes, *Steve*

From the Town Crier's Scroll

As the pages in the book of time are turned, another chapter in the history of Royal Wootton Bassett draws near to a close. We look back on 2020 as one of the most difficult in recent times. With the Government restrictions in place since the 23rd March 2020 there was no other option but to cancel the Biannual Town Criers Competition due to be held on Saturday 19th September 2020.

The date for the next town criers' competition will now be on the 17th September 2022. This marks a special time for Royal Wootton Bassett to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

While the English Civil War between King and Parliament was taking place, Plague and Pestilence were no strangers to the town and we look back in time to 25th April 1645. The town of Wootton Bassett sent a petition to the Wiltshire Justices for relief of rates of £2, 7 shillings due to the outbreak of the plague here in the town.

Restrictions are not a new thing. In January 1666 in the reign of Charles II, Wiltshire Justices issued general orders prohibiting tradesmen from receiving goods from places known to be infected. These orders also compelled those confined to their houses to remain in them, and restrained tinkers, pedlars and itinerant fiddlers



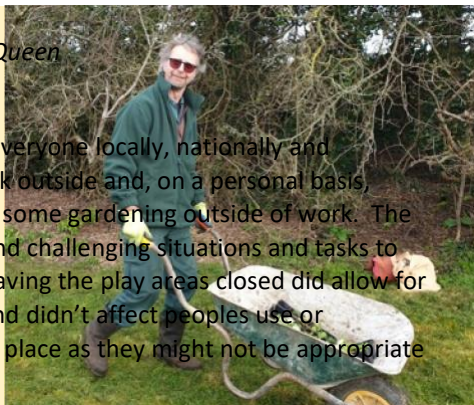
from travelling around Ogbourne St Andrew, Wootton Bassett, Marlborough and Mildenhall.

Let's hope that by the time you are reading this, our lockdown restrictions will have been eased.

God Save The Queen

Groundsman's Corner

What a strange and eventful year 2020 has been for everyone locally, nationally and worldwide. How lucky we have been generally to work outside and, on a personal basis, thankful to have both an interest and the space to do some gardening outside of work. The Covid situation certainly made for some interesting and challenging situations and tasks to deal with (as many others of you did too I'm sure). Having the play areas closed did allow for some uninterrupted maintenance to be carried out and didn't affect people's use or enjoyment. Some pieces of equipment are still not in place as they might not be appropriate under the situation we are still in.



It was a sad day when the news came that there wouldn't be any South West or Bassett in Bloom but completely understandable. The good news was that many people took to gardening as relief and that they had much more time to do it. Thank you to everyone who

did something to add some cheeriness to our community; I am sure it helped many people in one way or another and long may it continue, particularly with the many youngsters that got involved it seems.



The trees planted back in March last year at Stoneover Lane continue to thrive with very few losses thankfully. My thanks go to Josh and Helen who have regularly put mulch around each and everyone of them. The nature area at Woodshaw has received some ongoing maintenance where appropriate and will continue throughout the

winter, it is hoped thanks to John and his helpers. The dry spells have added quite a bit to our watering schedule to keep them going but that was a commitment made when taking on the planting and well worth it. The floral displays also needed more help this year than of late but again we have been rewarded nicely. The hanging baskets have been quite a picture so thanks to Sally for those. The change to damper conditions has come just right as we change over for the winter/spring displays. Our thanks again go to our local supplier for some good looking healthy plants. Let's hope we get a nice spell of suitable weather to get them all established and ready for anything that might come later in the season. The type of weather we get certainly seems to be extremes of one thing or another. Though the weather throughout September was generally equally mixed, October came in with a bang and we had over 100mm of rain in the first three days, most of it in one hit over 24 hours.

The winter was not too severe and we got through without too much interruption (aside from the Covid situation). All members of the team hope to get into our usual maintenance of trees/shrubs etc with some more trees being planted.

Stay safe and healthy, enjoy the spring and we will catch up again soon.

The Grounds Team

Royal Wootton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council has started the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The plan sets out the vision and policies to guide future development at the local level. It also allows local residents to shape the places in which they live by influencing where future development will go and what it will look like.



