



## Thousands enjoy festive fun day

**NINE thousand people attended the third Debden Day, organised by Loughton Broadway Town Centre Partnership, on Saturday, 1 June.**

Debden Day was somewhat of a misnomer this year as the event carried on into Sunday and Monday, with jazz bands and a 60s and 70s disco.

The event, which was twinned with the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations, was boosted by the glorious weather. The Broadway was closed and the celebrations started with a display by the Haverettes Marching Band and an official opening ceremony performed by Eleanor Laing MP.

There were free rides and T-shirts for the children, and free refreshments for senior citizens in Thomas Willingale school. Revellers were also entertained by a Welsh choir – the Vineyard

Gospel – and belly dancers. Markfields Funeral Directors provided horse drawn omnibus rides and Epping Forest College opened its doors to provide facilities for indoor bowling for ELHAP members.

Around £11,000 was raised towards the cost of the day

from donations received from local businesses and a lottery grant of £4,850. Loughton Town Council donated £500.

The day is always intended to be a community event rather than a fund raising one, but all the traders in The Broadway donated prizes for a raffle that

raised £1,300, and this sum will be awarded to local charities in October.

The day was made possible by the hard work not only of the Town Centre Partnership but also the many other helpers who gave their time on the day and in the run up to the event.



Hats off to Debden Day

### Town makes the news

**EACH year the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) runs a Newsletter of the Year Award and a Web Site of the Year Award and this year Loughton Town Council has won awards in both!**

The newsletter was "Highly Commended" and the website, which was designed and run by John Wheeldon, won third place.

The judges of the newsletter

awards were looking for a publication that "promotes the work of the council and explains what it is doing" and *Think Loughton* fitted the bill.

The website awards were judged on the basis of being "Attractive to look at (while retaining the gravitas of a local council), interesting, up to date with key information about the community and with good navigation".

You can visit the website at [www.loughton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.loughton-tc.gov.uk).

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National Railways Enquiry Line	0345 484 950
Stansted Airport	01279 680500
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Waltham Abbey	Brooker Road

For enquiries and opening time details, call Epping Forest District Council.

## Editor's notes

AS I write this column at the beginning of August, it is great news to be able to tell you that the Council's purchase of the former United Reform Church in Borders Lane is just being completed.

Essex County Council is

joining the Town Council in a partnership to build a community and youth centre on the site. This is a very exciting project with many potential benefits for all sectors of the Loughton community. We have already come a long way since the property came on to the market last autumn.

However, it is a big project and inevitably there are many

stages yet to go through; we want to be sure to get it right and consider all angles. We will continue to work as fast as we can and to keep you up to date with progress, but please be patient if it sometimes seems as though the wheels are grinding rather slowly.

You can read elsewhere about the Council's proposals for a new cemetery and we

look forward to hearing your views.

The Council has in recent months achieved several outstanding projects, so we are currently going through the process of reassessing our priorities and deciding which projects should now come to the top of the list for action.

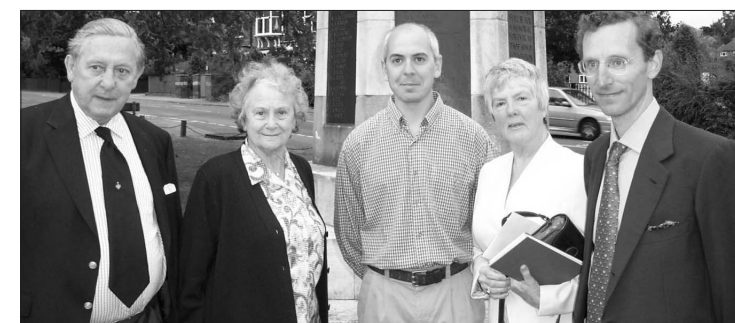
Louise Fuller  
Town Clerk

# War memorial rights a wrong

**THERE has been a series of articles in Think Loughton about the Council's plans to fix extra plaques to the War Memorial on King's Green.**

The plaques were in honour of the fallen of the Second World War, whose names had never been put on the War Memorial, and also to add some missing names from the First World War.

