

# Didcot Town Council Newsletter



**20th December 2024**

# Christmas Events

## Didcot Town Council Christmas Events

**This festive period we have enjoyed fundraising for the Mayors charities and hosting Christmas community events.**

### Christmas Wreath Making

The last Tuesday of November each year, we host a Christmas wreath making workshop, and this year we had a fantastic turn out. Everyone made a lovely, unique wreath .

All proceeds from this event go to the Mayors charities.

Next year, the wreath making event will be on Tuesday 25th November at Didcot Civic Hall.

Bookings will open in September.



### Carol Concert

Didcot Choral Society very kindly organised a Christmas Carol Concert which included children from local schools and the Mayor of Didcot joining them to sing Christmas carols.

A fantastic £500 was raised for the Mayors charities.



### Christmas Disco

Each year on the last Saturday of November, an under 11s Christmas Disco is held at Didcot Civic Hall with lights, music and party games.

This year included optional add on of face painting from DD Roadshow and a bake sale from 15th Didcot Scouts.

Disco tickets will also go on sale in September.



## Santa's Grotto

We were VERY excited to have a special guest come to visit Didcot Civic Hall in November.

Father Christmas came to Didcot to visit some very lucky children before he had to rush back to the North Pole to prepare for Christmas.

Next year, Father Christmas will be visiting us at the end of November again and bookings will be open from August until the sell out.

Hachette very kindly sponsored this event.

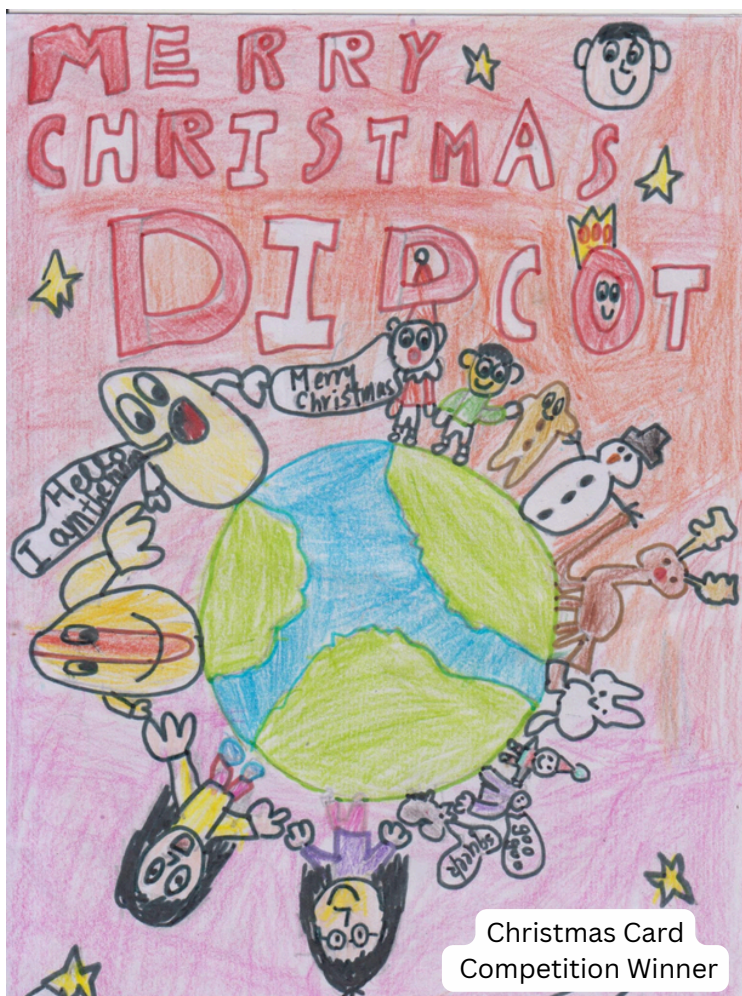


## Card Competition

The Mayors Christmas Card Competition was a great success again this year.

We had lots of really great entries and loved looking through them all.

The winning entry was from Marcus, age 7, and his design has been sent all around Oxfordshire.



## Festive Fun Run

The Festive Fun Run will be taking place on Saturday 21st December.

So far we have 50 people signed up ready to embark on the 5k around Ladygrove Park dressed in a Santa Suit.



## Fundraising

When applicable, these events are fundraising events for the Mayors chosen charities. This year, the Mayor, Cllr Andrew Jones has chosen Be Free Young Carers and Didcot Train Youth as his charities.

### TRAIN

Didcot TRAIN Youth are working for a society where young people are empowered, supported and heard.

They deliver a range of services to realise this aim, supporting young people to make informed decisions, develop their self confidence, and access opportunities.



### Be Free Young Carers

As well as helping Young Carers outside school hours, Be Free YC also help and support schools to set up young carer clubs, attends assemblies, and more.

With an estimated average of two students in every Oxfordshire classroom caring for loved ones at home, the needs are great.

They rely solely on donations and fundraising efforts to carry on their amazing work for young carers.

