



**Berkhamsted
Town Council**

Town Council Newsletter January 2012

Notes from the Mayor

First of all let me say how successful the Festival of Lights was this year. The High Street was closed to traffic, the stalls were all in place and the Town was full of families and residents enjoying themselves, listening to the Rock Singers, Berkhamsted School Band, Church Choirs, the Ashlyns School Samba Band etc.

The weather was kind to us, and everyone enjoyed the switch – on. We had a grant of £500 towards the cost of the lights from St. Peters' Parochial Church Charities. At the end of the evening there was a very successful family Carol Service held at St. Peters Church where all the local Churches were present. The Church was full to bursting – a wonderful way to start the festive season. The annual Festival of Lights switch-on is now part and parcel of the calendar of Town life and we will be doing the same next year.

Following the Festival of Lights, the Town Council gives a small buffet luncheon to thank the charity stallholders and those who have helped on the night. This year on the 14th December we had our thank-you lunch, but also included invitations to some representatives of businesses that had just opened in the Town and others who generally do good works for our residents, including the street cleaners. We have done this because in the spirit of austerity there will be no Berkhamsted Town Civic Dinner this year. January – a New Year and a New Start and now we look forward to hopefully, a better year.

Post Office Closure: Follow up

How can you get your parcels if you missed the postman?

You may have noticed that the Berkhamsted Sorting Office for the Post Office has closed. Parcels and mail are now managed from Hemel Hempstead and many have expressed concern that they have to travel to Maylands Avenue and visit that mail sorting office to pick up their parcels. They should not worry; this trip is only needed after exhausting the following possibilities:

- 1.** Parcels can be re-delivered up to **three** times. This can be arranged either through the web site or the telephone number that is on the card you get through the letter box when you miss a delivery. Missing one or two deliveries just means that you can ask for a re-delivery.
- 2.** For a charge of 1.50 parcels can be delivered for pick up at the Post Office in Northchurch. We are working to get the same facility for Berkhamsted High Street (thank you Way Inn Trust)
- 3.** Any ParcelForce parcels can still be collected at Berkhamsted High Street Post Office.

If you finally have to visit Maylands Avenue

to collect your parcel it is VITAL to have the correct identification. If you are collecting a parcel we are reliably told that you will need a driving licence or passport as proof of identity and if you're collecting for a friend you will need this type of identification for them as well. The last thing anyone wants is to get all the way to Maylands Avenue to be refused their Parcel because they have the wrong identification.

Roadside and Pavement Sweeping.

Does the edge of the road and or the pavement in your road or street need sweeping? If it does, please contact **John Bushby, Town Warden, Berkhamsted Town Council, Civic Centre, 161 High Street, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire HP4 3HD**; by letter, telephone or email (see below).

Please bear in mind that the sweeping vehicles are not able to sweep if there is no kerb edge.

If your road is heavily parked, could you advise John, when contacting him, if you would be willing to work with him to help organise a clear road for efficient sweeping/clearing to take place.

The Town Council will put a list together for the Borough Council's Clean Safe and Green team to action the sweeping within their schedules.

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