A moving ceremony to dedicate the plaques was held in June. The ecumenical service in the Methodist Church was attended by around 125 people, including representatives from Churches Together in Loughton, Epping Forest District Council and the Royal British Legion, the Deputy Lieutenant of Essex,



From left, John Ciclitira and his wife, Giles Pietroni, Norma Cross and Andrew Ciclitira. John Paul Ciclitira was one of the first names identified as missing from the memorial

MP Eleanor Laing and Town Council members and staff.

The service included a moving tribute from Cllr Monty Juniper, who knew many of those who lost their lives.

At the War Memorial, Loughton's Vice-Chairman,

Roger Pearce, paid tribute to the 64 soldiers who died in the Second World War and the 12 who were killed in the First World War.

A wrong that had lasted for 57 years had at last been put right.

■ **Christmas competitions:** See page 15 for details and entry forms

## Council signs up to code of conduct

**A NEW Code of Conduct for councillors has been introduced for all councils – county, district and town.**

Loughton Town Council signed up to the code at its meeting on 1 May.

Although councillors' behaviour has always been subject to a code of conduct, this new version is intended

to cover extra areas and make it easier and clearer for members to decide if they have a personal interest in matters being considered by the council.

If they find they do have a personal interest which could prejudice their views on a particular matter, they are not permitted to participate in deliberations.

A new provision for town

councillors is the requirement to submit a form listing their interests, within certain categories.

The Register of Members' Interests is a public document, and can be inspected at the Civic Offices, Epping, and the Town Council's Buckingham Court offices. The code aims to make local authorities more transparent.

## Deadline dates

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December	21 October

Further copies of *Think Loughton* may be obtained from Loughton Town Council at 1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, or from Debden or Loughton libraries.

Please note that we will not accept unattributed articles for publication.

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# Help appeal for taxing questions

**ARE you at home with figures? Have you experience of working in a financial environment? Do you have an interest in your council's accounts and financial affairs?**

A new way of auditing local council accounts has been introduced across the UK and will lead the Town Council to change its current arrangements. In the past, one of our own councillors has carried out the council's internal audit.

His primary role is to look at the council's financial systems and comment on their security, and to carry out spot checks to ensure the procedures are properly followed. This has worked well.

But the new rules require that the internal audit is carried out by someone independent of the council. So the Town Council is now seeking a numerate and financially-astute person who has worked in a financial environment. A fee is payable for the service.

A background in banking, accountancy and audit would be useful, although if you have not worked in these fields but think you can fulfil the duties, don't be put off applying. Call 020 8508 4200 for details.

**Light up a life at Christmas:** The Christmas lights on the Town Council's Kings Green tree will again be the focus for the Light up a Life

scheme run by St Clare Hospice. Local people are invited to sponsor a light on the tree in memory of a friend or relative.

We have changed "turn on" day to Friday this year to avoid a clash of dates with the Town Centre Partnership's own lighting-up ceremony. The date is 29 November at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a light can do so by contacting the hospice on 01279 413590.

Alternatively a leaflet may be obtained from the Council's offices at Buckingham Court or from local libraries.

**Football season 2002/03:** Now the Town

Council has acquired the football pitches at Willingale Road, there are extra pitches still to be booked this season, including a mini soccer pitch on the Roding Valley Recreation Ground. Call Joan Innis on 020 8508 4200 for details.

**Fundraiser for local hospital:** St John's Wives Group ended a successful year by presenting a £1,000 cheque to St Margaret's Hospital Digital Biopsy Unit, Epping, at a cheese and wine evening at St John's Church, Loughton.

The Haven House Foundation is its chosen charity for this year's fundraising. New members are welcome – see Dates for the Diary, page 8.

**Induction loop:** The Town Council's Buckingham Court chamber has recently been fitted with an induction loop. Hearing aid users should set their hearing aids to the "T" setting to enable them to "tune in" to proceedings.