The current plan, covering 2017 to 2026, was adopted as recently as April 2018. However changes are being considered in housing requirements in Wiltshire to plan for the period to 2036 and there will be policy changes in the emerging Wiltshire Local Plan. So it is an appropriate time to review the Neighbourhood Plan. This will ensure the Plan continues to meet the needs of the town and remains a useful tool for the local planning authority when making decisions on planning applications in the local area.

A working group chaired by Councillor Steve Walls has been set up which includes Councillors and Officers, local groups representatives and members of the public. Planning Consultants, DLP Planning have been appointed to manage the process.

Initial discussions were held with Wiltshire Council Strategic Planning Officers. An important part of the review was to engage with the local community, thus a public consultation was held with residents, workers and business owners in the town, having a say on what they wanted Royal Wootton Bassett to look like in 10 years or so time, by completing a questionnaire. The consultation ran for 6 weeks from Monday 12th October 2020 until Monday 23rd November 2020.

The responses received will be used to develop a draft version of the new Neighbourhood Plan. This draft will then go to public consultation before submission to the local planning authority for examination by an independent planning inspector. Local residents will have their final say when asked to vote to adopt the plan via a local referendum.

We thank everyone who took part and completed the questionnaire and will keep residents and the local community informed throughout this process.

Memorial Hall

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council are now sole trustees of the Memorial Hall

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council are pleased to announce that they are now sole trustees of the Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall at Station Road, Royal Wootton Bassett. This is an invaluable community asset which has existed in the town for many decades.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Memorial Hall has been closed. Bookings will continue to be taken for 2021, with the hope of restrictions being lifted sometime in the near future.

We honour those who serve

The Memorial Hall is a licensed premises that can be hired for events such as wedding receptions, dances/parties, theatre productions or Christenings/funeral wakes; for more information please contact the Memorial Hall Lettings Officer on enquiries@royalwoottonbassett.gov.uk or telephone 01793 850222.

The Town Council would like to thank the Memorial Hall Committee for all the years of their time and effort in managing the hall for the community.



Stoneover Lane Tree Planting



On Saturday 7th March 2020, almost 50 volunteers from the local community joined us to plant 132 trees on Stoneover Lane. It was a fantastic turnout, so much so that we had all the trees planted in little over 30 minutes!

The open space behind Shelley Avenue now boasts a mix of wild cherry, silver birch, rowan, crab apple, goat willow, blackthorn and hawthorn, all of which provide fantastic habitats for birds and insects while helping reduce atmospheric CO₂ levels.

Do not sit back and relax just yet though; it is now important the trees are cared for by the community with quarterly mulching for the first 5 years. Mulching is a very important job as it stems the growth of weeds and grass around the base of each tree without using pesticides to give them the best chance of survival.

The second mulching session was completed on Friday 9th October 2020 by 2 officers of the Town Council and an officer's helpful Dad – thank you!

Without the support of local groups and volunteers, it would be very difficult for Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council and the local Environmental Group to make these projects work. A big thank-you to all who came along to help out. We hope you had a lovely morning planting trees in the sunshine and would love to see you at similar events in the future.

For now, we can look forward to watching these trees grow into wonderful habitats for all kinds of wildlife.



Before



Planting the first tree



*Left, Centre & Right
Mulching progress*



CHURCH STREET ALLOTMENTS

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council is pleased to announce that it is now the proud new owner of the Allotments at Church Street, Royal Wootton Bassett.

This is another valuable community asset which has existed in the town for several decades. The Allotments give so much pleasure, social interaction, physical and mental well-being, for all age groups.

We look forward to working with the allotment tenants and have plans to improve the walkways, provide running water and make the site more accessible for disabled users.

JUBILEE LAKE essential drainage works



If you wondered why the Jubilee Lake car park was closed from October to December 2020, it was because of urgent drainage issues.

Surface water runs from the Marsh Farm land and enters a drainage pipe which runs beneath the full 100 metre length of Jubilee Lake Car Park. This water then drains into the stream and keeps the land north of the car park free from flooding. The pipeline was originally installed 50 years ago, and since then had become cracked and disjointed which posed a risk of collapse. It was therefore vitally important to replace the pipeline before winter for the safety of car park users.

