



Spring 2016 Newsletter

HAYWARDS HEATH
TOWN COUNCIL



Mayor's Message



My wife and I have had an extremely busy nine months. I have had the opportunity to visit, fundraise and support various good causes.

The Mayor's Charity Dinner and Dance in aid of 4SIGHT on

12th February was an overwhelming success. 160 people attended and over £4,000 was raised for my nominated charity 4SIGHT. 4SIGHT helps those with a visual impairment such as Stargardts Disease which affects peripheral vision. Thank you to everyone who made the event such a success through their sponsorship. My thanks extend to those who attended the evening,

for their goodwill and generosity. My thanks also to Councillors and staff for their support.

A recent visit to Chailey Heritage was special and an absolute eye-opener. The care and dedication provided by staff was inspiring and fantastic; I fully support Chailey Heritage in the work they do and their efforts to fundraise.

I would like to take this opportunity to applaud our local volunteers who dedicate their time to help people and support organisations that help others. The invaluable service they provide is vital to our communities.

The Town Council motto 'To serve the people well' is exactly what I strive to do.

With best wishes,
Cllr Sujan Wickremaratchi

Spring Festival

Sunday 24 April - 1.30pm to 4.30pm
Muster Green

The Spring Festival will once again be taking place on Muster Green. There will be a fun fair, tea and cakes, plants and lots of other goodies. If you are a charity and would like to have a free stall, please contact the Town Council.



The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

In partnership with Mid Sussex District council

Free Sporting event* *Free Sporting event

On Sunday 12th June from 12 noon to 4.00pm, Haywards Heath Town Council will be celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday by organising a family picnic at Beech Hurst Gardens. This will be a fun sports themed event with free activities for everyone. Come and celebrate this very special occasion and sample some of the great sports facilities and activities that Mid Sussex has to offer for people of all ages and abilities. Save the date in your diary and celebrate her Majesty's 90th Birthday.

SPIC AND SPAN MA'AM



Haywards Heath in Bloom has registered for the 'Clean for the Queen' national campaign. Councillor Sandy Ellis, Chairman of Haywards Heath in Bloom, reported that committee members enjoy organising tidy-up days and are very pleased to hear that a number of Town Councillors are also planning to have clean up events in their Wards during the month of June. Contact your Ward Councillor if you would like to take part or go to www.cleanforthequeen for information on the national campaign.



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175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The first train arriving on Platform One...



The first train arrived at Haywards Heath in 1841 and now in 2016, 175 years later, the newly refurbished station will be completed. On Sunday 18th September, the town will be celebrating with Victorian fun, based on a railway theme, for all the family. Unveiling of commemorative mosaics by local schools and Haywards Heath Twinning Association will also take place at the station.

In 1825, John Rennie's proposed London to Brighton railway was opposed by the parish of Cuckfield. The parish of Lindfield also opposed the proposal, so the line passed between Cuckfield and Lindfield and was named Haywards Heath; this was the terminus, until the line opened to Brighton three months later, putting Haywards Heath firmly on the map. Building work began around the station immediately, with a timber merchant's yard and a beer shop and the Station Hotel (now Hayworthe House). By 1887, Haywards Heath was recognised as a town.

On Sunday 18th September, the Bluebell Railway's Stepney will be at the station. There will be train rides, land trains, horse and carriage rides, children's train station adventures, marching bands, a grand procession, films in Victoria Park, Victorian Fun Fair and much much more - oh and don't forget your Victorian costume!

For more details or to get involved, contact Ruth de Mierre on 01444 453399 or Tim Briggs on 07799 643 721

Twinning News

Design and details for our proposed mosaic in the station concourse have been agreed, and plans are being drawn up with 7 local primary schools to take part in producing their own mosaic for Platform 3/4. Watch out for information about the artist's pop-up mosaic workshop, which will take place in the Orchards shopping centre - date to be announced.



There will be a chance to see a presentation by Haywards Heath Twinning Association on the proposed mosaic at Ashenground Community Centre, Vale Road, RH16 4JR on Tuesday, 19th April 2.30-4.30pm. All are welcome.

GERMAN BOOKS

Haywards Heath Library now has a small stock of books loaned by Traunstein's library. These are with us for a year, and are available for loan - just ask the librarians.

Haywards Heath Horticultural Society

The first of 3 Horticultural Shows in 2016 takes place on Saturday, 9th April at St Wilfrid's Centenary Hall from 2-4.30pm. There will be vintage afternoon teas, home-made cakes and our renowned plant sale.

To showcase the Society for the 175th year historical celebrations, we plan to have a carpet bedded 10ft x 4ft named 'Haywards Heath.' This will be situated on the Commercial Square Roundabout (near the railway station) and will be on display from July for approximately 3 months.

We are very grateful to the Town Council for kick-starting our funding. We also have great support from UPCOUNTRY Garden Centre, Scaynes Hill.

To contribute or for more information please contact Shirley Anderson
Tel no: 01444 413975
Email: haywardlass@tiscali.co.uk



Haywards Heath Town Council in partnership with Haywards Heath in Bloom is marking the Queen's 90th Birthday by renovating Jubilee Gardens in Caxton Way. A especially designed rockery garden will be installed and a number of trees will be planted in the vicinity in her Majesty's honour. Contact the Town Council for more information.



