



Spring/Summer 2015 Newsletter

HAYWARDS HEATH
TOWN COUNCIL



Mayor's Message

As we leave winter behind and move into spring, I look back with such fond memories of the wonderful Christmas celebrations. My thanks to The Orchards Shopping Centre for getting us into a festive mood by providing the entertainment and to the Town Council for the spectacular firework display. I was honoured to have been asked to turn on the Christmas lights and to share the sleigh, pulled by beautiful reindeers, with Father Christmas.

The many invitations to school nativity plays and the civic services made it one of the busiest and most enjoyable times of my year as Mayor. My Consort and I have been so honoured to attend these events and experience the warm hospitality.

We have so many exciting events for our calendar; the Mid Sussex Marathon, Spring Festival and Strictly's Mad Hatter's Tea Party. In addition, the Haywards Heath Bike Ride which raises incredible amounts of money for worthy causes. All of this would not be possible without the support of our local businesses, the councils and the many volunteers who give their time to help organise these much loved community events.

As Chairman of the Haywards Heath In bloom committee, spring also means that we are busy already planning our entries for this year's South and South East in Bloom competitions. We have some exciting projects this year. One such project is to update the town's Peace Garden in Hazelgrove Road to create a place of sanctuary in a busy town environment. We also want to continue with our pollinator planting theme to help protect our bees, nature's tiny workforce, who really are the bee's knees in protecting our environment to keep our town blooming lovely! We are so fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful open spaces and dedicated and talented residents who keep their front gardens looking so lovely that it never fails to impress the judges.

Happy spring and happy gardening and looking forward to seeing all the fruits of your labour in the coming months!



Haywards Heath Town Council Working Hard to Improve it's Town Centre

As reported previously Haywards Heath Town Council has introduced a 'Pavements are for People' campaign, which focuses on considerate parking, the placement of advertising boards and banners across the Town.

To support this campaign the Town Council has been striving to improve the street scene in the town centre with the aim of making South Road, Sussex Road and The Broadway a more appealing place to locate business and for residents and visitors to come and shop.

This work has included the 'Greening Project', which has seen the removal of redundant street furniture, the opening up of South Road and the replacement of litter bins. Funding has been earmarked to place a number of new tower flower planters along South Road and to regenerate the Peace Garden in Hazelgrove Road.

The Town Council promotes the Town through its entry into the South and South East in Bloom competition where year on year the town centre wins accolades for its floral displays, which are planted and maintained by the Town Council's Ground Staff.

With help from Mid Sussex, the Town Council is appealing to businesses and land owners to improve the external condition and appearance of their properties/shops in our town centre as some are falling into disrepair, which does not reflect well on our wonderful Town.

The appearance of the town is essential in encouraging growth in our town centre through the location of new business and increased footfall.

Please help in our endeavours and support the projects and initiatives outlined in this article. For more information contact the Town Hall.



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**Mid Sussex Marathon
Haywards Heath 10 Miles**
Sunday 3rd May, 10.30am
The Orchards Shopping Centre



The Mid Sussex Marathon Weekend continues on Sunday May 3rd with a 10-mile race in Haywards Heath – the race is part of the 2015 Sussex Grand Prix. The race starts on the High Street and finishes in Victoria Park. There will be a children's race at approximately 9.45am. The entrance is limited to 500 people only, so get your postal and online entries in as soon as possible. For more information go to midsussexmarathonweekend.co.uk

Calling all marshals! If you'd like to be part of this exciting event, contact the Town Council.



Spring Festival
Sunday 10th May, 1.30pm to 4.30pm
Muster Green

This popular Festival will be taking place again on Muster Green. There will be a fun fair, tea and cakes, plants and lots of other goodies. Contact the Town Council if you'd like a stall.

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



The Greater Haywards Heath Bike Ride
Sunday 31st May
The Broadway

It's the Fifth year of the annual Bike Ride and it's bigger and better with 4 routes including the Family Fun Route at 12 miles and the 73 mile Wiggins Way Black Route, named after the Olympic champion. 1st Central, Nuffield Hospital, The Orchards and Masters & Son have committed to support this community event which has raised so much for local people.



The Bike Ride 'Team', in partnership with HHTC, is aiming to raise funds to help local people living with dementia. Pre-Registration for the ride will, once again, be on Saturday 30th May in The Orchards Shopping Centre and registration is now open at www.hhbikeride.co.uk

Don't forget Town Day!

Town day will take place on Saturday 5th September in Victoria Park. We will be in touch with local groups soon. Keep the date free in your diary. For information contact the Town Council and look on our website www.haywardsheath.gov.uk for more local events.



Dementia Friendly Communities

The Town Council is working closely with The Town Team's Dementia Friendly Steering Group, to raise awareness of dementia and to ensure that those living with dementia are treated with respect and dignity when out shopping or using services in the Town.

The Steering Group has been busy meeting people living with dementia and working with the Alzheimer Society to organise Dementia Friends awareness sessions. Dementia Friends sessions last for an hour and give attendees an understanding of dementia and some of the things that can be done to make a difference for those in the Town living with dementia. The Town Mayor has attended a Dementia Friends session and says, "Creating welcoming reception areas and being aware of the signs of dementia are small steps in supporting people. I would encourage as many people as possible to become Dementia Friends and sign up for the free sessions."