Greenford Ltd started work on 12th October 2020. Our intention had been to keep pedestrian access open to Jubilee Lake, the Tea Room and surrounding amenities as usual for the

Town Clock – Old Bank Antiques

Smith of Derby attended the town clock above the Old Bank Antiques shop on the High Street on

Tuesday 18th August 2020 to begin its refurbishment, funded by Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council. The refurbishment includes automatic controllers to put the clock forward or back for summer and winter.

The work is ongoing and we will keep you informed via our social media and Town Council website.

A special thanks to Jon White, for allowing Smith of Derby access for the works to go ahead.

Community Nature Reserve

We have a new and exciting project underway in Royal Wootton Bassett. This will be a community nature reserve, which will be set up and maintained by local volunteer residents.

The nature reserve is located at the top of the Woodshaw estate alongside Jacqui Woolford Memorial Park next door to the main road (A3102). Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council own the land and, with the help of our local Rotary group, discussed an idea to convert the field into an area for public enjoyment. A charity has been formed with the purpose of taking the nature reserve project forward.

For many years following the development of the Woodshaw estate, the field was left to its own devices and so consequently nature took over. The land is on clay and therefore often wet underfoot. Work will proceed to clear parts of the site to allow wildlife a better site and most importantly to give residents a place to go and enjoy what the reserve will offer.

During the years of neglect, trees such as oak and field maple grew. The whole area supported nettles, creeping thistles and great willowherb. Lately brambles have taken over in a big way and throttled and choked everything else making access virtually impossible or impenetrable. Hedgerows exist on three sides and have become a bit unruly in places.



The hedge adjacent to the road acts as a good barrier for traffic noise. The species found are mainly hawthorn and elder with a mass of ivy both growing up the bushes and along the ground and with the inevitable bramble. Underneath are lots of new leaves of lords and ladies; showing bright green, the plant is found in shady places usually hedgerows and woods. The brilliant yellow of celandines shines through the undergrowth on a dull day and some primroses are spotted.



Trees, especially silver birches and hedgerows, play an important role in the environment because they are good at cleaning the air. Those trees and hedges close to roads become important in helping to reduce traffic pollution. They also help protect against flooding and soak up residual water, and provide texture and places for insects and birds. The project is looking to plant more trees within the reserve, including fruit trees such as crab apple for an orchard. Hazel as well as field maple and oak are also suitable for the site. The trees offer homes for wildlife so bird and bug boxes can be installed on existing larger trees.

During several visits in March we heard blackbirds, robins and wrens having a good singsong. Blue tits and great tits were heard nearby and, above the noise of the traffic, skylarks were seen and heard high up in the sky. They were flying above the fields of Marsh Farm. It is likely other birds are around, so we shall need to keep a quiet watch when visiting!

In a corner of the site is a small pond that was dug out a few years ago. It is now maturing with rushes and reeds growing along with some willow, a species that loves water. In March frogspawn was spotted in the water. During previous summers we have watched the bright blue emperor dragonfly flying over the pond so there is scope for other dragonfly species to frequent the pond together with water beetles and bugs.

We shall be looking forward to visiting throughout the year to see what wildlife is there and we shall keep an eye on what will colonise in the future.

You can find the Royal Wootton Bassett community nature reserve at the end of a path with a gate just off Lindisfarne in Woodshaw.

Since preparing this article in March 2020, volunteers have been busy clearing an area of brambles, nettles and willow herb during the summer. The area cleared may be planted with shrubs and trees. The water level in the pond reduced drastically due to the dry weather but may have increased after the 4 wet days (123mm) early October.

Richard and Judy Gosnell: March 2020.



Your Town Council during Covid-19

Royal Wootton Bassett has faced unprecedented challenges since the Prime Minister initiated the lockdown of the country on Monday 23rd March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Since that time, the Town Council has worked closely with Wiltshire Council, Royal Wootton Bassett Chamber of Commerce, Royal Wootton Bassett Helpers [Covid-19 Community Support Group], and Royal Wootton Bassett Police to support the local community during these difficult times.

