# WEDDINGS & EVENTS AT THE TOWN HALL!



The local election took place in early May and the Town Council consists of 21 elected Liberal Democrat Members and 2 elected Green Party Members for a 4-year term.

Individual Committee appointments have now been agreed and you can find contact information for all of our Town Councillors on our website www.newbury.gov.uk or by calling the Town Hall on 01635 35486

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### **DIARY DATES**

**12thJune 2023** Full Council Committee Meeting

**19th June 2023** Planning & Highways Committee meeting

**29th June 2023** Grants Sub-Committee Meeting

#### 3rdJuly2023

Civic Pride, Arts & Culture Committee Meeting

#### <u>Victoria Park:</u>

4th June - Kidlington Band 3-5pm 1oth June - Wantage Concert Band 3-5pm 11th June - Beenham Wind Orchestra 3-5pm 17th June - Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (UK), Newbury. International day of Yoga 8:30 - 10:30am 18th June - Blue sky Big Band 3-5pm

#### **NEWBURY MARKET**

Every Thursday & Saturday in the Market Place.



#### SATURDAY SURGERY

Town Hall Steps every Saturday 10am - 12 noon



# **NEWBURY HAS A NEW MAYOR FOR 2023**



Cllr Nigel Foot was elected as Mayor of Newbury for the municipal year 2023/24 at the Town Council's annual Mayor Making ceremony on Sunday 14 May. Cllr Andy Moore was elected to support him in the role of Deputy Mayor. The event was held in The Corn Exchange with over 250 guests in attendance. It was attended by members of the Council, local dignitaries, community organisations and their friends and families.

The Town Council, along with the Town Marshal and Macebearers, processed through the Market Place to the Corn Exchange to start the ceremony. Following the ceremony, a Civic Service was held at St Nicolas Church with refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards.

Outgoing Mayor, Cllr Gary Norman shared his highlights from his year as Mayor of Newbury and a long service award was given to Cllr Sue Farrant who was recognised for her 10 years of service as a Councillor including her role as Mayor of Newbury Town Council in the Year 2000.

The new Mayor announced that he was looking forward to the year ahead in office and that his chosen charity would be West Berkshire Homeless. The Mayor also formally invested his wife, Cllr Sarah Slack, as his Mayoress.

Cllr Andy Moore was also invested as Deputy Mayor of Newbury, and he is looking forward to supporting the Mayor over the course of the year.



The Newbury in Bloom 2023 entries are now closed. We are excited to have received 40 applications, once again an increase on last year's entrants.

The competition aims to improve the appearance of the town and environment, making Newbury a greener, cleaner and more pleasant place to live together with promoting horticultural excellence.

Judging for the competition will take place week commencing 19 June 2023 and all entrants will be invited to attend an awards evening in September.

This year's categories 2023 are Neighbourhoods, Community Projects, Places of Worship, Allotment, Miniature Garden, Business and Schools.



# HUGE CROWDS ENJOY THE VICTORIA PARK FAMILY DAY!!

Newbury Town Council held a Family Day in Victoria Park on Sunday 21 May and there was a huge turn out of people who came along to enjoy the free activities in the sunshine with the Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Nigel Foot kicking off the fun at noon.

There was entertainment on the Bandstand with the Ragtime Theatre School, folk band 'Whoosya' and Watership Brass finished off the day with a spectacular ensemble of popular tunes! Punch and Judy shows were a real hit with the little ones with everyone joining in the fun.

Cllr Nigel Foot said, "We are so pleased to have been able to put on this free event for families in Newbury. It was such a lovely day and great to see so many people come along and enjoy the facilities and activities we have in the Park." A Climbing wall proved a great draw and children were happy to join the queue to have a go. The local Fire Service came along with their Fire Engine and the local Neighbourhood Police team were happy for children to explore the vehicles and chat about the work they do.

Our Tennis Courts had free sessions so everyone could have a go on the day and the Canal & River Trust were giving out information and free duck food to families. The Berkshire Lowland Fire & Rescue Team came along to chat to families about what they do as the primary search resource for Thames Valley Police in Berkshire. The volunteers use specialist skills to search for high-risk vulnerable missing persons.

The local branch of 'Rugby Tots' had free 20 minute try out sessions for 2 – 7-year-old boys and girls and the Bowls Club were open too. With the warm weather on Sunday, the children had a great time in the Council's Splash Park and the Skatepark too. Newbury adventure Golf, the park's latest attraction, was also in full swing, with people of all ages enjoying the fun.