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Quarterly News

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Please note Gillingham Town Council will close at 12.00pm on Thursday 24th December and re-open on Monday 4th January 2016 at 9.00am

MEETINGS

General Purposes: 1st Monday of the month

Planning Committee: 2nd and 4th Monday of the month

Policy and Resources: 3rd Monday of the month

Full Council: 4th Monday of the month

Extra Support For You During A Power Cut

If you are dependent on electricity for home medical care, have a chronic illness, are disabled, have special communication needs, receive a state pension or have other needs and you feel you will need extra help if you have no electricity Scottish and Southern Energy provide a Priority Service Team to assist vulnerable people.

Please call in to the Town Hall to collect a registration form. The office is open Monday — Friday 9.00am — 3.30pm.

Christmas Tree at Newbury



This year a new Christmas display has been placed in the garden near the Newbury roundabout.

The tree was made by Town Council staff and sponsored by Dextra Lighting. This stunning tree will hopefully last for many years to come and it is hoped to place similar displays around the town next year.

Town Crier's Retirement

David Wathen, Gillingham's Town Crier for more than 30 years retired in November. An afternoon tea celebration was held at the Olive Bowl and David very kindly donated his competition bell and commemorative photo to the Town Council.



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Festive Lighting Event

The residents of Gillingham and the surrounding area turned out on the evening of Friday 4th December to watch the annual Festive Lighting Parade and Christmas Tree Switch On .

The parade was lead by the Gillingham Imperial Silver Band and included children from local nurseries, primary schools and youth groups who had all made lanterns to carry on the night. The steam engine, 'Duke of Kent' pulled a trailer carrying Gillingham's carnival princess and attendants. Staff and friends dressed as characters



from Disney's film Frozen. Father Christmas completed the parade arriving in a magnificent carriage pulled by Monty the shire horse.

The Mayor of Gillingham welcomed everyone and announced the Brainwave shop winner of the Christmas Window Competition and Gillingham Primary School the winner of the schools large lantern competition. The Mayor and Father Christmas switched on



the Christmas tree lights and the sky was lit up with fireworks. The Gillingham Community Choir accompanied by the Gillingham Imperial Silver Band entertained by singing carols on the Town Meadow.

Children visited Father Christmas in his grotto and met his reindeer whilst their parents enjoyed mulled wine. Music played on the vintage musical organ. Children were able to meet and have photos with Olaf the snowman and friends.