Here are some of the activities that has been carried out:-

- Working with Wiltshire Council to ensure social distancing on the High Street with appropriate signage.
- Liaising with the Royal Wootton Bassett Chamber of Commerce to support the local business community and make certain they receive the latest advice.
- Arranging with Wiltshire Council free parking in Borough Fields car park on Saturdays 5th & 12th December 2020, to support High Street shops' and businesses' recovery efforts.
- Working with Royal Wootton Bassett Police to ensure the Town Council is delivering its services within the Government guidance and that they continue to receive ongoing support from our CCTV suite.
- Posting 120 news items on the Town Council's Facebook and 208 news items on the Town Council website concerning Covid-19, from 18th March 2020 to 7th September 2020.
- Supporting the local mutual aid group, RWB Helpers, who helped our most vulnerable by delivering food boxes, prescriptions, posting letters or by a friendly call. The Town Council were able to secure £7,193 of grant monies and donations to provide funds for the Volunteers' efforts.
- Following the collapse of CMAS (Community Mentoring & Support) during the pandemic, procuring an alternative provider, The Rise Trust, for youth services in the town.
- Working with other local councils across the county and Wiltshire Council in respect of cemetery provision, to increase capacity to achieve a state of readiness to allow funerals to take place in a dignified yet efficient manner at volume.

Throughout this pandemic your Town Council office has continued business as usual, with office staff working either remotely or in the Covid-19 secure office. Ground maintenance staff too have continued to operate, cutting grass in play areas and the cemetery, maintaining flowerbeds, checking play areas and much more. Virtual meetings have been held since 4th June 2020 and progress has been made to deliver ongoing projects, some of which are published in this Bulletin.

The Town Council Office has worked hard in keeping the local community informed with up-to-date news and advice. Government guidelines and regulations are ever changing due to the ongoing pandemic - if you don't have online access, we welcome you to contact the

Town Council office on 01793 850222 to find out the current status on the various services we provide, such as Wednesday market, CCTV, Jubilee Lake, play parks, Council meetings, public toilets, youth provision to name a few. For those who do have online access, we recommend regular visits to the Town Council website or follow our Facebook page, where you will automatically receive latest news and information on the pandemic and its impact on our services and the local community.

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council would like to thank the local community for listening, helping and complying with the ongoing advice from the UK Government. It is sad to see reported the loss of local residents to Covid-19 and we send our condolences to their family and friends. It is hoped that by working together our town will be able to get through these difficult times.

Cllr Nic Hughes,

Mayor of Royal Wootton Bassett

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council Calendar of Meetings

	2021	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Amenities				10th		RECESS	2nd
Revenue & Resources				24th			23rd
Council					8th		
Annual Town Meeting							
Mayor Making		22nd					
Appoint Committees			13th				
Town Hall & Trust Charity			20th				

Meetings of the Full Council, Amenities and Revenue & Resources Committees are currently being held virtually via the meeting platform and will commence at 7pm unless otherwise stated.

The Annual Town Meeting will commence at 7pm - venue to be confirmed.

Mayor Making will be at 7pm - venue to be confirmed.

Please check the Town Council web page, Facebook, Twitter and notice boards for the scheduling and location of planning meetings.

Town Hall and Trust Charity meetings will commence upon the rising of the Council Meeting.

Grant Aid Applications

At a meeting of the Revenue and Resources Committee held on Thursday 2nd July 2020, the Committee awarded a grant aid of £850 to the Royal Wootton Bassett Chamber of Commerce. Roz Paton introduced the application and answered any questions.

The grant aid will be used to encourage the High Street retailers to the Chamber of Commerce membership and involve them in the joint voice of 'Buy Local, Buy Bassett' by offering a discounted annual membership to remove financial constraints as they open their business again and recover from closure.

Wiltshire Sight was also awarded a grant at the Revenue and Resources meeting that took place on 12th November 2020. They received £650, which will help fund their sight loss advice project.

On 11th March 2021 during a Revenue and Resources meeting, 3 more applications were successful in receiving funding and were awarded:

Community First Responders: £100 towards upgrading their observation equipment. The

RWB Shed: £500 towards replacing large kit items used on community projects.