The next **Dementia Open Forum meeting takes place on Monday 27th April from 12 noon to 2pm, at the Town Hall.** Come along to find out more about Dementia Friends sessions and what you can do to make a difference for those living with dementia. Contact 01444 455694 for more information.



Does your group need volunteers?

If you are in need of trustees, a treasurer, drivers, people to help run your club please contact Sue Edgson at the Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath Volunteer Centre. We can add your volunteering opportunities to our database, advertise them in our fortnightly column in the Middy and, hopefully, get you some willing and able volunteers. The Volunteer Centre is run by Mid Sussex (South) Council for Voluntary Service (MSSCVS) which provides information, advice and support to the local voluntary and community sector in Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill. To find out more about MSSCVS visit our website: www.msscvs.org.uk

To contact Sue Edgson at the Volunteer Centre call: 01444 870711 or email: development@msscvs.org.uk

The Volunteer Centre runs an outreach service at Haywards Heath Town Hall on Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons. People interested in finding out about local volunteering opportunities can make an appointment to see Sue Edgson and discuss how they can get involved.

Charlie Dimmock joins Mad Hatter for Strictly Gardening 2015!



Strictly Gardening will be held in The Orchards on Saturday 16th May and promises to be the very best ever, as well as being an official part of the Chelsea Fringe Festival for the first time. The theme of the day is the Mad Hatter's Tea Party and gardening expert and TV personality Charlie Dimmock will open the proceedings and be part of the celebrity Gardener's Panel, chaired by Jean Griffin of BBC Radio Sussex & Surrey, for a public Question Time on all things green.



Strictly Gardening will also be hosting a book signing by best-selling children's educational author Martyn Barr. With grants from our councils, Strictly has been able to provide Martyn's books to local schools and libraries. The books are a young person's guide to creatures who live and work together to make our gardens and green spaces thrive. Martyn will also give an insight into bees, the hardest working creatures on the planet.

With the generous support of West Sussex County Council, large teapots and cups and saucer planters have been distributed to participating schools and care homes to be decorated, displayed and judged by Charlie. Meanwhile, Oathall Community College, along with senior schools, is organising a Great Gardening Bake-Off. Primary schools won't be left out either, as they're all planting up mini wheelbarrows which will be judged by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff.

There'll be entertainment from local school choirs, Act Too Youth Theatre, RokSkool, and the Perrymount Players Youth Group. The Mad Hatter (aka Greg Cox) will ensure the whole day goes well!

And, don't forget, there'll be a huge Tea Party at the end for everyone, courtesy of all our local Girl Guides! If you'd like to join in the fun, please contact 01444 453399

Paiges Meadow

Paiges Meadow Working Party meets at Bluntswood Crescent Car Park from 9am to 12 noon. Activities are as follows and all are welcome.

- January 17th 2015 Coppicing
- February 14th 2015 Clearing Ditch/Coppicing
- March 21st 2015 Restoring Hedgerows
- April 18th 2015 Restoring steps
- May 23rd 2015 Cutting bracken
- June 20th 2015 Cutting bracken
- July 18th 2015 Pulling Ragwort
- August 15th 2015 Pulling Ragwort
- September 19th 2015 Clearing Footpaths
- October 24th 2015 Planting Hedgerows
- November 21st 2015 Coppicing

Barn Cottage Fun Day – Volunteers!

Bentswood Community Partnership is planning this year's Fun Day, an event that the community enjoy so much. Last year's Fun Day, held in August, was a great success with several hundred residents attending. We want to make this year's Fun Day even more of a success and are looking for willing volunteers. If you have skills in the following or would like to learn these skills read on:

- Promoting the event
- Arranging Central Arena activities
- Stall booking
- Fundraising
- Organising Raffle & Tombola prizes
- Set-up & take-down
- Marshals and helpers on the day

If you are interested please Stephen Hillier on 0783 020 0722 or email stephen.hillier@westsussex.gov.uk

We will be at the Saltworkz Café on America Lane on Wednesday 22nd April from 9.15 – 10.15am or Tuesday 28th April from 2.00 – 3.00pm.

Come along to find out more and to have tea and cake on us.



West Sussex County Council Grass Cutting Schedule for 2015 – 2016

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Please find below the programme for grass verge cutting undertaken by West Sussex County Council. These dates are a guide and may change depending on weather conditions. For any further information, please email highways@westsussex.gov.uk or telephone 01243 642105.

- 25/03/2015
- 22/04/2015
- 20/05/2015
- 17/06/2015
- 22/07/2015
- 26/08/2015
- 30/09/2015
- 23/03/2016
- 23/03/2016



Carers Event 2015

Watch out for information on the next Carers Event that will be taking place on 10th June, during National Carers Week. The day is a small thank you to local carers who do a fantastic job. We hope to have information stalls, activities, crafts and a range of complimentary therapies. This year volunteers from local secondary schools will be providing one to one support with information technology, so bring your mobiles, tablets, iPhones and iPads or whatever you use to connect with your loved ones.

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