# Land deal offers cemetery option

**REGULAR readers will have been following the progress of the Council's purchase of a piece of land in north Loughton, adjacent to Davenant School.**

The southern part of the land is known as the Willingale Road Playing Fields and the Council's intention is to continue to use this part for recreational purposes.

The northern part, currently rough grazing land, is called Lady Whitaker's Mead.

One of the Council's functions is to run the town's cemetery in Church Lane. Unfortunately there is no longer any space available in this cemetery for new purchases of Exclusive Rights of Burial.

The Council has received requests from many quarters over a period of time to establish a new cemetery, and has had a long-standing policy decision to try and satisfy these requests.

The purchase of the land in north Loughton has given the Town Council the opportunity to consider a cemetery in this area and, at its meeting on 24 July, it was agreed in principle to establish a cemetery on Lady Whitaker's Mead.

This decision is just the beginning of the process. We will have to take advice from the experts as to whether this site is suitable as a cemetery, and there will be many permissions to obtain and plans to draw up before the cemetery

becomes a reality. The area is quite rural in nature and the Town Council will be keen to retain this character as much as possible.

As part of its decision, the Council determined that members of the public should be consulted for their views on this proposal.

Readers are, therefore, invited to contact the Town Council to tell us what you think. Please write to us or email us with your ideas so we can take them into account as the scheme progresses.

We hope this proposal will satisfy the expressed desire of Loughton people for a burial place within their own town. Please do take the opportunity to let us know your views.

## Sainsbury go-ahead

EPPING Forest District Council has granted planning permission for Sainsbury's to build a store on the site in Old Station Road.

When it was consulted, the Town Council objected to the application.

Now that permission has been granted, the Town Council will be working hard with the district council to ensure subsequent matters surrounding the permission are dealt with so as to mitigate the adverse effects of the new store as much as possible.

## Vandals hit Grove

READERS may remember the story about the Millennium Remembrance Grove on the front cover of the last issue. The Grove is a commemoration of local people who have fought and died around the world.

It is therefore sad that a number of the trees have been damaged by vandals since the planting was completed.

However, a number of subscriptions have been received, and the Council is commissioning a Book of Dedication. Subscriptions can still be accepted, so you can contact the office for more details.

## Making leisure a pleasure

**COMMUNITY Leisure, part of Epping Forest District Council's Leisure Services department, works to enhance the leisure services for all members of each local community.**

Formed in 1999, Community Leisure develops new and existing projects across the district, all of which work on a social inclusion basis, thus ensuring the opportunity for local participation is maximised.

Partnership with a number of agencies and trusts is an important theme within its programme, enabling the provision of leisure to remain sustainable.

Community Leisure has organised numerous events and Loughton has remained a focal point. Last year, in partnership with Essex Early Years Development, it held a Family Fun Day to celebrate International Women's Day. Held at Debden Library, the

event highlighted issues regarding health and domestic violence and provided invaluable information for both new and existing parents and carers. As a result of the success of the event, a similar event will be held on 2 October at Debden Library.

This summer, the annual playschemes were held at Whitebridge School, Loughton. They enable children to participate in sports and art and craft activities, thereby providing the platform to develop new skills and make new friends.

New for 2002 was the Epping Forest Summer University. Held at Epping Forest College, a whole host of diverse courses, from sociology to disk jockeying, were on offer for young people. Numerous courses, workshops and sporting activities were also available for those with special educational needs.

For details, call Rashid Ali on 01992 564328.

In addition, the Community Leisure team has developed an activity audit.

This details the leisure activities on offer for under-11s in Loughton, and is designed to assess where provision is most required.

For further information regarding any aspect of Community Leisure's work, call 01992 564556.