Keep Bassett Tidy: £400 towards buying 15 new sets of litter pickers, hoops and hi-viz jackets.

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council purchases Manor House

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council is pleased to announce its recent purchase of the Manor House from Wiltshire Council, which is located next to Royal Wootton Bassett Police Station. The Town Council's focus is to re-develop the building to make it an essential part of public services for the future to come.

Having spent the last decade as individual offices, the Manor House will undergo redevelopment which will provide a new Town Council office with a purpose-built Council Chamber, and much needed dedicated community space with storage, an exhibition room and facilities for youth services.

Plans are now being created by professional architects which aim to deliver a modern, efficient and greener building.

Councillor Nic Hughes, Mayor of Royal Wootton

Bassett Town Council said: "Manor House is a major investment for Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council, and will offer a multi-functional facility for our staff and our residents. The space available in the building will allow us a huge amount of flexibility in the services that we can offer and provide a real Community Hub for our townsfolk."

Cemetery Improvement Works

To prepare Downs View cemetery for the next ten to fifteen years for residents, Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council have invested £60,000 in improvement works, including expansion of cemetery burial spaces. With currently less than 30 plots for interment of ashes available and

just one baby/child burial space left in the existing section, the cemetery improvement work was very much needed.

The project started on 20th July 2020 and took just over 6 weeks to complete.

The new enhanced area now has a section allocated for 100 plots for the interment of ashes and 16 baby/child burial spaces. It also includes new pathways to gain access to this newly developed section, together with improved parking facilities with 2 disabled spaces, a larger turning area for hearses and 5 new additional parking spaces for cemetery visitors at the bottom end of Downs View.

Once the project is fully completed, this area will have soft landscaping of low hedges for privacy, and furniture to include benches and a birdbath.





This project follows the decision by the Town Council in April 2019 to maintain cemetery fees static at those charged in 2018 and, in November 2019, to remove fees for burial of children under 18.

Chair of the Amenities Committee, Councillor Sue Hughes said: "Families will have been through so much with their loss of their loved one by the time they reach us. At Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council, we would like to do as much as we can to show compassion and to support them."

OLD COURT PLAY AREA

Town opens castle themed accessible play area

Mayor, Councillor Nic Hughes, Mayoress, Councillor Sue Hughes and Town Crier, Owen Collier opened a new accessible, castle-themed play area in Royal Wootton Bassett on Thursday 13th August 2020, designed to enable children of all abilities to be able to play together on the same equipment.



The new scheme at Old Court park (next to Noremarsch Junior school), offers a red and yellow multi-play castle, complete with flags featuring the town's Royal crest.

Less obvious to the casual passer-by, however, are the range of design features there to provide challenge and accessibility to children who have a variety of needs and abilities.

These changes include: varying access points; wide and slim slides; narrower gaps between steps on rope bridges; contrasting colours on safety handles; shade; and a supportive swing - all there to enable children with different needs, to play on the castle together.

The socially distanced opening follows on from 2 years of research by the Chair of Amenities, Councillor Sue Hughes, who worked closely with local families, children, schools, Town Council officers and a playground specialist, in order to learn what changes could help.

Funded by 80% in grants and made of recyclable materials, the Mant Leisure play area was built by Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council with a view to offering residents a low cost and eco-friendly enhancement for their children.

Chair of Amenities Councillor Sue Hughes, said: "Working together with families, the community and Mant Leisure has enabled us to shift the way we look at play equipment for our town's children; a view which will last beyond the life of what we have built here and extend across our play areas. The time everyone has given has made a very real difference."

Mayor, Councillor Nic Hughes, said: "I'm proud to open this play area, not just because it is new or even because of the opportunities it offers to all our children, but because once again

it shows how well our wonderful community works together to enhance the lives of everyone within it."

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Town Clerk Retires After 32 Years Of Service

After thirty-two years' service of Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council Clerk, Johnathan Bourne BA(Hons) PGCAP FHEA FSLCC, decided to move towards his next life stage and retired at the end of July 2020.

