

Table One shows those Councillors who voted at the 1753 and 1754 mayoral elections, and their political support in the County election – of those identified, six voted Tory, only two Whig (and two of the same surname). Table Two shows the Mayoral voting record of the Assistants, and, where identified, their affiliations in the county election, and here they are evenly split – six for each party.

This is an appetite-whettener. Closer analysis of the Journal and its voting patterns – who were the Corporation activists, the shadowy Assistants? – might reveal a bit more about Banbury's real politics.

In their support for the Guilford/North faction, with its financial contributions to the needs of the Borough, it appears that the benefits to the town, and to a modest extent themselves, over-rode personal politics.

Table 1: Mayor and Corporation: Mayoral Elections, 3 September 1753 and 3 September 1754; and County Election, April 1754.

<i>Voting:</i>	1753	1754	<i>County Election 1754</i>	
			<i>Tory</i>	<i>Whig</i>
<i>Mayor:</i> William Bradford	x	x		W
<i>Recorder:</i> John Miller Esqr.	x	-		[Assistant 1718]
<i>Aldermen:</i>				
Samuel Sansbury	x	x [Mayor]		
William Greenal	x	x	T	
Blagrave Gregory	x	-		[Burgess 1718]
Henry Pettipher	-	-		
Richard Burrows	x	x		
Samuel Clarson	x	x	T	
Francis Goodwin	x	x	T	
Edward Burford	-	-		W
William Overton	x	x	[John Overton	W]
Henry Clarson	x	x	T	
<i>Burgesses:</i>				
Revd. Francis Wise	x	x		
Revd. John Wardle [Neithrop]	x	x	T	
John Hill	x	x		
John Paine [Pain]	x	x	T	
William Deacle	x	x	[John Deacle	W]
<i>Elected after 3 September 1753</i>				
Charles Hide		x		