# Dates for the diary

■ **30 Sept, 8-10pm:** Phoenix Choir "Open Rehearsal", St John's Church Hall, High Street, Epping. Come along and meet the choir and join in the rehearsal (no auditions). Details: Annette Cheshire on 020 8508 3539

■ **2 Oct, 8pm:** National Trust illustrated talk on The History of Hill Hall, by Anne Padfield. Sir James Hawkey Hall, Broadmead Road, Woodford Green. Details: 020 8505 3501

■ **15-18 Oct, 10am-4pm + 7-9.15pm, 19 Oct, 10am-5pm:** New Generation Exhibition – A stunning series of silk paintings illustrating the message of the Christian faith – Loughton Methodist Church, High Road. Admission free.

■ **15 Oct, 2.30pm:** National Trust illustrated talk on Unusual Listed Buildings in the City, by Paul Taylor. Sir James Hawkey Hall, Broadmead Road, Woodford Green. Details: 020 8505 3501.

■ **14 Dec, 7.30pm:** Phoenix Choir Christmas Concert incorporating Vivaldi's "Gloria" and "Magnificat", and Christmas Carols (with audience participation). St John's Church Hall, High Street, Epping. Details: Annette Cheshire on 020 8508 3539

■ **Every Sunday, 3.30-5.30pm (term time):** Kidz Club for children aged 6-12. Details: 020 8502 0695.

■ **Every Sunday, 7.30-10.30pm:** Dance – ballroom, Latin and popular sequence, Victory Hall, Hainault Road, Chigwell. Admission: £3 + refreshments. Details: 020 8508 0313 (after 6pm).

■ **First Sunday of month at 3.30pm:** Church

Service, St Michael's Church, Roding Road, Loughton. Friendly, informal service, welcomes those who have learning difficulties and their friends. Includes a number of modern Christian songs, a talk and a few prayers. Lasts about half an hour and is followed by tea. All welcome.

■ **Every Monday, 7.15-9.15pm:** Roding Valley Players Orchestra rehearses at Roding Valley High School, Alderton Hill, Loughton. New players welcome. No audition. Call Miles Harwood on 020 8505 4329 for details.

■ **First and third Monday, 8pm:** St John's Wives Group, St John's Parish Hall, Church Lane.

■ **Every Monday, 8-10pm:** Epping Phoenix Choir meets at Epping Methodist Church Hall. New members welcome, especially tenors and basses. Details: 020 8508 3539.

■ **Every Monday, 9.30pm:** Loughton Mountaineering Club, Victoria Tavern, Smarts Lane, Loughton. All hill walkers and climbers welcome. Call Jeff Harris 020 8508 2888.

■ **First Tuesday of month, 8pm:** Royal British Legion Branch and Club meetings, 118 Church Hill, Loughton.

■ **Second Tuesday of month, 7.30pm:** Forest Philatelic Society meets, Centenary Hall, Loughton Methodist Church, High Road. Details: 020 8508 1244.

■ **Every Thursday, 12.45pm:** Rotary Club of Loughton meets Roebuck Hotel, North End, Buckhurst Hill. Call: 020 8504 6367.

■ **Every Thursday, 4.45-7.45pm:** The Valley School of Dancing, Children's Dancing

Classes, Kingsley Hall, Kingsley Road, Loughton. Details: 020 8508 7349.  
 ■ **Second Thursday of month, 8pm:** Loughton Historical Society, Methodist Church, High Road, Loughton. Guest visitors welcome on payment of £1.50.  
 ■ **Every Friday 7.30pm:** Kingsley Spiritualist Church, Kingsley Hall, Kingsley Road

■ **From 10.30am:** The Broadway shopping parade (under the walk-through)

Second Saturday in each month:  
 ■ **9.30-10am:** outside Londis, Valley Hill  
 ■ **10.30-11am:** outside the former Mother Hubbard pub, Valley Hill

LABOUR COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES:  
 First Saturday in each month:  
 ■ **9.15-10.15am:** Oakwood Stores, Longcroft Rise

Copy date for next issue: 21 October. Next issue covers mid-December to early March 2003. Call 020 8508 4200 to add entries.

## LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

2002			
September	16	Monday	Planning
	18	Wednesday	Finance & General Policy
	30	Monday	Planning
October	9	Wednesday	Full Council
	14	Monday	Planning
	23	Wednesday	Community
	28	Monday	Planning
November	6	Wednesday	Environment, Heritage & Leisure
	11	Monday	Planning
	20	Wednesday	Finance & General Policy
	25	Monday	Planning
	December	4	Wednesday
9		Monday	Planning

All meetings will be held at 1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, Loughton at 7.30pm unless shown otherwise. Please telephone the Town Council for the dates of meetings after 9 December 2002.

# Darkness brings light at the end of the tunnel

## AUTUMN is nearly upon us and the nights are drawing in.

The longer hours of darkness allow the amateur astronomer to begin observing again after the long light nights of summer. With the autumnal equinox on 23 September, we shall soon have more hours of darkness than daylight.

By mid November, the summer constellations will be disappearing and Orion, the precursor to winter, will be rising in the east.

High in the south, keen-eyed observers can easily spot the fuzzy patch of the Andromeda Galaxy, M31. This is the nearest galaxy to our own and is situated a mere 2.2 million light years away.

## Planets

At the beginning of September

Venus is visible after sunset in the west, but gradually disappears from view as autumn progresses.

The gas giants Saturn and Jupiter become more prominent now. At the beginning of September Saturn is rising about midnight with Jupiter about three hours later and, by the end of November, both planets will have risen by late evening. The Moon will be full on 21 September, 21 October and 20 November

## Meteor showers

The Leonids meteor shower has its maximum on the 17 November and has given some good displays in the past.

The meteors appear to radiate from a point in the sky in the constellation Leo, which rises in the north east after midnight.

## Loughton Astronomical Society

If you are interested in astronomy and want to find out more then the Loughton Astronomical Society meets weekly on Thursday nights at the Theydon Bois Scout Hut from 8pm to 10pm.

New members are always welcome and they are having an Open Evening on Thursday 6 September.

For those of you with internet access their website is: [ds.dial.pipex.com/allan.bell/las\\_home.htm](http://ds.dial.pipex.com/allan.bell/las_home.htm)

## Useful websites

For those of you with internet access, you can find the Loughton Skywatcher website at [www.loughton-tc.gov.uk/6sky.htm](http://www.loughton-tc.gov.uk/6sky.htm)

This site is regularly updated and has useful links to help you find your way around the night

sky. The next time that you're outside on a clear dark night, look up and see what you can spot in the sky; there's always something to look at.

In the next issue, I'll be taking a look at our winter skies.

Let's hope for clear skies and good viewing.



## Branching out

SHRUBS have been placed in the concrete planters outside Browns in the High Road and planters outside the police station will receive similar treatment this autumn.

Planters in the Broadway will also contain shrubs to reflect the Jubilee theme.

# The hunt for family past

## MUST start with a correction. In the last issue, I renamed The Family Record Centre The Family History Centre.

The former is correct and is situated in Myddleton Street,

central London. Kindly excuse the slip of the keyboard.

Having brought our lineage as close as possible to July 1837, we will now revert to church records of baptism, marriage and burial.

Before we can do so, we need to know in which area to search. Between the industrial revolution and social stability, there was a mobility of population of extensive proportions, basically migration to find more lucrative employment in a time when home ownership was minimal.

The census has been held every 10 years since; for our purposes, 1841, with the exception of 1941, for obvious reasons. Information on the census is not released to the public gaze for 100 years. The earliest helpful one was in 1851, where the parish of birth

was required of all occupants. The 1881 returns are fully indexed into varied categories and are available on microfiche at record offices and some main libraries.

An address from a certificate round about the time of census, ideally March in any of the 18\*1 years, should tell us where to look for our family. The census search rooms are at the Family Record Centre. On finding the reference numbers, you will locate the relevant microfilm and a reader. The author's own success rate on census is five per cent.

Some data may have been deliberately returned incorrectly – there is no check on the information given by the main householder, and antipathy to officialdom was rife 140 years ago.