The Haywards Heath Action Group has now registered with the Alzheimer's Society as a Dementia Action Alliance with a webpage on the national Dementia Action Alliance website. Any local group, organisation or business can join the Haywards Heath Dementia Action Alliance by visiting www.dementiaaction.org.uk clicking on 'Join the alliance' and submitting a simple Action Plan. For assistance with joining the Alliance contact the Town Hall on 01444 455694.

Regular, free, monthly Dementia Friends Sessions take place at the Town Hall. If you'd like to attend contact the Town Hall or register online at www.dementiafriends.org.uk



Buy A Brick Fundraiser!

Have your name or logo endorsed on a brick to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society.

Haywards Heath Town Council is delighted to be supporting this

initiative by BAM Construction, the company responsible for building the Waitrose development in Haywards Heath. BAM are raising vital funds by selling bricks for this new development and money raised will be donated to their nominated charity, the Alzheimer's Society. Over 400 employees at BAM have attended dementia awareness sessions and are Dementia Friends.

Councillor Sandy Ellis says, "This is a great way to raise funds and be part of the new Waitrose development. I am delighted to bring this to the attention of our Town and District Council."

Each brick costs £25 and money is being collected by the Town Council to present as one cheque to BAM Construction on behalf of all the sponsors.

Please contact the Town Council on 01444 455694 if you would like to donate to this cause.

The majority of Town and Mid Sussex District Council staff and Councillors are proud to be Dementia Friends in order to help build dementia friendly communities.

Rainbow Stroke Club

The Club meets on Monday mornings at Haywards Heath Town Hall from 9.45am to 11.45am.

The Club helps and supports those who have had a stroke by providing a warm friendly atmosphere where interesting and varied activities are offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Littlewood on 01444 471733.

What can your Mid Sussex Children & Family Centres do for you?

A Children and Family Centre is a 'one stop shop' for parents - providing information, advice and guidance on a range of subjects to enhance the health and wellbeing of families.

Centres may vary, for example, rural projects deliver services via a mobile Children and Family Centre and in conjunction with other child services.

What we offer (in conjunction with partners):

- Family health services, including antenatal and post-natal services and speech and language support
- Family support and parental outreach services
- Links with pre-schools, schools and the Family Information Service
- Support for families with children with special educational needs
- Employment links
- Toy library, including sensory toys and a Sensory Bus
- Oral health resources and a Parent Reference Library

For further information about us and for contact details of your local centre go to www.westsussex.gov.uk and click on education and children & families.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at any of our services or activities!

 Find us on Facebook for information and updates: <https://facebook.com/midsussexcf>

Free open Carers Week event

'Time for You' Day

Calling all Carers!

Haywards Heath Pamper Day for Carers takes place once again on 8th June. Save the date or call 01444 455694 to book your place. Spaces are limited, so call now!

Community Noticeboard



Town Day – Saturday 17th September – save the date!

Your Town Councillors - how to get in touch

Ashenground Ward

Cllr Sujan Wickremaratchi | 14 Colwell Close, HH, RH16 4HF | Tel: 07968 179083
Cllr Anne Boutrup | 50 Sunnywood Drive, HH, RH16 4PF | Tel: 07912 112484
Cllr Howard Mundin | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07802 603446

Bentswood Ward

Cllr David Dorking | 8 St Pauls Close, HH, RH16 3DB | Tel: 01444 450067
Cllr Julie Hayden | 141 Hoblands, HH, RH16 3SB | Tel: 01444 458666
Cllr Stephen Hillier | 38 Bentswood Crescent, HH, RH16 3QR | Tel: 07830 200722

Franklands Ward

Cllr Rod Clarke | 101 Beech Hill, HH, RH16 3TS | Tel: 01444 413529
Cllr Jacqui Hollister | 13 Laburnum Way, HH, RH16 3SD | Tel: 01444 453589
Cllr Michael Pulfer | 6 Burma Close, HH, RH16 3JE | Tel: 07734 407467

Heath Ward

Cllr Sandy Ellis | 60a Queens Road, HH, RH16 1EE | Tel: 01444 473154
Cllr Jonathan Ash-Edwards | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 01444 413902
Cllr Clive Laband | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07966 196302

Lucastes & Bolnore Ward

Cllr Chris Ash-Edwards | 45 Turners Mill Road, HH, RH16 1NW | Tel: 01444 413902
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Alastair McPherson | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07966 057664

Town Councillors can also be contacted by email
firstname.lastname@haywardsheath.gov.uk

Helping Hand Scheme

A helping hand for bus passengers

- The **Helping Hand Scheme** is designed to give our passengers a helping hand when using our bus services; a simple way to help our drivers to help you.
- We have produced a credit card sized information card that can hold a brief written instruction for the driver.
- The passenger simply shows the card to the driver when they board the bus.
- The driver is therefore made aware of the passenger's needs or requirements quickly, directly and discreetly without the passenger having to verbally communicate it.



For more information and to apply for a card, please visit buses.co.uk or call **01273 886200**

Grants for voluntary and community groups



Haywards Heath Town Council is able to provide funding for groups that are making a positive difference in their community. Applications may be made for equipment or running costs. Newly established groups looking to set up may apply for up to £750. For more information contact the Community Liaison Officer or check for criteria and guidelines for application on www.haywardsheath.gov.uk



Haywards Heath Town Council welcomes the redevelopment at the Orchards shopping centre and the investment being made to improve the area. We look forward to seeing the completion of the changes/alterations.



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