Mayor, Councillor Nic Hughes, said on his retirement,

"Johnathan has been a loyal servant to many Royal Wootton Bassett Councillors and many Royal Wootton Bassett Mayors during his career, and it is a deep regret that I will not be able to benefit in my final months from his sage advice and depth of knowledge."

However, I know that Johnathan has been looking

forward to taking a step away from the day to day work of a busy town council executive and start to lead a less intensive lifestyle to have more time for his hobby of playing chess (he has been County Chess champion for many years) and of course, his family.

"Johnathan's understanding of the ins and outs of council business will not however be lost, as he plans to take a part time role as a tutor for De Montfort University. In this role, Johnathan will be able to pass on his experience and wisdom to the next generation of council officers and future executives."

"Johnathan has seen the Council from meetings at the Civic Centre to Manor House and even now in

the pandemic via Zoom. He has been there at the

backbone of the team and our councillors from the start of Remembrance and Repatriations

Johnathan with his wife

Deborah at a Civic

Service event

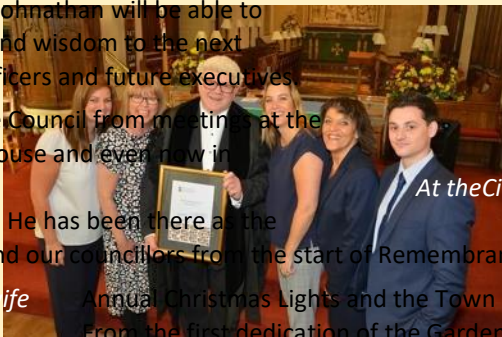
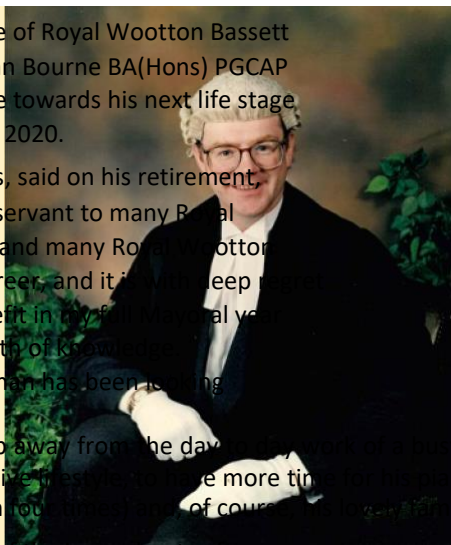
to the Sunset Ceremony.

Supporting the town's

celebrations for the

Olympics, Golden and

Diamond Jubilees,



At the Civic

Annual Christmas Lights and the Town Carnival every May.

From the first dedication of the Garden of Remembrance to

the rededication in 2019. He has been there to welcome new

Councillors from every party and every background, from the

outset of their tenure, through difficult challenges and, finally,

to when they too find it right to step back. He has been a solid

guide to ensuring so much that has been done here is

conducted with dignity
and a high standard,
with which our town has
become associated.

“I and the whole Town Council wish Johnathan a long and
enjoyable retirement and hope that he and his wife, Deborah,
will continue to make Royal Wootton Bassett their home town
for many years to come”.

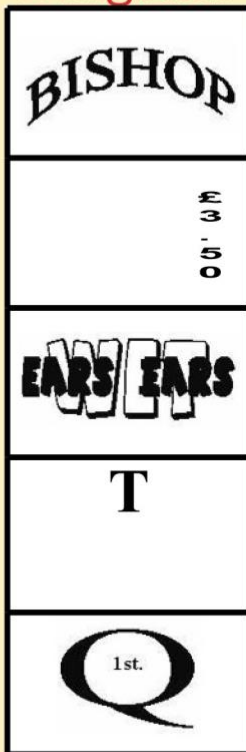


Sudoku

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Dingbats



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TIN
WOODEN SPOON
EGGS
MILK
SUGAR
DRIED FRUIT
WHISK
FLOUR
SCALES
CHOCOLATE
BAKING POWDER
BOWL

Answers - no cheating, please!

Dingbats:

Archbishop. The price is High tea. First in the queue.

Sudoku:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3
5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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