Phil Kingham

# What's in a name

**A MEETING of people with the name of Willingale and relatives was held on 30 June in the Willingale room of Lopping Hall.**

At the meeting it was decided to pool the resources of those present and form a Willingale Family Society. The purpose of the society is to research the Willingale family history to provide a focus for Willingale research performed by others and to organise social activities.

The meeting heard how research already carried out had

established that there was one original Willingale who lived in the early 16th century. Over 500 descendants have been identified, and about 200 of these are alive today. The primary objective of the society is to develop a complete record of all descendants.

During the meeting a talk was given by Cllr Chris Pond on the subject of Thomas Willingale, of lopping rights fame, who is perhaps the best known Willingale. Chris Pond explained that Thomas's actions served notice on Victorian

society that enclosures were not acceptable and as such he could be seen as an inspiration for modern environmental campaigners. It is hoped to erect a plaque to his memory, possibly in St John's churchyard where he lies buried in a pauper's grave.

A committee was elected from those present to carry the work of the society forward. Communication is optimised via the internet at [www.willingale.org](http://www.willingale.org) and anyone interested in this work and joining the society is invited to visit the website.

## Grants on offer for local groups

**THE Town Council has a small annual grants budget for local groups.**

Applications should be submitted by 31 December for grants to be awarded during the financial year 2003/04.

During the current financial year grants were awarded to Loughton Broadway Town

Centre Partnership, Loughton Stroke Club, Family Care Counselling Service, Essex Handicraft Association ("Acorns" Junior branch), Epping Forest Alzheimer's Association, Loughton & District Citizens' Advice Bureau, Christian Drama Resource Centre, Loughton

Tree Wardens and Kidz Club. The Council has also agreed to contribute towards the update and issue of the Town and Map Guide.

## Help a family to cope

**THOUGH the charity SNOCaP (Special Needs of Children & Parents) has closed, its service lives on as Epping Forest Shared Care (EFSC) in Harlow.**

EFSC recruits, assesses and trains volunteers who can take responsibility for a child with a

disability, giving families much needed respite.

The child usually goes to the volunteer's home for short breaks but sometimes the volunteer goes to the child's home.

EFSC is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in helping should call Lisa Chambers on 01279 838246.

## Time to grasp the nettle

**ARE you bothered by a green and black fly in your garden? Well, who isn't?**

You may be interested in a tip received from Mrs Law of Valley Hill, which not only works well but is also environmentally friendly and free!

She recommends that you collect a bunch of stinging nettles, soak them in water for five days, spray your plants with the liquid and your problem will be solved.

If anyone has any gardening tips they would like to share, please drop us a line at Buckingham Court in time for the next edition (deadline 21 October).

Viewpoint

# Concern about fuel mis-selling hots up

**ADVISERS at Loughton Citizens Advice Bureau spend their time dealing with individual problems experienced by members of the public.**

But every now and again we find that a pattern is emerging

and the same problem is cropping up on a regular basis. When this happens we report it to our National Association of CABs and they try to tackle the problem at the highest level to stop it happening in the future.

Mis-selling of fuel is one such problem that has been keeping Loughton CAB and other bureaux across the country busy over the last year or so.

Although many people have benefited from being able to choose which supplier is cheapest for them, there have also been many reports of chaos being caused when consumers change their supplier.

At Loughton we have seen a number of people who have been told that they have changed their supplier when they believed they were just

signing a form to say that a salesman had called on them. Some consumers have not even been able to find out who is supplying their gas or electricity. Others have been threatened by disconnection by one company although they had paid bills sent by someone else. There have also been suspicions that unscrupulous sales staff have forged signatures. It can take months to put things right when this sort of situation arises.

A full report on all these problems was recently produced by the National Association of CABs, and copies have been sent to the government and the fuel companies. We hope that they will study it carefully and learn from our clients' experiences: here at Loughton CAB we certainly feel that there is room for improvement.

