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### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS! MAY 2024 BE A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS YEAR

Christmas 2023 was certainly full of festive cheer in the town. Our elves had been busy working hard during the lead up to December enhancing the outdoor decorations and as a result the town looked magical. We held our Christmas community event on 14 December were delighted to

welcome back the talented Upton Junior School choir who provided a spectacular performance. Further festive cheer was provided by ukulele band Frayed Strings which was followed by the arrival of Mr Merlin and Okey Dokey the Dragon who treated everyone to a hilarious show. The evening concluded with a surprise visit from Father Christmas!



### Martyn Chase



It is with great sadness to report that former town councillor, Martyn Chase, has passed away. Martyn was an exceptionally hard worker for the Council, and made a positive difference to our community during his time as a Town Councillor. He will be sadly missed.

### Upcoming Council meetings

All meetings take place on a Tuesday from 6.30pm at the Council offices at Moorland Parade. Members of the public are entitled to attend meetings and can speak at the beginning of each meeting.

- Town Council: 16 January
- Environment / Planning: 23 January
- Amenities: 6 February
- Town Council: 9 February



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# Looking ahead

The beginning of a new year provides a valuable opportunity to reflect upon our achievements over the last 12 months. 2023 was a busy year with a number of successes including improved drainage and resurfacing at the Recreation Ground, a newly resurfaced Cemetery car park; replacement of deteriorating street furniture and a well-attended and much enjoyed Community Coronation Picnic, and new public toilets at the Recreation Ground. The Town Council's plans for the 2024/25 financial year will reinforce this 'doing' philosophy with a number of key projects including the refurbishment of Redwood Road Play Area, upgrade to the clocktower site and another community picnic.

## Elections

The next planned elections for Dorset Council, town and parish councils in the Dorset Council area and the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner will take place on 2nd May 2024. To be able to vote at elections your name must be on the electoral register and you will need to show photo ID when voting at a polling station. Voting in the local elections is your chance to elect the

candidates who will shape and make decisions on the services across Dorset and this town. For more information visit the Dorset Council website and keep an eye on the Town Council's website



### Farewell Cllr Kerry Austin

Kerry Austin has resigned as a local councillor. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her well for the future and thank her for her contributions.



### Defibrillator Training

The Town Council is providing a FREE defibrillator and Adult CPR demonstration on Saturday 27 January 2024, 10am-11am at The Grove, Upton Recreation Ground, Sea View Road BH16 5NF. To register to attend email [deputy@lytchettminsterandupton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:deputy@lytchettminsterandupton-tc.gov.uk)