**Alison McBrayne  
Manager, Loughton Citizens  
Advice Bureau**

## Loughton & District CAB

■ **St Mary's Parish Centre, Loughton High Road: Mondays to Fridays.**

■ **Outreach service, Buckhurst Hill Information Centre: twice monthly.**

■ **Debden Library: twice weekly.**

■ **Telephone advice on 020 8502 0031.**

## Contacting us

WE welcome contributions to *Think Loughton*, but do not guarantee their inclusion and reserve the right to edit them. The views expressed are not necessarily those of Loughton Town Council.

## Best Dressed Window Competition 2002 ENTRY FORM



Shop: .....

Manager/contact: .....

Address: .....

Class: (please tick as appropriate)  
Local/independent [ ] Multiple/chain store [ ]

### COMPETITION RULES

① **Eligibility** All shops and businesses within the Town Council's boundaries may enter.

② **Classes of entry** Entrants will be split into two classes, as above. All entries must be on the Town Council's official entry form or photocopy. The closing date for entries is 22 November 2002. Window displays must be in place for judging by 2 December 2002.

③ **Judging** will be carried out by a Town Council panel. Judging will take place during the period 2 to 15 December. Results will be announced the following week. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

④ **Theme** Entrants may base their display on any Christmas theme.

⑤ **Judging criteria** The window displays will be judged on a

range of criteria, including:  
■ Overall impression/visual impact  
■ Creativity/ideas  
■ Artistic merit  
■ Inventive use of materials  
■ Effort

Window displays relying primarily on considerable expenditure to achieve their impact will not be favoured in the judging. There is no maximum or minimum size for the display.

⑥ **Prizes** All entrants will receive a certificate indicating their participation in the competition. The first prize winner in each class will receive an engraved cup to retain for 11 months (to be awarded again the following year), a certificate to keep and a £100 donation to the charity of their choice. The runner-up and highly-commended entries in each class will be awarded a certificate.

### ENTRIES TO BE RETURNED TO:

Loughton Town Council, 1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, Loughton, Essex IG10 2QZ.  
Tel: 020 8508 4200

Closing date for entries: 22 November 2002

Please state the name and address of the charity you would wish to nominate to receive the Town Council's £100 donation made in the event of your entry winning.

## Christmas 2002 Card Competition ENTRY FORM AND RULES



Name: .....

Address: .....

Class: (please tick as appropriate)  
Key Stage: 1 (infants) [ ] 2 (juniors) [ ]  
3 (years 7/8/9) [ ] 4 (years 10/11) [ ]  
Adult [ ]

Please write your name clearly on the REVERSE of your entry.

### COMPETITION RULES

① Entries not in accordance with the rules will not be judged.

② Size of paper used must be A5 (148mm x 210mm).

③ Designs may be landscape or portrait orientation.

④ There must be a 1cm-wide plain white border around the edge of the entire design.

⑤ Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged and no responsibility for entries is accepted.

⑥ The overall winning entry and its copyright remain Town Council property.

⑦ Entries will not be returned unless they are accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

⑧ The judges' decision is final.

### ENTRIES TO BE RETURNED TO:

Loughton Town Council, 1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, Loughton, Essex IG10 2QZ.  
Tel: 020 8508 4200

Closing date: 25 October 2002

Please note the overall winning entry remains the property of the Town Council. Other entries will not be returned unless accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

**OUR last two Christmas competitions were so popular that we decided to run them again. So now is the time to think about your entries.**

### Decorated Christmas Window:

Many shops and businesses make tremendous efforts to attract customers by

decorating windows with a Christmas theme. So fill in a form and, you never know, you may win a prize!

There are two categories of entry: local/independent shops and businesses, and multiple/chain stores (three or more branches). The closing date for entries is 22 November. All entrants will receive a

certificate for their window. The winning entry in each category will receive a certificate to keep, an engraved cup for 11 months and a £100 donation to their chosen charity.

### Christmas Card Competition:

This is open to everyone and the winning design will be used as the Town

Council's official Christmas card. Designs can be colour or black and white, portrait (upright) or landscape, but remember that the winning entry must be suitable for reproduction.

The winner in each of the five age-related classes will receive a £20 gift token. The closing date is 25 October.